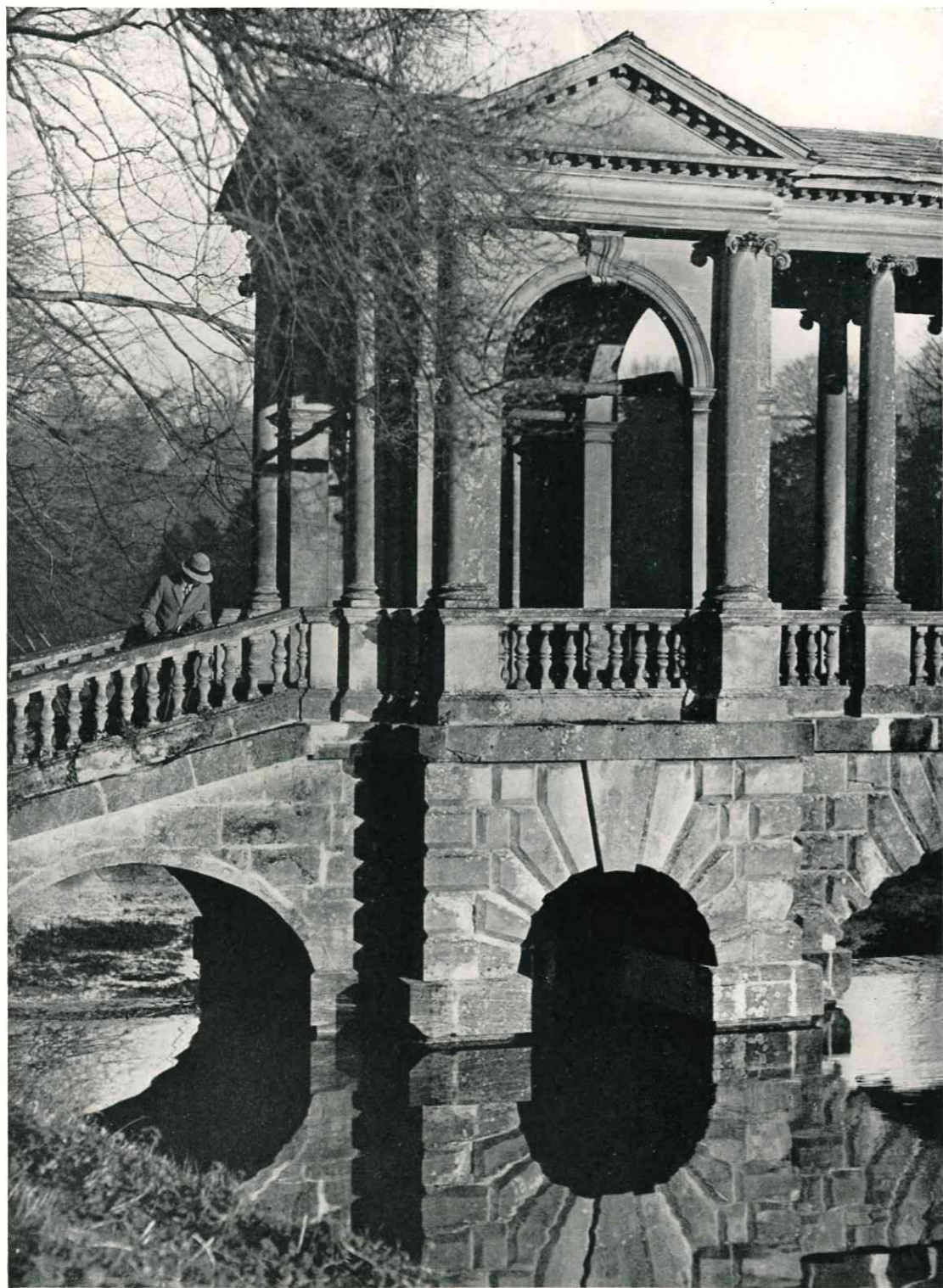


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THE LOST LEADER

THE time has come to sit us down and write a snappy leader, to satisfy what you demand, our dear exacting reader : for one of us has, every term, to make himself heroic by thinking out some sort of stuff to introduce *The Stoic*. We're not allowed, you'll understand, these pages to encumber with yet another article that centres round a number ; and so we have to rack our brains in pondering whatever seems suitably of interest or tolerably clever. It takes no time to read the things, but when you have to write 'em, you have to bear in mind that, if you choose to filch an item which would have done for 'Stoica,' and so elaborate it that it'll make a leader, then you simply find too late it has only left your 'Stoica' so lean that you must start in turn to think out further 'Stoica' to make them play their part in turn. We might have talked of deck-chairs or of pyrotechnology (a word for which we feel we ought to offer some apology) or any other topic which the interest engages, but these—as we've already said—must wait for sev'ral pages. We cannot rate contributors—we did that much too recently and cannot do the same again—at least not really decently. An Editor of enterprise might chatter on of trifles till nausea or mere fatigue imagination stifles, but this has all been done before ; it cannot be repeated, for fear it merely leaves you cold, or maybe leaves you heated. So, there it is, our (if perhaps you still are) patient reader ; the awful truth must be confessed : we haven't got a leader.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 1937

- J. C. SIMOPOULOS (The Rev. F. G. Ridgeway, St. Peter's Court, Broadstairs).
 A. R. BARROWCLOUGH (Mr. I. Bulley, St. Edmund's School, Hindhead, Surrey).
 D. A. WALKER (Mr. S. H. J. Russell, Wellesley House, Broadstairs).
 P. W. E. BOYD-BOWMAN (Mr. M. de Wharton Burr, Belmont School, Hassocks, Sussex).
 P. C. HOLDEN (Mr. K. B. Tindall, West Downs, Winchester).
 J. D. R. HAYWARD (Captain J. O. Farrer, Stone House, Broadstairs).
 J. P. BURMAN (Mr. C. A. Perkin, The Grange, Matfield, Kent).
 J. S. HOLLINGS (Mr. T. S. Wheildon Brown, Terra Nova, Birkdale, Lancs.).
 J. C. R. WELCH (Mr. K. Stuart, Hill Crest, Frinton-on-Sea).
 I. R. DUNNETT (Mr. M. W. Peters, Westbury Manor, Brackley).
 H. LE S. MASSY (Mr. R. W. FitzAucher, Arnold House, Llanddulas, Denbighshire).
 A. C. R. NEWBERY (Mr. M. E. Wilkinson, Aldeburgh Lodge, Aldeburgh).
 M. C. DODWELL (Mr. C. D. E. Dewe, Allen House, Hook Heath, Woking).
 THE HON. P. B. R. VANNECK (Mr. J. R. Darling, Geelong School, Australia).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1937

- READING PRIZES—*Senior* : S. J. Whitwell (Q).
Junior : R. J. Mead (Q).
 PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE : J. D. Fay (G).
 ROBERT BARBOUR PRIZE FOR SCRIPTURE : The Hon. M. S. Buckmaster (Q).

- BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE (Divinity) : E. N. Rolfe (B).
 CHARLES LOUDON PRIZES FOR GREEK—*Prose* : R. H. Anstey (Q).
Verse : B. J. G. Kaye (G).
 QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN—*Essay* : K. J. S. Ritchie (T).
Prose : R. H. Anstey (Q).
 PRIZE FOR LATIN ORATION : P. Spencer Thomas (W).
 J. G. RIESS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES—
Senior : G. L. Le Bouvier (T).
Junior : The Hon. H. M. Ritchie (B).
 SYRETT HISTORY PRIZE : P. M. Syrett (C).
 HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE : R. H. Gethin (C).
 H. M. EVANS PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY : J. M. Stowers (C).
 PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS : J. R. C. Elmslie (C).

WILLOW THE CALIPH

(With apologies to J. E. Flecker)

How splendid in the evening goes the bowler ; with what speed he bowls
 His lightning ball upon the bails ; do umpires nod the head, Jardine ?
 But when the willow bat descends, there comes a mighty clap that sends
 The ball out to the boundary's ends ; I call with joy : Well played, Jardine.
 The evening sun is blinding gold ; I cannot in that light behold
 The leather rise to height untold, and falling yet be caught, Jardine.
 But when the deep red eye of day is level with the uncut hay,
 And some cry they would cease to play, and I call : Play the Game, Jardine,
 Or when you race against the sun, and striking boldly tip and run,
 And when the day is nearly done, smite on while there is time, Jardine.
 Bat while you may, good light ! bad light ! for one night or the other night
 Will come the Cricketer in white ; last over will be called, Jardine !

R.I.K.M.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD.

Born 5th October, 1920.

Died 28th May, 1937.

Sandy Rutherford had been at Stowe for just eight terms. His short school career had been filled with activity and enlivened by many enthusiasms.

His first love was probably shooting. He was already a candidate for the Eight and would certainly have made his mark as a target shot. But the sporting gun was his favourite weapon and he interested himself in the theory as well as in the practice of game shooting. He had already made and recorded a number of experiments with different cartridge-loadings.

As a fencer too he was remarkably promising, and he had represented the School almost from the date of his arrival here.

In July of this year he would have taken his School Certificate, and he was already looking forward to the independence of the Upper School—for he loved independence above everything and had always a line of his own to follow. Though at all times co-operative and friendly he was an individualist at heart—and he had no more endearing quality.

His death at the age of sixteen and a half deprived him of a career which would have been full of adventure, full of endeavour, and full of friendship. Yet the value of a life must not be judged by its length, and he has at least been spared the disappointments and disillusionments of middle age. He is one of those who are

Secure from change in their high-hearted ways.

But nothing can lighten the burden of his loss for those who mourn him.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1937.

Prefects :—P. Sherrard (C), Head of the School ; P. L. D. Frankenburg, ma. (C) ; J. V. R. Birchall (T) ; I. C. S. Munro (B) ; D. A. Jefferson, ma. (G) ; P. C. H. Morris (G) ; A. Allan (W) ; M. G. H. Arbuthnot (C) ; A. R. Jennings (C) ; H. Yellowlees ma. (C) ; A. G. Buchanan, ma. (W) ; J. F. Wheeler (C).

Monitors :—T. L. Dewhurst (B) ; P. Howson (C) ; D. A. G. Kaye, ma. (G) ; J. O. H. Beamish (T) ; R. B. McGrigor (W) ; R. H. Gethin (C) ; K. J. S. Ritchie (T) ; J. F. G. Fletcher (T) ; M. P. Robinson, ma. (G) ; C. D. Earle, ma. (B) ; C. K. Simond (T) ; J. P. T. Dawson (C) ; D. R. Barbour (C) ; C. P. J. D. O'Farrell, ma. (C) ; W. B. Banister (C) ; W. Downs (G) ; P. Spencer Thomas (W) ; J. D. Fay (G) ; R. C. W. Dampier (T) ; W. A. M. B. Stewart (T) ; C. W. Dawes (B) ; M. W. G. Greenley (W) ; R. Evans (G) ; H. A. Mitchell (C) ; R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) ; S. E. Smith (G) ; E. G. Gilbert, ma. (B) ; W. W. Cheyne, ma. (C) ; J. N. Henderson (W) ; H. C. I. Rome (C) ; D. V. Baldwin (C) ; R. B. Chidell (G) ; P. Wright (G) ; P. J. Blundell (G) ; L. C. LaT. Jolivet (B) ; D. P. Cooper, ma. (W) ; W. M. Lanyon (T) ; W. McD. Morison (W) ; E. L. Shannon (C) ; A. G. Flavell (C) ; J. M. Icke (C) ; G. F. Gomme (C) ; R. A. L. Black (G).

Cricket :—Captain—P. Sherrard (C) ; Secretary—I. C. S. Munro (B).

Lawn Tennis :—Captain—J. F. Wheeler (C) ; Secretary—J. P. T. Dawson (C).

Swimming :—Captain—L. C. LaT. Jolivet (B) ; Secretary—P. H. Koelsch (B).

The following visitors have preached in the Chapel this term :—

May 16th. The Rev. J. C. Nankivell, M. A. (Isle of Dogs Housing Estate).

May 30th. The Right Rev. G. B. Allen, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Oxford.

July 4th. Canon A. C. Deane, M.A., Canon of Windsor ; Chaplain to H.M. the King.

From The Times :—

MARRIAGE.

SKENE : LANGLEY.—On June 16th, 1937, at the Parish Church, Pinner, ROBERT WARBOYS, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SKENE, of Balgownie Lodge, Belmont, Surrey, to Phyllis Monica, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Langley, of the Old Hall, Pinner.

Congratulations are due to Mr. and Mrs. Zettl on the birth of a daughter (Margaret Elizabeth), on June 29th.

Old Stoic Day was Saturday, July 3rd, when an extensive programme of matches was carried out. A large number of Old Stoics came down, of whom a fair proportion stayed to supper.

In the Easter holidays a party from Stowe visited Plymouth and for a week worked at the laboratories of the Marine Biological Association. Most of the time was spent in trawling and dredging from the Association's motor boat, or in shore-collecting. One day aboard the steam-trawler 'Salpa' proved informative but upsetting, the bulk of the party being struck by a marine indisposition: but the visit was thoroughly enjoyable, and it is hoped that it will be repeated next year.

Performances of "Macbeth" are to be held outside the Queen's Temple at the end of term. An account will appear in our next number.

A fine pair of lions now vigilantly adorning the Pavilion has been generously presented by the architect, Mr. R. Fielding Dodd. The local herd has now therefore reached double figures.

The Bus Strike at the beginning of the term created difficulties in transporting members of the School from the station. But the crisis and the train were met by a veritable 'Bobbery Pack' of vehicles. To a variegated assortment of minor buses was added a fleet of some twenty masters' cars. The welcome was almost a gala reception.

A new House Cup for Fencing has been presented to the School in memory of R. A. Rutherford.

At the time of His Majesty's Coronation, provision was made for the benefit of all and sundry. Members of the School who wished for it were allowed three days' absence, and many saw the procession itself. For those who remained, the whole broadcast was relayed in the Library; and in the evening, in spite of slight rain, an elevating display of fireworks was given. A Tennis Tournament was staged on the Thursday. Nor were parents neglected. The word 'Exeat' has become familiar in their mouths, and by increasing their Latin they share something of the foundation that is laid to our own education.

A large silver-gilt cup with cover (77oz.), made in London by Thomas Heming in 1773, was inscribed in 1824 to commemorate the christening at Stowe of the infant Earl Temple, who later became the third and last Duke of Buckingham and Chandos. In 1825 the cup was offered as a prize at the races organised for the Bucks Yeomanry in Stowe Park, and was won by "John Scott of Haversham, Private." Its history after that date is obscure, until, in July 1937, it was sent back to Stowe as a gift from the fathers of seven Norfolk Stoics.

The cup is a very fine piece of Georgian silver and is certainly the most distinguished single trophy that the School possesses.

Mr. David Niven, famed star and Old Chandosian and Graftonian, has visited us twice this term.

At the end of last term, the Haig Cup for Riding was won by Cobham, who scored 384 points against the 383 of Bruce and the 379 of Chandos.

In March, the Inter-House Golf Competition was won by Walpole, who beat Cobham in the Final by $4\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The following have been awarded their 1st XI. Colours: Re-awarded, M. P. Robinson (G), A. G. Buchanan (W), C. D. Earle (B). Awarded, P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. P. Phillips (C), H. C. Lowcock (W); M. G. T. Webster (W), J. Roche (T), T. P. Walsh (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B).

The following have been awarded their 2nd XI. Colours: P. R. H. Hastings (T), M. G. T. Webster (W), J. P. Phillips (C), T. P. Walsh (T), J. Roche (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B), R. B. Booth (W), G. T. de Beer (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. H. Weir (B), H. S. L. Dundas (W).

The following have been awarded their 3rd XI. Colours: P. C. H. Morris (G), J. V. R. Birchall (T), L. G. Darling (S), H. S. L. Dundas (W), J. O. H. Beamish (T), L. S. Buxton (B), R. H. Marten (S), H. L. Atkin-Berry (C).

The following have been awarded Colts Caps: A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), C. F. A. Baxter (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. C. I. Hooper (C), R. H. Sharpe (C), S. R. G. Scott (G), R. H. M. Spencer (W), J. M. Henry (C), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), C. R. T. Cunningham (C).

Lawn Tennis Colours have been awarded to:—J. F. Wheeler (C), D. A. G. Kaye (S), B. J. G. Kaye (S), G. F. Gomme (C), J. B. Andrews (G), C. Wachmann (S).

Fencing Colours have been awarded to D. E. S. Osborne (G).

Swimming Colours have been awarded to:—P. H. Koelsch (B), R. D. Jay (W), R. Backus (B), J. B. Andrews (G), D. P. Cooper (W), P. M. F. Sichel (C).

Athletic Colours were awarded last term to:—M. P. Robinson (S), C. A. Ashcroft (C), W. McD. Morison (W), W. W. Cheyne (C), P. R-H. Hastings (T), M. G. T. Webster (W), J. M. Thomson (C).

The following Representative Colours were awarded at the end of the Easter Term:—

Cross-Country:—R. R. Oakey (C), W. W. Cheyne (C), D. R. Foster (C), M. G. T. Webster (W).

Athletics:—P. Sherrard (C), M. P. Robinson (S), C. A. Ashcroft (C), W. McD. Morison (W), M. G. T. Webster (W).

Fencing:—C. F. Tracy (W).

First M.B. results have been as follows:—Pts. I, II, III and IV: R. B. McGrigor (W), J. P. Stephens (W), J. M. Stowers (C). Pts. I, II and III: A. Allan (W), H. L. English (S). Pts. I and II: R. C. Roxburgh (W), H. Yellowlees (C). Pt. I: D. P. Cooper (W), B. A. J. C. Gregory (G). Pt. II: P. C. H. Morris (G), J. Roche (T).

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GENERAL.

LIEUTENANT A. G. BOWIE, R.I.A.S.C. (T, 1927) passed the examination for 1937 for admission to the Staff College, Camberley.

MR. C. S. MCCALLIN (C, 1930) is a member this season of the Shakespeare company playing at the Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon. He has, with great success, been taking the part of Henry the Fifth, in addition to other parts of lesser scope.

MR. C. L. HALL (C, 1933) made top score for the England team which won the Elcho Shield at the N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley.

MR. E. A. F. WIDDRINGTON (G, 1932) and MR. J. K. HAY (C, 1934) were members of the England team which won the National Challenge Trophy at Bisley.

MR. M. E. FLETCHER (C, 1936) has been appointed Under-Officer of No. 4 Company, and MR. J. R. HUNTER (G, 1936) Assistant Cadet Adjutant, at the R.M.A., Woolwich.

MR. B. J. R. MORETON (C, 1936) has made rapid strides up the slopes of Parnassus. In the index of a recent anthology we read 'Macaulay; Milton; Montague, C. E.; Moreton, B. J. R.; Morris, William.'

ACADEMIC.

MR. C. A. RODEWALD (C, 1932) has been elected to the Thomas Whitcombe Green Scholarship at Oxford University.

MR. P. F. BAKER (C, 1933) has been elected to a Senior Scholarship for History at Trinity College, Cambridge. He has also been awarded a First Class in Part II of the History Tripos.

MR. G. C. WYNDHAM (S, 1933) has been awarded a First Class in Part II of the History Tripos.

MR. N. G. ANNAN (T, 1935) has been awarded a First Class in Part I of the History Tripos. He has also been elected to a Scholarship.

MR. J. W. R. KEMPE (B, 1936) has been awarded a First Class in Part I of the Mathematical Tripos.

ATHLETIC.

MR. P. D. WARD (B, 1931) recently set up a new Ground Record for the Two Miles, at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge. For the second year in succession he has won the Three Miles at the A.A.A. Championships, and he is holder of the English Native Record at this distance.

