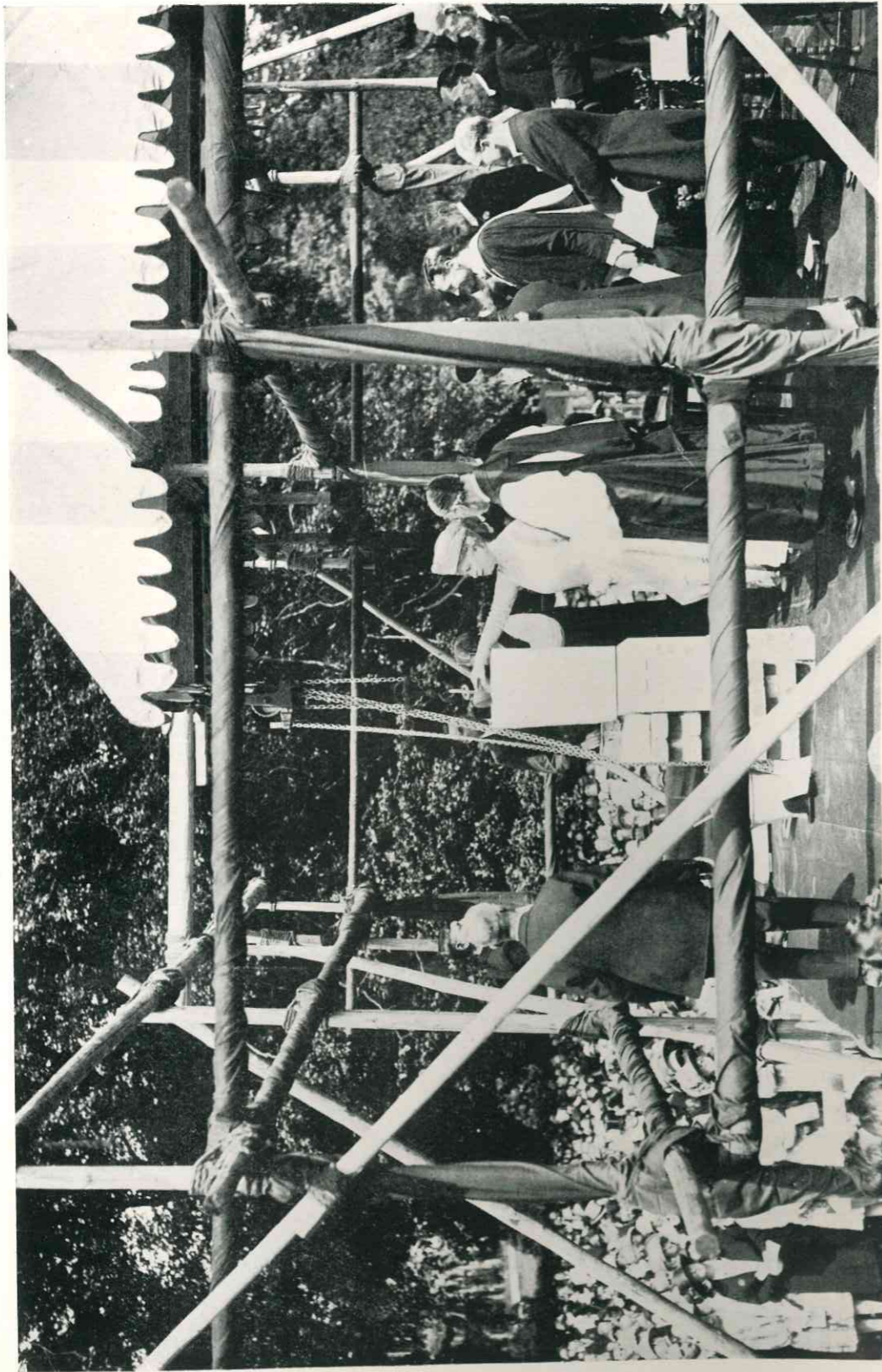


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THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW CHAPEL
WAS LAID BY
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
ON MONDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1927.

The Editor of "The Times" very kindly allows us to reproduce the account of the Ceremony from "The Times" of June 14th:—

THE QUEEN AT STOWE

THE ceremony of laying the foundation stone of Stowe School Chapel, which the Queen performed to-day, was witnessed by a big gathering of parents and others interested in this recently established but rapidly developed institution. For the convenience of those who wished to be present a special train was run from London; but many, if not most, of the visitors, like the Queen, who motored from Windsor, came down by road, and careful organization was necessary in order to prevent confusion among the vehicles which converged from all directions on the school. No better day could have been chosen for the event. The sun shone continuously from a cloudless sky and set off to perfection the singular beauty of the famous building in which the school is housed and the surrounding park and woodland.

The Queen, on her way to Stowe, halted at Buckingham, where she was received by the Mayor and Corporation and presented with an address of welcome which recalled that this was the first occasion on which a reigning Sovereign had visited the town since 1841. Buckingham was gaily hung with flags and most of the villages through which the Queen passed were also decorated.

The Queen, who was accompanied by Sir Harry Verney, the Dowager Lady Airlie, and Lady Cynthia Colville, reached Stowe soon after midday, and as she drove up to the Vanbrugh front of the school was given a cordial welcome by the assembled guests. She was received by the Headmaster, Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, Lord Cottesloe, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, and Lord Gisborough, chairman of the governors. The school contingent of the O.T.C. paraded as a guard of honour. The Queen took luncheon with the Headmaster, and afterwards held a reception in the garden of the Headmaster's house, receiving the governors of the school, the captain of the school (C. D. Harrison), and the prefects.

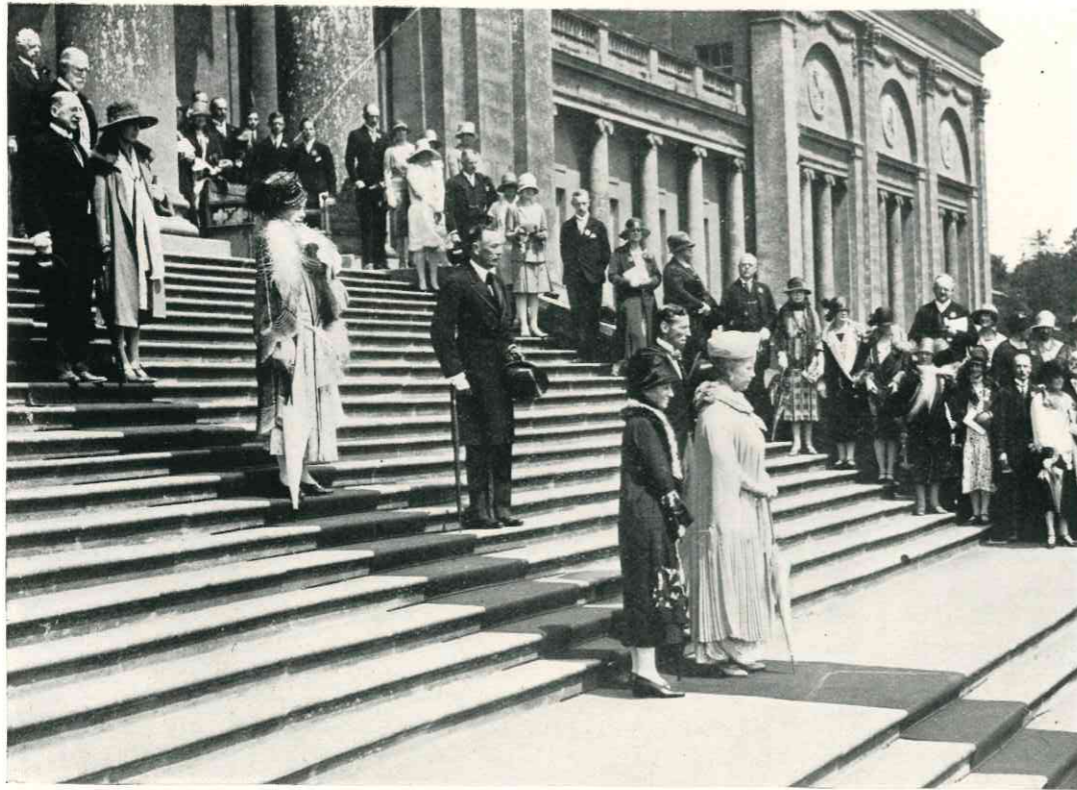
A platform had been erected on the site of the chapel, which (as described in *The Times* of June 12th) has been designed to round off the development of the main school buildings at the western end, and to form, together with existing laboratories and a projected block of class-rooms, a large three-sided court open to the south. When the Queen had taken her place on the platform a service of dedication was conducted by the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Norwich. The singing was accompanied by the Band of the Irish Guards. The service was a simple one, opening with "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," and closing with Blake's "Jerusalem." The Bishop of Norwich read the lesson, which was taken from Ezra iii.

Before the stone was actually laid the Headmaster handed to Lord Gisborough a copy of *The Times* of the day, a school "Blue Book," an alphabetical school list, and a complete set of gold, silver, and copper coins bearing the date 1927. These were placed by Lord Gisborough in a lead casket, which, after the lid had been soldered down, was laid in a cavity beneath the stone. Sir Robert Lorimer, the architect of the chapel, then handed to the Queen a silver trowel bearing the arms of the school. With this the Queen laid the stone, which covered the casket, and tapped it into position with a wooden mallet, the gift of the builders (Messrs. Parnell & Son), which had been made out of a yew tree which grew on the site of the chapel. The Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Oxford. Before the Queen left the platform the announcement by the Headmaster that, in honour of her visit, the summer holidays would be extended by one week, evoked a great demonstration from the school. Before leaving Stowe the Queen inspected the main buildings and expressed her admiration of their proportions and surroundings.

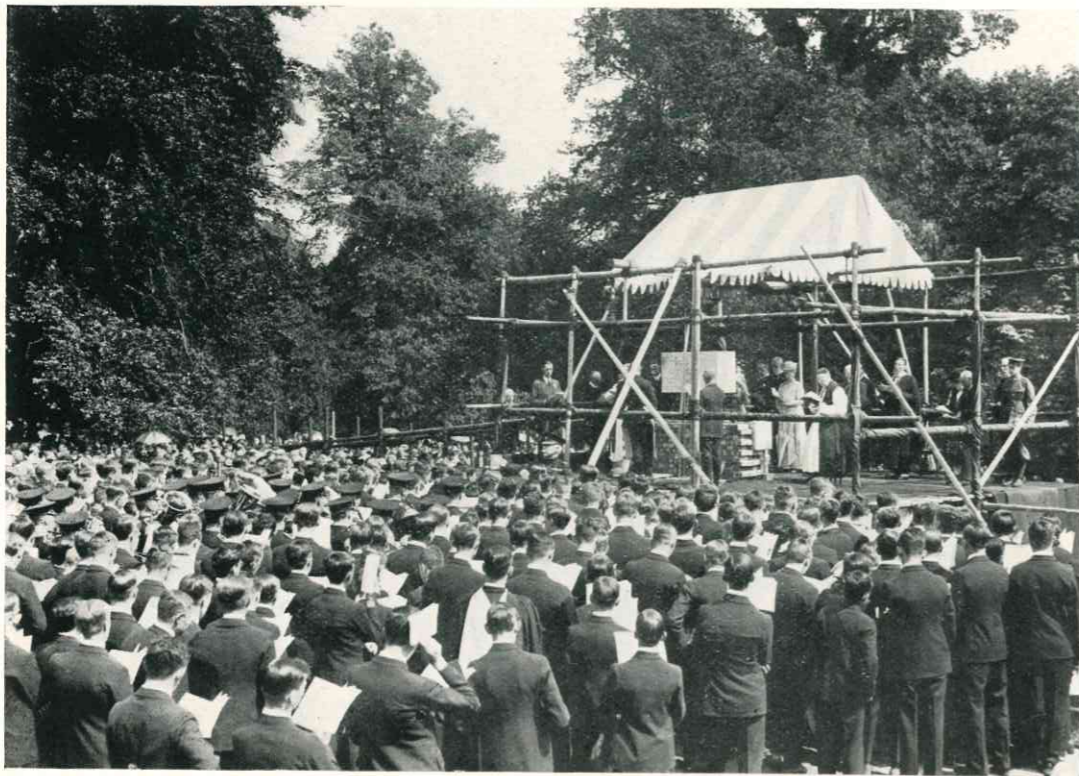


THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREFECTS.

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HER MAJESTY ON THE SOUTH FRONT STEPS.



THE SERVICE.

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Among those who accepted invitations were:—

Lord Lincolnshire, Lady Cottesloe, Lord Parmoor, Lady Birkenhead, the Duchess of Montrose and Lady Mary Graham, Lord and Lady Douro, Lord Macclesfield, Lord and Lady Esher, Lord and Lady Barrington, Lord Galway, Lord and Lady Lindsay, Lady Addington and The Hon. Ruth Hubbard, Sybil Lady Brassey, Lady Dundas, Lady Hadden, Lord and Lady Wyfold, Lord Dillon, the Bishop of Buckingham, Lord and Lady Strathspey, Lord Stopford, Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lady Every, Sir Samuel and Lady Sophie Scott, Sir Auckland and Lady Geddes, General Sir William and Lady Adair, Lady Maffey, Sir James Ritchie, Lady Eaton, Major-General Sir Frederick and Lady Robb, Sir Walrond Sinclair, Sir Henry Ripley, Sir Montagu Burrows, Lady Smyth, Major and Lady Alexandra Llewellyn Palmer, Sir Digby Lawson, Colonel and Lady Victoria de Trafford, Sir Alan Powell, Sir Bertram and Lady Hornsby, Sir Charles and Lady King Harman, the Bishop of Warrington and Mrs. Kempson, Lady Olivia Trevor, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Dudley Forwood, General Sir Alfred and Lady Bingley, Sir Frank Sanderson, M.P., Sir Charles and Lady Cottier, Lord and Lady George Seymour, Lady Lorimer, Sir Thomas and Lady Comyn-Platt, Lady Hayter, Mrs. Maurice Brett, Mrs. E. Warner, Mrs. H. E. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruce, Miss Margaret Best, Mrs. Hanbury-Tracy, Major H. C. Prittie, Bishop Shaw, Mrs. G. Campbell, Mrs. P. F. Hill, Mrs. Gore Browne, Judge E. Harington, Lady Glentanar, Rear-Admiral A. Hotham, Air Vice-Marshal C. L. Lambe, Brigadier-General H. R. Adair, Colonel G. S. Pigott, Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. Temple, Admiral Purefoy, Captain G. de Havilland, Major Otway Mayne, Colonel F. D. Samuel, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Lester Reid, Lieutenant-Colonel F. T. Bernard, Colonel William Trevor, Major and Miss Hooker, Major H. Aubrey-Fletcher, Colonel and Mrs. Ralph Lombe, the Vicar of Buckingham and Mrs. Naters, Colonel Harold Phillips, Brigadier-General R. Kentish, Major and Miss Van der Byl, Colonel F. W. Pixley, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. A. Radice, Colonel and Mrs. T. P. Barrington, Brigadier-General W. Doran, Lieutenant-Colonel Forbes Panton, Colonel Montgomery-Campbell, Brigadier-General R. S. Oxley, Colonel Cholmeley Harrison, Colonel Haworth, Major R. R. Rothwell, Captain and Mrs. Gerald Robarts, Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Heywood Lonsdale, Colonel Crookshank, M.P., Lieutenant-Colonel H. F. Mackenzie, Alderman John Bayley, Alderman W. P. Neal, Dr. A. C. Roxburgh, and Lieutenant-Colonel Crosthwaite.

