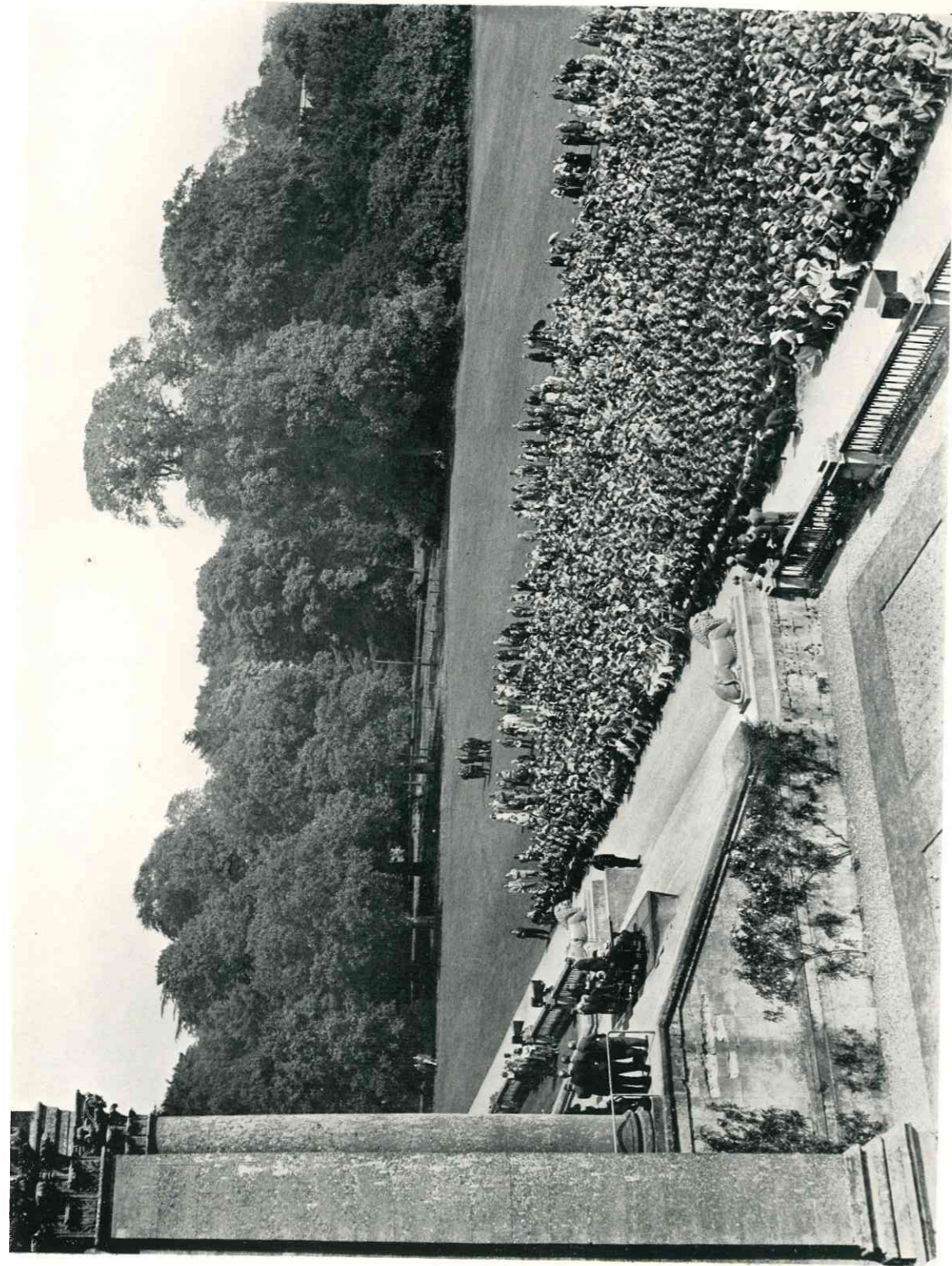


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TEN YEARS

ON several occasions since May, 1923, the School has been able to express its gratitude to its royal visitors and to certain others of its friends and benefactors. But there are many whom we have had no opportunity of thanking, and our tenth birthday must not go by without a word to them. First we must acknowledge the debt we owe to our Founders and Governors, who made our existence possible. What they have done is easy to see, but how difficult it has been to do few of us can know. Secondly we must acknowledge our debt—and it is not less great—to all those who as Members of the School or Masters in it have actually lived in the place and made their personal contribution to its growth. For if the School has any merit, it is to them that in varying degrees we owe it. These are debts which we cannot pay, but which we are proud and happy to acknowledge.

The word "congratulations" has been used by many friends this term. It was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on June 1st, and we heard it with particular pleasure from him. But though we welcome the word, most of us surely feel that we ought not to be thinking at all of what has been done but solely of what there is still to do. It is only with the future that we have any right to concern ourselves. There are now some thirty University Scholarships and Exhibitions on our Honours Boards—gained since we entered the Scholarship field in 1927—but we are looking to the day when there will be three hundred. We have made our way into an International Fifteen and a County Eleven, but we are looking to the day when it will be a matter of surprise if any first-class side does not contain its proportion of Stoics. We have Stoics in all the Services and in most of the Professions. But we are looking to the day when there will be Stoics at the top of the Services and at the head of the Professions. We have had two Presidents of the Oxford Union, but we are looking to the day when, as the Prince of Wales suggested, we shall have a Prime Minister of England.

This does not mean that we have no other ambitions than the usual ones—success and fame on the old lines. For indeed we have a hope more prized than those. We hope that in the fulness of time Stowe will make a contribution of its own to the history of English Schools. We are not so foolish as to claim that we can do better than the old Schools what they have been doing supremely well for generations. But there is a difference between Stowe and the old Schools. They were not founded since the War and Stowe was. This School belongs to the modern world, and as a modern School it has a duty of its own. It is not enough that we should learn the best lessons of the past. It is our duty also to think the best thoughts of the present and to be ready to give the best service to the future. This will be our aim in the next ten years and in all the years that are to follow.

CELEBRATION OF THE SCHOOL'S TENTH BIRTHDAY

THE completion of the first ten years of the School's existence was celebrated on Thursday, June 1st, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales honoured Stowe with a visit.

His Royal Highness, who was attended by Major J. R. Aird, travelled by air and was received on landing by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and the Headmaster. He motored from the landing place to the School, stopping for a few minutes at the head of the Great Avenue to inspect a contingent of the British Legion.

He was received at the North Steps by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governors and by the Managing Governor, and was conducted through the building to a small platform on the South Steps from which he addressed the School. He said:—

“The celebrating of the anniversary of a successful enterprise is always encouraging, and I am therefore very pleased to be with you on your tenth birthday as a school. When the school was first founded there was some difference of opinion as to the necessity of a new public school of this description.

“Very little was known officially about Stowe, except that it had a promising headmaster and a good number of entries. Starting with 99 boys you have, I understand, 500 here now. You have expanded in a remarkable way.

“Every school has to make some kind of a start, and when we think that eight of the most famous public schools were founded during the last century I think you may be very proud of what you have achieved. You have already sent men to all the leading professions, and if, as Lord Beaconsfield declared once, the air of the county of Buckingham is favourable to political knowledge and vigour, who knows that there is not being brought up here at the present time a future occupant of No. 10, Downing Street? (Cheers.)