MR. A. A. H. RADICE (T, 1933) represented Oxford in the University Epée match this year.

MR. J. E. MANSFIELD (C, 1934) represented Oxford in the Inter-University Polo match. He was also reserve for the University Epée match.

MR. J. M. N. PIKE (C, 1934) captained the Cranwell (R.A.F.) Boxing Team which defeated both R.M.A., Woolwich, and R.M.C., Sandhurst in the Spring.

MR. R. J. R. McDOUGALL (C, 1935) and MR. N. C. McCLINTOCK (G, 1935) represented Cambridge in the University Epée match.

MR. M. J. ELLISON (T, 1935) has been awarded a Half-Blue for Sailing, at Cambridge.

 ENGAGEMENTS.

MR. G. C. B. HALL (C, 1926) to Miss E. Cochrane.

MR. G. M. CAVENDISH (C, 1927) to Miss C. F. P. Pharazyn.

MR. K. A. WILSON (T, 1927) to Miss H. F. Taylor.

MR. H. R. B. GAUTBY (B, 1929) to Miss J. Middlemiss.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES (C, 1929) to Miss J. A. Roberts.

MR. R. G. G. KENT (C, 1931) to Miss B. M. Brooks.

MR. R. H. L. FARMER (G, 1933) to Miss P. Campbell.

 MARRIAGES.

MR. V. C. CHAMBERS (G, 1927) to Miss M. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, on June 30th.

MR. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927) to Miss M. M. Hall, on June 25th.

MR. S. C. ROGERS (T, 1927) to Miss J. Nugent, on May 30th.

MR. P. A. J. CHARLOT (G, 1927) to Miss M. A. Musgrave, on June 4th.

MR. J. I. CROOKSTON (T, 1928) to Miss C. D. Copping, on June 30th.

MR. H. DEAN (B, 1928) to Miss J. Fitzhardinge, on March 31st. (In Australia).

MR. J. U. BODY (T, 1928) to Miss E. A. Butler, on February 13th. (In India).

MR. A. CARDEN (C, 1928) to Miss K. Cross, on June 19th, 1936.

MR. J. W. P. ELLIS (C, 1929) to Miss D. Blandford, on April 17th.

MR. R. H. CALVERT (G, 1929) to Miss M. Buxton, on April 22nd.

DR. G. E. LOXTON (T, 1929) to Miss M. J. Edmonds Jones, on June 26th.

MR. C. J. H. KLINGENBERG (C, 1929) to Miss M. D. Hick, on July 24th.

MR. R. M. THWAITES (T, 1929) to Miss J. L. Walsh, on March 9th, 1936. (In Australia).

MR. H. E. RAPHAEL (G, 1929) to Mrs. G. A. Turner Laing, on July 8th.

MR. D. E. C. TRENCH (C, 1930) to Miss D. Waugh, on May 5th.

MR. R. M. PEEL (C, 1930) to Miss H. M. Vaughan, on June 3rd.

MR. H. P. LEE-WARNER (G, 1931) to Miss D. Hall, on July 24th.

MR. P. F. HORNSBY (G, 1931) to Miss J. E. J. Bond, on June 5th.

MR. J. R. C. KENYON (T, 1932) to Miss D. D. O. Winther, on May 29th.

MR. P. G. AGNEW (C, 1932) to Miss M. D. Hervey, on April 3rd.

BIRTHS.

To the wife of MR. M. S. MONTAGU SCOTT (T, 1926), a son, on February 20th.

To the wife of MR. R. C. H. WALKER (B, 1926), a son, on May 28th.

To the wife of MR. L. W. TATE (T, 1927), a son, on May 7th.

To the wife of MR. J. D. EATON (C, 1928), a son, on May 30th. (In Canada).

To the wife of MR. A. C. GEDDES (T, 1928), a daughter, on May 4th.

To the wife of MR. J. B. CHARLES (G, 1929), a son, on June 17th.

To the wife of MR. A. G. HOWLAND JACKSON (T, 1929), a daughter, on June 1st.

To the wife of MR. T. Q. ANNAN (T, 1931), a son, on March 6th.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

(THE PINEAPPLE)

62, PENFOLD STREET (formerly Carlisle Street),
Edgware Road, N.W.8.

July, 1937.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

During the summer months the activities of the Pineapple take place mostly out of doors, and this year we have been especially fortunate as we have been able to use a ground at Boston Manor and so for the first time we have always been sure of having somewhere to play our cricket matches. The cost of renting the pitch has been borne partly by the Old Boys section of the Club, and they use it for their matches on Sundays; but the greater part of the expense has been defrayed by Mr. H. G. Morison. Of the three teams, the Juniors have been the most successful, as at the date of writing they have won all their matches; if they win or draw one more league match they will be top of their division of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs League.

Members of the Club won the Quarter and Half Mile races in the Westminster Federation Sports, and on July 3rd S. Young (aged 17) won the half mile race in the London Federation Sports in 2 minutes 8 seconds. At the St. Marylebone Sports on July 6th in Regents Park, members of the Club secured five firsts, five seconds and three thirds.

Early this year the St. Marylebone Borough Council opened some new Baths which our Boys are able to use, and an innovation has been mixed bathing with the girls of the Frognall Girls' Club on Tuesday evenings. On July 7th, in the Westminster Federation Swimming Sports, members of the Club gained four medals.

On June 24th we staged an open-air boxing match with the Rugby Club in Kensington Gardens in aid of the Princess Louise Hospital. While on this subject I should mention that one of the old boys, Tom Quill, boxed for England, under the auspices of the A.B.A., against Denmark and won both his fights.

The Whitsuntide camp was as usual very enjoyable and we were very pleased to be able to meet so many members of the School; especially at cricket, when we managed to beat your "A" League team on the last ball of the match and to be beaten by an "Oligoi" team. The summer camp will be held at Stowe for a fortnight this year instead of the usual week, beginning on July 31st. As a result of the extension of the camp we need Stoic helpers more badly than ever. If any of your readers would like to go, they should write to the Warden of the Club for any further particulars or else just turn up at the camp some time between July 31st and August 15th.

This November the Club celebrates its tenth birthday, and, to mark the occasion and to make a little money, a Ball will be held at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1., on November 12th; tickets, price 27/6 each, including supper and cabaret, may be obtained from me or the Warden at the above address.

In conclusion, I feel sure that your readers will again join me in thanking the Warden and his assistants for the excellent way in which they are running the Pineapple Club.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. T. LILLEY.

A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

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 meagrely provided for. In spite of every sound economy its slender capital has to be drawn on at times to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management less exacting. The Club has little remuneration of any kind to offer its officials. The Stowe Committee of masters and the London Committee of Old Stoics are purely honorary. The Club boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

In the year ending June 30th, 1937, the Old Stoics subscribed more than £250 and the Stowe boys nearly £120 towards Club funds.

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 most gratefully received and acknowledged. Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques, postal orders and cash are exceedingly welcome too. All serviceable gifts in kind (e.g. billiard and ping-pong tables, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 62, Penfold Street (late Carlisle Street), London, N.W. 8. What cannot actually be used by the boys can be sold for their benefit.

EMPLOYMENT.

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.

VISITORS.

Anyone interested in Social Service is very welcome to visit the premises on any evening in the week except Wednesday and Saturday. Supper is available at 7 p.m. if due notice is given. Old Stoics in particular can do much good by looking in for an hour or so to see what is being done and what it is hoped to do. Visitors are never asked to give money or make gifts or run any activity. Their general interest is valued for its own sake. The Club has an excellent name in the London Federation and is happily conscious of every connection with Stowe.

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



CHAPEL ACCOUNTS

EASTER AND SUMMER TERMS.

		£	s.	d.
The Pineapple has received since last December :—				
Collection, January 24th	... ..	17	15	4
Collection, March 28th	... ..	14	6	9
Collection, May 9th.	18	4	0
Holy Communion Collections (December 6th to July 4th)	35	8	8
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		£85	14	9

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from Christmas Term	7	0	0
Collection, December 6th (for Samaritan Fund)	16	13	9
Collection, February 14th	... ..	8	5	4
Collection, March 14th	8	6	0
Collection, June 6th	10	6	6
Collection, June 27th	9	1	3
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		£59	12	10

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
Payments for flowers and other expenses for the two terms	10	6	11
Samaritan Fund	... ..	16	13	9
Waifs and Strays Society	... ..	5	0	0
Church Army	... ..	5	0	0
St. Dunstan's, for the Blind	... ..	5	0	0
John Pounds Mission in the East End	... ..	5	0	0
Salford Royal Hospital	5	0	0
Balance to Christmas Term and to Reserve Fund	7	12	2
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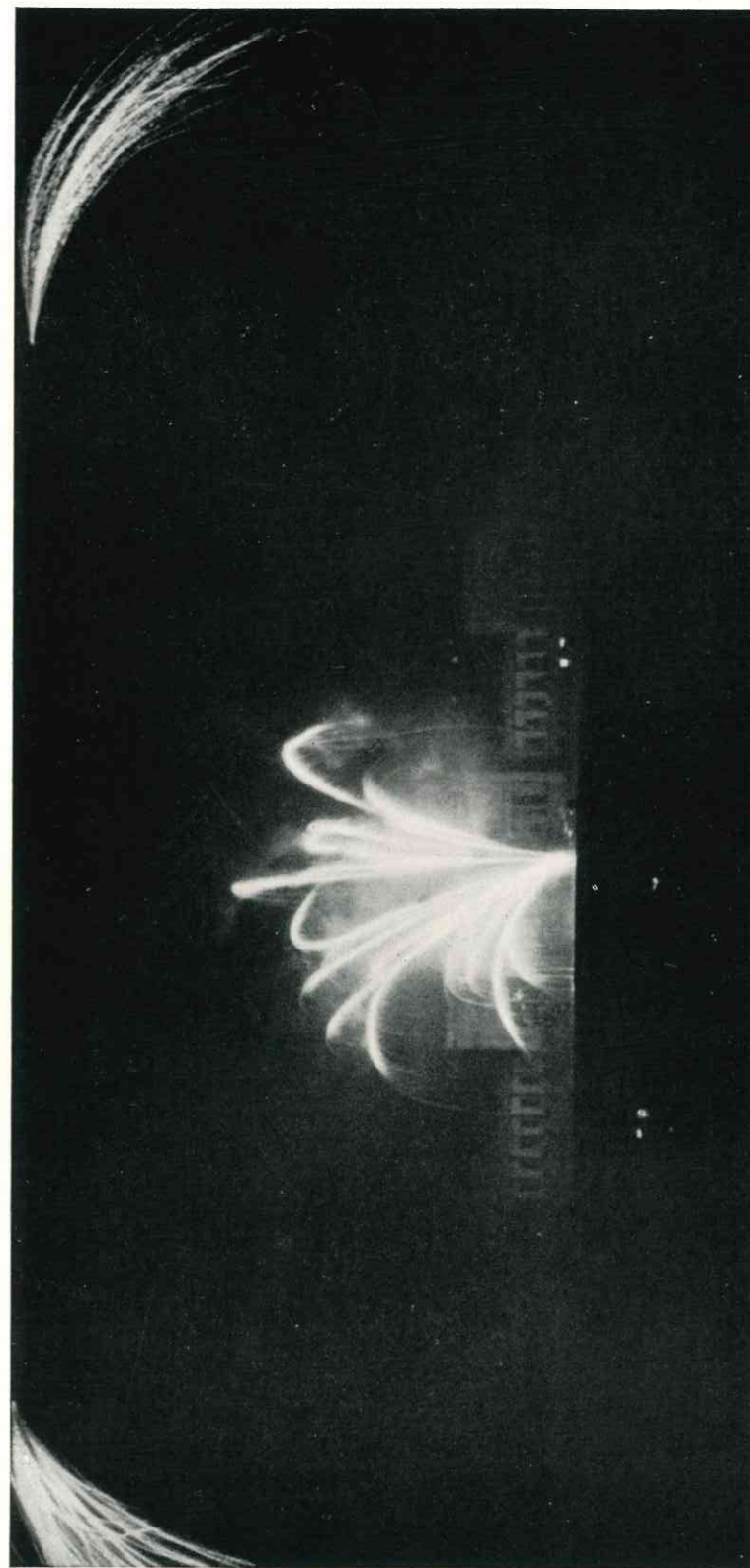
CRICKET

THE 1st XI have had a most successful season, beating Westminster by 10 wickets, I.Z., M.C.C. and Old Stoics. In addition to this, they have drawn nine matches, losing only to Radley and the Adastrians. The latter was a great game, the visitors winning two minutes from time after a declaration by the School. At Radley, Stowe was beaten by a better side and the batting broke down badly—one of the few occasions on which this has happened—and only a ninth wicket stand by M. P. Robinson and J. Roche saved the side from a complete collapse.

The side has been very strong in batting, no fewer than eighteen individual fifties having been made. Quite the feature of the season has been the remarkably consistent batting of P. Sherrard, the Captain, and it has given everybody, especially his team, the greatest confidence to see him batting so beautifully. He should do very well in a higher class of Cricket. He made one century, against I.Z., 99 not out against Haileybury, and over fifty in each innings against Oundle at the Oval.

In this match A. G. Buchanan played delightfully in both innings, and in the last match, against the Adastrians, he hit a wonderful hundred, including five sixes, batting in a way that only Buchanan can. This only went to prove to close watchers of Stowe Cricket what we had missed through the unfortunate injury to his foot which had prevented him playing in half the matches. C. D. Earle has played some really fine innings and his partnership with M. G. T. Webster at the Oval was perhaps the best all round batting that has been seen this term. J. P. Phillips has made a most encouraging start to his 1st XI career both as a batsman and bowler, and he should do very well next year. I. C. S. Munro has often given the side a good start with his Captain.

The brunt of the bowling has been borne by M. P. Robinson, who at times has bowled really well. With the exception of Phillips, and Walsh at the Oval, the others have found it difficult to keep a consistently good length. Earle has been rather disappointing in this department after his good bowling against Westminster.



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The fielding, after a very bad start, improved tremendously as the season progressed, and against Radley, Oundle and the Adastrians it was first class. P. R. H. Hastings kept wicket and at times he was very good.

The 2nd, 3rd, Colts and Junior Colts Elevens have all had successful seasons and the outlook for the future is bright, although the 1st XI could well do with a Larwood and a Verity for next season.

The teams were :—

1st XI.—P. Sherrard (C), I. C. S. Munro (B), M. P. Robinson (C), A. G. Buchanan (W), C. D. Earle (B), P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. P. Phillips (C), H. C. Lowcock (W), M. G. T. Webster (W), J. Roche (T), T. P. Walsh (T).

12th man.—J. D. W. Stobart (B).

2nd XI.—P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), R. A. Pearson (B), H. A. Mitchell (C), M. W. G. Greenley (W), C. P. O'Farrell (C), R. B. Booth (W), G. T. de Beer (B), J. E. C. Nicholl (B), M. B. Scholfield (T), J. H. Weir (B), H. S. L. Dundas (W).

The following played for the 3rd XI.—P. C. H. Morris (G), J. V. R. Birchall (T), R. H. Marten (C), L. G. Darling (C), R. C. W. Dampier (T), J. O. H. Beamish (T), L. S. Buxton (B), H. L. Atkin-Berry (C), C. A. Ashcroft (C), D. R. Barbour (C), A. G. Flavell (C), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), B. A. Stewart (C).

The following formed the Colts XI.—A. V. Farnell-Watson (W), C. F. A. Baxter (G), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. C. I. Hooper (C), R. H. Sharpe (C), S. R. G. Scott (G), R. H. M. Spencer (W), J. M. Henry (C), M. I. Atkin-Berry (C), J. D. Le Bouvier (T), C. R. T. Cunningham (C).

The following played for the Junior Colts XI.—I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), E. P. Hickling (C), A. D. Thomson (C), A. K. Higham (T), C. M. Griffin (C), P. E. Falkner (W), R. N. Hawkins (C), C. D. Drew (C), G. B. S. Osborne (G), D. J. Webster (W), A. M. Mitchell (C), A. P. R. Holmes (G), J. A. H. Lucas (C), R. M. Wood (C), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C).

Cricket Leagues were won by Bruce.

STOWE v. ASTERISKS. Played at Stowe on May 22nd. Drawn.

ASTERISKS.				
W. B. Foster, c Frankenburg, b Stobart	102			
N. D. Clive, b Robinson	1			
F. M. McL. Forster, b Robinson	93			
J. D. Eggar, c Earle, b Robinson	45			
P. G. Krabbé, c Buchanan, b Robinson	15			
G. W. Cumming, not out	5			
G. Ruck-Keene, not out	2			
D. N. Ascoti, J. H. Bourne, T. J. Cowen and A. A. McG. Greig did not bat.				
Extras	16			
Total (5 wkts. dec.)	279			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	17	3	70	4
Buchanan	14	1	55	0
Walsh	9	0	68	0
Earle	2	0	14	0
Frankenburg	1	0	9	0
Sherrard	3	0	15	0
Phillips	3	0	18	0
Stobart	3	0	14	1

STOWE.				
P. Sherrard (C), lbw, b Cowen	3			
J. P. Phillips (C), run out	25			
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Ascoti, b Greig	15			
C. D. Earle (B), b Eggar	0			
H. C. Lowcock (W), b Cowan	23			
A. G. Buchanan (W), b Eggar	12			
J. D. W. Stobart (B), lbw, b Eggar	1			
P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), c Ascoti, b Bourne	10			
M. P. Robinson (S), not out	6			
G. T. de Beer (B), and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.				
Extras	7			
Total (8 wkts.)	102			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cowan	8.3	3	8	2
Bourne	7	2	20	1
Krabbé	6	1	8	0
Eggar	14	5	26	3
Ascoti	3	1	10	0
Greig	3	0	17	1
Cumming	3	1	6	0

STOWE v. CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on May 26th. Drawn.

CRYPTICS.				
J. D. A. Langley, b Earle	49			
Commander Abelson, b Robinson	0			
R. C. M. Kimpton, c Robinson, b Munro	15			
Lt.-Col. E. J. Earle, c Robinson, b Munro	24			
G. Ruck-Keene, not out	43			
G. Pilkington, not out	15			
H. A. Cocking, B. E. N. Fawcett, J. A. Tallent, P. M. Heywood and R. W. Skene did not bat.				
Extras	3			
Total (4 wkts. dec.)	149			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	7	0	30	1
Buchanan	8	1	40	0
Munro	9.3	1	34	2
Earle	6	0	26	1
Sherrard	3	0	16	0

STOWE.				
P. Sherrard (C), not out	33			
J. P. Phillips (C), b Heywood	0			
H. C. Lowcock (W), not out	15			
I. C. S. Munro (B), C. D. Earle (B), A. G. Buchanan (W), J. D. W. Stobart (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), P. R. H. Hastings (T), M. P. Robinson (S), and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.				
Extras				
Total (1 wkt.)	48			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Heywood	9	2	15	1
Tallent	5	2	3	0
Kimpton	3	2	3	0
Skene	3	1	7	0
Cocking	3.1	0	20	0

STOWE v. I ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on May 29th. Won by 134 runs.