THE QUEEN'S GIFT

SOME days after Her Majesty's visit, two extremely beautiful volumes, Mr. St. John Hope's Work on Windsor Castle, were received from Buckingham Palace, together with a letter expressing the Queen's wish that they might be preserved in the School Library in memory of June 13th.

Inside the cover of the first volume Her Majesty has written, in her own hand, the following inscription:

PRESENTED TO THE LIBRARY AT STOWE BY
MARY R.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER VISIT ON JUNE 13TH, 1927.

THE NEW PICTURES

THE fine portraits of King George II and Queen Caroline, which add so greatly to the appearance of the State Dining Room, are the gift of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lincolnshire.

The portrait of Queen Caroline was painted by Enoch Seeman, and that of George II by John Shackleton. Both artists are represented in the National Portrait Gallery. Seeman was born late in the seventeenth century in Danzig, and came over to London, where he took rooms in St. Martin's Lane, and became a successful portrait painter.

Shackleton was, in 1755, a member of the original committee formed to draw up a proposal for the foundation of a royal academy of London for the improvement of painting, sculpture and architecture.

It was he who took up the position of Court painter in succession to William Kent, whose name is a household word at Stowe.

This portrait of George II was one of several which he executed, and forms, together with Seeman's 'Queen Caroline of Anspach,' a dignified and fitting commemoration of Her Majesty's visit to Stowe on June 13th.

OLD STOIC SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Committee of the Old Stoic Society, held at Stowe on June 4th, 1927, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That Mr. J. F. Roxburgh and Mr. W. E. Capel Cure be and hereby are elected honorary members of the Society.
2. That a life subscription of £1 be henceforth payable by all members on election, this figure being subject to subsequent revision.
3. That Mr. C. D. Harrison be elected a member of the Committee *vice* Mr. H. E. Robinson resigned, this election to take effect as from July 26th, 1927.
4. That Mr. W. E. Capel Cure be appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Society.
5. That an alphabetical list of members' addresses be printed as soon as possible and circulated to all members.

PRIZES

THE HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR SCIENCE.

S. J. L. TAYLOR.

BURROUGHS ESSAY PRIZE.

A. J. PLUMMER.

WARRINGTON PRIZE FOR HISTORY.

E. J. OLIVER.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK.

D. C. ELLIS.

BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.

(1) *For an Essay on a Classical Subject*: P. H. LUCAS.

(2) *For Latin Prose*: M. STIRLING.

PETERS BONE PRIZES FOR ENGLISH.

(1) *Essay*: H. P. CROOM-JOHNSON.

(2) *Verse*: E. D. O'BRIEN.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been elected to Scholarships at Stowe:—

L. E. de NEUFVILLE. (Mr. J. W. Clouston, Stratton Park, near Bletchley).

P. MALLOWAN. (Messrs. Olive & Batterbury, Rokeby, Wimbledon).

D. L. REEVES. (Mr. W. Cecil Laming, Nevill House, Eastbourne).

D. RUSSELL-DAVIS. (Mr. C. M. Beck, St. Christopher's, Eastbourne).

R. L. BLACKSTONE. (The Rev. E. L. Browne, St. Andrew's, Eastbourne).

S. H. S. HUGHES. (Mr. C. E. Lewis, Stoke Park, Guildford).

STOICA

Lord Lincolnshire whose generosity to Stowe is unending has presented to the School an autograph letter from Lord Liverpool to Lord Carrington (then Lord Lieutenant of the County), dated January 6th, 1845, about the visit of Queen Victoria to Stowe. "*Her Majesty will go by the Down Mail to Wolverton on her way to Stowe on January 15th.*" There was no station nearer than Wolverton in those days, and apparently only one "down mail" from London.

An autograph letter from the Second Duke to a Mrs. Lawrence, dated "Sept. 12th" and written about 1845, has been most kindly presented to the Library by Mr. Aubrey T. Lawrence. In this letter the Duke remarks that he had just "lost one of the finest Hickery Trees in the gardens, entirely decayed and above 150 years of age; it was near the Temple of Ancient Virtue."

Lord Gisborough has presented Field Marshal Sir William Robertson's book "Soldiers and Statesmen, 1914—1918" to the Library. In the first volume the Field Marshal has written his name and added that he does so gladly, "in the hope that the book may prove to be of some interest to Stowe readers" and with "best wishes for the prosperity of the School and congratulations on the excellent reputation it has already gained."

A School Edition of the "Cyclops" of Euripides has been edited for the Cambridge University Press by Mr. Timberlake and Mr. Simmonds.

The introduction of *Cantata Stoica* has already done a good deal to give variety to the Services. That blessed word *sabbatizantium* and a passage about hobgoblins and fiends are particularly popular features. The lettering and colour of the exterior are beautiful.

1st XI. Colours have been awarded to G. G. Harrison.

2nd XI. Colours have been awarded to J. D. G. Niven, G. E. G. Jackson and H. V. Kemp.

Colts' Caps have been awarded to H. V. Kemp, D. A. G. Keith, T. R. Williams, D. F. N. Rowlatt, E. J. Spurrier, D. G. Hughes, N. H. Bennett, P. P. L. Dillon, V. G. Stuart and J. A. G. Thwaites.

In acquiring the services of Arthur Newman, the Wiltshire cricketer, the school has done very well. Under his care the XI. has already considerably improved. He is understood to be very unpopular with the weeds on the "table."

All the work in connection with the swimming barrier and diving platform at the lake was most excellently carried out by Messrs. Edwards, of Maidenhead, the brothers who direct the firm driving in the piles themselves with such strength of arm that we cannot suppose that anything less than an earthquake will shift them.

Squadron Leader W. A. Coryton who is the Liaison Officer of the Royal Air Force accredited to Stowe, had arranged to give an Aerial Display here on June 24th, but low clouds and heavy rain made it impossible. It is hoped that the display will take place on Monday, July 25th.

The decision of the Old Stoic Committee that all members should, on election, pay a subscription of £1, does not apply to anyone who has been elected before this term. As the activities of the Society increase it may be necessary to have a bigger subscription, but, however this may be, it is probable that, as now, one subscription will entitle a Stoic to membership for life.

It is hoped that during the winter a book will be published containing the names and addresses of all Old Stoics. This, it is proposed, should be an annual publication. It is possible, too, that an Old Stoic dinner will be held somewhere in London during the Christmas holidays.

A new kind of untidiness has been substituted for the old on the North side of Grafton, and flower beds are foreshadowed for next year. A garden in front of Chatham has been foreshadowed for two years and was pegged out eighteen months ago. But the pegs have never really grown properly, and the garden still looks its best after dark.

We have been Inspected again. But this time it seemed less of an ordeal. The Chief Inspector and the Inspector of Modern Languages were the same in 1927 as in 1925. We were lucky to secure them a second time, and we were lucky, too, in the other Inspectors who were sent to us. What they will say of us on paper is not yet known, but in the flesh they were merciful and gave us many new ideas.

There are three kinds of inferior cricket wickets :—bad wickets, very bad wickets and wickets on the Bourbon Field. But the new all-weather cricket net may prove a useful precedent, and if the Bourbon Field were entirely covered with railway sleepers and linoleum it would probably be quite satisfactory.

E. R. Avory competed in the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon which took place this term. He survived the first round in the All England Plate.

Drinks can now be got on the Bourbon Field. Draughts have always been available there.

The first pillar to be removed from Concord left for the Chapel Site at 3 p.m. on July 15th. It reached its destination 8 minutes later. This is believed to be a record for an Ionic column.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this Term :—

May 22nd. The Rev. W. G. Arrowsmith, Vicar of Sparkhill,
Birmingham.
May 29th. The Bishop of Liverpool.
June 19th. The Bishop of Ripon.
July 3rd. The Rev. F. W. Head, Canon of Liverpool.
July 10th. The Bishop of Hereford.
July 17th. The Rev. F. H. Gillingham, Rector of Lee, Kent.
July 24th. The Rev. N. R. Ramsay, Rector of Radclive, Buckingham.

The "Log" habit is spreading and some Houses now keep their logs in verse. The verse however is often the merest loggerel.

Grenville beat Bruce by 3 matches to 1 in the final of the Golf Competition last term.

Numbers One and Four of *The Stoic* have now been reprinted. Copies can be obtained on application to the sub-Editor.

A professional rabbit catcher is said to have been at work recently in the School grounds. It is not known what work he has been doing, but it does not appear to have been catching rabbits.

It is rumoured that an inter-House Billiard Competition will shortly be instituted. Chatham performers, however, feel that they would be seriously handicapped if compelled to play in other Houses, and to dispense with their usual musical accompaniment.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

To the Editor of The Stoic.

DEAR SIR,

Your big, bang-up burg is the cutest chop in Europe. I liked that smart aleck who sells phosphates at the Store. In the United States of America we have not learnt to concoct them with seltz-water and Heaven's pure H₂O, but I reckon we have a lot to learn from you. Couldn't you make sundaes too, and have a real, live, four-flusher amusement park? That dandy, million-dollar farm-boss might control it: I thought him fine too.

"Them's my pigs," he said when I encountered him in the Happy Valley and he showed me as grand, silver-skinned a posse of hogs as ever passed through the wheels of Chicago. He's the real, two-fisted Back-to-Methuselah guy.

Pardon my oration: its heart-felt.

HOMO AMERICANIBUS.

LEONES STOICI

Ecce novi portae custodes limina servant:
Et manet intrantem torvus utrimque leo.
Assyria specie gemini crispoque capillo
Hic recubant fixi pondere quisque suo.
Huius ad occasum vertit se cauda leonis:
Haud procul ex illo Principis hortus abest.
Tuque cave, Magnas Aedes aditure viator:
Pervigilant latro ne quis adire velit.

THE ECLIPSE EXPEDITION

Prestatyn is a Welsh township made up chiefly of banks, estate-agents and unpronounceable names. It has other assets—but we will return to Prestatyn later.

Provided with haversack rations, furnished by the ever thoughtful Syson, and with a determination to enjoy whatever should come our way, we embussed in a vast fleet of vehicles, gleaned from the highways and hedges for miles around, and entrained shortly before midnight.

On the Special an excellent supper was served, and after a few short hours of fitful slumber—for some of us—we were turned out on the platform of Prestatyn in a cold grey dawn. We then climbed up the mountain which we had engaged for the occasion and watched, with great enthusiasm, the place where the sun was supposed at that moment to be rising.

Before anything was scheduled to start we read in two daily contemporaries how “the Eclipse *was* witnessed by millions of people this morning.” For ourselves we were astonished to hear it.

We were entertained by hearing some real live Welshmen speaking what we gathered must be their native tongue, though it might just as well have been Jugo-Slavonic or Patagonian to our non-Celtic ears. They also sang to us with an excellence that reminded us that we were in the traditional home of bards.

As the Eclipse approached totality the clouds grew thicker and thicker, and all hope of seeing the sun itself vanished; our interest therefore centred itself round the Shadow, which we were told could not fail to function.

The light grew worse and worse, till suddenly we were in darkness and watching the Shadow disappearing out to sea, the clouds at its edge tinged with a brilliant crimson. It went as suddenly as it had come, and the day shot up as we watched, revealing Prestatyn and our immediate objective—a big white building known as the Golf House.

The descent from the mountain proved somewhat prickly, and the walk to the Golf House was not a little damp as the rain was now falling in earnest.

The breakfast was all that could be desired by hungry people who have walked two miles in the rain to get it, and the elements were soon forgotten in the assault on the bacon and eggs. After breakfast there was an exodus to the open air sea water baths, where some of us bathed—and some of us did not.

Entraining again in the neighbourhood of 11 a.m., we were provided with lunch—a meal during which we slept between the courses—and arrived at Buckingham shortly after three, to be met by the same variegated mechanical transport.

Even if the much advertised sun did not altogether play his part, our visit to the rugged Welsh coast was more than worth while.

E. D. O'BRIEN.

THE STOWE CLUB

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

We came into possession of the building at the end of June. Hot water fittings, baths, heating and lighting are now being installed.

There are two definite ways in which readers of *The Stoic* can be of great service:

A. By making offers of furniture, new or second hand.

B. By giving or procuring large or small donations.

So far the work has progressed without a hitch; we have not had to call a halt for lack of funds. But in the immediate future this progress can only be maintained if everyone does his best along the lines indicated above.

Donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer (A.B.C.), whose address is:—

236, Beulah Hill, Norwood, S.E. 19.

Those who have furniture to offer are asked to write to E.F.H. at Kingwood, Thames Ditton, Surrey (Tel. Esher 400), before sending it to the Club.

The address of the Club is 62, Carlisle Street, off Church Street (a turning out of Edgware Road).

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the following:—

The Portman Estate, for meeting us financially.

Mr. S. M. W. Sheppard of Messrs. Boyce and Evans, for doing the legal work.

Messrs. Allsop, for surveying the building and rendering other valuable assistance.

Mr. R. H. Hole, for lending us a considerable sum of money.

Messrs. Mander Bros., for the paint necessary for decorating.

H. B. PLAYFORD, *Hon. Secretary.*

Some of the principal requirements are:—

50 strong chairs.

8 beds and bedding.