“At the other end of the county of Buckinghamshire is another foundation, a much older one, which I understand gave you that magnificent avenue through which I have driven this afternoon. That foundation has been preserving the traditions of the English public school system for nearly 500 years.

“You at Stowe are a much younger foundation, and you have an opportunity of showing that the English public school system is not as antiquated as some people are apt to make out. It has not only a past but a future, and the future lies in your hands.

“I wish you the very best of luck and success when you leave here to go to your various callings in the world, and with the headmaster's approval I suggest that you should have some extension of the summer holidays in remembrance of this anniversary and possibly of my visit to you this afternoon.”

After Lord Gisborough and the Headmaster had expressed the gratitude of the Governors and of the School to His Royal Highness, and after an addition of one week to the Summer holidays had been announced, the Prince of Wales moved to a point to the South East of the main building and planted a commemorative copper beech. This tree was raised from seed sown in May 1923, and is therefore of exactly the same age as the School.

His Royal Highness was then shown the principal buildings, including the Chapel, and after a visit to the bathing place watched some exhibition games of lawn tennis on the Palladian courts. Before leaving, the Prince listened to a performance of Purcell's “Dido and Aeneas” given by the Oxford University Opera Club at the Temple of Ancient Virtue, and was entertained to tea by the Prefects in the Gothic Library.

After the departure of His Royal Highness, who was accompanied to his aeroplane by Lord Cottlesloe and the Headmaster, a Fencing match between Stowe and the Whigs took place on the North Front.

In the course of the day the Headmaster was presented with a silver rose-bowl by the 99 boys who joined the School with him when it was opened ten years ago.

(The above verbatim report of His Royal Highness's speech is reprinted by permission from the *Times* of June 2nd.)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been elected to Entrance Scholarships :—

- D. R. BARBOUR. (Mr. T. G. Hughes, Rose Hill School, Banstead).
 R. KEE. (Messrs. Maxwell-Hyslop, Foster and Webster, Rottingdean).
 M. L. B. WILLIAMS. (Mr. K. M. Mylne, Dalhousie Castle, Bonnyrigg, Mid Lothian).
 R. E. W. HARLAND. (The Rev. Cyril Williams, Summer Fields, Oxford).
 D. V. BALDWIN. (Messrs. Pidcock and Cooper, Bramcote, Scarborough).
 J. R. C. ELMSLIE. (Mr. G. F. T. Pearson, St. Wilfrid's, Seaford).
 P. WRIGHT. (Mr. T. E. Hardwick, Red House, Marston Moor, York).
 P. L. TOMPKINS. (Mr. N. G. Brownrigg, Fernden, Haslemere, Surrey).
 A. B. P. BEETON. (Mr. G. J. K. Harrison, Abinger Hill, Dorking).
 F. E. HANNING-LEE. (Mr. I. Sant, St. Edmund's, Hindhead, Surrey).
 P. M. SYRETT. (Mr. B. A. Snell, Mowden School, Brighton).

ANNUAL COMPETITION PRIZES 1932-3

BARBER READING PRIZES.

Senior : A. A. H. RADICE.

N. G. ANNAN.

Junior : P. C. B. BENSON.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK.

O. A. W. DILKE.

QUENTIN BERTRAM PRIZES FOR LATIN.

Prose : O. A. W. DILKE.

D. H. BUXTON.

Essay : D. G. LEA.

PEARMAN SMITH PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS.

A. C. G. HESKETH-PRICHARD.

HUMPHREY FOSTER PRIZE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE.

H. D. BARBOUR.

PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE.

J. M. E. HUTTON SQUIRE.

J. G. REISS PRIZES FOR MODERN LANGUAGES.

Senior : I. M. C. BRABY.

Junior : P. G. KRABBÉ.

Further awards will be made next term.

MELPOMENE AND THALIA

Some learn, too late, that life is but a jest ;
 Some that life's clowns are men who dare not weep ;
 All to shun constancy in posing, lest
 Each of his remedy should drink too deep.

And each man's mask that he has donned, afraid
 Of showing pride or pity in his face,
 But makes his brother, scanning it dismayed,
 Spit at himself beneath his foe's grimace.

LAIS.

STOICA

School Officials—Summer Term, 1933.

Prefects :—P. F. Baker ; P. E. Dawson ; A. F. R. Porcher ; F. A. H. Ling ma. ; E. V. Hope ; J. H. P. Gauvain ; P. E. C. Hayman ; A. A. Hawker ; K. W. L. Roberts ; B. R. Mitchell ; P. B. Lucas ; S. Kilpatrick ma.

Captain of Cricket :—P. B. Lucas.

Hon. Secretary of Cricket :—P. H. G. Smith.

W. N. CROFT has been awarded the Akroyd (Founder's Kin) Scholarship.

It is with much regret that we lose at the end of this term Mr. Heckstall-Smith, who has been appointed to the Headmastership of Ludlow Grammar School ; Mr. Channon, who is going to Rugby ; and Mr. Hole, who is to devote the next three years entirely to sea-scouting. The School owes much to Mr. Heckstall-Smith for his power of stimulating the minds of all and for an incalculable number of other things ; to Mr. Hole for his able running of the Cinema and his development of the Workshops ; and to Mr. Channon for his interest in scouting and his patronage of certain dramatic enterprises. These are but few of the spheres in which they will be difficult to replace.

Old Stoic Day was held this year on Saturday, July 1st. Over a hundred Old Stoics attended, and matches were played against the School in a variety of sports. Records and accounts of these will be found elsewhere. In the evening, supper was served in Temple House Room.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term :—

- May 28. Rev. G. F. Saywell, Holy Trinity, Marylebone.
- June 11. Rev. D. Symon, Woodbridge School.
- June 18. Rev. C. J. Morton, Holy Trinity, Cambridge.
- June 25. Rev. D. Kenneth Saunders, School of Oriental Studies, London.
- July 16. Rev. W. L. Anderson, St. John's Vicarage, Eastbourne.
- July 23. Rev. Pat Leonard, Toc. H.

A cross in the form of a Crusader's sword has been presented to the Chapel by Sir Archibald Boyd-Carpenter. Between the quillons is a small gilt cross on a blue ground, with the inscription—IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.

The demolition of the Fives Courts is now complete. It is hoped that the same will soon be said of their re-construction.

The early part of the term saw the School buildings treated to a great deal of re-furbishing and repair. The Engine Yard was given a new coat of plaster ; the North Portico was scraped, and now tones in well with the rest of its surroundings ; the Dining Rooms were very thoroughly re-papered ; and, finally, many gallons of paint have been distributed in many and various directions.

The South Front lions were also made worthy of the Prince of Wales's visit. After experiments with a number of colours, they rejected a realistic khaki, and have settled down to coats of steely grey, in which they look more formidable and determined than ever.

A party from the School was again invited and went to the Hendon Air Pageant on Saturday, June 17th. The day was unfortunately marred by an unwelcome amount of rain.

The winner of the King's Cup Air Race on July 8th is the father of three Stoics. It is reasonable to prophesy that the name de Havilland will appear again in the list of winners.

The following have been awarded 1st XI. Colours :—S. J. L. Olver, K. P. P. Goldschmidt, G. P. Tweedale, J. D. Davidson.