STOWE.	
P. Sherrard (C), b Tuff	107
H. C. Lowcock (W), c Stephens, b Zambra	2
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Palmer, b Skene	3
I. C. S. Munro (B), st. Hammond, b Zambra	14
H. A. Mitchell (C), b Zambra	0
A. G. Buchanan (W), b Palmer	13
C. D. Earle (B), c Skene, b Palmer	38
J. P. Phillips (C), b Palmer	0
P. R. H. Hastings (T), b Skene	30
M. P. Robinson (S), not out	21
P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), did not bat.	
Extras	22
Total (9 wkts. dec.)	250

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Palmer	16	4	38	3
Zambra	19	3	59	3
Skene	27.1	6	59	2
Tuff	14	3	40	1
Stephens	11	1	32	0

I ZINGARI.	
C. Clover Brown, b Buchanan	41
J. A. F. Binny, c Hastings, b Buchanan	8
D. Stephens, b Robinson	7
W. H. Vesty, c and b Robinson	1
R. W. Skene, b Frankenburg	10
A. L. Wigan, c Frankenburg, b Robinson	14
Lieut. R. J. L. Hammond, not out	24
Hon. P. F. Remnant, b Buchanan	0
C. R. Tuff, b Phillips	0
R. H. Palmer, b Sherrard	4
W. Zambra, run out	0
Extras	7
Total	116

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	15	4	31	3
Earle	6	1	13	0
Buchanan	11	1	28	3
Munro	5.5	0	12	0
Frankenburg	4	1	16	1
Phillips	4	1	7	1
Sherrard	3	2	2	1

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Stowe on June 3rd. Drawn.

Sherrard won the toss and chose to bat on a perfect wicket. He and Lowcock opened well, but after the first quarter of an hour the runs came slowly. After they had put on 60 runs, Lowcock was caught in the slips, and two overs later Sherrard was bowled. Mitchell was out quickly and everything looked ready for a collapse when Buchanan came in. However, he and Munro saw the hundred up, though Munro was out next ball. Buchanan continued to hit and reached his 50 in twenty-six minutes. Shortly afterwards, he was out, caught in the deep, where he had already been missed twice. His 56 included eight 4's and in one over from Collins he scored 14 runs. After lunch, Webster, Earle and Phillips batted well. Webster's 53, made in an hour and forty minutes, was a very good performance, and his partnership of 64 with Phillips was the largest of the day. Webster was bowled at 244 and shortly afterwards Phillips was run out through a misunderstanding. Although Hastings made a few good shots, the end came quickly.

Bradfield had to score at a little over 80 runs an hour if they wanted to win, and their opening pair made no attempt to do so. After they had been batting for three-quarters of an hour, Sherrard put himself on and got two quick wickets. The slender hopes of a win, which this raised, were unfulfilled. Tucker and Cave-Bigley settled down and scored as well as they could off steady but unaggressive bowling. When Cave-Bigley had completed a very good 47 he mistimed a ball from Munro and was bowled. Soon afterwards Tucker completed 50, which he had made in an hour and fifty-three minutes. He and Wright played out time safely.

The match was very disappointing as a whole. Although Bradfield had sufficient time to make it worth their while to try for the runs, they chose to concentrate on a stubborn defence which the Stowe bowling was too weak to penetrate.

STOWE.

P. Sherrard (C), b Paine.....	44
H. C. Lowcock (W), c Wright, b Paine....	20
I. C. S. Munro (B), lbw, b Evans.....	11
H. A. Mitchell (C), b Collins.....	1
A. G. Buchanan (W), c Henshaw, b Paine	56
M. G. T. Webster (W), b Martin.....	53
C. D. Earle (B), lbw, b Evans.....	26
J. P. Phillips (C), run out.....	34
P. R. H. Hastings (T), not out.....	15
M. P. Robinson (C), b Henshaw.....	0
P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), lbw, b Paine	1
Extras	9
Total	270

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Henshaw	17	4	55	1
Boyle	9	1	31	0
Collins	18	5	72	1
Martin	11	3	30	1
Evans	16	1	53	2
Paine	9.2	3	20	4

BRADFIELD.

D. C. Potheary, b Sherrard.....	21
M. D. Tucker, not out	60
R. E. Henshaw, b Sherrard.....	1
P. J. Cave-Bigley, b Munro.....	47
J. R. B. Wright, not out.....	22
D. J. Martin, G. Paine, N. S. P. Evans, J. D. L. Boyle, H. A. Collins, P. J. Kenwood did not bat.	
Extras	12
Total (3 wkts.).....	163

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	9	2	17	0
Buchanan	6	1	9	0
Earle	7	0	22	0
Munro.....	12	1	39	1
Sherrard	10	0	38	2
Frankenburg	6	3	12	0
Mitchell	2	0	9	0
Phillips	2	1	5	0

STOWE v. INCOGNITI. Played at Stowe on June 5th. Drawn.

INCOGNITI.

Dr. R. D. B. Wright, c Walsh, b Earle....	40
C. H. W. Troughton, b Walsh.....	68
E. D. Holland, b Buchanan.....	25
T. F. Mitchell, c Robinson, b Sherrard....	6
E. K. Shattock, b Robinson.....	8
O. G. Battock, b Earle.....	23
W. E. Mitchell Innes, b Munro.....	9
Capt. H. V. Walls, b Earle.....	1
H. G. Nicolson, c Phillips, b Earle.....	15
P. M. Duggan, st. Hastings, b Phillips....	9
A. L. Gracie, not out.....	10
Extras	22
Total	236

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	9	2	32	1
Buchanan	13	2	31	1
Munro.....	4	0	24	1
Earle	13.4	1	48	4
Sherrard	4	0	23	1
Phillips	6	0	16	1
Walsh	11	2	40	1

STOWE.

P. Sherrard (C), c Wright, b Battock....	75
H. C. Lowcock (W), run out.....	12
P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Battock	0
I. C. S. Munro (B), lbw, b Gracie.....	8
A. G. Buchanan (W), run out.....	14
M. G. T. Webster (W), lbw, b Mitchell	17
Innes	19
C. D. Earle (B), lbw, b Duggan.....	15
J. P. Phillips (C), lbw, b Battock.....	25
J. Roche (T), b Mitchell.....	8
M. P. Robinson (C), not out.....	0
T. P. Walsh (T), not out.....	21
Extras	21
Total (9 wkts.).....	214

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Battock	27	12	51	3
Duggan	8	1	24	1
Mitchell	13	2	47	1
Gracie	7	0	26	1
Mitchell Innes	17	4	45	1

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Stowe on June 9th and 10th.

Won by 10 wickets.

Westminster won the toss and decided to bat on an easy wicket. They soon met with two early disasters, but then D. L. Wilkinson and D. F. Cunliffe put on 99 runs. Both started shakily and each gave chances in the early part of their innings, but later

they played very well indeed. Immediately after lunch Earle bowled Wilkinson and Robinson soon did the same to Cunliffe. A rot then set in and Westminster were all out for 167. Both Robinson and Earle bowled with plenty of hostility and returned very good analyses.

Munro and Lowcock gave Stowe a good start, which was followed by a useful contribution from Hastings. Phillips and Stobart then became associated and put on 110 runs. Stobart was very aggressive and played a fine innings, hitting one six and seven fours. Just before the close of play Phillips was unnecessarily run out, and Earle was out to the last ball of the day.

The next morning Sherrard joined Webster; he had been unable to bat the previous day owing to an injury to his knee. This was indeed fortunate for Westminster. He played another beautiful innings and completed his fifty in forty-five minutes, having hit seven fours. He was out immediately afterwards, trying to hit the ball into Dadford. Stowe declared at 300 for 9 wickets, but, with the exception of Sherrard and Stobart and a last wicket stand between Robinson and Walsh, some very mediocre bowling had been treated far too kindly.

Westminster started their second innings in an even more disastrous way than their first, as Robinson sent back both their opening bats without scoring. The rest of their innings was dominated by P. P. Gawthorne, who played a great innings and was unlucky to miss his century by nine runs. Last out, he hit eleven fours and when the last man joined him his score was only fifty-six. However he carefully nursed the bowling, saved the innings defeat and set Stowe thirty-seven runs to win.

Robinson and Earle again bowled well, each taking seven wickets in the match. Westminster, indeed, will have good reason to remember Robinson, as he has taken fifteen of their wickets in the last two matches.

Sherrard, going in first this time, and Munro knocked off the runs without loss, leaving Stowe the winners by ten wickets.

WESTMINSTER.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
J. D. Stocker, lbw, b Robinson.....	3	lbw, b Robinson.....	0
D. L. Wilkinson, b Earle.....	41	b Robinson	0
P. P. Gawthorne, lbw, b Earle.....	3	c and b Munro	91
D. F. Cunliffe, b Robinson.....	78	c Phillips, b Earle.....	9
K. S. Andrews, c Webster, b Sherrard....	12	c Hastings, b Earle.....	2
P. Goatly, c Webster, b Munro.....	1	b Robinson	15
S. J. Hammond, c Hastings, b Robinson	4	c Hastings, b Walsh.....	4
J. C. S. Doll, c Stobart, b Phillips.....	1	b Munro.....	3
E. A. Sinclair, lbw, b Earle.....	12	lbw, b Earle	25
J. W. Woodbridge, b Robinson.....	0	c Munro, b Earle	0
P. C. Eyre, not out.....	0	not out.....	11
Extras	12	Extras	7
Total	167	Total	167

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	12	3	19	4
Earle	16.2	3	29	3
Walsh	8	3	25	0
Phillips	7	4	8	1
Sherrard	8	1	39	1
Munro.....	8	2	14	1
Roche	6	1	14	0
Stobart	2	0	7	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	17	5	39	3
Earle	13	0	55	4
Walsh	6	4	5	1
Phillips	2	0	2	0
Sherrard	4	0	38	0
Munro.....	5.1	1	15	2
Roche	6	4	6	0

STOWE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
H. C. Lowcock (W), c and b Cunliffe.....	20	not out	25
I. C. S. Munro (B), c Woodbridge, b Hammond.....	44		
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Eyre, b Andrews.....	20		
J. P. Phillips (C), run out.....	56		
J. D. W. Stobart (B), lbw, b Doll.....	61		
M. G. T. Webster (W), c and b Stocker.....	10		
C. D. Earle (B), c Wilkinson, b Eyre.....	0	not out	12
P. Sherrard (C), b Cunliffe.....	50		
J. Roche (T), c Stocker, b Andrews.....	5		
T. P. Walsh (T), not out.....	16		
M. P. Robinson (C), not out.....	12		
Extras	6		
Total (9 wkts. dec.).....	300	Total (no wkt.).....	37

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stocker	24	9	51	1
Eyre	16	2	31	1
Sinclair	11	3	35	0
Cunliffe	13	2	67	2
Andrews	8	1	37	2
Woodbridge	6	2	17	0
Hammond	8	0	39	1
Doll.....	3	0	17	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stocker	9	1	22	0
Eyre	8.1	4	15	0

STOWE v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on June 12th. Won by 6 wickets.

M.C.C.		STOWE.	
H. W. Dods, lbw, b Phillips.....	35	P. Sherrard (C), c Kenyon, b Blunt.....	31
V. E. R. Blunt, c Hastings, b Robinson.....	8	I. C. S. Munro (B), b Blunt.....	64
I. N. Buttell, c Hastings, b Robinson.....	3	H. C. Lowcock (W), c Clive, b Blunt.....	5
G. O. Shelmerdine, c Earle, b Roche.....	15	J. P. Phillips (C), c Dods, b Singleton.....	24
H. T. Bartlett, run out.....	5	J. D. W. Stobart (B), not out.....	35
A. P. Singleton, c Murdoch, b Sherrard.....	31	C. D. Earle (B), not out.....	31
N. D. Clive, c Phillips, b Robinson.....	10	M. G. T. Webster (W), P. R. H. Hastings (T), D. K. Murdoch (T), J. Roche (T), M. P. Robinson (C) and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.	
S. L. Trevor, c Phillips, b Sherrard.....	2		
H. D. King, not out.....	58		
P. J. Richardson, b Walsh.....	0		
M. N. Kenyon, lbw, b Roche.....	17		
T. G. A. Miles, b Roche.....	0		
Extras	13	Extras	11
Total	197	Total (4 wkts.).....	201

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	11	2	38	3
Earle	11	1	43	0
Phillips	10	2	31	1
Roche	4.1	0	20	3
Sherrard	9	0	35	2
Walsh	5	2	5	1
Munro.....	3	0	12	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Singleton	24.1	5	54	1
Richardson	15	2	49	0
Blunt	17	0	69	3
Trevor	8	1	18	0

STOWE v. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 16th. Drawn.

AUTHENTICS.		STOWE.	
W. R. H. Joynson, c Hastings, b Earle....	15	P. Sherrard (C), b Garnett.....	18
C. T. Grieve, lbw, b Robinson.....	56	I. C. S. Munro (B), lbw, b Eggar.....	68
D. O. Hay, c Walsh, b Phillips.....	39	H. C. Lowcock (W), st. Fletcher, b Shepherd.....	47
D. A. T. Standing, b Robinson.....	21	J. D. W. Stobart (B), lbw, b Shepherd....	0
J. G. S. Ker, b Robinson.....	88	J. P. Phillips (C), not out.....	29
D. T. Shepherd, not out.....	25	C. D. Earle (B), not out.....	26
P. G. Krabbé, J. D. Eggar, R. C. Fletcher, J. B. Garnett and Capt. D. V. Hill did not bat.		M. G. T. Webster (W), P. R. H. Hastings (T), J. H. Weir (B), M. P. Robinson (C) and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.	
Extras	17		
Total (5 wkts. dec.)....	261	Total (4 wkts.).....	188

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson	16.5	2	57	3
Earle	11	2	56	1
Phillips	15	1	46	1
Weir	8	0	46	0
Walsh	7	1	18	0
Munro.....	2	0	8	0
Sherrard	3	0	13	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Garnett	18	6	47	1
Shepherd	13	2	45	2
Ker	4	2	7	0
Krabbé	10	3	32	0
Eggar	4	0	11	1
Grieve.....	11	1	46	0

STOWE v. HAILEYBURY. Played at Stowe on June 19th. Drawn.

On Saturday, 19th June, Haileybury were entertained at Stowe. Owing, however, to a 'bus breakdown (we are getting used to hearing about these) and a heavy shower, play was delayed until 2.15, when the visitors put Stowe in on a drying wicket. Runs came steadily at first, with Sherrard and Munro quite comfortable against some indifferent bowling, but the rate of scoring soon slowed, and the first 50 runs took sixty-eight minutes. Soon afterwards, at 67, Munro was caught at the wicket off a leg break, with 34 sedate runs to his credit. Lowcock made no contribution, and Phillips after scoring 4 was clean bowled in playing forward to a leg-break. With Stobart hitting merrily, despite good fielding, the score mounted rapidly, the 100 coming in 105 minutes. Stobart had the satisfaction of making a straight drive for six and generally punishing loose balls, but after giving mid-off a hard chance at 40, he was splendidly caught at cover after making 42 in even time. Sherrard and Earle played quietly until tea, taken at 185 for 4, but afterwards hit dazzlingly until Earle was caught near the boundary for 35. Sherrard then declared at 220 for 4, made in just under three hours, with his own score standing at 99 not out—a fine end to a fine innings, which included a 5 and thirteen boundaries.

Haileybury started shakily against some hostile bowling by Robinson and Earle, scoring two runs in a quarter of an hour, and having many narrow escapes. In fact, the period until bad light stopped play was conspicuous for the bad luck of Earle, which seemed to get worse in proportion to the brilliance of his bowling. A disappointing day finished with 37 for 2 on the scoreboard.

STOWE.					HAILEYBURY.				
P. Sherrard (C), not out.....				99	N. S. Harrison, not out.....				18
I. C. S. Munro (B), c Bolton, b Shepherd				34	R. B. Robey, c Hastings, b Earle.....				11
H. C. Lowcock (W), b Harrison.....				0	W. J. H. Shepherd, c Hastings, b				3
J. P. Phillips (C), b Shepherd.....				4	Robinson.....				1
J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Hillick-Smith,				42	P. Burridge, not out.....				1
b Harrison.....				42	P. J. Barton, W. A. W. St. George,				35
C. D. Earle (B), c Barton, b Harrison.....				35	K. P. Bolton, R. B. Jones, J. D.				
M. G. T. Webster (W), P. R. H. Hastings					Jupp, G. Y. Hildick-Smith and A. R.				
(T), J. Roche (T), M. P. Robinson					de C. Smith did not bat.				
(C) and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.									
Extras.....				6	Extras.....				4
Total (5 wkts. dec.).....				220	Total (2 wkts.).....				37

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Harrison.....	18.3	7	51	3	Robinson.....	7	1	11	1
Smith.....	9	1	26	0	Earle.....	8	4	11	1
Jupp.....	14	3	49	0	Roche.....	2	0	11	0
Hildick-Smith.....	13	0	57	0					
Shepherd.....	8	0	31	2					

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 24th. Lost by 7 wickets.

This was a disappointing match. The team had, by its earlier performances, raised high hopes of breaking Radley's unbeaten record in school matches this season, but, as it turned out, Stowe were outclassed both in batting and bowling. The earlier batsmen may have been adversely affected by the bus ride, but there can be no such explanation for the lack of sting behind most of the bowling.

Phillips alone of the early batsmen added to his reputation. He scored well all round the wicket in spite of some accurate bowling and a well-placed field. Earle and Webster played soundly, but eight wickets were down for 108 when Roche joined Robinson. In just under half-an-hour these two added 66 invaluable runs and put a presentable appearance on the score. Both batsmen batted most courageously and ran particularly well between the wickets. This was the only time the Radley bowling was mastered; Falkiner certainly bowled extremely well, but the rest of the attack never looked much more than steady.

Radley started slowly, but both the opening batsmen seemed quite comfortable. Robinson was feeling the effects of his innings, but the Stowe bowlers, except Phillips and Walsh who were both very steady, lacked hostility. The batsmen gradually quickened their speed and Birks and Mackarness scored easily. Roche caught a fine catch on the boundary, and the ground fielding as usual was good, but several chances went astray, which would, if caught, have made the fight closer.

It was a great pity that the efforts of Phillips, Roche and Robinson to build up an adequate score should not have been followed by bowling more fraught with danger to the batsmen.

STOWE.					RADLEY.				
P. Sherrard (C), c Falkiner, b Atkins.....				3	S. L. C. Medrington, lbw, b Walsh.....				45
I. C. S. Munro (B), c Mackarness, b				11	F. Falkiner, c Roche, b Sherrard.....				63
Falkiner.....				0	J. G. Mackarness, b Phillips.....				25
H. C. Lowcock (W), lbw, b Falkiner.....				30	D. T. M. Birks, not out.....				44
J. P. Phillips (C), lbw, b Falkiner.....				2	D. N. Sell, not out.....				16
J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Atkins, b Falkiner				19	H. W. McIntosh, M. Constantine Smith,				
C. D. Earle (B), b Falkiner.....				26	Hon. H. R. Grosvenor, C. A. C.				
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Birks, b Falkiner				3	Hamilton, R. R. G. Atkins, H. W. A.				
P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Atkins.....				37	Ruck-Keene did not bat.				
M. P. Robinson (C), not out.....				35					
J. Roche (T), c Atkins, b Falkiner.....				14	Extras.....				9
T. P. Walsh (T), c McIntosh, b Falkiner				13	Total (3 wkts.).....				202
Extras.....				193					

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Birks.....	8	2	18	0	Robinson.....	13	2	54	0
Falkiner.....	34.3	11	68	8	Earle.....	12	2	39	0
Atkins.....	22	7	52	2	Roche.....	2	0	6	0
McIntosh.....	7	3	12	0	Walsh.....	10	2	26	1
Medrington.....	4	0	11	0	Phillips.....	14	4	24	1
Sell.....	6	1	19	0	Sherrard.....	7	1	23	1
					Munro.....	3	0	21	0

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Played at Stowe on June 26th. Drawn.