3 7ft. billiard tables.

Club settees and benches.

15 tables of various sizes.

1 piano.

8 chests of drawers.

200 square yards of linoleum.

All crockery, knives, etc., and kitchen utensils.

2 ping pong tables.

The Committee is composed as follows:—

The Head Master,

Mr. Habershon,

Mr. Playford,

Mr. Clifford,

Mr. Heckstall-Smith.

The Head of the School.

Another Prefect (B. C. Gadney).

Chairman.

Vice-Chairman.

Hon. Secretary.

Hon. Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Funds for this Club have been steadily accumulating hitherto in the Chapel Offertory Account. With the actual opening of the Club in view, all but a sum of £5 has been transferred to a Stowe Club Account, concerning which a financial statement will appear in future every six months. The following figures show the position of the fund on June 30th and its progress since the beginning of the current year.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank	60	6	6	Portman Estate	11	2	0
Cash in hand	17	4	0	Balance	198	19	9
Early Service Collections ...	34	16	5				
Donations	54	14	0				
Collection, June 12th	29	8	0				
Loan to Chapel Expenses partly repaid	3	3	0				
Loans to Chapel Expenses outstanding	10	9	10				
	<u>£210</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£210</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

£150 of this balance is on deposit.

The present position is as follows:—

INITIAL OUTLAY.				£
Portman Estate ... ..	...	...	...	800
Alteration, Heating, Decoration, Lighting ...	...	...	...	300
Furniture * ... ..	...	...	...	500
				<u>£1,600</u>
Received up to July 16th ... ..	...	...	...	£530
Still required ... ..	...	...	...	£1,070

ANNUAL UPKEEP. About £500.*

Much reduced if most of the furniture is given.

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

THE PINEAPPLE CLUB

"Yer carn't get no drink now—only Corfy," said the man with the barrow as we came out of the Pineapple; his voice was the voice of London. We could hear it in his sympathy with our distress (for we looked thirsty), his recognition of the essential things (for what good could he find in coffee?) and his spirit unquenched by adversity.

These were the three special qualities of the London regiments in the War, and you can find them any day in the main streets of London, full as they are of the highest qualities of a civilian army in war; for of course real wars are fought by civilian armies of people like these. A man living in these streets will feel an atmosphere like that of an army, with its innumerable qualities—some good, some bad; but all human and none sham.

If one walks round these streets and looks at the boys, one's first feeling is of rage against the system which removes such good people from school when they are fourteen, and puts most of them, not into apprenticeship to a skilled trade where self-respect is possible, but into

fatal blind-alley jobs which must inevitably blight their good qualities and create bad ones. In many cases these jobs are not available, and the boy, having been unemployed from fourteen to sixteen, is unemployable afterwards through no fault of his own. England in most cases gives no chance of mental or physical growth even to the best of her coming generation; they have nowhere to play and nowhere to learn, so that bodies and minds have very little chance to grow straight.

Nevertheless it takes a lot to spoil a boy before he is fourteen, and as you walk about you will see a great number of first-raters of this age; but you can also see that as they grow older their surroundings destroy most of their good qualities, so far as these can be destroyed. For everyone in poorer London gains the qualities that come from perpetual contact with hard reality on a big scale.

Most of us cannot meet or acquire these in the hot-house of a Public School—the world which seems so large and is so small—but we may possibly, by such means as the Pineapple Club, have some chance of seeing things as they are, and getting a sense of proportion.

We can do this in a way which need not be of advantage only to ourselves, but may even be of some use to other people. The hot-house has its points as long as you do not rely on it entirely; it can give something which you can get in no other way. A good club can be a clearing-house where people with different good qualities and different gaps in their make-up can help each other to fill up those gaps. The worst gap in boys at a Public School is the lack of that sense of proportion which comes from contact with reality. The worst gap in the London boy is the lack of a decent chance to play, think or work with others. The system, as it is, gives him almost no chance.

The revival of the Pineapple is obviously interesting the neighbourhood, but we hope that the inevitable disillusionment which will follow the discovery that it is not going to be a pub again will at last be overcome. It is a large, strongly-built and excessively ugly house of four floors, with a basement lit by pavement lights. The ground floor is one very big room, the first floor has one big room and one small one, and the second and third floors have four rooms and a bathroom each. The basement will probably be used for changing rooms and store-rooms, the ground floor for noisy games like boxing, the first floor for relatively quiet games like billiards, the second floor for the permanent staff and the top floor for guest-rooms.

We hope that the permanent staff will consist of two or three people going to business in the day, who can between them be responsible for the club times every evening between seven o'clock and ten. We expect that at least some members of the school will be able to visit the

club at most week-ends in term-time, and that as many as can will do so in the holidays. We expect also that members of the club will come for week-end camps in the grounds at Stowe, and that teams from the club may play games against school teams.

The club will be careful to start in a small way—perhaps by picking up a few boys who seem to be doing nothing in particular, and asking them in for a game of billiards—but gradually it will become possible to delegate responsibility for various activities to promising members, and to begin to let the show run itself with its own officers rather than the permanent staff. There will never be any advertisement and the formation of the club will be a good game played slow. The final number of members may be about two hundred; but it is not likely to be more than thirty or forty in the first year.

Possible activities indoors are boxing, fencing, billiards, chess, singing (in chorus or anyhow) and reading. Boys in this district have little chance of doing these things in the ordinary way. Outside activities are football, cricket, swimming, and any other team game that can be played on the ground (or in the water) available—and the finding of grounds is the great problem for London boys. If anyone can give the club any help in the problem of finding a ground, the Committee will be very grateful indeed to hear from him.

H.-S.

Copy of a Letter received from the Attorney General.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

STRAND,

24th June, 1927.

It is with great interest that I have learned that Stowe School is starting a Club for working boys in the Lisson Grove area. As Member of Parliament for St. Marylebone, in which Lisson Grove is situated, I can say without hesitation that such a Club will be of the utmost value. Lisson Grove is unfortunately one of the poorest as well as one of the most congested districts in the metropolis, so that in forming their Club in this area the boys of Stowe School will be rendering a very high service to their less fortunate brothers.

I wish the scheme every success.

(Signed) DOUGLAS MCGAREL HOGG.

HOXTON

On Whit-Monday a party of about thirty-five Hoxton Manor Boys came over to Stowe. Various contests were arranged, and despite the miserable weather a full programme was carried out.

The cricket match could not have been finished unless the visitors had fielded for some time in the rain. Although beaten, they made a good fight against quite a strong side.

In the tennis, a number of very good matches were played, the Hoxton first pair doing particularly well.

The Hoxton swimming is always good, and they won this contest decisively.

The day was fully occupied, and our visitors departed mostly tired, some wet, but all having apparently enjoyed themselves.

CRICKET.

AN OLIGOI XI *v.* HOXTON.

This match was played on the Oligoi ground. The weather was unkind during the latter half of the match, when rain was almost continuous.

For the visitors, A. Piper and G. Withers batted steadily for 34 and 17 respectively, while W. Dwyer hit a vigorous 20. Stowe fielded well, though the bowlers experienced considerable difficulty with the slippery ball.

For Stowe, J. U. Body played a fine innings for 47, and D. A. G. Keith once more hit well, scoring nine fours out of a total of 43 not out. The Hoxton bowlers also found the wet ball a problem, but their team proved an excellent fielding side.

Score: Hoxton 130. Stowe 135 for 5.

LAWN TENNIS.

The school team was victorious after a hard fight against keen opponents.

An interesting feature of the play was that E. R. Avory (of Wimbledon fame) and his partner were defeated in one of the first matches!

Hoxton showed a marked improvement on last year's form. Two or three of their team had some very good strokes and showed that they knew all about the correct position in a double.

Score: Stowe 7 matches. Hoxton 2.

SWIMMING.

Once more the visitors proved faster than the school, although the scores were closer than they were last year.

Hoxton made a good start by gaining the first two places in the first race. J. Williams, W. Taylor, P. J. Overy and S. Barrington swam best for Hoxton, and J. D. Eaton, P. P. L. Dillon and M. L. Dillon for Stowe.

Hoxton are accustomed to swimming in a Bath, and naturally found it difficult to keep straight in the lake. They would have won the 100 yards senior, had not their first man been disqualified for crossing Eaton.

The most exciting race was the senior relay, which ended in a dead heat. Stowe led by about two yards until the final lap, when Hoxton drew level.

Score: Hoxton 20½. Stowe 13½.

ENTERTAINMENTS

FORM PLAYS.

Some good form plays appeared at the end of last term, and resource and ingenuity had been brought to bear on their production. Shell did two plays:—'The Death Trap,' by Saki; and 'The Three Strangers,' which they dramatised themselves from Thomas Hardy. Lower Four B did three scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for which they had made all their own properties and dresses, while Three put on quite a lengthy and ambitious play, a version of Anstey's 'Vice Versa,' and did it well.

HOUSE PLAYS.

There were a number of good House plays. Chandos did Clemence Dane's 'Shivering Shocks,' an excellent thriller, over which they had taken a great deal of trouble. Theirs was a really finished performance. Another revolver play, but this time a farcical one, was A. A. Milne's 'The Man in the Bowler Hat,' also well acted by an assorted company. The Chatham play was 'A Collection Will be Made' (A. Eckersley), which drew a big audience, and The Cobham Players did a short sketch called 'The Fatal Rubber' (Maurice Baring), which was notable for its beautiful dresses.

The Second Staff Concert was held last term and proved even more popular than that of the previous term. The programme consisted of 'Shivering Shocks,' 'The Man in the Bowler Hat,' and some films. The up-to-date stage lighting is a big improvement, and so is the 'indicative scenery,' which was intended to be painted, but looked so attractive as it was that it was left plain.

It has been too hot for indoor entertainments this term, but the Pathé Company took for us a long and very successful film of the Queen's visit, which we shall keep and show occasionally to remind ourselves of a great day.

CRICKET

THE 1st XI has played 11 matches, of which it has won 4, drawn 4 and lost 3. The only sides to beat us were the Masters, the Crusaders, and the Authentics; and of these matches, that against the Masters was played before any of the XI had had time to run into form, and the Crusaders and the Authentics were both very strong sides.

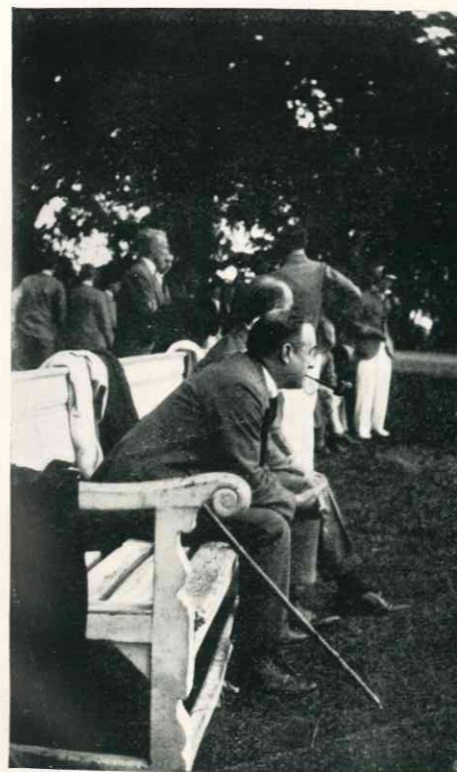
The outstanding event of the season is, without doubt, the batting of Pearson, who in three successive matches made 111, 131 and 124, and who has always batted with confidence and ease. He has a beautiful off drive, and, when he improves his defence against balls on his legs, should be a very good batsman indeed.

Griffin has been easily the most reliable bowler, and has taken nearly twice as many wickets as any one else on the side.

In the first match against the Masters, the School fielded and bowled well to get 9 Masters' wickets for 140, of which Mr. Hankinson made a



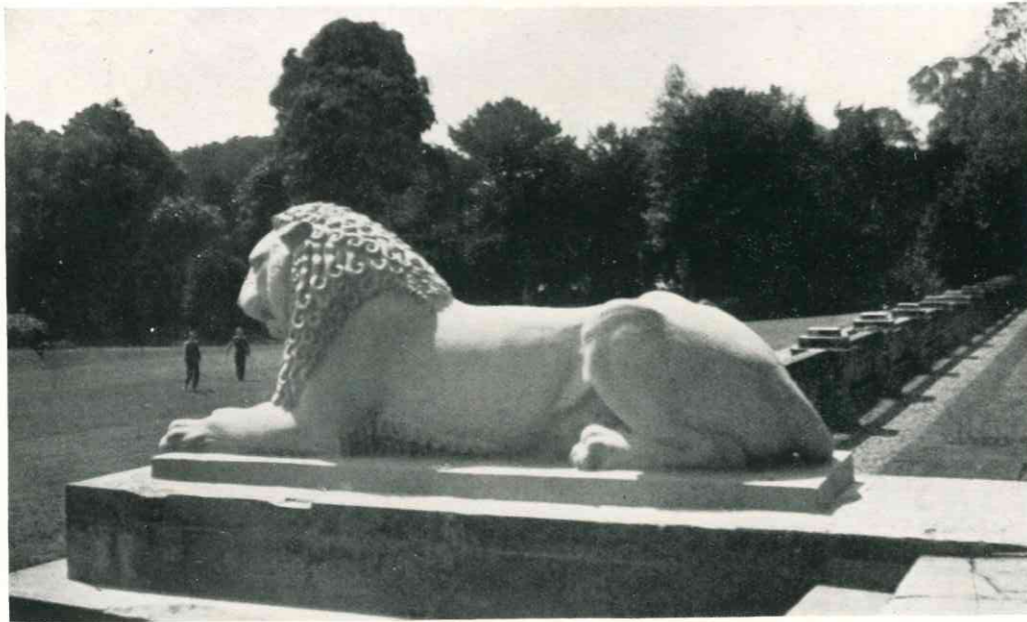
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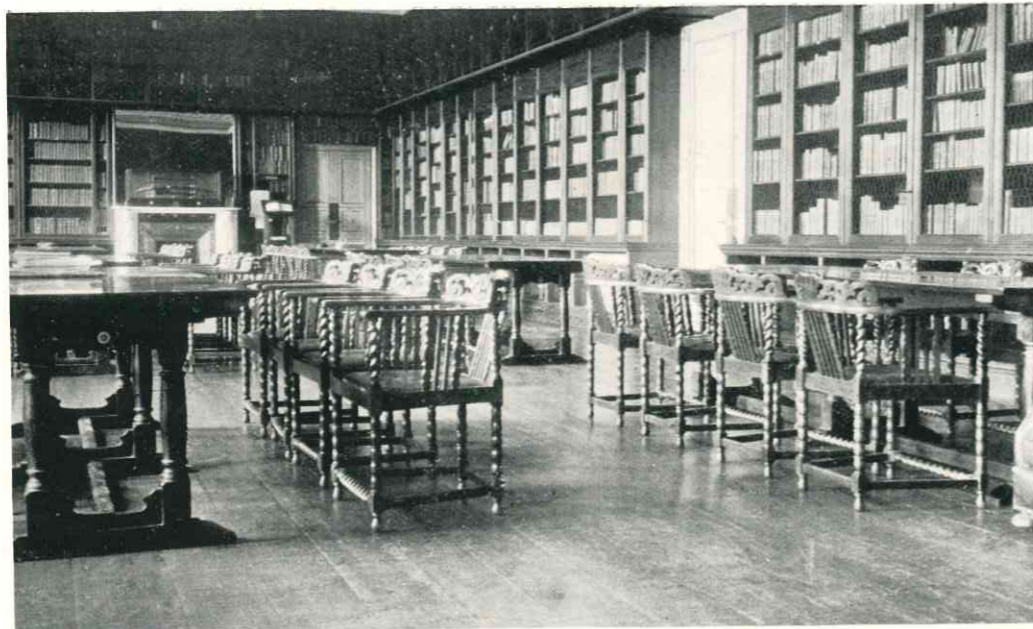
A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR WATCHING THE CRICKET (BY J.M.R.)