The following have been awarded 2nd XI. Colours :—K. P. P. Goldschmidt, P. G. Krabbé, S. J. L. Olver, J. H. P. Gauvain, G. P. Tweedale, P. E. Dawson, J. D. Buchanan, E. M. Ling, G. N. Bell.

The following have been awarded Colts Caps :—N. D. Clive, J. D. A. Langley, P. R. Spencer, N. B. Robinson, J. W. Stoye, M. A. V. Walter.

School Colours for Swimming have been awarded to J. C. Breese.

Representative Colours have been awarded to the following :—

For Lawn Tennis : P. R. A. Forbes, P. Bosanquet.

For Fencing : W. L. R. Thorne.

For Swimming : E. D. Campbell.

For Shooting : J. K. Hay.

OLIM ALUMNI

MR. J. R. WATSON, playing for Somerset against Derbyshire at Ilkeston on May 18th, went in when six wickets had fallen for 63 and made 56 runs.

MR. G. A. COUTTS has graduated as B.Arch., Liverpool, with First Class Honours.

MR. C. J. P. PEARSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed a Casualty Officer and House Surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital.

MR. S. J. L. TAYLOR has been awarded the Bristowe Medal for Pathology and the Solly Medal and Prize for reports on Medical Cases, at St. Thomas's Hospital.

MR. J. DE AMODIO, MR. B. R. S. HOUGHTON and MR. G. A. L. CHEATLE represented Oxford and MR. H. D. H. BARTLETT represented Cambridge in the inter-University Fencing match.

MR. H. D. H. BARTLETT also won the medal of the Epée Club at Ranelagh.

MR. R. H. S. CLOUSTON has been elected Captain of the Oxford University Boxing Club.

In the University Athletic Union Championships, MR. P. L. SHERWOOD was second in the 220 yards race, and MR. A. R. P. ELLIS sixth in Throwing the Javelin.

MR. R. G. ATKINSON won the Long Jump for Sandhurst v. Woolwich and Cranwell at 20 ft. 7½ ins.

MR. R. J. PACKE has been awarded his Blue for Cricket at the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

MR. J. H. CARTER, MR. T. K. GREENE and MR. R. G. TEMPLE HARRIS have ceased to be Members of the Old Stoic Society.

From the Times of July 10th:—"The engagement is announced between MR. KENNETH HARRINGTON, younger son of His Honour Judge and Mrs. Edward Harrington, and the Hon. Cecilia Bowes-Lyon, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Dorothy Glamis."

MARRIAGES.

On 19th October, 1932, in London, MR. FREDERICK BERESFORD JOHNSTONE GRAVES to Miss Patricia Winefred Finnegan, of Malahide, Ireland.

On April 17th, 1933, at Buenos Aires, MR. GEORGE CORBETT (Junior) to Miss Dorothy Mary Botting.

On Friday, June 9th, 1933, at Llanengrad Church, Anglesey, the HON. PIERCE BUTLER to Miss Llywelyn Jones.

On Saturday, July 1st, 1933, at All Saints' Church, Hursley, MR. DONALD MACFARLANE to Miss Jean Carmen Young.

THE STOWE CLUB

(From our Pineapple Correspondent).

Dear Sir,

In spite of the heat-wave, the number of boys taking part in the Club's activities during the summer has been high. This is no doubt due to the transferring of the scene on Mondays to the local Baths, where we have had as many as 70 in at a time, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Regent's Park, where two cricket pitches have been regularly in use. Anyone who has seen our cricket cannot but wonder that more of the public do not suffer severe trauma from our activities.

The Club has put on a new summer suit in the form of a coat of varnish to its outside and a complete repaint within. The painting was done voluntarily by amateurs from among the unemployed, with paint kindly supplied by Messrs. Ripolin at an extremely low price. Another change inside the Club has been the introduction of three new games, the ingenuity displayed by Captain Lucas in the invention of them being only equalled by the skill of the boys in their construction. Their underlying principle is to flip or push a draughtsman into a hole, at the same time preventing one's opponent from doing likewise.

Thanks to the kindness of Sir Charles Miles and the Headmaster, a party of 20 club boys, together with 4 members of the School, visited the Bath and West Agricultural Show at Wimbledon. The only mishap was a watery downpour towards the end of the afternoon. How many minds were turned towards the glories of British Agriculture it is hard to say.

Our largest party yet for the Whitsun Camp (64) was fortunate in having magnificent weather. This was just as well, as ten in a tent in the wet is, to say the least of it, unpleasant. Bathing, sunbathing and cricket made the days pass all too quickly. For the August camp we do not expect such a large party, as one group of boys have arranged a small camp on their own by the sea. We are not sorry, however, as until some kind person gives us a new tent to replace a very leaky one, formerly my property, five of the boys are in constant danger of a sousing.

G. W. Emrys-Roberts has been living at the Club and his help has been much appreciated. Unfortunately he is just leaving us. Visits from John Lilley, Lee-Warner, Cooke and Pike have been welcome, as also have been the Saturday parties of Stoics.

The Scouts under Mr. Green continue to flourish. They recently gave a very successful variety show in a local Hall, in aid of their funds.

The Club has continued its work as a centre for the unemployed throughout the summer. It is mainly the younger men who use it, and they have shown themselves well worth helping. Unlike the boys, one sees with the men a continual change of faces, which, though good in that it shows that the members are not 'chronics,' makes the organisation of a committee and a cricket team hard work for Mr. Hone. Unemployment in Marylebone has decreased considerably. One only hopes that this decrease is not a seasonal fluctuation but a permanent pointer towards better times ahead.

The Parochial Charity has, through the National Association of Boys' Clubs, granted £15 for showers in the changing rooms, for which we are truly grateful. We would remind our kind friends that we cannot get a football pitch for next season for less than £25—also that our needs both in cash and in kind are still manifold. In particular, we would ask for any old football gear, as there are now both the boys and the unemployed to be catered for.

In conclusion, the work of Captain Lucas and his colleagues could have no better testimonial than the fact that the London Federation is now sending many of its visitors who wish to see a Club in operation along to the Stowe Boys' Club.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN J. L. TAYLOR.

PINEAPPLE WHITSUN CAMP 1933.

The most perfect weather was enjoyed throughout the long week-end, June 3rd to 5th, that the Club once more spent in camp at Stowe. A record number of 64, including the Warden and Messrs. Hone and McManus, tried our sleeping capacity severely; but if tents were full and blankets scarce, there was room in the Habitation for the overflow, and nights were particularly warm. Volunteers from Grafton had prepared the site.

The first party arrived to tea, two boys cycled, and a late train brought others down at bed-time. The only misfortune was that Mac's motor-cycle broke down twelve miles the other side of Buckingham, and eventually he had to come up the Avenue on foot. Soon after midnight, however, the camp was complete, though far from ready for sleep.

On Sunday there were several bathing parades, the first well before breakfast. During the morning a short service was held by the Warden, and a grouped photograph taken of all the campers. Three cricket matches on the Bourbon followed after lunch, the School winning the first two and losing the third.

Similar activities filled the next day too. The lake attracted everybody constantly, sunbathing finding as many enthusiasts as swimming. Grafton, having a bye in the Leagues, was able to provide cricketers against the Club. Honours fell equally to the teams, the Pineapple winning the 1st XI match and Grafton the 2nd.