FREE FORESTERS.					STOWE.				
Lieut. R. T. White, R.N., b Robinson.....				55	I. C. S. Munro (B), b Loveday.....				5
B. E. N. Fawcett, c Robinson, b Sherrard				48	H. C. Lowcock (W), c White, b Keorn-				24
B. H. Belle, c Walsh, b Phillips.....				26	Boyd.....				1
R. M. Handfield Jones, b Walsh.....				17	R. W. Beadle, b Keorn-Boyd.....				3
P. G. Krabbé, c Munro, b Phillips.....				11	J. P. Phillips (C), b Belle.....				4
J. I. Piggott, lbw, b Earle.....				8	J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Belle, b Scott....				43
R. S. G. Scott, not out.....				5	P. Sherrard (C), not out.....				10
D. I. Brown, not out.....				22	C. D. Earle (B), not out.....				
G. E. Tatchell, A. E. Leveson, W. Keorn-				22	M. G. T. Webster (W), P. R. H. Hastings				
Boyd and G. A. Loveday did not bat.					(T), J. Roche (T), M. P. Robinson				
Extras.....				5	(C) and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.				
Total (6 wkts. dec.).....				112	Extras.....				22

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson.....	19	2	51	1	Loveday.....	10	5	23	2
Earle.....	17	3	46	1	Keorn-Boyd.....	9	3	14	1
Walsh.....	13	0	46	1	Scott.....	8	3	10	1
Phillips.....	14	3	42	2	Belle.....	10	2	24	1
Sherrard.....	6	0	39	1	Krabbé.....	2	2	0	0
Munro.....	2	0	8	0	Piggott.....	3	0	9	0
Roche.....	2	0	20	0					

STOWE *v.* OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 3rd. Won by 4 wickets.

OLD STOICS.		STOWE.	
P. G. Krabbé, lbw, b Robinson.....	0	P. Sherrard (C), c Carr, b Griffin.....	30
A. G. Howland Jackson, c Hastings, b Roche.....	4	H. C. Lowcock (W), b Bennett.....	68
N. H. Bennett, lbw, b Earle.....	18	P. R. H. Hastings (T), lbw, b Griffin.....	4
G. E. G. Jackson, b Robinson.....	1	J. P. Phillips (C), c Ling, F. A. H., b Goldschmidt.....	9
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Sherrard, b Robinson.....	11	A. G. Buchanan (W), c Jackson, b Krabbé.....	18
K. A. Wilson, c Hastings, b Robinson.....	12	J. D. W. Stobart (B), c Carr, b Krabbé.....	0
A. J. P. Ling, b Roche.....	119	C. D. Earle (B), not out.....	37
R. H. G. Carr, c Buchanan, b Roche.....	23	M. G. T. Webster (W), c Ling, F. A. H., b Krabbé.....	15
G. A. Griffin, b Earle.....	9	J. Roche (T), not out.....	16
F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	1	M. P. Robinson (C), T. P. Walsh (T) and I. C. S. Munro (B) did not bat.....	8
J. P. de G. Mayhew, run out.....	0	Extras.....	5
P. H. de B. Stephens did not bat.....			
Extras.....	5		
Total (10 wkts. dec.).....	203	Total (7 wkts.).....	205

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson.....	14	2	26	4
Earle.....	10.5	3	29	2
Roche.....	7	1	36	3
Phillips.....	7	2	27	0
Munro.....	4	1	24	0
Walsh.....	6	1	38	0
Sherrard.....	4	0	18	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howland Jackson.....	7	0	37	0
Griffin.....	18	4	51	2
Bennett.....	6	0	40	1
Goldschmidt.....	7	2	21	1
Krabbé.....	10	2	48	3

STOWE *v.* OUNDLE. Played at Kennington Oval on July 7th and 8th.

Drawn.

For the third time in four years the match against Oundle at the Oval resulted in a draw. During the course of the match 938 runs were scored for the loss of 26 wickets, and the bat was generally master of the ball. Sherrard won the toss for the third time this season and chose first innings on a perfect wicket. He himself started confidently but Munro never seemed very comfortable, being missed caught and bowled after scoring 8 and putting a ball dangerously near short leg with the total 55. Sherrard was in excellent form, hooking finely and scoring well through the covers. In an hour and a quarter he reached 50 out of 78, but four runs later Munro hit a ball back into the bowler's hands. Lowcock was soon out, and Phillips joined Sherrard who had slowed down on reaching his fifty. Phillips seemed in good form and hit three beautiful fours before falling to a good catch in the slips. The hopes of a long stand raised by Buchanan's powerful six off the second ball bowled to him were upset by a ball from Gilbert which kept very low and clean bowled Sherrard. Robinson played out time till lunch, but was caught by the wicket-keeper shortly after Buchanan's dismissal, and with 6 wickets down for 150 Stowe were in a dangerous position. At this point Webster joined Earle and the game was pulled round by fine determined cricket. Both batsmen were at ease from the start and runs came rapidly, Earle's hook shot being particularly prolific.

The two hundred was passed with a beautiful leg glide by Webster when the pair had been batting 35 minutes. The new ball was no check to the rate of scoring, and when Earle was caught at mid-off 103 runs had been added in 67 minutes. Earle hit a 6 and eight 4's; Webster hit seven fours. Both have seldom played better or more valuable innings. One or two good strokes by Hastings and a fortuitous four by Walsh brought the innings to an end at 4.15.

Both Earle and Robinson swung the ball considerably at the beginning of Oundle's innings and two good batsmen were back in the pavilion within half an hour. Phillips also bowled well, and the dismissal of five or six batsmen before the end of the day did not appear an impossibility. Oundle took an hour and forty minutes to score their first 90 runs; but at this moment Robinson ended his second spell, and the remaining three-quarters of an hour's play produced 103 runs, while the Oundle batsmen had a more extensive experience of our less accurate bowlers than the situation seemed to warrant. When play began the next day the Stowe bowling was more formidable, but no wicket fell for an hour, until Ringrose was very well caught at mid-on by Lowcock off Phillips. Walsh was bowling very well indeed and fully deserved Conradi's wicket which fell to him at 306. Conradi was somewhat fortunate, being missed when 16 and 82 and surviving a most confident appeal for a catch at the wicket when 124. His extraordinary strength on the leg-side did not completely deter the Stowe bowlers from attacking his leg stump, though his offside weakness was obvious enough and proved fatal to him in the end. The Oundle captain would have done well to have declared at this point and given Stowe fifty minutes batting before lunch, a notoriously difficult period for batsmen. The remaining Oundle batsmen gave little trouble to the Stowe bowling which was by now really hostile. Robinson was rather unlucky, and Earle in spite of several fine balls was not at his best; Walsh on Thursday was easily Stowe's best bowler. Phillips bowled some good overs but his length and direction were inclined to be uncertain.

In Stowe's second innings Munro and Lowcock played out time till lunch, but neither lasted long after the interval. Phillips and Sherrard both batted well, but made little effort to force the pace. To have made a declaration at the tea interval possible, runs were needed quickly, but fifty runs in sixty-two minutes is not a match winning speed. After 50 had been reached runs came slightly faster, but not until Buchanan came in at 100 did Stowe's batsmen begin to take charge of the game. Sherrard played well but seemed to lack the confidence which had so notably characterized his first innings. Buchanan batted in his best form, hitting two sixes and seven fours in his stay of thirty-six minutes, but in trying to repeat a magnificent on-drive which had gone for six he was very well caught on the boundary. A declaration at the tea time score of 188 for 4 was possibly not to be expected, but though afterwards runs came fast a declaration so late as 5.5 robbed the finish of all interest. Phillips made many beautiful strokes and was unfortunate in having numerous potential boundaries blocked by the field. It was a chanceless display and flawless save for a slow period in the traditionally troublesome forties. Earle batted well and Webster made one grand off-drive to the boundary.

In Oundle's second innings Robinson attacking Conradi's off stump beat the bat three times in one over, and almost the only interest left in the match was the question of how cheaply this previously prolific batsman could be dismissed. The Stowe fielding, which had been good throughout, maintained its standard to the end. Earle was particularly good, while Roche and Webster also stood out.

STOWE.

1st innings.	
P. Sherrard (C), b Gilbert.....	59
I. C. S. Munro (B), c and b Mills.....	20
H. C. Lowcock (W), lbw, b Gilbert.....	1
J. P. Phillips (C), c Ringrose, b Shaw.....	15
A. G. Buchanan (W), c R. G. Nicholls, b Shaw.....	32
M. P. Robinson (C), c Brittain, b Shaw.....	10
C. D. Earle (B), c Mills, b R. G. Nicholls.....	62
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Conradi, b Shaw.....	55
J. Roche (T), b R. G. Nicholls.....	4
P. R. H. Hastings (T), c Brittain, b Shaw.....	12
T. P. Walsh (T), not out.....	9
Extras.....	28
Total.....	307

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gilbert.....	32	8	81	2
Shaw.....	28	11	79	5
Butler.....	11	1	59	0
Nicholls, R. G.....	15	7	14	2
Mills.....	12	1	46	1

2nd innings.	
c Payne, b Shaw.....	57
c Payne, b Shaw.....	3
c Payne, b Shaw.....	10
c Mills, b R. G. Nicholls.....	64
c Ringrose, b Wilson.....	48
not out.....	27
not out.....	7
Extras.....	21
Total (5 wks. dec.).....	237

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gilbert.....	13	4	45	0
Shaw.....	21	5	67	3
Butler.....	2	0	15	0
Nicholls, R. G.....	18	5	43	1
Mills.....	6	0	26	0
Wilson.....	4	0	20	1

OUNDLE.

1st innings.	
E. R. Conradi, c Buchanan, b Walsh.....	185
C. P. Payne, c Phillips, b Robinson.....	1
J. M. B. Butler, lbw, b Earle.....	6
J. M. Mills, b Phillips.....	5
P. B. Nicholls, lbw (n), b Phillips.....	12
T. S. Ringrose, c Lowcock, b Phillips.....	72
F. R. Wilson, b Walsh.....	12
J. M. Gilbert, c Buchanan, b Walsh.....	9
R. G. Nicholls, b Earle.....	4
D. F. Shaw, b Phillips.....	6
R. G. L. Brittain, not out.....	1
Extras.....	23
Total.....	336

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson.....	20	4	44	1
Earle.....	16	2	52	2
Phillips.....	18.4	1	75	4
Sherrard.....	6	0	50	0
Roche.....	6	0	35	0
Walsh.....	19	7	48	3
Munro.....	2	0	9	0

2nd innings.	
lbw, b Roche.....	24
not out.....	32
not out.....	2
Extras.....	—
Total (1 wkt.).....	58

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson.....	5	0	21	0
Earle.....	3	0	19	0
Phillips.....	1	0	2	0
Roche.....	4	0	9	1
Walsh.....	3	1	7	0

STOWE v. ADASTRIANS. Played at Stowe on July 10th. Lost by 6 wickets.

STOWE.	
I. C. S. Munro (B), c Shapcott, b Gillespie.....	7
H. C. Lowcock (W), b Amos.....	13
P. Sherrard (C), b Amos.....	14
J. P. Phillips (C), c Butterworth, b Amos.....	2
A. G. Buchanan (W), c Gillespie, b Leder.....	101
M. P. Robinson (C), c Butterworth, b Amos.....	14
C. D. Earle (B), c Beisiegel, b Amos.....	59
M. G. T. Webster (W), c Musson, b Amos.....	5
J. Roche (T), not out.....	2
P. R. H. Hastings (T) and T. P. Walsh (T) did not bat.	—
Extras.....	7
Total (8 wks. dec.).....	224

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shapcott.....	7	1	18	0
Gillespie.....	15	8	31	1
Butterworth.....	16	0	58	0
Amos.....	13.3	5	51	6
Bray.....	6	1	39	0
Leder.....	4	0	20	1

ADASTRIANS.	
L. de L. Leder, c Sherrard, b Walsh.....	22
G. H. White, c Hastings, b Phillips.....	60
R. G. Musson, c Walsh, b Phillips.....	69
W. K. Beisiegel, c Hastings, b Robinson.....	27
M. S. Shapcott, not out.....	35
A. G. Gillespie, not out.....	8
J. Butterworth, N. Carter, R. Amos, T. Griffiths and L. L. Bray did not bat.	—
Extras.....	6
Total (4 wks.).....	227

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robinson.....	15.3	2	73	1
Earle.....	3	0	7	0
Walsh.....	11	0	52	1
Phillips.....	19	4	41	2
Munro.....	5	0	30	0
Sherrard.....	3	0	18	0

2nd XI.

At the beginning of the season the 2nd XI played badly and lost three out of the first five matches, with one lucky draw against Bradfield. They batted first on four of these occasions, but only once were they able to make enough runs to ensure success. Their fortune changed at Rugby, and on a bad wicket, with the help of Booth and Weir, they gained a substantial win by 121 runs. From then onwards they played much more as a team, and successful batting by Pearson, Mitchell, Frankenburg and Dundas, accompanied by steady bowling by Weir, Scholfield and Greenley, secured four wins in the last five matches. Nicholl batted well on many occasions and usually did well when the others were doing badly. The fielding was much above average and some of the throwing was excellent.

Results :—

- May 22nd. v. RADLEY (at Stowe). Radley won by 3 wickets.
Stowe, 134 for 8 declared (Mitchell 39 not out).
Radley, 135 for 7 (Ashcroft 4 for 31).
- May 29th. v. HAILEYBURY (at Stowe). Stowe won by 48 runs.
Stowe, 138 (O'Farrell 47).
Haileybury, 90 (Walsh 6 for 35).

- June 3rd. *v.* BRADFELD. Drawn.
Bradfield, 162 for 9 declared (Pearson 3 for 10).
Stowe, 113 for 9.
- June 5th. *v.* HARROW (at Harrow). Harrow won by 7 wickets.
Stowe, 144 (Stobart 52, Nicholl 42 not out).
Harrow, 145 for 3.
- June 9th. *v.* R.A.F., ABINGDON (at Stowe). R.A.F. won by 9 wickets.
Stowe, 113.
R.A.F., Abingdon, 115 for 1.
- June 12th. *v.* RUGBY (at Rugby). Stowe won by 121 runs.
Stowe, 201 (Booth 59 not out).
Rugby, 80 (Weir 8 for 34).
- June 16th. *v.* METROPOLITAN POLICE COLLEGE (at Stowe). Stowe won by 3 wickets.
Metropolitan Police College, 110 (Greenley 4 for 18).
Stowe, 114 for 7 (Frankenburg 24 not out).
- June 19th. *v.* R.A.F., BICESTER (at Bicester). R.A.F. won by 4 wickets.
Stowe, 134 (Pearson 39, Mitchell 34, Frankenburg 33).
R.A.F., Bicester, 135 for 6.
- June 23rd. *v.* ST. PAUL'S. Stowe won by 6 wickets.
St. Paul's, 165.
Stowe, 168 for 4 (Pearson 75 not out, Frankenburg 39).
- June 26th. *v.* BEDFORD (at Bedford). Stowe won by 2 wickets.
Bedford, 148.
Stowe, 150 for 8 (Frankenburg 51, Nicholl 35 not out).
- July 3rd. *v.* OLD STOICS (at Stowe). Stowe won by 69 runs.
Stowe, 195 for 7 declared (Dundas 63, Frankenburg 51, Pearson 41).
Old Stoics, 128 (Ryland 68, Scholfield 4 for 35).

Played, 11. Won, 6. Lost, 4. Drawn, 1.

3RD XI.

As a whole we have had a very successful season. The team has played most of its games away from home, but has rarely been beaten.

The batting has owed much to the consistency of Dundas as an opening batsman. Dampier, Beamish, Booth, Birchall and Darling have also made useful scores when needed, and the hectic partnership by the first two of these at Northampton, when 100 was put on in just over eighteen minutes, will not easily be forgotten.

The bowling has been erratic, and was the cause of many of our drawn games that should have been won. Most of the team, at one time or another, bowled with varied success. Flavell and Atkin-Berry both bowled well without much luck,

The fielding and keeping were quite good, and Morris captained the side well and bowled with great energy and some success.

Results :—

- May 22nd. *v.* R.A.F. BICESTER (away). Match drawn.
R.A.F. Bicester, 111 for 8 declared.
Stowe, 100 for 9 (J. Roche 46 not out).
- May 29th. *v.* DADFORD (home). Match drawn.
Stowe, 143 for 8 declared (H. S. L. Dundas 33, B. A. Stewart 32 not out, C. Johnson 6 for 48).
Dadford, 99 for 7 (L. G. Darling 3 for 14).
- June 2nd. *v.* BUCKINGHAM (home). Lost by 2 wickets.
Stowe, 131 (L. G. Darling 40).
Buckingham, 138 for 9 (J. H. Weir 3 for 12).
- June 5th. *v.* NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY SCHOOL (away). Match drawn.
Stowe, 221 for 3 declared (R. C. W. Dampier 100 not out, J. O. H. Beamish 77).
Northampton T. and C. S., 83 for 7 (P. C. H. Morris 2 for 15).
- June 9th. *v.* R.A.F. ABINGDON (home). Won by 124 runs.
Stowe, 223 for 6 declared (R. B. Booth 132, H. L. S. Dundas 38).
R.A.F. Abingdon, 99 (J. H. Weir 5 for 25).
- June 12th. *v.* RADLEY (away). Match drawn.
Radley, 156 for 8 declared (M. W. G. Greenley 4 for 42).
Stowe, 138 for 9 (J. V. R. Birchall 34, M. W. G. Greenley 28 not out).
- June 16th. *v.* BUCKINGHAM (home). Won by 2 wickets.
Buckingham, 138 (A. P. Bell 62, A. G. Flavell 4 for 30).
Stowe, 143 for 8 (J. V. R. Birchall 27, H. S. L. Dundas 25, J. O. H. Beamish 22, J. F. G. Fletcher 21 not out).
- June 19th. *v.* BEDFORD (away). Match drawn.
Stowe, 116 for 7 declared (H. S. L. Dundas 55 not out).
Bedford, 69 for 8.

COLTS.

The Colts have played 6 matches of which 4 have been won, 1 lost and 1 drawn. This result is the same as last year's, and constitutes one of the most successful seasons we have had.

This is attributable to the general strength of the batting, Sharpe and Murdoch having done particularly well. Sharpe has an average of just over 38 for 6 innings, and Murdoch of nearly 28. Farnell-Watson, Baxter and Atkin-Berry have all batted steadily, and most of the rest of the side have shown themselves capable of making runs when needed,

There has been no outstanding bowler, six members of the side having shared the attack. The most successful has been Spencer whose 11 wickets have cost just over 8 runs apiece; close behind him comes Hooper whose 9 wickets have cost him 9 runs apiece. Scott has bowled the most overs and though he has not taken many wickets has had less runs scored off him than either Spencer or Hooper. Murdoch and Le Bouvier have bowled usefully, and Farnell-Watson has been a good change bowler.

Murdoch has been a real menace to the batting side wherever he has been fielding, and several excellent catches have been caught. Henry has improved very much as a wicket-keeper, though he still is a little clumsy with his right hand. In general, the fielding has been serviceable, though possibly not so aggressive as sometimes.

Farnell-Watson has captained the side with intelligence, and it is largely due to the way he has changed his bowling and placed his field that a side which started rather unpromisingly has developed so well.

Results :—

- May 22nd. At Radley. Beat RADLEY by 31 runs.
Colts, 103 for 3 declared (Farnell-Watson 50 not out, Sharpe 25); Radley, 72 (Hooper 4 for 14, Scott 3 for 16).
Robinson caught three catches in the slips; the match was won seven minutes from time.
- May 27th. At Westminster. Drew with WESTMINSTER.
Colts, 175 for 9 declared (Baxter 41, Hooper 34 not out, Murdoch 27); Westminster, 116 for 5.
At one time Westminster had lost 4 wickets for 16, but we lost all grip of the game.
- June 3rd. At Stowe. Beat BRADFIELD by 84 runs.
Colts, 128 (Murdoch 32, Sharpe 26); Bradfield, 44 (Farnell-Watson 2 for 4, Hooper 2 for 8, Le Bouvier 2 for 10).
Murdoch's 32 included a 6 and six 4's.
- June 5th. At Stowe. Beat OUNDLE by 164 runs.
Colts, 262 (Sharpe 120, Murdoch 56); Oundle, 98 (Spencer 4 for 19, Murdoch 4 for 20).
Sharpe's 120 is the fourth century and the second highest score ever made for the Colts.
- June 19th. At Stowe. Beat HARROW by 154 runs.
Colts 256 (Sharpe 53, Scott 44, Atkin-Berry 39, Le Bouvier 35); Harrow, 102 (Atkin-Berry 3 for 18, Le Bouvier 3 for 22).
The last three wickets nearly doubled the score, as 7 wickets were down for 133.
- June 26th. At Stowe. Lost to RUGBY by 6 wickets.
Colts, 108 (Le Bouvier 25); Rugby, 116 for 4.
A thoroughly bad day with missed catches and ineffective bowling.