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forceful 49. Then, however, they rather went to pieces trying to separate Mr. Archer and Mr. Kinvig, who added 111 for the last wicket. Except for a spirited 9th wicket partnership between Keith and Sword, which added 51, the School batting was rather undistinguished.

We did well to get 9 good I.Z. men out for 261, and better to get 153 for 5 ourselves. Dawson and Pearson both batted watchfully, and, as a contrast, Ling's 41 contained 9 fours.

The Crusaders (including E. W. Dawson, R. G. H. Lowe, and M. J. C. Allom) got us out for 92, but we showed that we could bowl quite well by getting 6 of them out for 94.

Although the match against the House was easily won, it provided a very exciting finish. Carr, Pearson and Ling all batted well, and the School declared. Then Dawson, Pearson and Harrison all bowled well, but were not supported by infallible fielding, and the last wicket was not captured till within two minutes of time.

Another exciting finish was against the Lords and Commons. Our score was almost entirely made by Pearson and Ling, both of whom batted beautifully; again Dawson bowled well, and Pearson quite steadily, and again the last wicket fell late. Indeed, in this match their last batsman hit his wicket with only one more over to go.

Unfortunate to lose the toss after a long journey to Charterhouse, the School fielded and bowled like tired men, and it was only Pearson who saved the batting situation. With him in, however, Carr, Gadney and Harrison all did well, and we succeeded in drawing the game. This was the one rather disappointing result of an otherwise good season.

Then came our second really strong opposition—the Authentics, captained by E. R. T. Holmes, with other distinguished cricketers in the side—and they got us out for 64 (our smallest score of the season). As against the Crusaders we bowled well (especially Griffin) and managed to get eight of them out.

Trinity College, Oxford, seemed to have no tail, and our bowlers seemed to be rather off colour; and when they got Pearson and Ling out with only 18 runs scored the situation looked serious. But Harrison and Kemp (the latter promoted from the Colts, making his first appearance for the XI) both batted so steadily that they soon made the game safe.

Against Rugby "A" we had a chance of testing ourselves against school opposition, and we came out of the test very well. Indeed, 50 of their total of 105 was made for the 5th wicket when rain was falling, and the ball far too wet to hold. Our opening batsmen failed, and 5 wickets were down for 39, but then Carr and Brind, batting carefully and well, took the score to 105, and we passed their score with 4 wickets in hand.

In the first proper School match we have played we started magnificently, and at lunch time the score was 185 for 2; Ling 77, Kemp 53, both not out. We collapsed rather after lunch, only Gadney and Griffin offering any real resistance, and were all out for 258. We let them start too well, and it was not till 63 that the first wicket fell. Then things went better, and at tea-time the score was 98 for 4, and our prospects obviously rather good. After tea, to everyone's great disappointment, it rained, and though we did go on a little while it was actually raining, our bowlers could neither get a foothold, nor grip the ball. Still, it was a successful match which showed that we were now up to Public School standard.

The only match after this was the one against the Old Stoics, which was a very enjoyable game won quite easily by the School.

The 2nd XI has played 6 matches, of which it has won 2, drawn 1 and lost 3. That it has improved during the season is indicated by the fact that we were badly beaten in the first School match by St. Paul's, just beaten by Bradfield, and comfortably beat St. Edward's and Radley.

The Colts may be congratulated on a fairly successful first season. Kemp was for the first part of the season the mainstay of the batting, and T. R. Williams, Dillon ma. and Spurrier all showed considerable promise. The bowling of Bennett and Spurrier and the wicket-keeping of Hughes should prove useful in later years.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS. Played at Stowe on May 20th and 21st.

MASTERS.		SCHOOL.	
W. E. Capel Cure, c Carr, b Griffin.....	7	B. C. Gadney, 1-b-w, b Freeman	13
P. A. Browne, c Harrison, b Dawson	7	C. D. Harrison, b Hart Dyke	2
C. R. Spencer, b Griffin	8	R. H. G. Carr, b Hart Dyke	5
I. M. Cross, b Griffin	0	C. J. P. Pearson, b Hankinson	8
J. T. Hankinson, c Keith, b Pearson	49	A. C. Dawson, b Freeman	35
P. B. Freeman, b Harrison	24	A. J. P. Ling, b Hankinson	23
E. F. Habershon, c Carr, b Griffin	21	B. Brind, 1-b-w, b Archer	12
D. M. Simmonds, c Dawson, b Griffin	8	D. A. G. Keith, b Habershon	42
E. Hart Dyke, b Griffin	4	G. A. Griffin, c Kinvig, b Hankinson	0
A. G. Archer, run out	67	R. W. D. Sword, 1-b-w, b Archer	29
H. V. G. Kinvig, not out	32	G. G. Harrison, not out	6
Extras	24	Extras	22
Total	251	Total	197

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	22	8	47	6	Hankinson	15	2	43	3
Dawson	18	0	66	1	Hart Dyke	8	1	38	2
Harrison	11.5	0	45	1	Kinvig	7	1	28	0
Pearson	8	3	22	1	Freeman	6	0	24	2
Gadney	6	2	12	0	Simmonds	3	2	7	0
Ling	4	0	18	0	Archer	4.1	0	20	2
Keith	1	0	3	0	Habershon	4	0	15	1
Sword	2	0	14	0					

SCHOOL v. I ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on May 25th.

I.Z.		SCHOOL.	
G. R. Jackson, c Brind, b Pearson	60	B. C. Gadney, c Jackson, b Ritchie	9
Lord Hyde, c Ling, b Griffin	32	R. H. G. Carr, c Jackson, b Ritchie	12
H. C. McDonnell, c Pearson, b Griffin	3	A. C. Dawson, c Morris, b Wilson	31
Major Garnier, c Sword, b Griffin	37	C. J. P. Pearson, c Jackson, b Ritchie	33
Captain Worsley, c Dawson, b Pearson	8	A. J. P. Ling, not out	41
Captain Shennan, b Dawson	5	B. Brind, st Tattersall, b Winter	7
T. F. Morris, not out	39	C. D. Harrison, J. U. Body, D. A. G. Keith,	
C. J. Wilson, b Dawson	6	R. W. D. Sword, G. A. Griffin and G. G.	
E. H. Tattersall, b Harrison	33	Harrison did not bat.	
Captain Ritchie, c Dawson, b Pearson	18		
Major Chaloner, not out	4		
C. E. Winter did not bat.			
Extras	16	Extras	20
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	261	Total (for 5 wkts.)	153

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	18	7	57	3	McDonnell	11	0	28	0
Dawson	15	3	66	2	Ritchie	18	5	51	3
Pearson	14	1	73	3	Wilson	9	1	33	1
Harrison	9	0	43	1	Shennan	4	0	10	0
Gadney	2	0	6	0	Winter	2.4	0	11	1

SCHOOL v. CRUSADERS. Played at Stowe on May 28th.

SCHOOL.		CRUSADERS.	
R. H. G. Carr, b Lowe	7	E. W. Dawson, c Gadney, b Harrison	33
B. C. Gadney, c & b Schwind	9	C. A. Rowland, c Ling, b Griffin	22
A. C. Dawson, c Capel Cure, b Schwind	1	W. E. Capel Cure, c Ling, b Griffin	0
C. J. P. Pearson, c Rowland, b Schwind	6	R. Tindall, 1-b-w, b Pearson	17
A. J. P. Ling, 1-b-w, b Lowe	8	B. King, c Harrison, b Pearson	5
C. D. Harrison, c Lloyd, b Dawson	21	N. H. B. Thompson, st Carr, b Pearson	0
B. Brind, c Capel Cure, b Lloyd	9	R. G. H. Lowe, not out	16
D. A. G. Keith, b Schwind	11	M. J. C. Allom, not out	0
R. W. D. Sword, run out	6	C. H. Schwind, G. W. O. Smith and N.	
G. A. Griffin, not out	5	Lloyd did not bat.	
G. G. Harrison, st Smith, b Thompson	0		
Extras	9	Extras	1
Total	92	Total (for 6 wkts.)	94

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Allom	9	3	14	0	Griffin	10	3	17	2
Schwind	15	5	18	4	Pearson	8.5	1	36	3
Lloyd	11	3	21	1	Dawson	6	0	26	0
Lowe	4	3	2	2	Harrison	5	1	14	1
Thompson	5.1	2	16	1					
Dawson	5	0	12	1					

SCHOOL v. CHRIST CHURCH. Played at Stowe on June 1st.

STOWE.		CHRIST CHURCH.	
R. H. G. Carr, b White.....	43	C. W. Twining, st Carr, b Griffin.....	8
B. C. Gadney, c Salmon, b White.....	19	A. Black, c Harrison, b Dawson.....	4
A. C. Dawson, b White.....	13	R. Salmon, b Dawson.....	19
C. J. P. Pearson, c Croft, b Hill-Wood.....	111	D. J. Hill-Wood, c Ling, b Griffin.....	5
A. J. P. Ling, not out.....	36	D. G. White, c Ling, b Harrison.....	37
C. D. Harrison, G. A. Griffin, D. A. G. Keith, J. U. Body, G. G. Harrison and G. E. G. Jackson did not bat.		N. A. C. Croft, c Ling, b Dawson.....	13
		A. W. Page, not out.....	16
		H. C. M. Shaw, c Harrison, b Harrison.....	0
		C. W. McKeeves, b Dawson.....	2
		R. Burghley, b Dawson.....	4
		R. H. M. Clayton, b Griffin.....	5
Extras	23	Extras	12
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	245	Total.....	125

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hill-Wood	20.5	3	68	1
White	18	1	87	3
Page.....	4	0	27	0
Clayton	3	0	15	0
Salmon	2	0	25	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	13.4	4	26	3
Dawson.....	18	5	50	5
Pearson	5	1	18	0
Harrison	9	1	11	2
Gadney	2	0	3	0
Harrison	3	1	5	0

SCHOOL v. LORDS AND COMMONS. Played at Stowe on June 4th.

SCHOOL.		LORDS AND COMMONS.	
R. H. G. Carr, c Browne, b Crawford.....	10	E. C. H. Salmon, c Griffin, b Dawson, A. C. 6	6
C. J. P. Pearson, st Bowyer, b Campbell.....	131	J. T. Hankinson, c Harrison, b Dawson, A. C. 62	62
A. C. Dawson, b Campbell.....	0	P. A. Browne, b Pearson.....	20
A. J. P. Ling, b Hankinson.....	42	P. B. Freeman, b Dawson, J. E.	3
G. E. G. Jackson, b Campbell.....	11	E. T. Campbell, c Jackson, b Griffin.....	7
C. D. Harrison, c Bowyer, b Thurtle.....	19	Capt. Bowyer, b Pearson	44
B. C. Gadney, not out.....	1	Colonel Crookshank, b Dawson, A. C.	0
G. A. Griffin, G. G. Harrison, J. U. Body and J. E. Dawson did not bat.		E. Thurtle, b Dawson, A. C.....	1
		N. A. C. Croft, hit wkt, b Pearson	11
		R. A. Hogbin, not out.....	7
		Major Crawford, absent.....	0
Extras	15	Extras	11
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	229	Total	172

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Campbell.....	21.5	3	90	3
Crawford	10	0	40	1
Salmon	4	1	22	0
Freeman	5	0	21	0
Thurtle	4	0	20	1
Hankinson	9	0	21	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	14	4	46	1
Dawson, A. C.	17	8	35	4
Harrison	4	1	16	0
Pearson	7.4	0	29	3
Harrison	1	0	6	0
Dawson, J. E....	4	1	7	1
Gadney	4	0	22	0

SCHOOL v. CHARTERHOUSE II. Played at Charterhouse on June 9th.

CHARTERHOUSE.		SCHOOL.	
G. L. Hartley, b Griffin.....	9	R. H. G. Carr, c Wreford-Brown, b Couth-Trotter	20
I. T. McGaw, c & b Griffin.....	60	C. J. P. Pearson, b Dyson.....	124
J. P. R. Hale, not out.....	128	A. C. Dawson, c Twite, b Hale.....	8
C. W. N. C. Twite, b Dawson, J. E.	21	A. J. P. Ling, c & b Twite.....	1
P. Delmé-Radcliffe, c & b Harrison.....	11	G. E. G. Jackson, b Carlisle.....	3
R. G. Dyson, c Jackson, b Harrison.....	1	C. D. Harrison, c Lydall, b Dyson.....	26
P. Wreford-Brown, run out.....	17	B. C. Gadney, not out.....	28
I. Bruce Jones, not out.....	10	J. U. Body, c Lydall, b Wreford-Brown	8
N. E. W. Carlisle, W. H. Lydall and R. L. Couth-Trotter did not bat.		J. E. Dawson, not out.....	0
		G. A. Griffin and G. G. Harrison did not bat.	
Extras	21	Extras	10
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	278	Total (for 7 wks.)	228

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	23	4	53	2
Dawson, A. C.	16	2	66	0
Pearson	13	1	52	0
Harrison	9	2	27	2
Dawson, J. E....	4	0	19	1
Gadney	5	0	18	0
Harrison	4	0	6	0
Ling.....	3	0	16	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Couth-Trotter .	12	2	46	1
Carlisle	15	2	42	1
Hale	14	3	65	1
Twite.....	7	0	32	1
Dyson	5	0	14	2
Hartley	4	1	17	0
Wreford-Brown	2	0	2	1

SCHOOL v. AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 15th.