The boys left Stowe after supper. Their holiday was memorable once again for sunshine, exercise and excellent food. Somehow or other they managed to travel home from Bletchley in first-class compartments. Captain Lucas has indeed a way with him.

THE Q.M.

MAINLY FINANCE.

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

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

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

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

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early Services (March 19th to July 2nd)	15	11	7
Chapel Expenses (April 2nd)	6	8	10
Stowe Club (May 14th)	12	8	7
Dr. Barnado's Homes (June 25th)	13	13	0

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Preachers' expenses	5	5	0
Flowers	2	12	6
Wine	1	4	0

The balance from this account will be paid into Stowe Club funds.

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

CRICKET

WITH a record of 5 wins, 4 drawn games (3 of them very definitely in our favour) and 3 losses (one at the hands of a strong Authentic side by only 4 runs), the 1st XI has enjoyed a successful season. This was due primarily to a well-balanced but not overstrong batting side, steady bowling and really excellent fielding. Lucas set the side a very good example in the field and the whole team fielded as one expects the more northerly county sides to field, with aggressive keenness. The batting was full of possibilities; Smith and Blois were outstanding, the former providing steadying influence, the latter dazzling brilliance on the occasions on which he came off; Ling proved himself a steady opening bat and the rest all made runs at one time or another. Mallett, kept low in the batting order to preserve him for his wicket-keeping, time and again made runs when they were wanted. The bowling was varied. Blois and Davidson bowled medium fast, and Lucas could make the new ball swing in; Ling took wickets with legbreaks; Krabbé, slow left hand, never had a wicket to his liking and was expensive; Smith and Bourne bowled off spinners. The most pleasing feature of the side was their capacity for rising to the occasion when things were really black, and Lucas must be congratulated on keeping them so well together during such crises.

The 2nd XI was stronger than in the last two years and won 2 of their 6 games, drawing 2 and losing 2. There was far more body to the batting, and the bowling was steady, if nothing more. Sherrard, Dawson, Gauvain and Bell were the most consistent batsmen, and Ling mi. on occasions proved successful with the ball.

The 3rd XI played two matches with Radley, losing both of them after sternly contested matches.

The Colts have had rather a disappointing season, considering the possibilities of the side. One match has been won, two lost, and three drawn. No one has been really capable of a match-winning effort, except in the Oundle game, where there was some enterprising batting

and bowling with sting in it. Clive, Thwaites and Walter have all played valuable innings on more than one occasion, and Thwaites has been (to a fault) the steadiest bowler. Stoye latterly has also bowled well, and Robinson is distinctly promising. Spencer has improved out of recognition as a wicket-keeper.

STOWE *v.* THE MASTERS. Played at Stowe on May 19th and 20th.

On winning the toss, the Masters could not take full advantage of a good wicket and were all out in an hour and a half for 99. Of the bowlers, Smith had the best analysis, though he was flattered to some extent by batting that clearly revealed lack of practice. The fielding was good, one quick return of Blois' shattering the wickets and any hopes of a respectable Magisterial score. The School's batting was disappointing. With the order changed, two wickets fell overnight for 6 runs, and this bad start cast its shadow over the rest of the batting. The earlier batsmen seemed more intent on keeping the slips awake than on producing runs. Smith alone appeared capable of indulging in a full-blooded stroke, and it was not until 6 wickets had fallen for 48 that he could find anyone to remain in with him. Boulter, who had somehow managed to survive a particularly vicious over from Tallent, then proceeded to put a scrupulously straight bat in front of everything and these two hit off the runs without any further loss. Full credit must be given to Smith, who played a most courageous innings. Archer and Kinvig bowled extremely well at the beginning, and Hart Dyke quickly finished off the innings.

THE MASTERS.

W. E. Capel Cure, b Ling.....	11
A. G. Archer, b Lucas.....	17
J. T. Hankinson, c Lucas, b Krabbé....	21
R. W. Skene, run out.....	24
J. A. Tallent, b Ling.....	1
H. V. G. Kinvig, c Lucas, b Smith.....	6
I. M. Cross, b Smith.....	0
E. Hart Dyke, c & b Bourne.....	7
A. B. Clifford, b Smith.....	4
J. C. Saunders, c Boulter, b Smith....	0
M. D. Prain, not out.....	0
Extras	8
Total	99

THE SCHOOL.

K. P. P. Goldschmidt, b Archer.....	6
J. H. Bourne, b Kinvig.....	0
A. A. Hawker, b Archer.....	6
P. B. Lucas, b Archer.....	0
P. E. Dawson, c Tallent, b Kinvig.....	4
P. H. G. Smith, c Archer, b Hart Dyke	63
J. D. Blois, b Tallent.....	10
R. B. Boulter, c Archer, b Hart Dyke..	21
A. E. de la T. Mallett, lbw, b Hart Dyke	22
P. G. Krabbé, st. Capel Cure, b Hart Dyke	1
F. A. H. Ling, not out.....	1
Extras	14
Total	148

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	8	0	24	2
Smith	10	2	20	4
Lucas	5	0	20	1
Krabbé	5	0	17	1
Bourne	3	0	10	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Archer	13	2	33	3
Kinvig	10	5	19	2
Skene	6	1	23	0
Tallent	6	1	13	1
Prain	5	2	13	0
Hart Dyke	6.2	2	26	4
Hankinson	4	1	6	0

STOWE v. CAMBRIDGE CRUSADERS. Played at Stowe on May 27th.

Rain entirely spoilt all chance of any real cricket being seen, only an hour and a half's play, in a drizzle, being possible. In that time, however, Blois bowled excellently with no luck at all, bringing the ball back considerably from the off and making both batsmen play their shots hurriedly.

CRUSADERS.	
G. W. Parker, not out.....	31
H. P. Dinwiddy, b Blois.....	43
B. O. Allen, not out.....	6
R. P. Nelson, R. H. Strachan, F. E. Covington, G. N. Gillespie, B. G. Lowe, R. Leader, G. A. H. Wolff, H. R. Lockhart did not bat.	
Extras	2
Total (for 1 wkt.)	82

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	5	1	19	0
Ling	4	1	18	0
Blois	9	1	25	1
Smith	8	1	16	0

STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas.	
K. P. P. Goldschmidt.	
J. D. Blois.	
P. H. G. Smith.	
J. H. Bourne.	
S. J. L. Olver.	
A. A. Hawker.	
R. B. Boulter.	
A. E. de la T. Mallett.	
F. A. H. Ling.	
P. G. Krabbé.	

STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas, c & b Melville.....	32
F. A. H. Ling, run out.....	44
J. D. Blois, c Skene, b Keown-Boyd....	87
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Melville, b Keown-Boyd	6
J. H. Bourne, b Keown-Boyd.....	8
P. H. G. Smith, run out.....	21
A. A. Hawker, b Awdry.....	10
S. J. L. Olver, not out.....	8
R. B. Boulter, not out.....	12
A. E. de la T. Mallett and P. G. Krabbé did not bat.	
Extras	24
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)..	252

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Keown-Boyd ..	21	9	39	3
Awdry	22	5	52	1
Melville	22	3	88	1
White	7	2	20	0
James	5	1	13	0
Skene	6	1	17	0

FREE FORESTERS.	
K. G. Nicholl, c Goldschmidt, b Lucas ..	1
J. W. H. James, c Smith, b Ling.....	33
A. Melville, b Ling.....	107
B. C. Gadney, b Ling.....	3
G. W. White, c Smith, b Ling.....	57
S. J. H. Sherrard, b Lucas.....	6
Col. M. O. Clarke, c Hawker, b Ling....	0
C. E. Awdry, b Lucas.....	14
R. W. Skene, c Krabbé, b Ling.....	2
A. W. Reynolds, b Lucas.....	5
W. D. Keown-Boyd, not out.....	0
Extras	23
Total	251

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Lucas	17.5	6	62	4
Blois	4	0	28	0
Ling	15	1	60	6
Smith	6	0	44	0
Krabbé	4	0	31	0

STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS. Played at Stowe on June 3rd.