JUNIOR COLTS.

Judged by results the Junior Colts have had a very successful season. Six matches have been played, one, the return match with Northampton Town and County School, with an 'A' team; four of these were won very easily, one drawn, and only the Rugby match lost. It was a pity the game with Haileybury had once more to be cancelled, as there is no doubt that the comparative weakness of some of our opponents made us seem much better than we really were. The Rugby match, as last year, came as a very salutary lesson.

The batting was quite strong and, except at Rugby, at least one of the acknowledged bats always came off. Lewisohn, Thomson and Hickling were the best, and all three hit the ball hard. Drew was dependable and Higham proved a resolute opening bat. The bowling, after Le Bouvier's early departure to the Colts, was lacking in pace, and Griffin and Falkner had a great deal of work to do. Higham and Falkner took the bulk of the wickets and always bowled steadily. Hawkins at times was very successful with his leg-breaks.

The fielding of the side was good as long as the ball came to the man, but was curiously lethargic when any running was to be done. Webster and Mitchell kept wicket keenly and improved during the term.

Results :—

- May 29th. *v.* NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY SCHOOL. Away. Won by 5 wickets.
Northampton, 84 for 8 declared (Higham 5 for 29).
Stowe, 112 (Drew 27, Lewisohn 22).
- June 12th. *v.* RADLEY. Home. Won by 7 wickets.
Radley, 63 (Falkner 6 for 17).
Stowe, 97 (Higham 20, Drew 18).
- June 16th. *v.* THE ORATORY SCHOOL. Won by 7 wickets.
The Oratory, 58 (Hawkins 5 for 4).
Stowe, 134 for 5 (Hickling 61 not out, Drew 26).
- June 19th. 'A' team *v.* NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY SCHOOL. Drawn.
Stowe, 162 for 6 declared (Higham 80, Thomson 35).
Northampton, 72 for 2.
- June 26th. *v.* BEDFORD. Away. Won by 7 wickets.
Bedford, 78 (Hawkins 3 for 16).
Stowe, 202 (Lewisohn 102 not out, Webster 32).
- July 3rd. *v.* RUGBY. Away. Lost by 6 wickets.
Stowe, 60 and 106 for 4 (Hickling 38, Osborne 28).
Rugby, 163 (Osborne 3 for 14).

1ST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
P. Sherrard (C)	16	4	678	107	56.50
C. D. Earle (B)	14	5	389	62	43.22
T. P. Walsh (T)	4	3	39	16*	39.00
A. G. Buchanan (W)	8	0	294	101	36.75
M. P. Robinson (G)	8	5	108	37*	36.00
I. C. S. Munro (B)	13	1	314	68	26.17
M. G. T. Webster (W)	10	1	206	55	22.89
J. P. Phillips (C)	15	1	310	64	22.14
J. Roche (T)	6	2	87	35	21.75
J. D. W. Stobart (B)	8	1	144	61	20.57
H. C. Lowcock (W)	15	1	260	68	18.57
P. R. H. Hastings (T)	7	1	84	30	14.00

The following also batted:—P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), 10 and 1; H. A. Mitchell (C), 0 and 1.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. P. Robinson (G)	207.2	38	613	30	20.43
J. Roche (T)	39.1	5	157	7	22.43
J. P. Phillips (C)	121.4	23	344	14	24.57
C. D. Earle (B)	155.5	22	509	19	26.79
I. C. S. Munro (B)	65.3	6	250	7	35.71
A. G. Buchanan (W)	52	6	163	4	40.75
P. Sherrard (C)	73	4	367	9	40.78
T. P. Walsh (T)	108	23	378	9	42.00

The following also bowled:—P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), 11—4—37—1; J. D. W. Stobart (B), 5—0—21—1; H. A. Mitchell (C), 2—0—9—0; J. H. Weir (B), 8—0—46—0

The following catches were made:—P. R. H. Hastings (T), 15 (ct. 14, st. 1); M. P. Robinson (G), 7; A. G. Buchanan (W) and J. P. Phillips (C), 5 each; T. P. Walsh (T), 4; I. C. S. Munro (B), 3; P. Sherrard (C), C. D. Earle (B), P. L. D. Frankenburg (C), M. G. T. Webster (W), 2 each; J. Roche (T), J. D. W. Stobart (B), H. C. Lowcock (W) D. L. Murdoch (T), 1 each.

LAWN TENNIS

The Tennis Six have had a fairly successful season. Though on paper quite as weak a team as last year, their match record looks decidedly healthier, and all the players improved considerably during the season.

The Kaye brothers played together as first pair throughout the term; besides having good strokes, they possess the virtue of being able to keep the ball in play and to work for their openings. If these two can improve their service, in particular their second ball, they might be extremely formidable next year.

The second pair, consisting of Wheeler, the captain, and Gomme, showed that they could be devastating for a short period, but they were often unable to maintain their form throughout a long day.

Dawson, the secretary, had to stand down in favour of Wachmann, a fine natural volleyer, and he and Andrews were awarded their colours. These two should both improve further by next year.

The players were coached this season by Mr. Manners, and they have him largely to thank for their improvement in stroke production. He had a remarkable power of analysing and "doctoring" faulty strokes.

TENNIS HOUSE MATCHES.

The final was well fought between Chandos and Grenville, and Wheeler played well to lead his side to victory. In a previous round Grafton were unlucky to be without their best player, and lost rather easily to Chandos. Grenville did well to beat Cobham in the other semi-final.

HOUSE TENNIS LEAGUES.

The same system of marking was used as last year, and Temple and Chandos were top of their separate pools with 26 and 30 points respectively. In the final Chandos beat Temple by 8 points to 5. The fact that most of the players consistently play for safety and are afraid to go out for their shots rather lowers the standard of the tennis played in this competition, in which only members of the "80" are allowed to play.

TENNIS 1ST VI. RESULTS OF MATCHES.

v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played on Saturday, May 15th. Won, 7—2.

D. A. G. Kaye (G) and B. J. G. Kaye (G) lost to H. Boone and D. Fletcher, (6—2, 4—6, 4—6); beat G. Hunter and D. Borthwick (6—2, 6—1); beat G. de Rougemont and C. Ackroyd-Stuart (6—2, 6—1).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (C) beat 1st pair (7—5, 0—6, 6—3); beat 2nd pair (6—3, 6—4); beat 3rd pair (6—1, 6—1).

J. B. Andrews (G) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 3—6); beat 2nd pair (6—2, 6—3); beat 3rd pair (6—1, 6—2).

v. HERTFORD COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played on Wednesday, May 19th. Won, 5—4.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) lost to J. B. Gibson and J. H. Maude-Roxby (4—6, 6—3, 5—7); beat M. Cranfield and J. H. Nelson Smith (6—2, 6—3); beat A. S. Hooper and J. B. Webb (6—2, 6—2).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 1—6); beat 2nd pair (6—0, 6—4); beat 3rd pair (6—2, 2—6, 7—5).

J. B. Andrews (G) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 1—6); lost to 2nd pair (5—7, 4—6); beat 3rd pair (6—3, 6—2).

v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Played on Saturday, May 22nd. Lost 2—5 (2 unfinished).

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat L. C. Denza and R. B. W. Magee (3—6, 7—5, 6—4); beat T. N. Tree and W. L. Carter (2—6, 7—5, 7—5); v. W. H. Wilkinson and R. B. Williams-Thompson (5—5, unfinished).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 4—6); lost to 2nd pair (6—2, 0—6, 4—6); lost to 3rd pair (0—6, 1—6).

J. B. Andrews (G) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 2—6); drew with 2nd pair (2—3, unfinished); lost to 3rd pair (0—6, 1—6).

v. MR. J. G. LILLEY'S VI. Played on Saturday, May 29th. Lost, 4—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat The Hon. R. J. K. Ritchie and J. Forsyth (6—4, 6—4); lost to P. Lilley and T. Lilley (5—7, 6—4, 1—6); beat J. G. Lilley and G. L. Cheshire (6—3, 7—5).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) beat 1st pair (6—0, 6—2); lost to 2nd pair (5—7, 1—6); beat 3rd pair (5—7, 6—4, 6—2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. P. T. Dawson (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (2—6, 2—6); lost to 3rd pair (3—6, 5—7).

v. WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played on Wednesday, June 2nd. Lost, 2—6 (1 unfinished).

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat B. S. M. Carson and J. D. Miller (1—6, 7—5, 6—1); lost to D. A. L. Camm and L. M. Swinbank (6—3, 5—7, 4—6); v. R. G. Greene and R. Tullis (8—6, 7—9, unfinished).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (4—6, 6—2, 5—7); beat 2nd pair (4—6, 9—7, 6—3); lost to 3rd pair (2—6, 4—6).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. P. T. Dawson (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (0—6, 2—6); lost to 3rd pair (3—6, 7—5, 2—6).

v. WESTMINSTER. Played on Saturday, June 5th. Drawn, 4—4 (1 unfinished).

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) lost to C. M. O'Brien and E. F. S. Seal (4—6, 6—4, 4—6); beat G. N. Hurd and B. E. Urquhart (6—2, 6—1); beat A. E. Long and S. R. Asquith (6—3, 6—3).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 2—6); beat 2nd pair (6—2, 6—0); beat 3rd pair (6—0, 8—6).

J. B. Andrews (G) and J. P. T. Dawson (♣) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (6—3, 5—7, 2—6); v. 3rd pair (6—3, 14—16, unfinished).

v. MR. C. M. J. ELLIS' VI. Played on Wednesday, June 9th. Lost, 4—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat E. C. MacIntosh and T. C. Whitehead (6—4, 6—4); lost to C. M. J. Ellis and E. J. W. Ellis (6—3, 0—6, 1—6); beat W. F. B. Daw and D. Shawe (1—6, 9—7, 6—3).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (5—7, 7—9); lost to 2nd pair (4—6, 2—6); beat 3rd pair (6—2, 6—0).

J. B. Andrews (G) and C. Wachmann (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 4—6); lost to 2nd pair (1—6, 3—6); beat 3rd pair (6—2, 3—6, 6—3).

v. ST. PAUL'S. Played on Thursday, June 10th. Lost, 4—5. (In London).

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat D. N. Hardwicke and W. F. Watts (6—4, 6—2); beat L. Twells and A. L. A. Bishop (6—3, 6—2); lost to W. O. Heyman and P. B. Ashby (8—6, 3—6, 2—6).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (1—6, 5—7); beat 2nd pair (6—4, 6—2); beat 3rd pair (6—0, 6—2).

J. P. T. Dawson (♣) and R. A. Colvile (G) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 2—6); lost to 2nd pair (6—4, 5—7, 3—6); lost to 3rd pair (6—0, 1—6, 7—9).

v. R. M. A., WOOLWICH. Played on Saturday, June 12. Lost, 4—5.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) lost to T. G. N. Rowland and F. J. L. Cary (2—6, 5—7); beat R. J. H. Allpress and R. G. Wallace (6—4, 6—2); beat G. A. McM. Cree and J. C. Close (6—2, 6—3).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 6—2, 4—6); lost to 2nd pair (4—6, 5—7); beat 3rd pair (6—4, 4—6, 6—2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and C. Wachmann (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 3—6); lost to 2nd pair (1—6, 1—6); beat 3rd pair (5—7, 6—2, 6—4).

v. LANCING OLD BOYS L.T.A. Played on Wednesday, June 16th. Won 5—2 (2 unfinished).

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat Dr. Bull and R. Bingley (6—1, 6—1); beat E. G. Leadaw and E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (6—2, 6—0); beat Stuart Parry and H. Lloyd-Pryce (6—2, 6—1).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (6—4, 9—11, 5—7); beat 2nd pair (6—4, 8—6); v. 3rd pair (6—4, unfinished).

J. B. Andrews (G) and C. Wachmann (♣) v. 1st pair (not played); lost to 2nd pair (7—5, 5—7, 2—6); beat 3rd pair (7—5, 6—3).

v. OUNDLE. Played on Saturday, June 19th. Won, 6—3.

D. A. G. Kaye (♣) and B. J. G. Kaye (♣) beat R. C. Flower and F. S. Aldercotte (6—3, 5—7, 6—2); beat P. J. Mackerel and M. H. Chivers (6—1, 6—4); beat J. R. Appleby and R. D. Keynes (6—0, 6—2).

J. F. Wheeler (C) and G. F. Gomme (♣) lost to 1st pair (2—6, 6—8); beat 2nd pair (6—1, 6—2); beat 3rd pair (6—3, 5—7, 6—2).

J. B. Andrews (G) and C. Wachmann (♣) lost to 1st pair (3—6, 6—4, 5—7); lost to 2nd pair (7—5, 4—6, 3—6); beat 3rd pair (6—2, 6—1).

TENNIS HOUSE MATCHES

Bruce	}	Grenville	}	Grenville (3-2)	}	Grenville (3½-1½)	}	Chandos (4-1)
Grenville		Cobham							Cobham (4½-½)
Temple	}	Grafton	}	Chandos (3-1)	}	Chandos (3-1)	}	Chandos (4-1)
Cobham		Walpole							Grafton (5-0)
Chandos	}	Chandos	}	Chandos (3-1)	}	Chandos (3-1)	}	Chandos (4-1)
Chatham		Chandos							Chandos (3-2)

SWIMMING

The standard of swimming this year has been rather low, despite the efforts of our very able coach, largely because the unfavourable weather conditions have hindered and discouraged really keen practice.

The team this season has no outstanding swimmer, as it had last year in L. G. McKean, to support the side, but there are some very promising younger members who might, with perseverance, turn themselves into first-class swimmers.

Mr. Hands has given us invaluable help this term and has organized all the swimming activities most efficiently.

RESULTS OF THE MATCHES.

v. WESTMINSTER. Away, May 27th. Result:—Westminster, 15 pts.; Stowe, 14.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, P. H. Koelsch (B); 2, Westminster; 3, Westminster. Time: 29 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, R. Backus (B); 2, R. D. Jay (W); 3, Westminster. Time: 70 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Westminster; 2, Westminster; 3, L. C. Jolivet (B). Time: 35 secs.

Diving.—1, L. C. Jolivet (B); 2, Westminster; 3, Westminster.

Plunging.—1, D. P. Cooper (W); 2, Westminster.

Relay.—1, Westminster; 2, Stowe. Time: 2 mins. 15 secs.

v. BEDFORD MODERN. Home, June 12th. Result:—Bedford Modern, 20 pts.; Stowe, 13.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, P. H. Koelsch (B); 2, Bedford Modern; 3, Bedford Modern. Time: 30.2 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Bedford Modern; 2, Bedford Modern; 3, R. D. Jay (W). Time: 71 secs.

Plunging.—1, Bedford Modern; 2, Bedford Modern; 3, D. P. Cooper ma. (W).

Diving.—1, Bedford Modern; 2, L. C. Jolivet (B); 3, Bedford Modern.

Relay.—1, Bedford Modern; 2, Stowe.

TRIANGULAR MATCH v. BERKHAMSTED AND RUGBY. At Home, June 24th. Result:—

1, Berkhamsted, 32 pts.; 2, Rugby, 19; 3, Stowe, 7.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, Rugby; 3, Rugby; 4, C. A. Ashcroft (♣). Time: 30 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1 equal, Rugby and Berkhamsted; 3, Berkhamsted; 4, R. Backus (B). Time: 71 secs.

200 Yards Free Style.—1, Rugby; 2, Berkhamsted; 3, Berkhamsted; 4, Rugby. Time: 2 mins. 46 secs.

50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, Berkhamsted; 3, L. C. Jolivet (B); 4, P. M. F. Sichel (C). Time: 36.8 secs.

Diving.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, Rugby; 3, L. C. Jolivet (B); 4, Rugby.

Relay.—1, Berkhamsted; 2, Rugby; 3, Stowe. Time: 1 min. 56 secs.

v. OUNDLE. Home, June 29th. Result:—Stowe, 35 pts.; Oundle, 31.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, P. H. Koelsch (B); 2, Oundle; 3, Oundle. Time: 30.3 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Oundle; 2, R. Backus (B); 3, P. H. Koelsch (B). Time: 72 secs.

200 Yards Free Style.—1, Oundle; 2, R. D. Jay (W); 3, Oundle. Time: 2 mins. 55 secs.

50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Oundle; 2, J. B. Andrews (G); 3, Oundle. Time: 42 secs.

100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, L. C. Jolivet (B); 2, P. M. F. Sichel (C); 3, Oundle. Time: 1 min. 28 secs.

Plunging.—1, S. Birch (W); 2, Oundle.

Diving.—1, Oundle; 2, L. C. Jolivet (B); 3, Oundle.

Relay.—1, Stowe; 2, Oundle. Time: 3 mins. 15 secs.

v. OLD STOICS. Home, July 3rd. Result:—Stowe, 27 pts.; Old Stoics, 17.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, P. H. Koelsch (B); 2, H. C. Corbett; 3, M. L. Dillon. Time: 30.2 secs.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, R. D. Jay (W); 2, R. Backus (B); 3, L. A. McAfee. Time: 70.3 secs.

Plunging.—1, G. B. Cobb; 2, D. P. Cooper ma. (W); 3, P. Carter (C).

Diving.—1, L. C. Jolivet (B); 2, L. A. McAfee; 3, M. L. Dillon.

Relay.—1, Stowe; 2, Old Stoics. Time: 2 mins. 6 secs.

On Friday, June 12th, Fred Hodges, the British open Springboard champion and Olympic representative, paid a visit to the School, and gave a most interesting and instructive display of diving on our new spring-board. During the exhibition, Mr. Lubbock, the famous international diving judge, gave a most able talk, explaining the finer points of spring-board diving, and illustrating his words with the kind help of Fred Hodges. The latter is only 16 years old, and yet he was the only English diver considered to be of sufficient merit to represent England at the last Olympic games; and he showed us some beautiful and highly intricate dives as they really should be done, despite the somewhat arctic weather then prevailing. We all hope that he will be able to come down again next year.

L.C.J.

WATER POLO.

Water polo was taken seriously this year for the first time, and the results are very promising, thanks to the coaching of Mr. Bolus.

The first match was lost, partly through lack of practice on account of the cold weather. The other matches all showed progressive improvement in the standard of play.

Results:—

June 12th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN.	Lost, 0—4.
June 24th.	v. RUGBY.	Won, 2—0.
June 29th.	v. OUNDLE.	Won, 4—0.
July 3rd.	v. OLD STOICS.	Won, 2—1.
July 8th.	v. RADLEY.	Won, 3—0.

The team:—R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) (goal); D. P. Cooper (W), W. A. M. B. Stewart (T) (backs); A. R. Jennings (C) (capt.) (half); P. H. Koelsch (B), R. R. Oakey (C), H. Yellowlees (C) (forwards). The following also played:—P. M. F. Sichel (C), L. C. LaT. Jolivet (B), G. F. B. Newport-Tinley (C), P. Howson (C).

A.R.J.