SCHOOL.		AUTHENTICS.	
R. H. G. Carr, c Holmes, b Bateson.....	3	C. E. Frazer, c Harrison, b Griffin.....	23
C. J. P. Pearson, st Spencer, b Bateson.....	2	N. M. Ford, st Carr, b Griffin.....	66
A. C. Dawson, b Aubrey-Fletcher.....	1	S. C. Dobson, b Harrison.....	17
A. J. P. Ling, c Masterman, b Aubrey-Fletcher	8	E. R. T. Holmes, c Harrison, b Griffin....	22
C. D. Harrison, c Spencer, b Masterman....	11	J. G. Fawcus, b Griffin.....	3
B. C. Gadney, run out.....	16	R. E. C. Butterworth, b Griffin.....	0
G. E. G. Jackson, l-b-w, b Butterworth....	5	A. D. Grant, b Dawson.....	18
R. W. D. Sword, b Masterman.....	3	H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, c Dawson, b Pearson	4
J. U. Body, not out.....	6	C. R. Spencer, not out.....	6
G. A. Griffin, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Butterworth	0	D. M. Bateson and J. C. Masterman did not bat.	
G. G. Harrison, c Frazer, b Butterworth....	1		
Extras	8	Extras	8
Total	64	Total (for 8 wks.)	167

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bateson	11	2	11	2
Aubrey-Fletcher	15	7	23	2
Dobson	3	0	8	0
Masterman	10	4	8	2
Butterworth....	2.4	1	6	3

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	15	0	71	5
Dawson.....	12	3	34	1
Harrison	6	0	29	1
Pearson	4.4	0	11	1
Gadney	4	0	14	0

SCHOOL v. TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. Played at Stowe on June 18th.

TRINITY.		SCHOOL.	
R. N. Dore, st Carr, b Pearson.....	48	C. J. P. Pearson, c Alexander, b Molshan...	9
M. Wordsworth, b Niven.....	25	H. V. Kemp, not out.....	44
C. M. Melville, st Carr, b Pearson.....	53	A. J. P. Ling, b Molshan.....	0
L. Alexander, c Gadney, b Dawson, J. E....	7	C. D. Harrison, c Alexander, b Black.....	50
J. V. Rowley, c & b Niven.....	28	B. C. Gadney, not out.....	1
B. Black, run out.....	4	R. H. G. Carr, A. C. Dawson, G. A. Griffin,	
I. F. Krabbe, c sub., b Griffin.....	19	G. G. Harrisson, J. E. Dawson and	
P. J. Askey, not out.....	18	J. D. G. Niven did not bat.	
M. J. Molshan, c Ling, b Pearson.....	9		
M. Turner and J. Wingate-Saul did not bat.			
Extras	5	Extras	4
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	216	Total (for 3 wks.)	108

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	10	1	37	1
Dawson, A. C.	5	0	19	0
Niven	11	3	32	2
Dawson, J. E.	7	1	7	1
Harrisson	7	1	35	0
Pearson	11	0	44	3
Gadney	3	0	10	0
Kemp	8	3	27	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Molshan	17	3	32	2
Krabbe	14	6	31	0
Askey	9	1	21	0
Dore	3	0	6	0
Black	6	3	14	1

SCHOOL v. RUGBY 'A.' Played at Stowe on June 21st.

RUGBY.		SCHOOL.	
W. G. Dore, b Griffin.....	8	C. D. Harrison, c & b Evers.....	0
P. H. Williams, b Griffin.....	3	H. V. Kemp, b Evers.....	6
R. E. Holford, c Brind, b Niven.....	3	B. C. Gadney, c Bunbury, b Rickards.....	7
F. R. Bunbury, l-b-w, b Kemp.....	16	A. J. P. Ling, b Rickards.....	5
J. Knox, c Ling, b Keith.....	42	B. Brind, c Evers, b Barbor.....	48
T. W. Sallitt, c Niven, b Keith.....	22	R. W. D. Sword, c Sallitt, b Mothersill.....	10
G. R. Mothersill, b Harrisson.....	4	R. H. G. Carr, c Dore, b Sallitt.....	38
W. R. Evers, c Kemp, b Keith.....	3	D. A. G. Keith, b Dore.....	24
C. I. W. Rickards, b Harrisson.....	0	J. D. G. Niven, l-b-w, b Sallitt.....	14
R. C. Barbor, c Sword, b Keith.....	0	G. G. Harrisson, l-b-w, b Sallitt.....	5
D. Murray, not out.....	2	G. A. Griffin, not out.....	1
Extras	2	Extras	20
Total	105	Total	178

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	14	2	33	2
Niven	12	3	33	1
Harrisson	7	2	14	2
Kemp	5	1	13	1
Keith	4.2	1	10	4

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barbor	12	7	9	1
Evers	16	3	49	2
Rickards	8	4	12	2
Sallitt	10	3	22	3
Mothersill	3	0	18	1
Dore	3	0	27	1
Bunbury	3	0	21	0

SCHOOL v. RADLEY. Played at Stowe on June 25th.

SCHOOL.		RADLEY.	
H. V. Kemp, c Van der Gucht, b Osborne		P. J. Jeffreys, c Niven, b Keith	18
Smith.....	66	A. C. W. May, b Griffin.....	39
C. J. P. Pearson, c Henderson, b Baddeley ...	16	G. C. A. Adams, b Griffin.....	10
B. Brind, c Henderson, b Jeffreys.....	25	P. T. Miller, c Keith, b Griffin	13
A. J. P. Ling, c May, b Miller.....	77	W. K. Rogers, not out.....	40
C. D. Harrison, c Osborne Smith, b Miller..	1	R. A. Henderson, not out.....	35
B. C. Gadney, b Jeffreys.....	20	P. I. Van der Gucht, R. E. Osborne Smith,	
R. H. G. Carr, c Miller, b Osborne Smith...	3	C. M. Blunt, C. G. Hearn and J. F.	
D. A. G. Keith, b Blunt.....	5	Baddeley did not bat.	
G. A. Griffin, b Miller.....	16		
J. D. G. Niven, l-b-w, b Miller.....	8		
G. G. Harrisson, not out.....	5		
Extras	16	Extras	14
Total	258	Total (for 4 wks.)	169

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Osborne Smith	14	3	35	2
Jeffreys	13	1	48	2
Baddeley	19	4	49	1
Miller	21.4	9	48	4
Blunt	11	1	48	1
Adams	3	0	14	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	16	3	46	3
Harrisson	13	3	29	0
Niven	5	0	9	0
Pearson	8	0	32	0
Keith	4	1	19	1
Kemp	3	0	9	0
Gadney	1	0	11	0

SCHOOL v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 2nd.

OLD STOICS.		SCHOOL.	
J. de P. G. Mayhew, b Harrisson	9	H. V. Kemp, c Capel Cure, b Wilson.....	11
H. R. Jessop, c Kemp, b Griffin.....	0	C. J. P. Pearson, b Jessop.....	26
R. W. D. Sword, b Pearson.....	15	B. Brind, b Sword.....	13
A. M. Cowell, b Harrisson	1	A. J. P. Ling, c Sword, b Wilson.....	17
W. E. Capel Cure, b Harrisson	16	C. D. Harrison, run out	2
R. S. Manners, b Keith.....	0	B. C. Gadney, l-b-w, b Cowell.....	12
W. S. Hyde, b Griffin.....	3	R. H. G. Carr, not out.....	12
A. J. Tickler, c Ling, b Harrisson.....	0	D. A. G. Keith, not out.....	7
S. J. Murdoch, c Kemp, b Pearson.....	21	G. A. Griffin, G. G. Harrisson and J. D. G.	
D. F. Wilson, not out.....	31	Niven did not bat.	
J. D. Farmiloe, c Niven, b Pearson.....	0		
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	100	Total (for 6 wks.)	102

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	9	1	21	2
Harrisson	13	8	13	4
Niven	4	1	11	0
Pearson	3.3	0	12	3
Keith	3	2	6	1
Gadney	4	0	15	0
Harrisson	5	0	18	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Manners	4	0	13	0
Jessop	4	0	24	1
Sword	11	3	26	1
Wilson	11	6	26	2
Cowell	2	0	6	1
Tickler	1.4	0	5	0

The following other matches have been played :—

- May 14th. 2ND XI v. ST. PAUL'S II, at Stowe.
Result : Lost by 7 wickets.
Scores : Stowe, 115 (Marshall, J. F. 29, Niven 27, Brind 20) ; St. Paul's, 171 for 6 (Blair 3 for 30).
- May 25th. 2ND XI v. GREAT BRICKHILL C.C., at Stowe.
Result : Lost by 2 runs.
Scores : Great Brickhill, 136 (Niven 3 for 41, Blair 2 for 13, Avory 3 for 15) ; Stowe, 134 (Marshall, J. F. 22, Silcock 21, Jackson, G. E. G. 21).
COLTS v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL, at Buckingham.
Result : Won by an innings and 52 runs.
Scores : Stowe, 148 (Kemp 49) ; R.L.S., 51 and 45 (Bennett 11 for 49).
- May 28th. 2ND XI v. ETON MIDDLE CLUB, at Eton.
Result : Drawn.
Scores : Stowe, 154 for 6 (Body 43, Avory 42, Jackson, G. E. G. 28) ; Eton, 85 for 4 (Niven 3 for 38).
- June 1st. COLTS v. ST. EDWARD'S COLTS, at Oxford.
Result : Won by 75 runs.
Scores : Stowe, 211 for 7 declared (Kemp 72, Stuart 30, put up 107 for 1st wicket ; Rowlatt 38, Williams, T.R. 32) ; St. Edward's, 136.
- June 2nd. COLTS v. ETON COLTS, at Eton.
Result : Lost by 72 runs.
Scores : Eton, 135 (Kemp 3 for 17, Keith 3 for 25) ; Stowe, 63.
- June 8th. COLTS 2ND XI v ASTON CLINTON, at Stowe.
Result : Won by 6 wickets.
Scores : Aston Clinton, 118 (Maude 4 for 27, Salamon 3 for 26) ; Stowe, 153 for 5 (Dillon ma. 53, Heygate 33 not out).
- June 11th. 2ND XI v. BRADFIELD II, at Stowe.
Result : Lost by 24 runs.
Scores : Bradfield, 174 (Keith 5 for 33) ; Stowe, 150 (Sword 40, Silcock 30).
COLTS v. BRADFIELD COLTS, at Bradfield.
Result : Won by 5 wickets.
Scores : Bradfield, 125 (Bennett 4 for 35) ; Stowe, 234 for 6 (Kemp 102 not out, Dillon ma. 50).
- June 18th. 2ND XI v. ST. EDWARD'S II, at Oxford.
Result : Won by 8 wickets.
Scores : St. Edward's, 79 (Keith 5 for 20, Farthing 3 for 15) ; Stowe, 177 (Keith 46 Silcock 35, Sword 27).
COLTS v. RADLEY COLTS, at Radley.
Result : Lost by 96 runs.
Scores : Radley, 180 (Spurrier 3 for 35) ; Stowe, 84.
- June 25th. 2ND XI v. RADLEY II, at Radley.
Result : Won by 4 wickets.
Scores : Radley, 135 (Dawson, J. E. 4 for 41) ; Stowe, 138 for 6 (Sword 47 not out, Beare 21 not out).
COLTS v. WELLINGTON COLTS, at Wellington.
Result : Drawn.
Scores : Wellington 198 for 6 declared ; Stowe, 135 for 9 (Stuart 43, Thwaites, J. A. G. 23 not out).

LEAGUES.

The Leagues, which were this year played under a time-limit system, were closely contested, and produced some excellent games. The result was as follows :—

Temple	..	..	..	..	60
Grenville	..	..	..	..	54
Chatham	..	..	..	..	50
Cobham	..	..	..	..	46
Chandos	..	..	..	..	24
Bruce	..	..	..	..	12
Grafton	..	..	..	..	6

HOUSE MATCHES.

The draw was as follows :—

Chandos	}	Chandos	}	Cobham	}	The Final result will be published next term.
Chatham	}					
Bruce	}	Cobham				
Cobham	}					
Grenville	}	Grafton				
Grafton	}					
		Temple	}	Temple		

LAWN TENNIS

The following matches have been played :—

Saturday,	May 14th.	University College, Oxford.	Home.	Won 7—2.
Wednesday,	May 18th.	Trinity College, Oxford.	Home.	Won 7—2.
Saturday,	June 4th.	Trinity College, Oxford.	Away.	Lost 4—5.
Wednesday,	June 8th.	University College, Oxford.	Away.	Won 5—4.
Wednesday,	June 15th.	Worcester College, Oxford.	Home.	Lost 5—4.
Saturday,	July 2nd.	Mr. Whitehead's Six.	Home.	Lost 1—8.

For the first two matches the team consisted of two masters and four boys. In the next three only one master played. Against Mr. Whitehead's six we put a School team into court for the first time, and though we got thrashed for our pains, it was well worth it. It was most unfortunate that the matches against Queen's Club and Westminster had to be scratched.

Avory is, of course, in a class by himself, and has played very well all through the term. He has improved amazingly during the last year, but his back hand and his service are still rather weak. Balfour has a first-class service and the making of good ground strokes, but at the moment they are too speculative. Together they should make a very good pair and we hope that they will do well at Queen's Club.