The Stowe ground will soon gain the reputation of producing soul-stirring finishes. Yet another match was finished in the last five minutes, and by the narrow margin of four runs. This match, however, had none of the D'Artagnanesque atmosphere of the Forester match; there blow was given for blow with a speed which numbed the senses at the time and caused the after reflections of the game to be a kaleidoscope of ever-changing pictures, half-real, half-fanciful. The Authentic match, on the other hand, was a dour struggle, with all the pertinacity and will to win on both sides that is associated rather with the meetings of northern county sides. It might easily have been the Whit-holiday Battle of the Roses, a picture rendered all the more topical by the recurrent belching of smoke from the chimney on the North Front.

The Authentic innings was a queer mixture of ineffective batting and hard hitting. Eight wickets were down for 130, and then Badham was allowed to play an attractive innings, though one could not help feeling that he was fortunate to be able to score the majority of his runs through the covers without any move being made to block this shot. Blois and Krabbé bowled splendidly, without any luck at all; Lucas and Smith were steady, and Ling, in spite of his three wickets, was erratic and expensive. For the School, Lucas and Ling started batting sedately and well against some bowling that was dangerous both to limb and wicket. Forty-eight had been scored by good batting when Ling suddenly went for a run that existed only in his imagination and was easily run out. This seemed to unsettle Lucas, who was out in the next over trying to cut a ball that unfortunately was pitched on the stumps. With Blois bowled off his pads at 72, the good position was lost. Smith and Goldschmidt managed to stay in until tea. Smith was out immediately after off a careless stroke and then at 97 Goldschmidt, who had been batting with great confidence, was given out l.b.w. to an in-swinging. Hawker was joined by Bourne and these two, after a shaky start, gradually gained an ascendancy over the bowling, though it never lost its sting and

STOWE v. FREE FORESTERS. Played at Stowe on May 31st.

The final stages of this match produced as fine cricket and as exciting a finish as one could ever hope to see. The glorious uncertainty of cricket was proved once more. Nothing seemed more remote at half-past six than a win for the School. The Foresters then wanted no more than 30 runs to win, with 6 wickets in hand and with Melville, who had given a perfect exhibition of the importance of quick foot-work, not out 100. The bowling was beginning to wear a distinctly tired look, which, in view of the terrific assault made upon it and the memory of three dropped catches in the slips, was not to be wondered at. Suddenly Lucas galvanised the side by bowling Sherrard, pressed into service for the opposition owing to a shortage of man-power, who had been treating the bowling with an unimpeachably straight bat. Ling in the next over bowled Melville and followed this up by getting Col. Clarke caught on the leg-side. Twelve to make and three wickets to fall. The new ball was then wisely called for and Lucas yorked Awdry, who had looked as though he would finish the match off quickly. With only four runs required to win the ninth wicket fell, Krabbé bringing off a wonderful one-handed catch in the slips off a shot which the batsman might be pardoned for thinking had won the match. The last batsmen scored two of the runs required and then Lucas produced another yorker which finished the match. As the team came off the field, the clock struck seven. Lucas bowled magnificently in the last half-hour, and Ling stuck to his work well, though three of his wickets were obtained by amazing catches off balls which are not commonly acknowledged to be of good length. For the School, Ling, Lucas and Blois all batted well in their respective styles, though Blois was occasionally lucky in missing balls outside the off-stump at which he hit with his head well in the air.

every run had to be fought for grimly. Just as it appeared that these two would knock off the runs, Bourne became afflicted with the run-out complaint and was the fourth victim during the day of this unhappy malady. Boulter and Olver were quickly out, and with 27 to win Mallett came in and at once started to play as though he had a very good sight of the ball. This partnership added 23, with every run keenly contested, and then, with only five minutes to go, Mallett was bowled by a really good ball. Krabbé suffered the same fate next ball. Hawker played an extremely plucky innings, rendered all the more meritorious as he had been out of form. The School batted, for the most part, soundly and more confidently, and are to be congratulated on their grit, as the bowling was first-class and the wicket not entirely true, the ball coming through at different heights.

AUTHENTICS.				STOWE.			
R. O. P. Steel, c Blois, b Lucas.....	2	F. A. H. Ling, run out.....	15				
N. J. J. Pickles, run out.....	29	P. B. Lucas, b Badham.....	29				
E. H. Moss, c Lucas, b Ling.....	35	J. D. Blois, b Jones-Davies.....	6				
A. J. Wreford-Brown, c Smith, b Blois..	23	K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Jones-Davies	25				
P. J. Oliphant, run out.....	4	P. H. G. Smith, b Darwall-Smith.....	1				
J. A. Darwall-Smith, b Ling.....	17	J. H. Bourne, run out.....	17				
P. H. C. Badham, not out.....	65	A. A. Hawker, not out.....	58				
H. M. A. Jones-Davies, b Blois.....	1	S. J. L. Olver, lbw b Badham.....	0				
W. A. Sime, c Olver, b Blois.....	0	R. B. Boulter, c How, b Darwall-Smith..	5				
F. H. How, b Smith.....	6	A. E. de la T. Mallett, b Darwall-Smith..	7				
R. W. Skene, c & b Ling.....	12	P. G. Krabbé, b Darwall-Smith.....	0				
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	29				
Total.....	196	Total.....	192				

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas.....	9	0	46	1	Darwall-Smith ..	22.4	4	42	4
Blois.....	14	3	42	3	Jones-Davies ..	27	7	65	2
Smith.....	7	0	33	1	Sime.....	10	4	22	0
Ling.....	8.4	0	51	3	Badham.....	17	7	34	2
Krabbé.....	5	0	21	0					

STOWE v. BRADFIELD. Played at Stowe on June 7th.