FENCING

THIS term has been satisfactory as far as matches are concerned, but it has seen no increase in our numbers. The summer term it not a very good one for fencing in some ways, as there are so many other things to do. It is hoped, however, that some more people will start to fence next term; they are badly needed. The Temple of Concord is now in use again and provides a pleasant change after our rather nomadic existence during the last two terms.

The team, despite the tragic loss of Rutherford, has fought very well this term. Tracy, fighting all three weapons, has been quite successful. Osborne has improved in Sabre, but his Épée is rather shaky. Peel also has improved, having lost his terrier-like method of attacking with the Foil. The return of Basset Wilson to the team has helped greatly, as his sabre is now quite good. Cutforth, who fought in the team for the first time against the Old Stoics, is very promising indeed. Of the fencers who are just outside the team Reiche has improved considerably, but Cheyne, who won the Junior Foil Cup, has not had very much practice this term. Luttrell is coming on very well.

MATCHES.

On Saturday, June 5th, against WESTMINSTER, at Stowe. Lost, 12—15.

Even though we lost this match we put up a very creditable performance, and this was the closest match we have had against Westminster for nearly two years. The whole team, and Tracy especially, fought well.

Scores :—

Foil.—Westminster :—4 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; P. F. Basset Wilson (C) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats each. Total, 5 defeats.

Epée.—Westminster :—5 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat each ; D. E. S. Osborne (G), two defeats. Total, 4 defeats.

Sabre.—Westminster :—3 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; P. F. Basset Wilson (C), two defeats ; D. E. S. Osborne (G), three defeats. Total, 6 defeats.

On Saturday, July 3rd, against the WHIGS (OLD STOICS), at Stowe. Won, 15—14.

The Whigs turned out a team that gave us a very close match. Unfortunately N. G. Wertheim and R. C. Wertheim were unable to come. The Whigs very sportingly offered to fight sabre, and it was partly due to this that we won, since they had only one real sabreur.

Scores :—

Foil.—The Whigs :—A. A. H. Radice and D. Scott, one defeat each ; R. J. R. McDougall, three defeats. Total, 5 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W) and H. W. J. E. Peel (G), one defeat each ; J. A. Cutforth (G), two defeats. Total, 4 defeats.

Epée.—The Whigs :—D. Scott, no defeat ; A. A. H. Radice, one defeat ; R. J. R. McDougall, two defeats. Total, 3 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats ; D. E. S. Osborne (G), three defeats. Total, 6 defeats.

Sabre.—The Whigs :—A. A. H. Radice, D. Scott, R. J. R. McDougall, two defeats each. Total, 6 defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), D. E. S. Osborne (G), P. F. Basset Wilson (C), one defeat each. Total, 3 defeats.

On Tuesday, July 6th, against SALLE BERTRAND 'A,' at Salle Bertrand. Lost, 14—15.

This was a very enjoyable match for which the Salle turned out a team which gave us a very exciting match. Cutforth distinguished himself by winning all his fights.

Scores :—

Foil.—Salle Bertrand :—Six defeats.

Stowe :—J. A. Cutforth (G), no defeat ; C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), two defeats. Total, 3 defeats.

Epée.—Salle Bertrand :—Three defeats.

Stowe :—C. F. Tracy (W), one defeat ; P. F. Basset Wilson (C), two defeats ; H. W. J. E. Peel (G), three defeats. Total, six defeats.

Sabre.—Salle Bertrand :—Four defeats.

Stowe :—P. F. Basset Wilson (C) and D. E. S. Osborne (G), one defeat each ; C. F. Tracy (W), three defeats. Total, five defeats.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1937

The following fixtures have been made for next term :—

1ST XV.

Sat., Oct. 2	—Rosslyn Park "A"	Home.
Sat., Oct. 9	—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Sat., Oct. 16	—London Scottish "A"	Home.
Wed., Oct. 20	—Magdalene College, Cambridge	Home.
Sat., Oct. 23	—Old Stoics	Home.
Sat., Oct. 30	—Richmond "A"	Home.
Sat., Nov. 6	—Harrow School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13	—Oundle School	Away.
Wed., Nov. 17	—Oriel College, Oxford	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20	—Blackheath "A"	Home.
Wed., Nov. 24	—Radley College	Away.
Sat., Nov. 27	—LX Club, Cambridge.	Home.
Sat., Dec. 4	—Bedford School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 11	—Veterans' XV.	Home.

2ND XV.

Sat., Oct. 2	—Brackley R.F.C.	Away.
Wed., Oct. 13	—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Oct. 16	—Oundle School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 23	—Rugby School	Home.
Sat., Oct. 30	—Haileybury School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 6	—Harrow School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 13	—Wellington College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20	—Blackheath "A"	Home.
Sat., Nov. 27	—Northampton Town and County School	Home.
Sat., Dec. 4	—Bedford School	Away.

3RD XV.

Sat., Oct. 9	—Oundle School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 13	—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Oct. 23	—Magdalen College School	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30	—Maiden Erlegh R.F.C.	Away.
Sat., Nov. 20	—Northampton Town and County School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 27	—Imperial Service College	Home.
Sat., Dec. 4	—Bedford School	Away.
Sat., Dec. 11	—Buckingham Town	Home.

COLTS XV.

Sat., Oct. 9—Oundle School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 13—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
Wed., Nov. 3—Bedford School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 6—Harrow School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13—Wellington College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20—Radley College	Away.
Sat., Dec. 4—Rugby School	Home.
Wed., Dec. 8—Northampton Town and County School	Away.

JUNIOR COLTS XV.

Sat., Oct. 9—Oundle School	Home.
Wed., Oct. 13—St. Edward's School, Oxford	Away.
Sat., Oct. 30—Harrow School	Away.
Sat., Nov. 6—Rugby School	Home.
Sat., Nov. 13—Radley College	Home.
Sat., Nov. 20—Bedford School	Away.
Sat., Dec. 4—Northampton Town and County School	Home.

W.W.C.

ATHLETICS

ETON—LANCING—STOWE.

The Triangular Match was held at Lancing on Thursday, March 25th. The weather was fine and warm and the track was in beautiful condition—firm and fast.

In the Hundred Yards, after four false starts, the sprinters got away and the race was won by Wood of Lancing; Thomson was just beaten for third place. The Half-Mile produced a great race between the Eton and Lancing first strings, which Hope-Jones of Eton won in the fast time of 2 mins. 5 secs. Cheyne and Hastings were equal third and both ran well above their previous form.

The Mile was a great race and a most satisfactory one from the Stowe point of view. Morison led at the end of the first lap but then fell back into third place. However, he again took the lead in the back straight of the final lap and withstood the challenge of Sample of Lancing, breasting the tape three and a half yards ahead in quite useful time, with Webster being beaten by a foot for second place. With two hundred yards to go, Webster, lying fifth, was at least thirty yards behind the leaders, but he then made a most determined effort that nearly won him the race. With a little better judgment of pace he might have won, but the experience has been invaluable to him.

Before the Mile, Ashcroft had won the Quarter in most convincing style in quite good time, and Scholfield had done well to get third place in the Hurdles, which event was won by Barber of Lancing, undoubtedly the best hurdler.

The Stowe High Jumpers failed, but both Robinson and Sherrard jumped over twenty feet in the Long Jump though they were beaten by the very fine jump of Hope-Jones of Eton.

The result of the match depended on the Quarter Mile Medley Relay, which Eton won. Stowe, for whom Thomson ran very well, were placed second, Lancing being disqualified for a faulty take-over.

With Ashcroft, Cheyne, Webster, Thomson, who is not yet sixteen, and Hastings among others here next year, the prospects are very encouraging.

<i>Result.</i> —Eton	34 points.
Stowe	26 points.
Lancing	19 points.

The details were as follows:—

100 Yards.—1, P. A. Wood (Lancing); 2, A. D. M. Musker (Eton); 3, G. Roland-Smith (Eton). Time, 10.8 secs.

Half-Mile.—1, K. Hope-Jones (Eton); 2, D. J. Mayall (Lancing); 3, W. W. Cheyne (Stowe, C). Time, 2 mins. 5 secs.

High Jump.—1st, equal, D. G. Mathieson and H. K. Sheeting (Eton); 3, C. D. Earle (Stowe, B). Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.

Quarter-Mile.—1, C. A. Ashcroft (Stowe, C); 2, B. S. Frere (Lancing); 3, W. A. R. Codrington (Eton). Time, 55 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, R. L. Barber (Lancing); 2, O. P. M. Haskard (Eton); 3, M. B. Scholfield (Stowe, T). Time, 17 secs.

One Mile.—1, W. McD. Morison (Stowe, W); 2, W. N. Sample (Lancing); 3, M. G. T. Webster (Stowe, W). Time, 4 mins. 54.8 secs.

Long Jump.—1, K. Hope-Jones (Eton); 2, P. Sherrard (Stowe, C); 3, M. P. Robinson (Stowe, G). Distance, 21 ft. 0½ ins.

Quarter Mile Medley Relay (110 × 220 × 110 yds.).—1, Eton (G. Roland-Smith, A. D. M. Musker, W. A. R. Codrington); 2, Stowe (J. M. Thomson (C), C. A. Ashcroft (C), J. Roche (T)). Time not taken. Lancing (R. L. Barber, P. A. Wood, L. A. Rook) were disqualified for a faulty change-over.

RELAY RACES 1937

The Relay Races were run on Wednesday, March 31st. The conditions were good—a pleasant contrast to what had been experienced during the Sports fortnight. After a most exciting contest Walpole beat Cobham, the holders, by one point and thus achieved their first victory. At the end of the fourth race the position was—Temple leading with 21 points, Cobham and Walpole second with 20 points each. As the last race, the Composite Mile, proceeded, it became clear that the struggle lay between Cobham and Walpole. Webster (W) took over for the half-mile ten or fifteen yards ahead of Foster (C). By the end of the first lap Foster had closed the gap. Running round the top bend the second time, Foster challenged Webster and passed him. But the effort of making up the leeway early in the race had told on him and when Webster counter-attacked down the Pavilion straight he had no answer. It was a splendid finish to a most interesting meeting.

The results were:—

	Time.	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.	Wal.
4—100's	46 secs.	2	7	0	1	5	6	3	4
4—220's	1 min. 46.5 secs.	7	4	2	0	6	1	3	5
4—440's	3 mins. 56.1 secs.	7	3	2	0	6	1	4	5
4—880's	9 mins. 13.2 secs.	1	7	5	0	3	4	2	6
Composite Mile,	4 mins. 11.1 secs.	4	2	0	3	6	1	5	7
Total Points		21	23	9	4	26	13	17	27
Place		4	3	7	8	2	6	5	1

The time for the 100's beat the record by 0.2 sec.

The other records are as follows:—

220's, 1 min. 42.6 secs. Grenville 1930, Bruce 1933.
 440's, 3 mins. 50.5 secs. Grafton 1934.
 880's, 9 mins. 10 secs. Grafton 1933.
 Composite Mile, 3 mins. 58.6 secs. Chandos 1930.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

	Comp.		C. Total	Term	Total
	Sen.	Jun.			
Grafton	81	83	164	110	274
Cobham	82	70	152	100	252
Temple	82	63	145	90	235
Grenville }	77	73	150	80	230
Bruce }	80	70	150	80	230
Walpole	79	69	148	77	225
Chatham	75	58	133	80	213
Chandos	64	54	118	69	187

O.T.C. NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants P. C. H. Morris (G), J. F. G. Fletcher (T), M. L. Graeme (T).

To *Sergeant*: Corporals J. F. Wheeler (C), R. B. McGrigor (W), P. Sherrard (C), A. Allan (W), E. L. Shannon (C), W. B. Banister (C), R. H. Gethin (C).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals J. P. T. Dawson (C), C. D. Earle (B), J. F. T. Durie (C), R. Evans (G), H. C. I. Rome (C), H. N. Straker (C), J. L. M. Bevan (B), F. N. H. Widdrington (G), J. C. Bartholomew (C), J. G. Ratcliffe (C), P. R. Westall (C).

The following obtained Certificate "A" at the examination held in March 1937 and were appointed Lance-Corporals:—

Cadets P. Spencer Thomas (W), R. A. L. Black (G), C. F. Tracy (W), P. J. Blundell (G), J. W. L. Bruxner-Randall (G), R. C. W. Dampier (T), M. H. Franklin (C), W. W. Cheyne (C), C. W. Bartley (G), P. F. Bassett Wilson (C), J. C. E. Peshall (B), D. R. Barr-Wells (G), P. R. H. Hastings (T), C. A. Ashcroft (C), E. B. Moore (C), J. Roche (T), C. A. Weston (G), W. McD. Morison (W), H. W. J. Peel (G), R. G. Falconar-Stewart (T), T. P. Walsh (T), M. G. T. Webster (W), A. E. S. Crossley (G), P. J. Ellam (G), D. B. Reid (B), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), I. E. T. Jenkin (C), M. E. Farrer (B), P. F. E. Foster (G).

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Colonel M. D. Gambier-Parry, M.C., The General Staff, The War Office, inspected the Contingent on June 22nd.

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the "Coldstream" Cup was held on June 29th. Judges from the 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards were Lieut. J. E. B. Pope and a Drill Sergeant. The syllabus was shortened and the number of extra parades reduced.

Result:

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| 1. Grenville. | 5. Grafton. |
| 2. Temple. | 6. Walpole. |
| 3. Chandos. | 7. { Bruce. |
| 4. Chatham. | { Cobham. |

NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

J. V. R. Birchall (T) having been adjudged to be the most efficient Cadet for the training year 1936-37, this cup will be held by Temple until July 1938.

SHOOTING

THE RIFLE CLUB.

The membership of the Club has slightly decreased this term, and spoon shoots have not been so numerous, partly owing to the fact that .303 matches have occupied several Saturdays. Those who have won spoons during the term are:—

W. McD. Morison (W), A. H. Rowan (C), C. D. Drew (C), H. M. Reynard (C), R. A. Rutherford (G), R. J. Musgrave (C), E. L. Shannon (C), M. C. Alexander (W), G. M. Briers (G), H. F. Sassoon (G), E. P. Hickling (C), J. S. Filleul (G).

.22 SHOOTING.

The results of the *Country Life* Competition were published early this term. The high standard set last year was not maintained, however, the Stowe first team being placed 39th, and the second team 46th out of 65 competing schools.

The Empire test was fired off at the beginning of this term. In conjunction with the Recruits' test, this decided the winners of the House Shooting Cup, which was won for the third year in succession by Walpole. The order was as follows:—

	Average.			
1. Walpole	80.2
2. Chatham	75.8
3. Chandos	69.8
4. Grafton	54.3
5. Grenville	52.8
6. Cobham	47.2
7. Temple	45.0
8. Bruce	39.3

The Individual Cup was won by R. C. Roxburgh (W). The leading scores, out of a possible 130, were:—

1. R. C. Roxburgh (W)	...	...	118
2. R. B. McGrigor (W)	...	...	116
3. M. H. Franklin (C) ...	...	...	116 (counted out).

The medal for the highest score in the Recruits' test was won by J. B. Kennedy (C) after a tie-shoot with the Hon. J. V. Fisher (T).

.303 SHOOTING.

THE MIDLAND RIFLE MEETING, KINGSBURY.

The Kingsbury Shield.—The Stowe Eight was 3rd, the winners being Malvern with a score of 480. Fifteen schools competed. Individual scores were:—

	H.P.S. 70		
W. McD. Morison (W)	62
M. H. Franklin (C)	61
A. H. Rowan (C)	61
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	60
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	60
R. B. McGrigor (W)	58
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	58
T. L. Martin (G)	57
			477

The Stowe Cup.—The Stowe Pair were 5th, the Cup being won by Malvern with a score of 117. The scores were:—

	H.P.S. 70		
R. J. Musgrave (C)	58
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	54
			112

The Longstaffe Cup.—After two tie shoots of 34 out of 35 and 14 out of 15 respectively, F. N. H. Widdrington (G) lost to Lance-Corporal Gregory of Bloxham.

Owing to illness in other schools the Oxford County Rifle Meeting was not held; so Stowe retain the T.A. Cup for another year.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY RIFLE MEETING, BISLEY.

The Cusack-Smith Bowl.—Won by Berkhamsted School with a score of 486. Stowe were 23rd out of an entry of 32. Individual scores were:—

	H.P.S. 70		
M. H. Franklin (C)	61
W. McD. Morison (W)	60
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	60
R. B. McGrigor (W)	58
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	58
T. L. Martin (G)	56
M. C. Alexander (W)	53
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	51
			457

The Veterans' Match.—Won by Alleyn Old Boys with 193 out of 200. The Old Stoics, C. L. Hall (C), E. A. F. Widdrington (G), J. K. Hay (C) and P. C. Mitford (C) were second with 192.

MATCH *v.* OUNDLE, at Bicester.

The match took place under Ashburton conditions. Oundle won the Eights match with 463 to Stowe's 457. The Cadet Pairs tied with 112 each.

N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY.

Public Schools Rapid and Snaps shooting Competition.—Stowe were 15th with a score of 413. Repton won with 457.

The Ashburton Shield.—Won by Winchester College with 477. Stowe were 42nd. Eighty-two schools competed. Individual scores were:—

	H.P.S.	70
R. B. McGrigor (W)	59
W. McD. Morison (W)	59
R. N. C. Knight-Bruce (C)	59
F. N. H. Widdrington (G)	58
R. C. Roxburgh (W)	54
T. L. Martin (G)	53
A. H. Rowan (C)	52
M. H. Franklin (C)	51
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		445
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Cadet Pairs Competition.—Won by Campbell College with 120. Stowe's scores were:—

	H.P.S.	70
R. J. Musgrave (C)	56
C. C. R. Boulton (B)	56
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		112
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The Cottesloe Cup for the best average during the season has been won by R. B. McGrigor (W) with an average of 59.

R.B.M.

SCOUTS

The Tuesday afternoon programmes have been mainly occupied in training the troop to pass first-class tests, especially signalling and ambulance. Certain members of the troop also met on Thursday afternoons and passed various tests.

There was a field day on June 29th. Although this had to be somewhat curtailed, an enjoyable and instructive programme was carried out. The troop had its usual quota of week-end camps which were all thoroughly enjoyed, especially the District Camp which was held at Tile House on June 26th. At this the District Commissioner, Captain Robarts, organized with his customary efficiency and enthusiasm a delightful programme of sports and, as usual, an amusing camp fire.

The end of term camp is being held this year at Eskdale from July 27th to August 4th. At this the troop is trying out a new experiment and inviting certain members of a troop in Newcastle to join it.

P.H.

EXPEDITION TO DINNINGTON

At the end of last term seven boys and two masters went to spend a week at Dinnington, a mining town near Sheffield. The object was to work the allotments of old and disabled colliers (to use the word mine or miner in Dinnington was an insult) and to learn something of life in a mining town.

Local arrangements were made in advance by Mr. Tallents, an unemployed collier, who ran the allotment scheme. Some of the party had visions of living in the basement of a condemned slum house, similar to those in the Isle of Dogs, to which would be added days of back-breaking digging. It was therefore with certain feelings of apprehension that they left in four cars, immediately after the relays on March 31st.

Dinnington was found to be a remarkably clean town, depending entirely on its one pit, while the lodgings selected by Mr. Tallents were almost luxurious. Two boys stayed in each house. The chief work done on the allotments was planting potatoes. No one possessed much horticultural knowledge, but under the direction of the owners row after row was planted. The old men had worked their whole lives in the pit and were mostly very ready to give their opinions on every branch of life, even to the extent of delaying work on their plots. Ten men plant a quarter of an acre very rapidly and the owners were overcome with surprise and gratitude at the work done. In theory a seven hour day prevailed, but it was inclined to be rather less.