Taking the team as a whole there are three outstanding faults, and, as these faults are found in at least ninety per cent. of the tennis players in the School, they are worth emphasising. The first is weak service. Pace and accuracy in serving can only be obtained by throwing the ball up high and hitting at full stretch, with a swing that has the weight of the body behind it. The "hammer" service—*i.e.* a ball served with a bent arm—can never be anything but a weakness. Incidentally, a "service" swing is the only really effective way of killing lobs. Second, the back-hand. "Running round" is far too common. When once really mastered the back-hand shot will be found to be as accurate and reliable as the fore-hand. Practice is the only thing—against a wall if possible. Third, chasing lobs. This is largely a question of energy and alertness. Almost all lobs can—and should—be reached *by the player over whose head the lob passes*. It is quite impossible for the server to concentrate on getting close in to the net after his service if he cannot trust his partner to get back when lobbed. A player should always be prepared for a quick turn and a sprint to the base-line. Of these faults the last is the most glaring—and the most easily cured.

FENCING

The team has won more matches and our Fencing Temple is being mutilated in order to provide for the artistic side of the new Chapel. Men used to admire the mother Pelican who sacrificed herself for her offspring. We have not done so any too willingly, but we have the consolation that we are to have something for what has been given away: we look forward to returning thanks in the next number of *The Stoic*.

A. C. Dawson's team has had another good Term. He himself, despite the claims of cricket and a damaged thumb, has shown sound all-round form. M. F. Villiers-Stuart has fought quite excellently with the Foil and, perhaps more important, coached, and coached very well the coming Team. Besides these two, and in addition to all the rest, a word of praise is due to P. A. J. Charlot for his fine performance in the Savage Shield Competition, when he beat all the Masks, and all but one of the Grosvenor Fencing Club, who won the Shield—and this competition is for the pick of the sword-clubs and the chief épée event of the year.

Sabre and épée competitions are taking place here this month. A. C. Dawson has generously presented an individual Cup for the winner of the latter. We have also to thank Mrs. Trafford for a gift of African weapons which fill some too bare spaces on the walls of our "Salle d'armes."

Next Term a new Team will come into a "restored" Fencing School. The O.T.C. will be there too. May the genius of Concord and Victories find room to remain.

THE SCHOOL v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Our Fencing Team went to Cambridge for the first time on May 14th, when they fought a match with the University which resulted in a draw at 18 all. The Cambridge Foil side this year is particularly strong and includes Mr. Winder, the holder of the Doyne Cup, so that our foilists did quite well to make the score 6—10. The épéeists, who had already beaten Oxford, gained a decisive victory at Cambridge. Indeed, with three fights to go, the event stood at 12—5 in our favour, so that we held a lead of three wins in the match. But each of those fights went against us: the match was drawn.

Score:—

FOILS.			
Stowe.		Cambridge University.	
	Wins		Wins
A. C. Dawson	- - 2	J. Winder	- - - 4
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- - 2	H. N. Ganus	- - - 3
H. D. H. Bartlett	- - 1	G. T. Coates	- - - 2
B. R. S. Houghton	- - 1	B. Babington-Smith	- - 1
	—		—
	6		10

ÉPÉE.

Stowe.		Cambridge University.	
	Wins		Wins
F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly	- 4	M. J. Bowlby	- - 4
P. A. J. Charlot	- 3	J. Winder	- - 3
F. J. Walter	- 2	W. B. Wilcox	- - 1
A. C. Dawson	- 2	C. J. Harrison	- - 0
B. R. S. Houghton	- 1	C. Hohler	- - 0
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	12		8

ÉPÉE COMPETITION: THE SCHOOL v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

On May 18th, an individual épée competition took place at Stowe between the School and members of the O.U.F.C. As the Varsity match was only a few days off, the fights were particularly interesting, our own side having met Cambridge on the previous Saturday. O'Reilly again did well: he keeps his point straight and is very patient in defence.

At the end of the épée bouts, time was found for a sabre competition, in the course of which our new Team acquitted itself quite well.

Score:—

Épée.—C. S. A. Simey (O.U.F.C.) and F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly (Stowe) 6 wins each; A. J. D. Anderson (O.U.F.C.), P. A. J. Charlot (Stowe), L. S. L. Szyllermann (O.U.F.C.), A. Tazi (O.U.F.C.) and F. J. Walter (Stowe) 4 wins each; P. F. I. Reid (Stowe) 3 wins; J. S. Williams (O.U.F.C.) 1 win.

Stowe 9 wins. Oxford 6 wins.

Sabre.—C. S. A. Simey (O.U.F.C.) 5 wins; M. F. Villiers-Stuart (Stowe) 4 wins; F. J. Walter (Stowe) 3 wins; R. H. Scott (Stowe) 2 wins; A. J. D. Anderson (O.U.F.C.) 1 win; G. C. Wilkinson (O.U.F.C.) 0 win.

Stowe 6 wins. Oxford 3 wins.

THE SAVAGE SHIELD 1927.

Our épée Team has capped a season of remarkable success by reaching the semi-final round in the most important épée competition of the year. It is the first time in the history of the Shield that a young side has gone so far: the performance was remarkably fine.

In the first round, Stowe defeated the Aldershot Command 9—5; in the second round the Masks 9—7, and in the semi-final we were beaten 7—11 by the Grosvenor Fencing Club. The Masks had previously beaten the L.F.C., and the Grosvenor Club were the eventual winners.

Charlot fought excellently after a shaky beginning, actually winning seven of his last eight fights and getting a *coup-double* against Pelling, who went undefeated throughout the competition. Dawson did very well with a weapon which is comparatively new to him. O'Reilly was not up to his usual form and Walter's effectiveness was not equal to his style; but both helped towards a very great effort.

Score:—		Wins.	Defeats.	No Results.
	P. A. J. Charlot	9	2	1
	A. C. Dawson	7	3	1
	F. J. Walter	4	8	0
	F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly	3	8	0

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE MASKS.

This match took place at Stowe on June 27th. If it was lost, there was the consolation of losing to a very good side. Our opponents were three Instructors from Aldershot led by Colonel Dyer, the Senior Army Swordsman.

In the foil event the School started well, Dawson, Villiers-Stuart and Bartlett all winning their first fights. We took the lead to 5—3, then lost four bouts in succession and never quite succeeded in regaining the lead though Bartlett made a great effort to do so at the expense of "Zebedee" whose "nom-de-guerre" hides the identity of the "master-at-arms." "Zebedee" won all his fights, and for us Villiers-Stuart won all his fights but one, a very praiseworthy achievement when the formidable calibre of his opponents is taken into account.

The épée told much the same story as the foil; we gained the lead but failed to uphold it. Dawson was fighting excellently and Houghton replaced a moribund Walter in a very successful way. But our other épécists were out of form, and found this team of Instructors more stubborn opponents than was the amateur side which we had beaten a fortnight before in the Savage Shield.

When the épée event was over, we were two down and had to face one of the strongest pairs in the country. Our own representatives were fighting in their first Sabre match. Aggressive in his tactics, Villiers-Stuart broke up, "Forester's" game and secured one win; but the rest of the bouts went to the more experienced side who won the match by 19—15.

Score:—

		FOIL.			
Masks.		Wins	Stowe.	Wins	
"Zebedee"	- - - -	4	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	3
"Alec"	- - - -	2	A. C. Dawson	-	2
"Fred"	- - - -	2	H. D. H. Bartlett	-	1
"Forester"	- - - -	1	B. R. S. Houghton	-	1
		—			—
		9			7
ÉPÉE					
"Alec"	- - - -	3	A. C. Dawson	-	3
"Zebedee"	- - - -	2	B. R. S. Houghton	-	2
"Fred"	- - - -	1	P. A. J. Charlot	-	1
"Forester"	- - - -	1	F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly	-	1
		—			—
		7			7
SABRE.					
"Zebedee"	- - - -	2	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	1
"Forester"	- - - -	1	R. H. Scott	-	0
		—			—
		3			1

SWIMMING

At long last things have begun to look up in the swimming world!

By the generous and anonymous gift of a parent it was possible to have a sound landing stage, and a barrier 42 ft. long, exactly 75 ft. from the landing stage, erected in the lake.

The School thus has at last a measured distance, so that it has become possible to estimate our swimming capabilities.

The Tank also, which had been deservedly condemned last year, was resuscitated before the beginning of this term, and a wall was built round it, presumably to protect it modestly, but not completely, from the public eye. It was also coated with an anti-marine-life preparation which seems to have been fairly effective, and the water was deepened to 7 ft. at the deep end.

Flushed by these unaccustomed successes the swimming authorities succeeded in raising the money for a diving platform and spring board at the Lake, and these were duly erected at the beginning of July, the diving platform, but not the spring board, being at once very popular. (It usually looks like a cross between an upright grand piano and the beach at Blackpool.)

The spring board is at present too full of life and cannot allow the diver to dive without giving him a parting push which turns him neatly upside down. We hope that this enthusiasm will be modified before long by an extra board above the existing one.

At the time of writing Heats for the Sports are nearly finished. All results which can be included will be found in Late News.

This term, out of 422 boys allowed to swim, 229 had passed the swimming test at the beginning of term, and 80 have passed it since then.

A start has been made this year with a new Test, called the Class II Test, of which the chief qualification is the ability to swim 300 yds. in 7½ minutes at the Lake, 100 yds. being by orthodox breast-stroke, 100 yds. by back-stroke, and 100 yds. by a side-stroke or overarm stroke. So far 8 boys have passed this test.

An immense help is likely to be given to the general level of swimming throughout the school by the Elkington Cup, presented by Mr. Walter Elkington in memory of his son. The condition attached to the Cup was that as many competitors as possible from each House should have to compete for it. The details of the races are shown below.

Race.	Qualification.	Length swim by each member of Team.
100 yds.	1st Summer Term	25 yds.
100 yds.	Under 16	25 yds.
200 yds.	Under 17	50 yds.
200 yds.	Open	50 yds.
250 yds.	(Medley)	

In the Medley the first swimmer will be in his first summer term, and will swim 25 yds.; the second will be under 16 and will swim 50 yds.; the third will be under 17 and will swim 75 yds.; and the fourth will be any age, and will swim 100 yds. As no one will be allowed to swim twice, each House will have to enter a team 20 strong.

H.-S.

LIFE SAVING.

As a result of the improvements which have been made to the Tank, the Life Saving Drills have not been interrupted this year, and it has been possible for a much larger number to be instructed. The examination was held on Sunday, July 3rd, by Mr. J. S. Morgan, who has now been our examiner for three years. The following awards were made:—

Honorary Instructors' Certificates.—B. C. Gadney, J. W. Evans, A. C. Geddes, H. W. Gill.

Teacher's Certificate.—A. F. Kerr.

Medallions.—G. J. O. Booth, R. H. G. Carr, A. G. A. Cook, J. D. Eaton, A. C. Geddes, A. C. C. Macpherson, W. M. C. Peatfield, A. R. C. Watson.

Medallions and Proficiency Certificates.—A. G. A. Cook, A. D. Henderson, H. F. Jackson, H. V. Kemp, D. Morley-Fletcher, J. D. G. Niven, T. A. G. Pritchard, R. H. Scott, C. Smith, M. F. Villiers-Stuart.

Proficiency Certificates.—C. N. M. Blair, T. G. W. Ferrier, P. H. Heygate, R. W. L. Holmes, W. D. McComb, T. McCosh, J. H. Muir, P. Nicholson, E. C. S. Price, Q. W. A. Ross, E. W. Sconce, M. E. I. Searle, P. D. Taylor, R. E. Walrond, F. J. Walter, G. M. Wolfe.

Elementary Certificate.—H. W. Norman.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

The standard reached this year struck me as being a very considerable improvement on that of previous years and the Instructors are to be congratulated on the very satisfactory results.

The Land Drill was quite good. As to the Swimming there were still many obvious side strokes masquerading as back or breast strokes. The best breast strokes I considered those of Morley-Fletcher, Kemp and H. F. Jackson.

On the whole the Rescue was better than the Release—in the latter I noted as best Henderson, R. H. Scott (who was good throughout except for second release), Niven (perhaps the best all-round competitor), Geddes, though he was weak in fourth rescue, H. F. Jackson and C. Smith. As the best pair I should name the two last mentioned.

Generally I think the result most creditable, showing great keenness on the part of both Instructors and Pupils.

J. SYDNEY MORGAN, *Hon. Examiner R.L.S.S.*

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following obtained certificate "A" at the examination held in March, 1927:—

J. U. Body.	S. R. Sills.
B. C. Gadney.	F. J. Still.
F. A. Lowe.	M. Stirling.
J. E. McComb.	S. C. Swan.
N. A. McLeod.	R. W. D. Sword.
D. Morley-Fletcher.	T. P. Ward.

PROMOTIONS.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*:—

May 6th, 1927.	D. Morley-Fletcher.
	F. J. Still.
	J. A. Dashwood.
	A. Carden.
	Hon. P. A. S. D. Butler.
	J. D. G. Niven.
July 1st, 1927.	T. P. Ward.

In the "Country Life" Miniature Rifle Competition, which was fired in March 1927, the School Team obtained 32nd place out of 87 teams who competed. Cadet R. A. Anderson made the highest possible score in the three Individual Practices.

The Annual Musketry Test, upon which, together with the Recruits' Test, the House Shooting Cup is awarded, was fired early in May.

RESULT.

	H.P.S. 120. Average.	50 % Average Recruits' Test.	TOTAL.
Chandos	85·5	39·5	125·0
Grenville	77·1	37·2	114·3
Grafton	73·8	40·0	113·8
Temple	72·0	40·5	112·5
Chatham	69·7	40·2	109·9
Bruce	68·1	37·1	105·2
Cobham	77·3	16·1	93·4

The Individual Championship was fired on May 18th, and resulted in a victory for R. E. Walrond after a tie with F. A. Lowe.

The Annual Inspection of the contingent was made on July 1st by Major-General T. T. Pitman, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C. 48th (The South Midland) Division, T.A.

Except for a short interval of fine weather, when the contingent marched past, the rain fell continuously. The remainder of the inspection was, in consequence, held indoors.

The contingent is to go to camp at Mytchett Farm, near Aldershot, from July 26th to August 3rd.

THE HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The House Drill Competition for the Coldstream Cup took place on July 12th. In this competition points are awarded for Turn-out, Squad Drill without arms, Cane Drill and Rifle Exercises.

The Temple squad, whom Sergeant J. F. Marshall had worked up to a high standard, were the winners.

The points obtained were:—

		Maximum 100.
Temple	-	86.
Cobham	-	80.
Grenville	-	79.
Chatham	-	78½.
Chandos	-	77.
Bruce	-	73½.

THE NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

Sergeant J. F. Marshall has been adjudged to be the most efficient Non-commissioned Officer of the training year. The Nulli Secundus Cup will therefore be held by Temple until July, 1928.