Once more Lucas was unlucky enough to lose the toss, and Bradfield started confidently against him and Blois. The latter was bowling very well, but after having taken 2 wickets for 6 runs in 6 overs, he was unaccountably taken off and not put on again until shortly before lunch. Ling kept a consistent length, but did not look very dangerous, and it was not until Blois was brought on again that the chance of another wicket falling appeared anything but remote. At lunch the score was 74 for 3 wickets, all to Blois. The first half-hour after lunch saw the early advantage thrown away, and in this time 67 runs were scored without Blois bowling at all. Ling and Krabbé were entrusted with the bowling and proved expensive, Krabbé bowling the one that goes with his arm too frequently and too short. Ling, put on again at the other end, had an inspired spell, in which he took 4 cheap wickets. Seven wickets were down for 174 and then the last three wickets were allowed to add 59 runs. The School were left with 2½ hours to get the runs, Bradfield waiving their right to make the School bat five minutes before the tea interval. The start was disastrous, Lucas being bowled by the first ball of the innings. So well did Blois and Ling play, however, that in half an hour 56 runs had been scored. Then Ling played a tired stroke at a yorker

and was bowled. At 87 Smith was caught at short leg, and the position had veered round again in favour of Bradfield. Meantime Blois had been giving an exhibition of clean hard hitting that can rarely have been surpassed in School Cricket. He had scored his runs in just under an hour, when he too was yorked. Then came the final turning point of the match. Goldschmidt, who was batting confidently, hesitated over a run to extra-cover and ran Bourne out. This really was criminal, as we were on excellent terms with the clock and the bowling was beginning to lose its sting. Goldschmidt himself left at 147, and then it was merely a question of saving the match. Gauvain looked steady until he tamely spooned a catch back to the bowler and, with twenty minutes to go, Mallett, who had again been batting with skill and decision, was given out l.b.w. It was a good contest and some of the School's batting was most courageous in view of the gruelling in the field and the unhappy start. Blois' innings was first-class; he was making his shots with zest and at the same time playing perfectly correctly. Bradfield deserved their win owing to their fielding, which was really excellent and to their captain's handling of the bowling and his placing of the field.

BRADFIELD.				STOWE.			
J. L. F. Gray, b Blois.....	14	P. B. Lucas, b Hunter.....	0				
R. P. Wright, b Blois.....	9	F. A. H. Ling, b Wright.....	22				
G. J. C. Washington, b Blois.....	25	J. D. Blois, b Osborne.....	74				
M. F. W. Tyndall, c Sherrard, b Ling..	57	P. H. G. Smith, c Hunter, b Wright....	10				
F. O. Faulkner, c Mallett, b Ling.....	47	K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Gray b Wright..	32				
J. W. Wilson, lbw, b Ling.....	0	J. H. Bourne, run out.....	1				
J. Osborne, b Ling.....	10	A. A. Hawker, c & b Wright.....	5				
C. D. P. Raynor, c Blois, b Smith.....	11	S. J. H. Sherrard, b Raynor.....	10				
A. S. Hunter, c Sherrard, b Blois.....	28	J. H. P. Gauvain, c & b Wright.....	11				
P. Paine, b Krabbé.....	10	A. E. de la T. Mallett, lbw, b Raynor..	12				
F. H. P. Barber, not out.....	5	P. G. Krabbé, not out.....	4				
Extras.....	17	Extras.....	0				
Total.....	233	Total.....	181				

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas.....	11	2	35	0	Hunter.....	10	1	35	1
Blois.....	29	9	53	4	Raynor.....	14.3	2	37	2
Smith.....	12	4	33	1	Wright.....	20	1	86	5
Ling.....	17	5	47	4	Osborne.....	6	0	17	1
Krabbé.....	14.3	4	45	1	Paine.....	2	0	6	0

STOWE v. OUNDLE. Played at Stowe on June 10th.

Lucas having won the toss, a large score did not seem too remote, especially as the wicket looked fast and true. The first over, however, did much to dispel this hope. Ling was caught off the first ball of the match on the leg side by the wicket-keeper off a stroke which deflected the ball very slightly and Blois was bowled three balls later with the score at eight. Then came a stand between Lucas and Smith of 99 runs in an hour, of which Lucas claimed 75 before he was out off a stroke which betokened extreme confidence in the batsmen to follow. His off-drive was a joy to behold, but his impetuosity brought his downfall. Goldschmidt did not last long, and with Bourne forced to retire after a hit on the head at 139, the good position held at lunch was lost. Smith, however, came to the rescue. He had been playing a quiet game while Lucas was in, but with Hawker content to play the role of defender, Smith began to take the

offensive in no uncertain manner, 130 runs being added in seventy minutes before he was caught off a skyer. His innings was invaluable to the side and he kept his head well throughout his time at the wicket. It was really good cricket. Hawker continued the good work and, with the rest of the batsmen getting themselves out in attempting to hit, Lucas declared, giving Oundle 2½ hours for the runs. Wickets fell at more or less regular intervals and with only three-quarters of an hour to go only three wickets remained. Oundle, however, were able to save the match. The School fielding showed to great advantage and the bowling was steady. In the last half-hour possibly the bowling remained too orthodox and a little variation, both in personnel and in the actual bowling served up, might have proved efficacious. It was disappointing merely to have a moral victory.

STOWE.	
P. B. Lucas, b Rice.....	75
F. A. H. Ling, c Slater, b Cowan.....	0
J. D. Blois, b Cowan.....	4
P. H. G. Smith, c Chase, b Stuart....	130
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Egerton, b Rice	11
J. H. Bourne, lbw, b Rice.....	6
A. A. Hawker, b Cowan.....	55
S. J. L. Olver, b Cowan.....	3
P. G. Krabbé, not out.....	2
J. H. P. Gauvain, not out.....	0
A. E. de la T. Mallett did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)..	300

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cowan	17	2	64	4
Newsholme	11	1	63	0
Adkins	7	1	29	0
Stuart.....	18	2	59	1
Rice	17	3	67	3
Field	1	0	10	0

OUNDELE.	
G. H. G. Chase, b Ling.....	16
D. J. Maw, c Ling, b Blois.....	2
D. E. Field, c Bourne, b Blois.....	73
R. Egerton, lbw, b Smith.....	29
A. D. Newsholme, run out.....	17
J. L. Rice, c Gauvain, b Krabbé.....	0
E. S. Still, c Lucas, b Krabbé.....	6
C. R. H. M. Stuart, not out.....	12
A. T. Slator, st. Mallett, b Smith.....	12
K. E. Cowan, not out.....	9
R. P. Adkins, did not bat	
Extras	6
Total (for 8 wkts.)	182

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	11	3	27	0
Blois	16	7	27	2
Ling	13	1	51	1
Krabbé	14	2	46	2
Smith.....	8	3	25	2

STOWE v. WESTMINSTER. Played at Stowe on June 14th and 15th.

This match proved one of the most interesting seen on the Stowe ground. Throughout the entire match there was not lacking one moment which was not full of incident. At the end of the first day the issue was open, the position being that Stowe, with 7 wickets in hand, were 71 runs ahead in the second innings. Lucas won the toss and elected to bat. The wicket was obviously feeling the effect of the downpour of the previous night and before lunch the ball was both turning and popping. The start was reminiscent of a Test Match, 25 runs being laboriously compiled in the first hour before Lucas was hit over the eye and compelled to retire. Blois was immediately bowled and Smith left at 43. Goldschmidt and Ling were both out at 55. Bourne was caught at 60, Hawker was bowled at 62, and Lucas, who had come in again, was out-mancevered by the opposing captain and fell into the trap. Boulter followed immediately, and at lunch the score had reached the total of 68. After lunch came the best batting of the innings. Mallett and Olver batted magnificently; they both showed that the bowling could not only be played but also hit, and 41 very valuable runs were added. In spite of the slight unkindness of the wicket before lunch, there was no real excuse for the low score; the batting was timid to the extreme.