On Sunday morning the party went down the pit. The principal topic of conversation in Dinnington was the number of accidents which took place, and a lurid picture of pit props sticking through men's legs, slabs of falling rock and runaway tubs is scarcely calculated to sooth the nerves. The worst accident, however, was a severely bumped head. No one was at work and so it was possible to go right up to the coal

face with the greatest possible comfort, or to be more exact the minimum discomfort. Although the Dinnington pit is one of the best run in the country this visit was enough to deter any member of the party from taking up mining as a career and brought them to sympathize in every way with the men who work there. A tour was also made of the extensive by-products plant.

The evenings were always fully occupied. One was spent talking to Mr. Tallents about the allotment schemes, which he explained at length in broad Yorkshire, soon more natural to every one than plain English. On another evening a visit was made to the Welfare Institute, where a concert was held and billiards was played against the local experts. As four motors were available the hosts and hostesses of the party and various boys met at 't' Welfare' and were taken to the pictures and the football at Rotherham or Worksop.

'The Falcon' claimed its fair share of interest and the habitués of its taproom could not have been more friendly or entertaining. An election for the local council was held during the week and Stowe cars played a prominent part in carrying the aged and infirm to the poll. Perhaps it is not surprising that the Landlord of the Falcon was the most successful candidate.

Possibly it is not easy to descend suddenly to the type of life where the dole may provide a better income than one's work. Many of the people in Dinnington found it hard to believe that Stowe should want to come and plant the potatoes. The nine people, however, used to the Savoy and the sandwich bar, managed admirably to substitute the Falcon and the fish and chip shop.

The ability to be at ease in any walk of life is an invaluable asset and an essential part of education. Dinnington was an excellent school. Every Stoic that drove out of the town on a wet April morning was a different Stoic from the one that had arrived a week before. Not only had they all gained first-hand knowledge of a less fortunate life than their own, but they were nearer to appreciating and sympathising with the point of view of men who work in the hardest and most dangerous industry in the world.

W. McD.M.
T.R.G.



THE ISLE OF DOGS

When the Rev. J. C. Nankivell came down to preach at Stowe on May 16th, he not only appealed for funds in a very worthy cause, but also invited members of the School to come and see the conditions on the Isle of Dogs for themselves. Taking him at his word, Mr. Gilling-Lax organised two parties which went from Grenville on successive Wednesdays.

They met with a very kind reception and were shown round the new flats by Mr. Nankivell himself and two charming ladies who assisted him. The flats certainly afforded an impressive contrast to the buildings surrounding them and could be compared favourably with the London County Council's flats of the same nature.

The tenants seemed genuinely happy, contented and appreciative, and did not in any way resent a visit which was a little in the nature of an invasion. Cleanliness, order and comfort were in evidence everywhere, and all the flats were electrically equipped. Some of the tenants said that they used electric fires in the winter, but others, very decidedly, declared that these could never provide the cheerful comfort of coal or wood fires which they infinitely preferred despite the extra cost.

Arrangements which rather pleased and intrigued the visitors were the rubbish shutes attached to each flat. These run from the top flat to the bottom, and there are hinged openings at each landing. The bins installed at the end of the shutes are cleared by the L. C. C. several times in the day.

Though the rents for these flats are fairly high, it must be remembered that a colossal expenditure was needed for their construction. Huge stretches of concrete were required for the foundations, since the surface of the island is considerably below the level of the river.

After the inspection of the flats, the party was shown a case of over-crowding. In this particular case the tenants were perfectly prepared to pay a higher rent for improved accommodation, but none was available. The rooms were distressingly small though they received a certain amount of light, and it could easily be imagined what a shambles might prevail if the family in possession happened to be less house-proud and more slovenly. Though it was by no means a bad case they had seen, nevertheless the party retraced their footsteps in a considerably more solemn frame of mind.

After an excellent tea, the party went down to observe the river traffic from a point almost exactly opposite the Greenwich Observatory. At about seven they said goodbye to the Isle of Dogs and arrived back at the school shortly after ten. It had been an interesting experience which everyone appreciated. The Isle of Dogs is certainly a worthy subject for the school's whole-hearted support.

L.T.P.

THE LIBRARY

We wish to acknowledge the following presentations :—

By the Author :

'Elizabethan England,' vol V. (Miss E. M. Tenison).

By Harold Temple, Esq. :

'Journal de Gentz 1806.'

By P. G. Hunter, Esq. :

'Will Shakespeare' (Clemence Dane).

The following books have been bought :—

'Plato To-day' (Crossman); Letters of Sir Walter Scott, 1831-2; 'English Monks and the Suppression of the Monasteries' (Baskerville); 'Juan in China' (Linklater); 'Salar the Salmon' (Williamson); 'Still she wished for company' (Irwin); 'Napoleon' (Ludwig); 'Lords and Masters' (Macdonell); 'Gone with the Wind' (Mitchell); 'Straw without Bricks' (Delafield); 'War with the Newts' (Capek); 'Grey of Fallodon' (Trevelyan); 'The Corn King and the Spring Queen' (Mitchison); 'Walls have mouths' (Macartney); 'Dodsworth' (Lewis); 'Return to Malaya' (Bruce-Lockhart); 'The Hundred Years' (Guedalla); 'News from Tartary' (Fleming); 'Rumfustian' (Fay); 'Louis XIV' (Ludwig); 'History of England' (Maurois); 'Tunbridge Wells' (Barton); 'The Strange Death of Liberal England' (Dangerfield); 'The Weather in the Streets' (Lehmann).

MUSIC

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

This term the Society has been practising some Elizabethan madrigals and part-songs, and some of Brahms' "Liebeslieder." Several of these were performed at a concert on Speech Day.

K.J.S.R.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The singing always seems to be at its best in the Summer Term. The Trebles and Altos have been considerably stronger than of late, and there are some very good voices among them.

Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens' has been the chief work, with several part-songs in addition.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra have again had an interesting term. The two marches, one by Elgar and the other by William Walton have taken up most of the time. Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Mozart's Prague Symphony have also been rehearsed.

At the moment there is a real shortage of violin-players. It is difficult to obtain a real balance between Wind and Strings with only eight Violins.

The music composed by E. A. Bonvalot for "Macbeth" has been most stimulating, though the demands made on the players are such that even professional Wind players might rebel at some of the passages they are asked to play!

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

There have been three meetings this term.

At the first, which was held on May 26th, Marie Dare played a most enjoyable Cello Recital. The big work of the evening was the Grieg Cello Sonata which was played with great beauty and musical expression. It was a very pleasant evening, and the playing was of a very high standard.

The second meeting was held on June 16th. The programme consisted of Trios for Flute, Oboe and Piano, played by Frank Butterworth, John Cruft and Arnold Goldsborough. Some delightful music has been written for this combination of instruments by Bach, Handel, Loeliet, Holst and other composers. The programme was admirably planned and there was not a dull moment. The Flute playing of Frank Butterworth was particularly brilliant and satisfying.

The third meeting was held on July 7th and the programme was a Concert by the School Orchestra. The most popular items were Beethoven's Horn Sonata, played by J. O. H. Beamish, and Bach's Flute Suite, played by C. A. Weston. Both players gave really outstanding performances. We shall be very sorry to lose two such good players from the Orchestra.

The Fugue from Bloch's Concerto for Strings and Piano was played, with Mr. Snowdon at the piano; and Miss Parkinson played two movements with the Strings from Bach's Piano Concerto in F Minor.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

Gramophone evenings have been held in Dr. Huggins' room every Friday. Nearly all the Toscanini concerts were relayed. About thirty members of the School were fortunate enough to attend the Toscanini Concert held at Oxford early in the term.

THE JUNIOR ORCHESTRA.

This Orchestra has rehearsed some of Handel's Water Music and the Praeludium by Jarnefeldt. The Orchestra should receive more encouragement from the younger players in the School, for whom it is intended.

THE HOBBIES ORCHESTRA.

The numbers attending this Orchestra on Tuesday evenings vary from term to term. The standard of playing has been as good as can be expected from boys who have mostly only just begun to play their instruments.

THE O.T.C. BAND.

After a somewhat depressing beginning the Band suddenly began to make immense strides just before the Inspection. At the Inspection itself it was well up to the standard of former years and received an excellent report.

It seems a great pity, however, that the Band never functions in the Autumn and Spring Terms as a Band on parade. If the Band could be made more use of in the Winter Terms, the members would be keener and a higher standard of playing would be reached.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Captain V. A. Cazalet spoke to members of the Union and of the Upper School on Thursday, March 18th, and Dr. G. P. Gooch, LL.D., F.B.A., addressed a similar gathering on Friday, June 14th. Following are reports of these meetings.

Capt. Cazalet opened his address with an apology, namely that he was going to talk about Spain rather than the League. But he first dealt very effectively with the theory of Isolation, showing it to be impossible, geographically, economically and morally. He then went on to give us an impassioned and exceptionally clever defence of the Insurgent cause in Spain, basing his arguments mainly on a visit paid to Insurgent territory in January. He prefaced his remarks with a brief description of the improvements and progress under the 1923-9 dictatorship, and of the subsequent disorder and final anarchy under the Republic. Law and order being the first essentials of a government, he at once condemned the Frente Popular administration. Though professing to know nothing of the government side, he clearly depicted the state of anarchy and disillusionment in Red territory. He believed Franco to be a sincere patriot and denied any possibility of Fascist influence if and when the insurgents won. He concluded in a rising crescendo against Communism and declared that Franco stood for law and order, a sane civilization, as he conceived it.

P.M.S.

"THE OUTLOOK IN EUROPE."

Dr. Gooch's main theme was the differences and similarities between the state of Europe now and its state before the War. First he could assure us that no country had deliberately started the War, but that we had just drifted into it. Might this not happen again? We are in a position more similar to that of 1914 than at any other period since the War. Europe is again divided into two groups. Where previously Germany and Austria were so closely allied, with Italy in the same ring, we now have the Rome-Berlin axis. Britain is even more closely bound to France than in 1914, and there is still a Franco-Russian treaty. The intersection of these North to South and East to West lines is the danger-spot. This point is Prague. The Czechoslovaks themselves know the danger, and have armed to their utmost. Even so they would not be able to defend their 400 mile frontier with Germany for long. Czechoslovakia, however, is allied to France and Russia.

There are three main schools of thought for our foreign policy. First is the complete isolation school, second is the school represented by the League of Nations Union, and third the Locarno school of what might be called limited liability. This last is favoured by the Government, but the Government does not know the country's mind, and the country does not know its own. We must choose for ourselves between these three possibilities.

D.R.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The 110th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Friday, March 26th. Before the Debate, S. J. Whitwell (C), seconded by J. H. Ferguson (C), moved a vote of censure on ex-Secretary R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) for attempting at the last Debate to pack the House to his own advantage. Down-trodden ex-Secretary Moncreiffe opined that he had failed and that the motion was therefore pointless. Intolerant House, however, ignored whining protests and censure motion was carried by 10 votes to 8.

The House then proceeded to debate the Motion "that this House would rather send an Expeditionary Force to Spain than a Cricket Team to Australia."

J. B. FRANKENBURG (C) (Hon. Proposer) reasoned at great length but with small enlightenment. Moving on the assumption that travel broadens the mind, he maintained that a voyage to Spain at the present time would prove the turning point in anyone's career—which it most certainly would. Having made the usual man-about-town remarks about nuts and wine he wound up with the inevitable pavilion chestnut about sending rabbits to Australia.

R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (C) (Hon. Opposer) as usual came in with borrowed plumes. This time he brandished an undersized cricket bat and a cap reminiscent of an Austrian White coat or an old hunting print. He stressed the point that we owed our allegiance to King Willow and that England's honour must rise like a Phoenix from the Ashes.

H. S. L. DUNDAS (W), a cricketer himself in his day, asserted that England had already lost so much prestige that to continue Test Matches would be disastrous. Every foreigner in Spain was fighting for Franco. We should redress the balance by fighting for the Reds. So saying he continued the Hon. Opposer's theatrical tradition by discharging a blank cartridge at the previous speaker's breast and sat down amidst clouds of smoke.

P. JOHNSTONE (C) really got down to the subject. All Spaniards were 'a pack of dirty dagoes.' We should try and keep the Empire together. As was confidently expected, he was unable to resist the temptation of remarking that our cricket teams were our best ambassadors.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, R. H. M. Spencer (W), R. H. Anstey (C), J. N. Henderson (W), The President, P. M. Syrett (C), C. A. Moodie (G) (who tactfully spoke just after his co-revivalist Sankey), A. Shaw (C), J. R. C. Elmslie (C), E. N. Rolfe (B), The Treasurer and the Librarian.

Against the Motion, R. A. P. Allsebrook (W), E. G. Gilbert (B), P. Spencer Thomas (W), T. L. Dewhurst (B), J. H. Ferguson (C), D. V. A. Sankey (B) (*cf.* Moodie), D. Gardiner (C) and S. J. Whitwell (C).

On a division being taken, there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 14	For the Motion	- 21
Against	- 12	Against	- 43

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 2 votes and lost in the Lower House by 22 votes.

At a Committee Meeting held after the Debate, J. N. Henderson (W) and C. A. Moodie (G) were elected members of the Society. The resignation of R. Kcc (G) (Secretary) was received with profound regret. D. R. Barbour (C) was elected Secretary and J. D. Fay (G) was elected Librarian.

The 11th Meeting of the Society, held in the Library on Friday, June 11th, was the occasion of a welcome visit by three students from the University of New Brunswick.

The Motion before the House was "that alliances by the British Empire can do more to secure World Peace than can the League of Nations."

H. S. L. DUNDAS (W) cleverly filled in ten minutes introducing our guests to the House. Having exhausted these pleasantries, he rather cautiously approached the point. The British Empire, wonderful in its inefficiency, was the greatest power in the world. He quoted many instances of the Empire's greatness and the League's comparative feebleness.

Mr. J. E. MORPURGO (U.N.B.) reviewed the World situation with ease and clarity, cleverly twisting each fact to bear against the Empire. The League could hardly fail to be a safer bet.

Why R. I. K. MONCREIFFE (C) bothers to study Latin is a problem. He proved by the gross inaccuracy of his quotations that a dumb man might just as well attend choral practice. In his few intelligible moments he made it clear that the League, having been established by the cultured survivals of Victorian England, was out of place in barbarous Europe. The Empire should take the United States back to her bosom and set herself up as guardian of the peace for all the World.

Mr. J. R. MALLORY (U.N.B.) wasted no time getting to the point. In a scathing speech he implied that the omnipotence of the Empire had decreased, was decreasing and ought to be abolished. Its alliances had already sabotaged World Peace.

J. R. C. ELMSLIE (C) was at his worst. His notes were as muddled as his arguments. Evidently the only way to keep the peace was by coercion from the Empire, although he was not at all sure whether he had said it right. He sat down after he had seemed to be sinking for the third time.

Mr. W. A. GIBBON (U.N.B.) effectively demolished the arguments of the other side. He explained at length why he was a Conservative, but the House could not quite follow his frequent surveys of world politics.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. N. Henderson (W), the Librarian, E. N. Rolfe (B) and the Vice-President.

Against the Motion, the Secretary, T. L. Dewhurst (B), R. A. P. Allsebrook (W) and the Treasurer.

On a division being taken there voted:

<i>Upper House.</i>		<i>Lower House.</i>	
For the Motion	- 11	For the Motion	- 16
Against	- 11	Against	- 40

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House on the President's casting vote, and was lost in the Lower House by 24 votes.

At a Committee Meeting held on Saturday, June 12th, the resignation of the ex-Secretary, R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C) from the committee of the Society was accepted with such expressions of regret as were considered customary.

J.D.F.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE ARTS CLUB.

There have been three meetings this term, when the three-weekly sketch competitions were judged. The subjects were "Creation," won by E. N. Rolfe (B); then "Stowe: Past, Present or Future," won by D. H. Villiers (B). The third, a competition for the best abstract composition, was won by D. B. B. Fenwick (W).

There was an expedition to Windsor Castle on July 7th and the party were shown round St. George's Chapel and the State Apartments.

The following have been elected members of the Club this term: D. H. Villiers (B) and S. P. E. C. W. Worsthorne (C).

E.N.R.

THE PUPPET CLUB.

Activities have been discontinued for this term, but a very successful series of shows was given at the end of last term, beginning on Sports Day. The programme included a burlesque about Napoleon's retreat from Moscow; a dance by an extremely agile skeleton, who carelessly distributed his bones over the stage in a seemingly irrevocable muddle, only to reassemble himself in a fraction of a second, to the huge delight of the audience; and a colourful ballet featuring the illustrious Mrs. Beeton and her troupe of kitchen utensils. The shows, except for minor hitches, went off very smoothly, and seemed to be enjoyed by the audiences. It was a pity, however, that so few people had the opportunity of seeing the show: the theatre only seats forty, and five shows were scarcely enough. Next term we intend to give an extended version of the same show.

N.Q.L.

THE TWELVE CLUB.

On July 5th, P. L. D. Frankenburg (C) read a paper on 'Swift.' Papers have also been promised by R. H. Gethin (C), J. V. R. Birchall (T), D. R. Barbour (C) and R. I. K. Moncreiffe (C).

P.L.D.F.

THE HERETICS.

Two meetings have been held in the Vice-President's rooms this term.

At the first, S. J. Whitwell (C) read a comprehensive paper on "The Hohenzollerns."

At the second, R. H. Anstey (C) read a delightful paper on "Nero."

D.R.B.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

On June 7th, the Society met to read A. A. Milne's "The Truth about Blayds."

On June 21st, the Society met to read Flecker's "Hassan."

On July 13th, the Society met to read "The Dog beneath the Skin," by W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood.

The following were elected members of the Society:—J. V. R. Birchall (T), J. D. Fay (G), P. Sherrard (C), W. B. Banister (C), W. A. M. B. Stewart (T), C. R. Milne (T), T. L. Dewhurst (B), J. R. C. Elmslie (C), the Hon. H. M. Ritchie (B), S. E. Smith (G), M. G. T. Webster (W).

R.I.K.M.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings this term. On Tuesday, May 18th, Miss Gedge, Hon. Treasurer of the Classical Association, read an excellent paper on "The Psychology of Caesar." Also, on Wednesday, July 14th, Mr. G. A. Hight, of St. John's College, Oxford, read an interesting and amusing paper on "The Two Latin Languages."

K.J.S.R.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

It is the usual custom of the Society not to meet so often during the Summer term as it does in the Winter terms. As a result there was only one meeting this term, which was on Saturday, May 15th. At this meeting, Dr. G. B. Brown, of University College, London, gave us an instructive lecture on the Scientific Aspects of Determinism.

P.H.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Apart from a business meeting, we have had two meetings at which guests of the Society read papers: Mr. I. A. Clarke on "Canada, with special reference to its Trees," and Mr. R. Freeman on "Land Forms in Animal Life."

R.H.G.

THE AERO CLUB.

The Aero Club has recently been unfortunate in that the new expansion of the R.A.F. has made so much work that outside visitors, such as ourselves, have found that aerodromes we used to visit have now no time for us. Consequently our very pleasant visits to Halton, which used to be a regular feature of our activities, have not taken place for some time.

We have, however, managed to fit in two excursions this term. The first was a visit to Upwood aerodrome on June 23rd, where all the party with one exception were given flights in an Avro Tutor, and where we also had an opportunity of inspecting the new Fairey "Battle" bombers; and on June 26th we made our annual trip to the Hendon Air Display, which was as exciting and interesting as it always is.

When the R.A.F. are not quite so busy we hope they will have time to receive visits from us again, and we are looking forward to resuming our enjoyable visits to Halton and other aerodromes rather more frequently.

J.R.H.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

We have had an excellent membership this term and the funds have increased very pleasantly. As yet no use has been made of this wealth, but we hope to do something next term. The winners of last term's competition were J. C. Brunel (W) who secured both first and second prizes and C. F. Tracy (W) who got third.