THE LIBRARY

WE desire to acknowledge the following presentations to the Library:

From Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elkington:

'The Living Animals of the World' (various authors); 'British Battles on Land and Sea' (Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C.); five works of Surtees: 'Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour,' 'Hawbuck Grange,' 'Ask Mamma,' 'Mr. Facey Romford's Hounds,' 'Plain or Ringlets.'

From Mrs. C. A. Chidell:

A large collection of books including various works in French, German and Italian literature; Church History; Sermons; Commentaries; 'A First Sketch of English Literature' (Henry Morley).

The following books have been bought:—

'The Drawing and Construction of Animals' (W. Evans Linton); The Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. IV; 'General Astronomy' (H. Spencer Jones); 'Reality'

(B. H. Streeter); 'Tricks of the Trade' (J. C. Squire); 'Tales of a Grandfather' (Scott); 'India' (Sir Valentine Chirol); 'Life Drawing' (G. B. Bridgeman); 'The Biology of Birds' (J. Arthur Thomson); 'A Century of Parody and Imitation'; 'China in Turmoil' (L. M. King); 'A Complete Guide to Heraldry' (A. C. Fox-Davies); 'Great Short Stories of the World'; 'Michelangelo' (Fritz Knapp); 'A History of Germany' (C. T. Atkinson); 'Disraeli and Gladstone' (D. C. Somervell); 'A Dictionary of Applied Physics,' Vols. I—V (Sir Richard Glazebrook); 'Who's Who?' for 1927; 'A Short History of Italian Unity' (Boulton King); 'A Short History of the Italian People' (Mrs. G. M. Trevelyan).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

SUMMER evenings do not habitually agree with debating societies. We have had one meeting this term, in order to show that we are alive. Actually, this meeting showed too that members must speak more readily and take more trouble to prepare their speeches, if the Society is to maintain the improvement apparent last term.

E. D. O'Brien has been elected Secretary, and J. N. Feathers Committee-man for next term.

A. R. H. Ward has been elected a member of the Society.

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Society was held on June 18th, when the motion for debate was "That this House deplors the modern tendency to encourage education."

C. D. DULLEY, in proposing the motion, seemed to find his fireworks damp. He is sometimes amusing, but he must be more serious if he is to impress the House.

E. D. O'BRIEN made a good speech, the best speech in an evening of bad speeches. When he has sat down, the audience is not quite sure what he has said, but he speaks with an ease and conviction which makes us sure that he has said something worth while.

H. A. L. MONTGOMERY CAMPBELL got up and sat down on the high-table, immediately in front of the Vice-President. Being called to order, he got up again. Later, he sat down in his own seat and we applauded.

J. D. G. NIVEN spoke for the first time on the paper. He made a gallant effort to deal with an apparently difficult subject.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. H. Whyte.

Against the Motion, J. M. Reeves (ex-Secretary), A. C. C. Brodie, A. A. Grumbar, A. G. Howland-Jackson and L. M. Miall.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 2	Ayes - 4
Noes	- 16	Noes - 40
	—	—
Majority	14	Majority 36

MUSIC

THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION.

The second Competition took place on April 4th, 1927, with Mr. Adrian Boult as judge. The pieces for vocal competition were the unison song, 'Early One Morning,' and the two-part version of Armstrong Gibbs' 'Five Eyes.' The instrumental competition was held in the afternoon, the leading houses being Temple and Grenville. For the former, T. P. Ward was the outstanding performer, while the strength of their string contingent stood them in good stead. Throughout the competition Mr. Boult laid stress on the desirability of numerical strength in the teams; it was much better, he considered, that a House should possess several moderate musicians than one or two exceptionally gifted ones. Among the best performances were the piano solos of Steynor, Savill and J. M. Reeves, Brooke's flute solo and the Wards' violin pieces, while among the many exciting and admirable combinations we cannot refrain from mentioning Bond's Trombone version of the Rachmaninof C sharp minor prelude, the Temple septet for violins, 'cello, flute, horn and piano, and the Chatham quartet version (violin, saxophone, fife and piano) of the end of Act I of 'Madame Butterfly.'

At the vocal competition in the evening, Temple were again placed first, with Chatham, Bruce and Grafton not far behind. Temple sang musically and with good taste, and if the 'expression' was exaggerated at least it *was* expressive. All the performances of 'Five Eyes' were admirably vigorous, and if one effect of the evening stood out above the rest it was Grafton's enunciation of the word 'whisker.'

THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

On the miserable afternoon of the day of the O.T.C. inspection, the Society beguiled the time away with an impromptu reading of 'Ruddigore,' while a reading of the 'Mikado' has long been prepared for any thoroughly wet half holiday that comes along, and may yet take place before the end of term.

THE ARTS CLUB

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The Arts Club held its annual Exhibition in March. It was perhaps the best we have yet had; the exhibits had improved both in quality and in quantity, a great deal more originality having gone towards their execution.

On the decision of Mr. Edmund New, the prizes were awarded to M. J. Salaman, A. Carden, P. L. Wood, T. P. Ward and G. J. B. Wright.

A.C.

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

The excursion to Cambridge took place on July 9th. We spent a most enjoyable day there in spite of the sad blow dealt to the personnel of our party by the President's illness.

We visited the majority of the Colleges, small and large, and were extremely impressed by the grandeur of King's College Chapel, with its

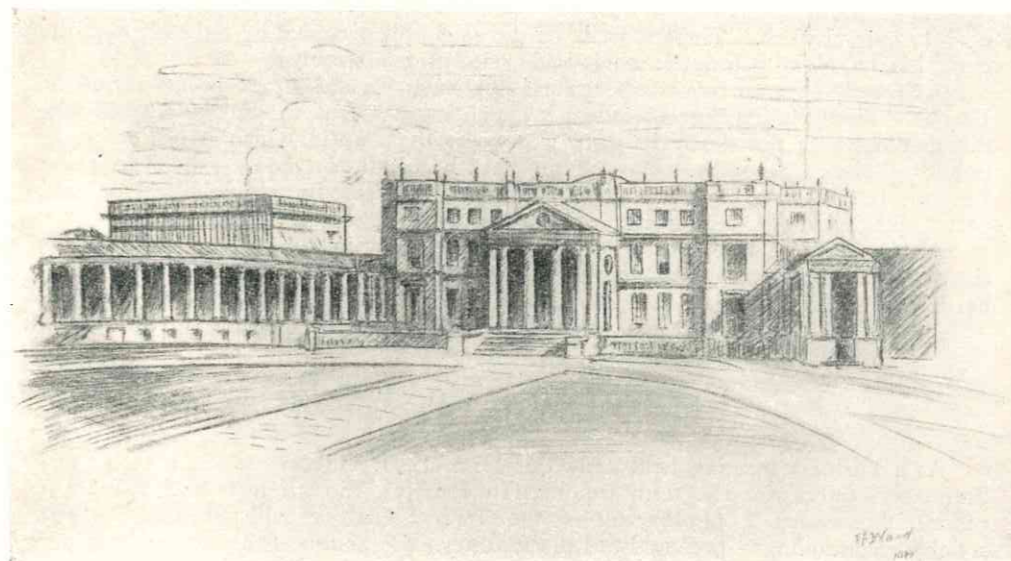
'Storied windows richly dight
Casting a dim religious light.'

Mr. Watson gave an organ recital here, in the afternoon, which was well attended by members of the Club and by the public at large.

Some of us spent a profitable half-hour in the Fitzwilliam Museum, others went to the Backs and obtained an excellent view of the Colleges from the water.

The Library and the magnificent quadrangle of Trinity College, the tudor court of John's—containing some of the finest brick-work in Europe—the renovated old court of Corpus, Wren's Chapel at Pembroke and the front of Emmanuel were sought for and appreciated by not a few of us.

A MEMBER.



THE NORTH FRONT.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

A LECTURE BY MISS MURIEL CURREY, O.B.E.

JUNE 2ND, 1927.

Miss Currey's second visit was much looked forward to by those who had heard her previous lecture. In March, Miss Currey dealt with "What the League of Nations does"; on this occasion she confined herself to "How the League of Nations works."

In the League one sees the Anglo-Saxons trying to impose an ideal on Europe; in return Europe has forced a written constitution on the League, an ideal entirely foreign to British methods of government.

The League is, naturally, too big to work always as one body. A Council resembling in some respects our Cabinet has, therefore, been formed, consisting of five permanent member-states (Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy and Japan), and in addition about nine other countries which are elected as non-permanent members. The Council meets four times a year, and settles points concerning peace treaties and other matters of fundamental importance.

The Assembly is the general meeting of the League. Its size is an obvious handicap, and many other hindrances to effective legislation by the Assembly will at once occur to the mind, such, for example, as the waste of time caused by frequent translation into different languages. The Assembly meets for a month, once a year, in September.

At the beginning of a session, the Council reports to the Assembly; then follow debates on the report. It is at these debates that the best speeches are heard, such masters of oratory as M. Briand often taking a leading part. The Assembly then breaks up into commissions. The last week of the session is occupied by the reports of the commissions, given before the whole body once more assembled.

Miss Currey stressed two important and not generally understood points about the League. Firstly, the League is not a "Super-State." It cannot make laws for the different nations; practically its only weapon is the way in which it can influence public opinion. Secondly, every country has nominally an equal influence in the League: but, as in every community, individual men stand out on account of their personalities, and give additional power to the countries they represent.

At the close of the lecture, numerous questions were asked, and Miss Currey showed again, in answering them, the exact knowledge of her subject which had made her lecture so interesting.

B.T.W.

THE TWELVE CLUB

At a business meeting held early this term, E. J. Oliver was elected the new Secretary. Otherwise the term has been uneventful, though it is the opinion in official circles that a photograph of the Twelve Club should be taken. With suitable surroundings—preferably with a flavour of the antique—this imposing group would look well.

P.H.L.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

In spite of the constant demands of the playing fields and the shadow of examinations looming ahead, the Society has found time to hear minutes of past meetings, read a French play, and—most attractive of all—talk of what it may aspire to read and do in the future.

The play chosen was a comedy, 'Les Boulinard,' by Ordonneau, Valabrègue and Kéroul, a successful piece of difficult collaboration giving an amusing study of a nineteenth century bourgeois family.

Places in the Society are falling vacant as boys leave the School, and next term will see the election of several new members.

E. R. Avory has kindly carried on his duties as Secretary during the term.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY

The Modern Play Reading Society has met once this term. Mr. G. K. Chesterton's "Magic" was read on Friday, July 15th, when A. R. H. Ward, a newly elected member, joined us for the first time. "Magic" is an excellent comedy, with the one disadvantage of having only seven parts: we are not seven, but thirteen, and accordingly each of the larger parts was divided between two members.

Among the more entertaining features of the reading were O. H. J. Bertram's and E. D. O'Brien's admirably improvised 'stage' American and the Vice-President's stage-directions.

Never has the progress of civilisation been so brilliantly summed up as in the words of the Duke:—

'Well, we move, you know, we move! First there was the Missing Link. [Silence.] No! First there was Protoplasm—and then there was the Missing Link; and Magna Carta and so on. [Silence.] Why, look at the Insurance Act!'

B.C.G.

THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY

The Physical Society has had an unusually active summer term, having held three meetings, other than business ones, and hoping to hold another. At the second meeting of the term Mr. G. Stead, of Clare College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital, gave an exceedingly interesting lecture on X-rays, illustrated to some extent by slides of his own work, from the point of view of the physicist rather than the medical man. This was specially notable as being the first meeting at which we have been addressed by anyone outside the Society, and also because Mr. Stead supervised the work of two of the Society's members when they were at Cambridge.

On the Saturday before the Eclipse, the paper previously read to the Astronomical Society at Cambridge by Col. F. J. M. Stratton, of Caius College, was re-read to the Society by the Secretary.

The fourth meeting of the Society is to be for a paper on a metaphysical subject by G. A. Evans, in pursuance of the motion passed by the Society last term demanding one such meeting each term.

Mr. T. W. G. Acland and K. A. Goudge were elected members of the Society this term. G. E. Loxton has been President and Mr. Heckstall-Smith Secretary.

G.E.L.

THE WIRELESS CLUB

The Club made an enjoyable excursion to Daventry towards the end of the term. It was an excellent opportunity of seeing the inside of a really big transmitting station, and those who went made the most of it.

Apart from this, most of our energy has been spent in the erection of a Sanatorium installation, which is progressing slowly but surely. We have practically completed the wiring in the wards and up in the rafters. If we can get into the remaining wards we may yet be able to finish the installation by the end of term, though we have been caused a lot of delay by our dealers.

As in all summer terms, not a great deal has been done in the workshop. One or two members have, however, been able to complete useful sets, and many have plans for sets to be made in the near future.

On the whole, we have had a very satisfactory term, and we shall consider our labours in the Sanatorium well rewarded if future supporters of that institution make speedy recoveries.

J.F.C.

THE RIFLE CLUB

The Club has done very well this term. Twelve new members have joined, and six more have passed the Club Test by scoring 87 out of a possible 100 at 25 yards.

Three competitions have been shot off during the term, one of which deserves particular mention. Three members, shooting in one of the Silver Spoon contests, tied for first place and, after an exciting struggle, R. A. Anderson finally emerged the victor. D. F. Crosthwaite was second and J. M. G. Best third. In other competitions R. A. F. Hanbury-Tracy won the Lord Roberts Medal and R. A. Anderson and R. E. Walrond each obtained a "Times" Certificate.

A match was also arranged against Hoxton Manor Club, but unfortunately had to be scratched owing to the rain. It is hoped to arrange some more matches in the autumn.

R. E. W.

THE LAURUS CUP

The following new scale of points for the Laurus Cup has been passed by the Games Committee:—

	<i>Points.</i>
Football : House Cup	24
Football Leagues	12
Cricket : House Cup	24
Cricket Leagues	12
Sports	14
Cross-country	12
Relays	10
Lawn Tennis	4
Golf	4
Fives	4
Squash Rackets	4
Swimming Sports	4
Swimming Relays	3
Fencing	4
Total	135

THE SAILING CLUB

The Club is just completing its second season, which has been most successful from the point of view both of matches won and of good sailing obtained.

The winds have been on the whole very strong, but very fluky, a great improvement on the continual dead calms of last year.