The Westminster innings started off as sensationally, Goldschmidt holding a most beautiful catch off Lucas's first ball. Better was to follow; Angelo, who had come down with a stupendous average against good sides, skied one to mid-off at 24, and with Lucas bowling better than he had done before this term, 5 wickets were actually down for 36. Nor was the wicket in any way responsible. Then came a stand that threatened to win the match for Westminster. Turner played with the greatest freedom and power and his innings was a really superb one. Though he hit the ball very hard and very often, he never gave the semblance of a chance. Hobbs and he brought the score up to 115 before Mallett caught the former cleverly. The last four wickets added 35, of which Turner made 26, and it was extremely bad luck that he failed to get the hundred which he so thoroughly deserved. Too much praise cannot be given to him, especially when it is remembered what the state of the game was and how much depended upon him. Tea was taken at the end of the Westminster innings. Stowe had managed to extricate themselves from the appalling position in which they had found themselves at lunch. The bowling and fielding were extremely good and it was a very great performance to get the strong Westminster batting out for so few on such an easy-paced wicket. Nevertheless we were not yet out of the wood; everything depended on the start given by the first two batsmen, and had they failed another collapse might have ensued; the position was not rendered easier by the fact that Lucas was feeling the effect of his blow and could not bat that night. Goldschmidt went in in his stead and 23 runs were put on for the first wicket before Goldschmidt was inevitably caught at short-leg. Blois, who followed, might have been going in to score the winning hit in record time against a prep. school, and after being nearly caught in the deep, failed to profit from his escape and went down the wicket to a short ball with the obvious result. With two wickets down we were still 10 runs behind and the game had swung round definitely in Westminster's favour. All the more credit is due to the stand between Ling and Smith that followed. Apart from some unconventional running on the part of Ling, both batsmen played the right game, never failing to score when the opportunity offered. With a quarter of an hour to go, however, Ling played a tired shot at a half-volley and was bowled. His was a most useful innings, worth many more than its actual quantity. Bourne managed to stay in with Smith till the end of the day, and the game was once more in an open state.

The first half-hour of the next day saw the game swing round again in Westminster's favour. Smith added only seven to his overnight score, being bowled by a ball that came back enough to beat his bat. Lucas was soon out at 132, and at 145 Bourne, on whom the fickle Goddess has not smiled too sweetly this term, hit a long hop extremely hard but at the same time extremely accurately into short leg's hands. Hawker and Olver, again batting really well, brought the score up to 191, but Boulter left one run later. Olver was another victim of the l.b.w. disease at 206, and Mallett, who again batted very confidently, and Krabbé added 25 for the last wicket. This gave Westminster all the afternoon and evening to get 191 to win. They started off in sparkling fashion before Ling tempted Matthews out of his ground and in the same over bowled Angelo at 41. Once more Stowe were fighting. Two more wickets quickly fell, one stroke of luck being the run out of the first innings' hero, Turner. Six wickets fell for 103, and then came a stand which looked ugly for Stowe. Alderson had all this time been batting with skill, but at 133 he cut a ball towards third slip and Krabbé, diving to his left, brought off a wonderful one-handed catch. This made the situation easier, but a stand of 23 followed and was only brought to a close by another brilliant catch by Smith, who took a hard drive with his left hand very close to the ground, falling over at the same time. Lucas then had Bourne on

for the first time this term, and he finished off the innings, aided by a third magnificent catch, this time by Blois. The fielding of both sides was first-rate and the School are to be congratulated on a very fine performance, as the Westminster side were reputed to be definitely a strong one. The most pleasing feature of the win was that everyone contributed something, and Olver and Mallett are to be especially commended for their courageous batting in both innings.

STOWE.					2nd innings.				
1st innings.									
P. B. Lucas, c Hobbs, b Grace.....	13				b Grace.....	5			
F. A. H. Ling, c Hobbs, b Grace.....	16				b Klein.....	26			
J. D. Blois, c Matthews, b Grace.....	3				c Brown, b Richardson.....	7			
P. H. G. Smith, b Richardson.....	12				b Klein.....	63			
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c & b Richardson	6				c Mills, b Klein.....	11			
J. H. Bourne, c Edgar, b Richardson..	4				c Mills, b Grace.....	20			
A. A. Hawker, b Grace.....	1				lbw, b Angelo.....	22			
S. J. L. Olver, lbw, b Klein.....	24				lbw, b Klein.....	31			
R. B. Boulter, b Grace.....	1				c Richardson, b Grace.....	0			
A. E. de la T. Mallett, not out.....	19				not out.....	19			
P. G. Krabbé, c Brown, b Klein.....	0				b Angelo.....	9			
Extras.....	10				Extras.....	18			
Total.....	109				Total.....	231			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Klein.....	13.4	5	16	2	Brown.....	14	3	31	0
Richardson.....	19	4	46	3	Klein.....	25	11	41	4
Angelo.....	2	1	4	0	Grace.....	16	3	46	3
Brown.....	7	4	4	0	Richardson.....	11	1	38	1
Grace.....	15	6	29	5	Angelo.....	15.3	3	55	2

WESTMINSTER.					2nd innings.				
1st innings.									
M. H. Matthews, c Goldschmidt, b Lucas	0				st Mallett, b Ling.....	21			
J. Alderson, c Boulter, b Lucas.....	13				c Krabbé, b Blois.....	65			
R. H. Angelo, c Goldschmidt, b Lucas..	10				b Ling.....	0			
R. M. Mills, lbw, b Blois.....	1				c Mallett, b Blois.....	0			
J. F. Turner, lbw, b Blois.....	97				run out.....	8			
R. W. Edgar, b Ling.....	3				b Blois.....	10			
E. R. Hobbs, c Mallett, b Lucas.....	9				c Smith, b Ling.....	11			
F. F. Richardson, b Blois.....	1				b Bourne.....	30			
C. C. Klein, b Blois.....	8				b Ling.....	10			
E. M. Grace, c Mallett, b Ling.....	0				c Blois, b Bourne.....	0			
J. W. Brown, not out.....	0				not out.....	1			
Extras.....	8				Extra.....	1			
Total.....	150				Total.....	157			

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas.....	8	2	20	4	Lucas.....	8	2	19	0
Ling.....	10	1	46	2	Blois.....	14	2	48	3
Krabbé.....	4	1	19	0	Ling.....	15	3	61	4
Blois.....	11.2	1	41	4	Smith.....	8	1	24	0
Smith.....	5	2	15	0	Bourne.....	2	1	4	2

STOWE v. M.C.C. Played at Stowe on June 17th.

The M.C.C. produced a strong batting side, including five ex-County players. There had been some rain overnight, and Lucas, remembering what the wicket had been like on Wednesday after rain, quite rightly put the M.C.C. in. Up to lunch time this worked, as the first three wickets fell for 27. Afterwards, however, Shelmerdine gave a beautiful exhibition of hard hitting, and the School were given an uncomfortable quarter of an hour's batting before tea. After tea various stoppages owing to slight injuries and adjustments of dress took away any faint chance that the School had of getting the runs and the match petered out into a draw, Lucas alone showing any form at all, the rest getting themselves out owing to extreme caution. It never pays to bat with the intention merely of stopping in and of not bothering about the score.