J.D.F.P.

THE CLAY PIGEON CLUB.

The club is now in its second year and has proved a great success. Throughout this term shoots have been held every Thursday and on several Saturdays. The standard of shooting has been high, W. McD. Morison (W) and R. M. Wood (C) having done particularly well. A match was held against the Grafton farmers on June 10th, which was won by the School. It is hoped to arrange two or three matches before the end of term.

The Farmers have very kindly presented a gold medal for individual competition, which will be shot for on July 17th. In addition, Major Russell has twice taken small parties of members to see big shooting competitions, and we particularly wish to thank him for all the trouble he has taken this term.

H.C.I.R.

H.N.S.

ON WATCHING CRICKET

"Such a starved bank of moss
Till one May morn
Green ran the flash across.
Deck-chairs were born."

So might Browning have written had he been at Stowe early this summer. Stoics had hitherto been accused of being but poor spectators of Cricket. To be sure, there was always a fair sprinkling of watchers every Saturday before lunch: but, protested the Pavilion Prosecutors, anyone could look on for an empty pre-prandial half-hour. Indeed, it did seem that the School as a whole, satisfied with the almost horizontal positions of their own bats—"his style is definitely reminiscent of Harry Vardon yet savours slightly of d'Artagnan"—scorned the more upright examples of their athletic seniors. At no time during a Saturday afternoon did the tale of spectators ever exceed a score and a half. Moreover, as if to add insult to injury, this number always included two of the youngest members of the school practising logarithms on the telegraph board, which greatly annoyed the successful batsman when he observed he had but .05 of a run to his credit and not half a century. The boys were obviously lacking in enthusiasm, and this, as the authorities sadly remarked, was Not Good Enough.

But never was a school so grossly misjudged. Various remedies suggested for the evil ranged from an appeal to the First Eleven for brighter cricket to an illuminated address to the Headmaster for a third half-holiday every week, which would enable the school to indulge their amphibious tastes on a day when cricket was not in progress. It was, however, pointed out that while the Middle School was, as usual, fighting desperately to convince the Joint Board of their comparative intelligence, the time was yet to come when the playing fields of Stowe should become the training ground for the Folies Bergères.

It remained for an enlightened housemaster to find the solution. The School, it appeared, followed the fortunes of its anointed with great interest: moreover it knew enough about off-spinners and leg glides thoroughly to appreciate the manoeuvres of their embryo Veritys and Hammonds. Indeed, the School was the cradle of hundreds of future straw-hatted pavilion critics. The Mound Stand or the Kennington Gasworks constituted the Mecca of the majority of Stoics. But though the spirit was willing, the flesh was weak. It was obviously out of the question to stand toeing the line throughout a hot summer afternoon as might be done on most Saturdays in December: moreover no one could possibly endure the intense agony of keeping a respectable posture on a baked ground for more than ten minutes. In truth, though nothing is more delightful than to spend a summer's afternoon stretched in an abandoned attitude on the back lawn, yet to sit with crossed legs and straight back concentrating on a game taking place some seventy yards distant demands a suppleness of limb possessed only by the disciples of Anton Dolin.

The solution, though apparently an obvious one when considered after the event, was really quite brilliant. To introduce three hundred green deck-chairs on to the field of play was a decision of genius, comparable to Disraeli's leap in the dark on the Charge of the Light Brigade. Moss set swiftly and silently to work, and at noon on the first day of the Westminster match the School stood blinking in the glare of an unbroken rank of verdant green canvas. The wild surmise felt by stout Cortez upon a peak in Darien was nothing compared with the present stupefaction. Some new planet had indeed swum into the Stoic's ken. A progressive public school had at last been proved to be no contradiction in terms.

The success of the experiment was instantaneous. On any Saturday afternoon now it is an odds-on chance that any given member of the School will be found on the North Front. To be sure, many spectators go out armed with a novel or biological text-book, but this is perfectly in order: more crossword puzzles are solved to the acre at Lords than anywhere else in the country. It has been declared by the derisive that the School will soon tire of watching from deck-chairs, and will demand further carnal concessions. They assert that it will be but a short time before the unwary motorist becomes hopelessly entangled in the meshes of the hammock and the camp-bed; that soon the cricket itself will be forgotten amidst a riot of marquees, military bands and merry-go-rounds. But this can never be. The new deck-chair, a thing of beauty, is a joy for ever.

J.D.F.

A MODERN MORALITY PLAY

Scene: A street. Time: 10 p.m.

Mr. Smith is seen walking along with his dog. He is dressed in black and is performing the nightly ritual.

MR. SMITH (*meditating as he has done for the last fifteen years*): "Well! That's Schedule A finished with for another year. Perhaps I shall now have evenings to myself instead of slaving away at my own and other people's income tax."

RIOT (*getting out of a taxi which has just stopped by the pavement*): "That'she shtuff ol' man. Come 'long 'ome. There'sh nothin' like a beano to buck the brain up."

MR. SMITH: "Yes, that's right. You've got it. What fun! Ha-ha!"

CONVENTION (*a second Mr. Smith*): "Now then, Smith, don't forget you said you'd come round after dinner on Wednesday. The wife says will you bring yours as she's not quite sure how the neck of the pullover she's knitting for me goes. Don't forget we *always* change."

MR. SMITH: "Oh yes, yes! Of course I won't."

LAZINESS (*merely a voice*): "So comfy . . . by the . . . fire . . . side . . . Such a . . . lovely . . . warm fire . . . I can . . . hardly . . . see to . . . read the . . . pa . . ."

MR. SMITH: ". . . per. I sometimes begin to wonder myself whether I oughtn't to go to bed earlier. But then Maggie would only complain that I wasn't half exciting enough."

SOCIETY (*taking Mr. S. by the arm*): "Do as I do. A wash and brush up and off we go. I'll show you how to be the wit of the party. Of course, you'll need a new suit—and coat."

MR. SMITH: "Righto! At last I've made up my mind to get somewhere. I'll go to the tailors to-morrow."

THRIFT (*reflecting the light of the street lamps*): "No! No! Extravagance leads to poverty. Poverty leads to the dole. Or, alternatively, extravagance begets immorality, and immorality leads to prison. Don't buy two suits where one will do."

VANITY: "I think a double-breasted suits your figure best."

MR. SMITH: "So do I. I can afford it too. Have done for the last fifteen years. Ever since I hit upon that scheme of making over half my income to my children, aged thirteen and seventeen, so avoiding the tax."

VANITY (*suddenly growing bigger. He dwarfs Mr. Smith*): "Darned clever, I must say. Who would have thought of that now?"

MR. SMITH: "Not a bad idea, what?"

CONSCIENCE (*sidling up behind him with a needle*): "Er—would you—do you think—perhaps—well, hardly fair is it?"

PRIDE (*with a red balloon*): "Fair? Fair? Of course it's fair! All my own work. All my —"

MR. SMITH: "A man's got to live, hasn't he? A public school education must be paid for. That's the worst of it. I remember when I was a boy at . . . My scheme's the only way out."

CONSCIENCE: "Granted."

MR. SMITH (*whistles*): "At least, I shall be all right until next year, and then perhaps George will have left."

RELIGION: "Do you recall that night in June when first we met? Do you remember . . . ?"

MR. SMITH: "I'm afraid not. And anyway it's time I turned back. Maggie always goes up at ten-fifteen."

His companions vanish. HABIT appears, walking just in front of Mr. Smith, who returns home, shuts the gate, locks the front door, chains the dog up. HABIT precedes him up the stairs, but, as might be expected, the boards creak only beneath the force of the second figure.

E.L.S.

GLIMMERINGS

I.

Sky glow
Hazy over lamp-lit streets,
Snow
Turned slush by countless feet,
Child birth,
Infant mortality,
The ancient funereal rite
And dearth
Of sound morality
May not delight
But content.
(The word "endure"
Is not so pure,
And the passive is worse,
Therefore we say:
"Content").
These the familiar,
This no ephemeral event
And the descent
Is similar,
Which is to say,
Regular;
Everything, you see, planned
Beforehand,
Everything scheduled,
Furnaces fuelled,
Film Stars jewelled,
All occur
And recur and recur

II.

Was the Preacher right?
Is everything vain?
When the shopgirl
Considers vanity
It is a vanity bag;
Is that humanity?

III.

Sky glow
Hazy over lamp-lit streets,
Countless heart beats
Every second,
Ceaseless defeats
Never reckoned
Together;
Dining at eight
And the weather,
Rain desolate in shadow,
Comforting
In the sunshine
And all collaborate.
Comforting
To dream of conversion
Without perversion,
Change like volcanic eruption
Without destruction,
A candle still alight
In the darkness
And the draughts
Less fierce.

L.T.P.

THE PALLADIAN BRIDGES

The Palladian Bridge at Stowe is not the only one of its kind, as is sometimes thought. There are two others; one at Prior Park, Bath, and the other at Wilton House, Salisbury. The design of all three bridges is based on a drawing by Palladio, the Italian architect. Palladio, in the Seventeenth Century, had been the schoolmaster of classic architecture. He had drawn up the leading text-book—his 'Book of Architecture.' The narrow mind, contented to follow his law and his written word, could revel in this book. It contained everything that was necessary. For his disciples, and the class was large, Palladio was an apt pedagogue, and nowhere were his published works more venerated than in England a century and a half after his death. What the 'Renowned Palladio' had written was the truth and the whole truth, a complete and sufficient creed. There had been greater masters of design in Italy than he, but it was in the Palladian idiom that our architects learned to express themselves.

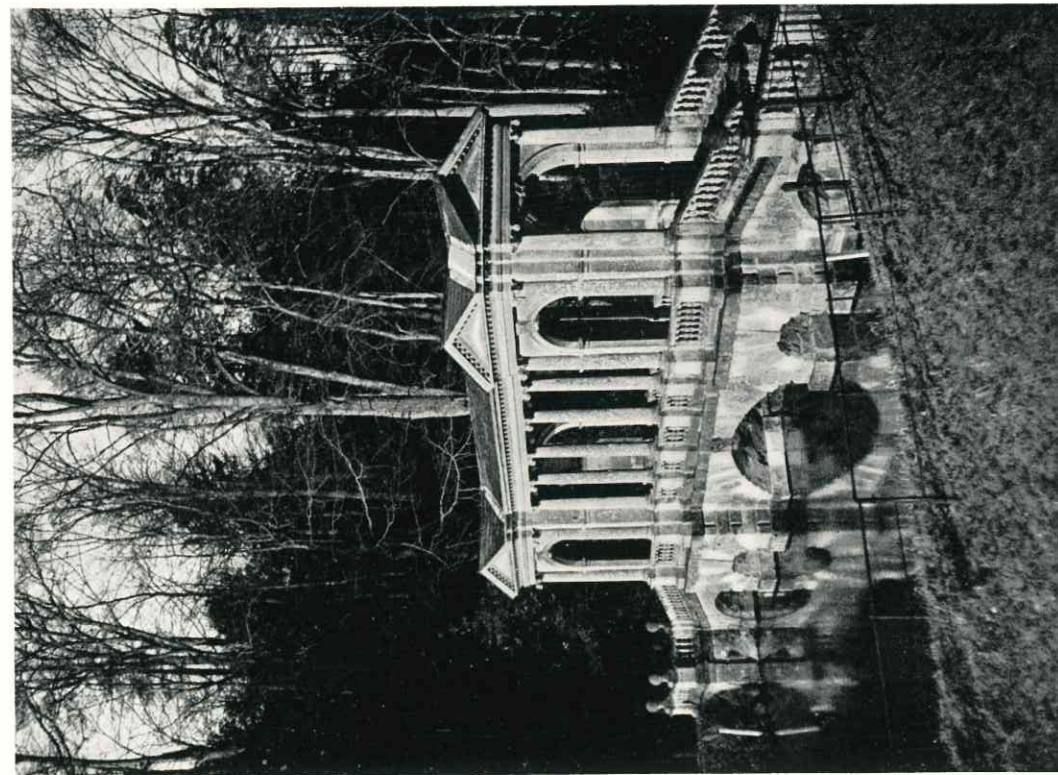
At the close of the eighteenth century, the ornamental grounds of Stowe occupied some four hundred acres. When Bridgeman, the royal head-gardener, became the presiding spirit at Stowe, the formal Dutch gardens, favoured by William and Mary, were in full vogue. But Bridgeman started gradually to blend the landscape with the garden, and to substitute lawns and vistas for straight alleys and precise flower beds. In 1738 Bridgeman died, and was succeeded by Lancelot, afterwards known as 'Capability,' Brown. Under Brown, the ruralising of the place continued. The creation of hollows and hillocks, cascades and lakes, was carried forward systematically; at the same time 'fanés and temples' were erected.

It is said to have been William Kent (1684-1748) who built the Palladian Bridge at Stowe. He designed several other buildings in the grounds, including the Queen's Temple, the Gothic Temple, the Doric Arch in honour of Princess Amelia, and the memorials to Cook and Wolfe. Horace Walpole had a great admiration for Kent as one whom he thought had "genius to strike out a great system," and declared that Kent had "leaped the fence and saw that all nature was a garden." He does, however, admit that Kent founded his system upon "the twilight of imperfect essays."

The Palladian Bridge was built in 1747, and the Seeley of that year says:—

"The roof, on the side facing the water, is supported by Ionic Pillars. The Back-Wall is adorned with a piece of Alt-Relief by Mr. Scheemaker, representing the four Quarters of the World bringing their various Products to Britannia."

In later editions up to and including that of 1759 this description is repeated and the accompanying engravings show the bridge with what seems to be a solid back. But in 1762 the last sentence is transferred to the description of the Temple of Concord ("Pediment" being substituted for "Back-Wall") and it undoubtedly describes the crowded pediment of Concord as it is now. It has been suggested that Seeley or his compositor made a slip in the earlier editions and printed under the Palladian Bridge what should have been under Concord. Such a mistake, however, would hardly have been repeated in edition after edition.



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THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE
PRIOR PARK

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THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE
STOWE

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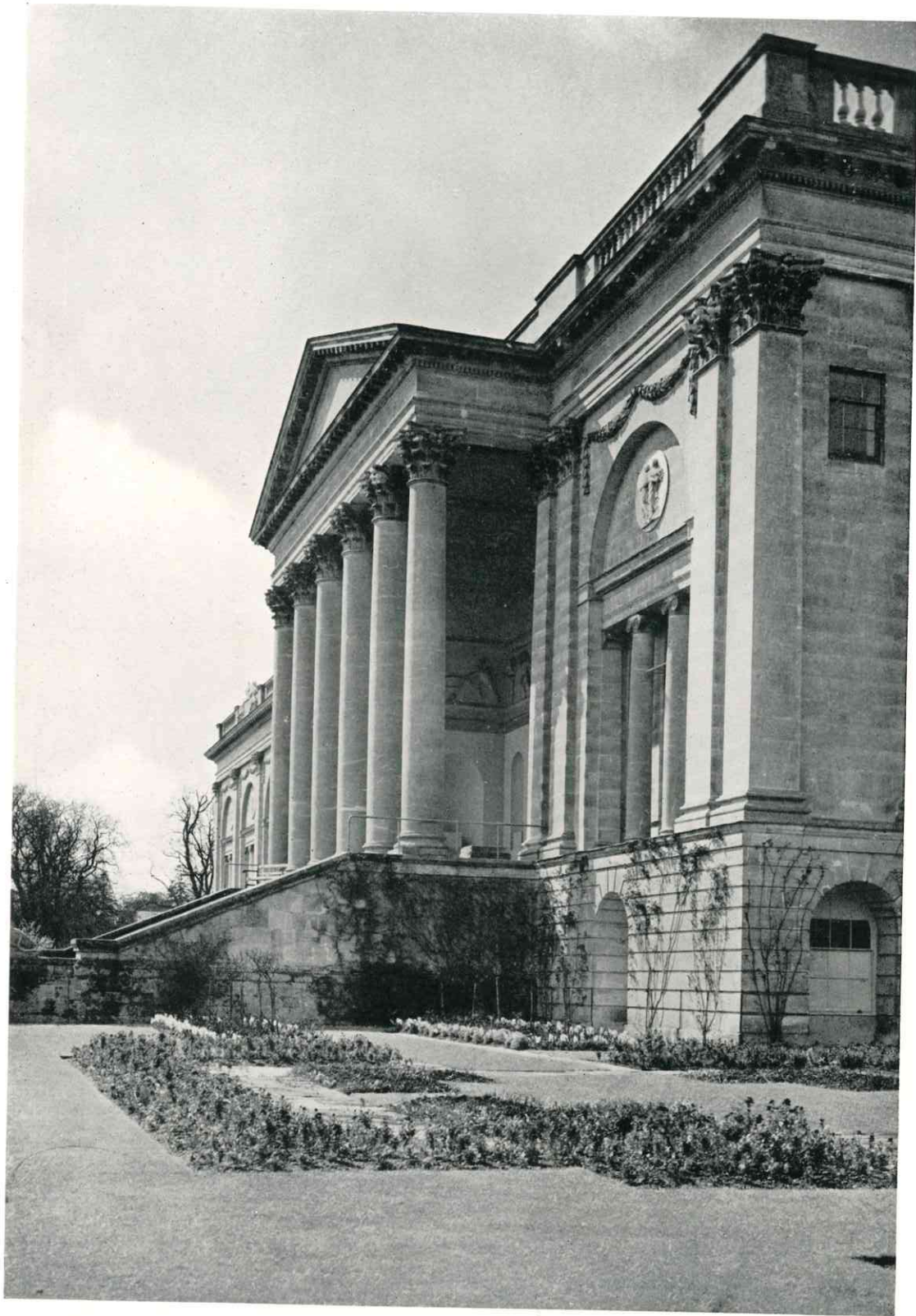


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STOWE
THE SOUTH FRONT

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PRIOR PARK, BATH

[*Country Life*



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THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE, STOWE

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THE PALLADIAN BRIDGE, WILTON

The Seeley Dialogue of 1748 remarks upon the likeness between the Stowe Palladian and the Wilton Palladian.

"CALLOPH: . . . I am leading you now to that genteel Piece of Building which goes by the name of the Palladian Bridge.

POLYPH: I have seen, I think, something like it at my Lord Pembroke's."

It was the Ninth Earl of Pembroke who, in the words of Horace Walpole, "threw Palladio's theatric bridge over the river at Wilton." The Wilton Bridge was built in 1736 by Robert Morris. He was brought up by a relative, Roger Morris, a carpenter. Robert was the author of several books, including "Rural Architecture," 1750, "Architecture Improved," 1755, and "The Modern Builder's Assistant," 1742 and 1757. Both the Wilton and the Prior Park bridges are for pedestrians only. They are approached by a flight of steps at each end. The Stowe bridge, however, was built for wheeled traffic, and has no steps. It will be noticed that the Stowe bridge has a stone head just above each of the three supporting arches. Neither the Wilton nor the Prior Park bridge has these heads. Apart from these two differences the bridges are identical. The Wilton Bridge was definitely the first of the three Palladians, and the other two were both copied from it.

The House of Prior Park has more resemblance to Stowe in every way than Wilton. It is built in very much the same style, and both Pitt and Pope frequented it as they frequented Stowe. To complete the resemblance to Stowe, it may be added that in 1752 or 1756 (the date is doubtful), soon after the erection of the Palladian Bridge built by Richard Jones, Prior Park was visited by Princess Amelia, to whom the Doric Arch at Stowe was dedicated. The Prior Park Bridge spans a part of the old fish-ponds, once belonging to the Priory of Bath, from which Prior Park takes its name. The bridge has recently been restored and new sluice-gates fitted.

There are only three Palladian Bridges in England, and it is fortunate that they are all in the hands of people who will not let them fall into decay.

S.E.S.

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