Major Haworth succeeded in fixing up two races against Oxford University. The first, which took place at Oxford in Oxford boats, we lost 5-5, 7-3. The second, which took place at Stowe in Club boats, we won 7-3, 6-4, 7-3.

The outstanding feature of this year's sailing is the improvement and keenness shown by "B" class sailors. Last year they were nearly all novices and could hardly sail at all. This year their standard is, for the most part, very high indeed.

G.M.S.-W.

FOOTBALL

The following 1st XV Fixtures have been arranged for next term:—

Oct. 1—	Rosslyn Park, Extra A	Home.
" 8—	Old Stoics	Home.
" 15—	London Scottish, Extra A	Home.
" 19—	St. Edward's School, Oxford	Home.
" 22—	St. Paul's School	Away.
" 29—	The Masters	Home.
Nov. 5—	Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
" 12—	Richmond, B	Home.
" 19—	Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
" 26—	Oriel College, Oxford	Home.
" 30—	Middlesex Hospital	Home.
Dec. 10—	Radley College	Away.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Building Fund, April 3rd	24	17	3
Early Morning Services, May 8th to June 26th	19	0	9
Chapel Building Fund, May 8th	28	10	6
Stowe Club, June 12th	29	8	0

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Wine at Early Service	13	0	0
Flowers	2	19	0
Repairs	17	4	0
Wages (Summer Term)	5	0	0
On loan from Stowe Club	10	9	10

The terminal collection in July is estimated to repay loans and cover expenses. The balance, after deducting a sum of £5 to meet bills before the next terminal collection, will be given to the Stowe Club.

A.B.C., Hon. Treas.

BUILDERS OF STOWE

IV. LORD COBHAM.

. . . 'Tell how thy pleasing Stowe employs thy Time,
Say, COBHAM, what amuses thy retreat?
Or Stratagems of War or Schemes of State?
. . . Or dost thou give the winds afar to blow
Each vexing thought and heart-devouring Woe,
And fix thy Mind alone on rural Scenes,
To turn the level'd Lawns to liquid Plains . . . ?

Thus Congreve paid his tribute to the Lord Cobham of military, political and social fame.

The Stowe of the Eighteenth Century which received her recognition in the literature of the time, was the creation of Sir Richard Temple, Bart., afterwards to become Lord Cobham.

The date of Temple's birth is uncertain, and authorities differ rather widely in placing it between the years 1661 and 1669.

Military distinction came to him first, for in 1701 he was appointed Colonel of one of the new regiments raised for the French War, and we soon hear of him in the Netherlands as one of the Duke of Marlborough's most trusted officers. The distinguished part which Temple played in the siege of Lille, led Marlborough to pay him the honour of sending him to the Queen with the despatches that told of its capitulation. He was made a Lieutenant-General in 1709, but owing to his political principles—for he was a staunch Whig—he was not included in the list of general officers nominated to serve under Ormonde in 1710. With the Hanoverian succession, however, when Whiggery once more basked in the radiance of the royal pleasure, Temple was almost immediately created Baron and Viscount Cobham in Kent, an honour that was followed up by his appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor Charles VI, on the diplomatic mission which announced the establishment of the new dynasty.

On his return he was made Colonel of the 4th Dragoons, was sworn of the Privy Council, and in 1719 sailed from Spithead in command of the expedition that sacked Vigo. Once more success was rewarded with a military command, that of the King's Own Horse.

Twice Member for Bucks, and twice for Buckingham itself, Cobham, in common with the other Whigs, supported Walpole and his Ministry, but was strongly opposed to his Excise Bill. This difference soon led to others and as the result of a strongly worded protest against the sheltering

of the South Sea Bubble Directors by the Government, Cobham and another peer were dismissed their regiments.

Although considerable Parliamentary agitation followed these dismissals, Cobham forfeited the King's favour by his break with Walpole; but we must remember that, in Hanoverian times, to forfeit the favour of the King was to gain the favour of the Prince of Wales. Together with Lyttleton and George Grenville, he formed the famous "Boy Patriots" which included Pitt among their numbers.

When Walpole fell from power in 1742, Cobham was restored to favour. He became Colonel of the Horse Guards, Field Marshal, and, during a Royal visit to Hanover, one of the Regents for the Kingdom.

During the period of his military disgrace he had leisure for private pursuits, and largely rebuilt Stowe. He united the West and East Wings to the Main Block, with what are now known as the State Dining Room and Library respectively. His exterior alterations made the total frontage of the house some 900 ft., and the appearance much the same as it is to-day. In the interior also, he made many changes, 'replenishing' it with 'all ye curiosities or requisites for ornament, pleasure, and ease.' He brought the Grinling Gibbons cedar panelling from 'Stow' in Cornwall to put in the chapel in the East Wing, whence it is once more to be moved.

Most of the exterior buildings date from the time of Lord Cobham and he had the assistance of the greatest landscape gardeners of the age, Bridgeman and Launcelot ('Capability') Brown.

Many of the prominent leaders of Eighteenth Century society visited Stowe at one time or another, Frederick Prince of Wales and his wife the Princess Amelia Sophia (whose visit was commemorated by the Doric Arch that bears her name) being among them.

Horace Walpole was a frequent visitor, and as Cobham was the patron and friend of literary men, Glover, Pope and Congreve were sometimes to be found in Cobham's 'retreat.' Many are the contemporary letters and poems describing the beauties of the house and the munificence of its liberal-minded owner. 'If anything under Paradise could set me beyond all earthly cogitations,' said Pope, 'Stowe might do it.'

It is interesting to note that Lord Cobham counted among his many other social activities, membership of the original Kit-Kat Club.

His death occurred in 1749, and an account of it is given in the Memoirs of Hannah More. The Cobham Monument was erected in his memory by Lady Cobham.

E.D.O.'B.

E.J.O.

A VISIT TO THE GARDENS OF STOWE
FROM AN OLD GUIDE BOOK PRINTED AT THE NEW INN,
STOW, IN 1753.

OUR Gardens, for the most part, were laid out in so formal, awkward and wretched a manner that they were really a scandal to the Genius of the Nation: a man of taste was shocked whenever he set his foot into them. But Stowe, it is to be hoped, may work some reformation. I would have our country squires flock hither two or three times a year, by way of improvement, and after they have looked about them a little return home with new notions: and begin to see the absurdity of their clipped yews, their boxwood borders, their flourished parterres, and their lofty brick-walls. For to me, I must own, there appears a very visible connection between an improved taste for pleasure and a taste for virtue. When I sit ravished at an oratorio or stand astonished before the cartoons, or enjoy myself in these happy walks I can find my mind expand itself, my notions enlarge, and my heart better disposed either for a religious thought or a benevolent action. In a word, I cannot help imagining a taste for these exalted pleasures contributes towards making me a better man. A place like this is a kind of keeping open house. There is a repast at all times ready for the entertainment of strangers. And sure, if there is a degree of benevolence, you must think an useful end answered in thus affording an innocent gratification to so many fellow-creatures. A Sunday evening spent here adds a new relish to the day of rest, and makes the Sabbath appear more cheerful to the labourer, after a toilsome week. For my part, I assure you, I have scarce experienced a greater pleasure, than I have often felt, upon meeting a variety of pleased faces in these walks. All care and uneasiness seem to be left behind at the garden door, and people enter here fully resolved to enjoy themselves, and the several beautiful objects around them. In one part, a face presents itself marked with the passion of gaping wonder; in another, you meet a countenance bearing the appearance of a more rational pleasure; and in a third, a set of features composed into serene joy, whilst the man of taste is seen examining every beauty with a curious eye, and discovering his approbation in a half-formed smile. To this I might add still another advantage of a public nature, derived from these elegant productions of art: and that is, their tendency to raise us in the opinion of foreigners. If our Nation had nothing of this kind to boast of, all our neighbours would look upon us as a stupid tasteless set of people, and not worth visiting. So that, for the credit of the country, I think, something of this kind ought to be exhibited amongst us. Our public virtues, if we have

any, would, I dare say, appear to no less advantage when recommended by these embellishments of art.

At length I have done with *Stow*, the wonder of our days, and the most charming place in all *England*. There is scarce a traveller, of ever so little taste or curiosity, that upon coming to *London*, does not pay a visit to *Blenheim* but especially to *Stow*, as the most splendid and magnificent ornament of this fine wealthy country. I was struck with the majesty of *Blenheim* House—but all falls short of *Stow*. I own indeed that the famous gardens of *Sir Jeremy Sambrook* at *Gubbins*, in the County of *Hertford*, deserves a traveller's admiration; and that you there see a sensible resemblance in miniature of *Stow*. But, notwithstanding all the surprising greatness of *Gubbins*, still it must submit to *Stow*.

THE FUNERAL OF THE MAHARAJAH
OF NAHWANAGHAR

THE Maharajah was dead, and now, as soon as dawn broke, he was to be conveyed to his tomb; for the dead must be buried quickly in the tropical East. Shortly before death he had expressed the curious wish that he might be enshrined in his last resting-place at sunset, always his favourite time of day. He lay peacefully reposing in a magnificent ebony coffin, awaiting the arrival of the royal white elephants to bear him away. Across a level plain they would journey, till they reached the low foot-hills in the midst of which he had built, some years previously, an exquisite sepulchre to receive the body of his beloved wife.

Now the first saffron hues of early morn were paling the starry darkness of night; a rapid change to pink marked the approach of sunrise. The light revealed the streets of the city already densely thronged by a grief-stricken people. In the Palace courtyard the elephants were being harnessed by their deft 'mahouts.' As by magic the procession formed and the lumbering beasts began their mournful journey.

First came a huge white elephant, the favourite of the old Maharajah, carrying the coffin with a body of accompanying priests. They were followed by four more elephants bearing the high officials of State, and upon the foremost the son and heir to the throne. Then came a troop of the Maharajah's household lancers mounted on superb Arab horses. The rear of the procession was brought up by a throng of Palace retainers on foot. The whole cortège was clad in sombre colours, and, as it issued from the great gates of the Palace, the crowds without prostrated them-

selves upon their faces with cries of wailing and lamentation. Slowly the company passed on its way through streets that were hung on all sides with signs of mourning.

Now they had reached the outer gates of the city and were filing out into the sun-burnt plain. A hot sun, a cloudless sky blue-vaulted, the golden vista of maize and corn were all there to be enjoyed, gloried in; but they fell upon eyes blind to their beauty and were passed by unheeded. All morning the march was continued regardless of heat and thirst, till a halt was called for rest at midday. Then again the burden was taken up, and the remaining way to the hills was traversed.

Entering a narrow defile they struck a well-worn path leading up and up, through fertile valleys and along the steep sides of slopes, till they reached the summit of the highest hill. In front was a majestic marble building covered by a golden dome and surrounded by minarets, silhouetted against the sky. It stood on the edge of a sharp declivity, with the wide plain displayed before it, so that it eternally faced the city beloved of the husband and wife soon to be reunited. The temple once reached, the enshrining of the coffin did not take long. Reverent hands placed it in its appointed place and the priests were left alone to watch.

The dying sun lit up the interior of the building with a roseate hue, focussing its rays—surely not by chance—upon the tombs and the still, kneeling figures beside them.

A. D. COPLESTONE.

LONDON RAILWAY STATIONS

NOT the least remarkable feature of that very remarkable city, London, is its railway stations. They are different from any other railway stations in England. The stations of Crewe and Birmingham may have their dingy glass roofs just as lofty, and their platforms just as long, as those of any London station, but they do not give one the same feeling of importance, even of majesty, as do Paddington and Waterloo.

I have been in many London railway stations, but the one I know best is Paddington. To me Paddington has a distinct personality. 'Think how important I am,' she says, in her deep, sonorous voice; 'millions of men and women pass through me every year—business men, holiday makers, soldiers and sailors and artisans; and I look on them with a motherly eye, and see them well cared for; my snorting engines would not dare to disobey me by harming anyone.'

I feel safe when I think of this as I stand under the War Memorial waiting for my train and listening to the various sounds. I hear the hissing of steam, the rattling of porters' barrows, the shrill voices of boys crying 'Cherklets! Cigaretes!' and a series of asthmatic puffs and hisses that herald the arrival of my train. Slowly it enters the station behind the tank engine; I see the cheerful glow of the fire, and the engine driver wiping his greasy hands on some cotton waste.

I see my 'grand baggage' safely into the van, and settle myself and my 'petit baggage' in a carriage. I have for my companion a gentleman in a shabby blue suit and a shabbier bowler hat.

'Goin' to Worcester?' he asks.

'Yes,' I reply. 'Are you?'

'Arr, that I am. I'm a fruit grower from down Evesham way. London 'll be all very well in its way, an' I reckon this 'ere station's just a marvel, but it's good to be getting back to good old Worcestershire, that it is.'

And I agree with him.

M. J. GIBBON.



LATE NEWS

FENCING.

Stowe "under 16" defeated Westminster "A" 5-4.

Scores:—

<i>Stowe.</i>		Wins.	<i>Westminster "A."</i>		Wins.
H. D. H. Bartlett	- -	2	E. F. F. White	- -	2
G. A. L. Cheatle	- -	2	E. F. Hoppé	- -	1
C. S. McCallin	- -	1	W. G. Oates	- -	1

The result of the Barber Reading Prize will be published next term.

SAILING.

The individual Sailing Challenge Cup was won by G. M. Stewart-Wallace.

CRICKET.

In the Final House Match, Temple started very badly by losing Avory, J. E. Dawson and Griffin for 19 runs. Then Howland-Jackson and G. E. G. Jackson both batting well, took the score to 95. Temple were all out for 169 of which Jackson made 65 and Howland-Jackson 41.

Cobham collapsed and were dismissed for 59 after being 20 for 1 wicket. E. D. Fairweather batted doggedly for 1 hr. 45 mins. for 9 runs.

Temple again started badly and lost 3 wickets for 26, and the score at the time of going to press is 42 for 3, Howland-Jackson not out 15, G. E. G. Jackson not out 7.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

Points up to date for Senior House Cup:

Chandos 14. Bruce 4. Chatham 3. Grafton 1.

Points up to date for Junior House Cup:

Grenville 15. Chatham 3. Chandos 2. Bruce 1. Cobham 1.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Society was held at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday, July 21st, in Mr. Heckstall-Smith's rooms, when Mr. Spencer read a very interesting paper on "Roman Architecture." D. C. Ellis was elected Secretary for the Christmas Term.

M.S.

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