M.C.C.				STOWE.			
R. A. Boddington, lbw, b Smith.....	5			P. B. Lucas, not out.....	55		
M. N. Kenyon, b Ling.....	12			F. A. H. Ling, lbw, b Glanfield.....	18		
J. B. Hall, b Ling.....	5			J. D. Blois, b Muncer.....	15		
G. O. Shelmerdine, c Tweedale, b Lucas	110			P. H. G. Smith, lbw, b Muncer.....	2		
G. P. Glanfield, lbw, b Krabbé.....	11			K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Shelmerdine,			
Hon. J. Coventry, b Smith.....	23			b Muncer.....	3		
W. A. Ramsay, b Ling.....	0			J. H. Bourne, c & b Muncer.....	4		
D. Keith Falkner, c Goldschmidt, b				A. A. Hawker, b Muncer.....	0		
Lucas.....	21			S. J. L. Olver, st Boddington, b Keith			
S. L. Trevor, b Lucas.....	16			Falkner.....	0		
T. G. A. Miles, b Ling.....	12			G. P. Tweedale, b Muncer.....	6		
Muncer, not out.....	12			A. E. de la T. Mallett and P. G. Krabbé,			
Extras.....	14			did not bat.			
Total.....	241			Extras.....	16		
				Total (for 8 wks.)	119		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas.....	12	4	35	3	Glanfield.....	9	2	28	1
Smith.....	13	4	44	2	Muncer.....	16	7	18	6
Krabbé.....	4	0	29	1	Coventry.....	16	4	41	0
Blois.....	18	6	47	0	Keith-Falkner..	8	2	16	1
Ling.....	14.3	1	72	4					

STOWE v. I ZINGARI. Played at Stowe on June 28th.

This match again provided an interesting and sporting game. The I Zingari side contained some well known names, and with Ling and Blois away the outlook did not seem a happy one for Stowe. Lucas and Goldschmidt being out with only 15 runs scored, the situation looked grave, but Smith and Bourne remained in until lunch, when the score was 79. After lunch wickets fell regularly, but Olver, who batted with refreshing vigour, Boulter and Mallett all helped to bring the score up to the not too formidable total of 181. The I Zingari looked a strong batting side on paper, but so well did the School bowl and field that the match was over twenty minutes from time. Davidson especially bowled well, and might well have had more use made of him. Lucas was probably resting him for Radley the next day.

STOWE.

K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Blades, b Armitage	2
P. B. Lucas, c Cooke, b Hill	7
P. H. G. Smith, c Hugonin, b Hill	55
J. H. Bourne, c Hugonin, b Blades	20
A. A. Hawker, b Hill	0
S. J. L. Olver, c Blades, b Cooke	41
G. P. Tweedale, lbw, b Hill	0
R. B. Boulter, b Armitage	25
A. E. de la T. Mallett, not out	18
P. G. Krabbé, b Milbank	1
J. D. Davidson, b Milbank	2
Extras	10
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Total	181

I. ZINGARI.

A. W. Allen, c Bourne, b Smith	56
W. A. Lupton, b Davidson	7
E. L. Armitage, b Krabbé	8
P. H. Stewart-Brown, b Davidson	28
Hon. R. A. Blades, b Krabbé	4
G. C. S. B. Cooke, lbw, b Bourne	10
M. G. Crofton, run out	0
F. E. Hugonin, st Mallett, b Krabbé	21
D. V. Hill, c Smith, b Davidson	12
P. R. Head, b Smith	3
M. V. Milbank, not out	0
Extras	5
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Total	154

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hill	17	5	42	4
Milbank	19.3	6	51	2
Blades	13	6	17	1
Armitage	10	1	27	2
Cooke	10	3	21	1
Crofton	2	0	7	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	10	2	35	0
Davidson	11	1	19	3
Smith	9	1	32	2
Krabbé	11	1	50	3
Bourne	2	0	10	1

STOWE v. RADLEY. Played at Radley on June 29th.

Another good game was produced. Radley won the toss and elected to bat on what looked and was a thorough batsmen's wicket. The start was, however, sensational. Davidson, finding the wind in the right quarter, was swinging late and 5 Radley wickets were actually down for 15. Davidson took four of these for 6 runs in 4 overs, and was then quite unaccountably taken off. Radley plucked up courage and by dint of some brave batting by their captain, Hunter, by Cresswell, playing for the first time, and by Stanger, the score reached 158. Davidson returned the excellent figures of 6 for 32, and might well have run through the side for a very small total, had he been bowled more. The fielding of the side was first-class throughout and Krabbé's catch was a real beauty. Only one possible chance was missed. Lucas and Goldschmidt started confidently until Lucas mistimed a full-toss, and with Smith out early the score was 32 for 2 at tea and the odds now on Radley, since both Ling and Blois were still away. After tea disaster followed disaster. Bourne and Hawker were quickly out. Goldschmidt, who was batting beautifully, and Olver, once more hitting the ball hard, looked as though they would knock the runs off very quickly, but at 81 Goldschmidt chased an extremely wide ball and was caught in the slips; 8 runs later Olver was palpably l.b.w., and with the total unchanged Boulter hit his wicket while making no attempt to play the ball. Then Tweedale was joined by Mallett and these two provided the soundest batting of the day. Every loose ball was punished, the good length balls hit in the middle of the bat. Run by run the score mounted: from being seemingly impossible victory appeared first remotely possible and then highly probable. It was a most wonderfully plucky exhibition of batting. It was really good, cool-headed cricket and no praise can be sufficient for either batsman. They changed what had looked like being a disappointing defeat, after so good a start, into a convincing victory.

RADLEY.

P. S. Hunter, b Lucas	42
P. H. Birks, b Davidson	6
N. E. V. Short, b Davidson	0
R. H. B. Hamersley, c Krabbé, b Davidson	0
E. F. A. Royds, c Smith, b Davidson ..	0
A. P. G. McDowell, lbw, b Lucas	1
G. H. J. Cresswell, c Mallett, b Smith ..	52
G. B. Stanger, not out	35
D. C. S. Bucknall, c Davidson, b Bourne ..	11
C. A. C. de Boinville, b Davidson	0
G. J. B. Egerton, b Davidson	4
Extras	7
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Total	158

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	18	4	39	2
Smith	12	2	29	1
Bourne	4	1	10	1
Davidson	15.2	4	32	6
Krabbé	12	2	41	0

STOWE.

P. B. Lucas, c McDowell, b Bucknall ..	19
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, c Cresswell, b Stanger	45
P. H. G. Smith, b Egerton	3
J. H. Bourne, c de Boinville, b Egerton ..	7
A. A. Hawker, b Buchnall	0
S. J. L. Olver, lbw, b Egerton	14
G. P. Tweedale, not out	38
R. B. Boulter, hit wkt., b Egerton	0
A. E. de la T. Mallett, not out	31
P. G. Krabbé, and J. D. Davidson, did not bat.	
Extras	2
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Total (for 7 wkts.)	159

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stanger	15	2	50	1
Egerton	29	10	52	4
Bucknall	13	1	44	2
Hamersley	2	0	11	0

STOWE v. OLD STOICS. Played at Stowe on July 1st.

Blois returned to the side, and with Goldschmidt, Tweedale and Davidson all having received their colours after the Radley match, Krabbé had to be dropped. Lucas again was fortunate with the toss, but another bad start was given the side, Lucas and Goldschmidt being quickly out. Smith and Tweedale retrieved the situation, however, and Blois played some beautiful strokes. Smith was more subdued than usual, but his innings was most useful, Lucas being able to declare half an hour before tea, after Boulter had indulged in some crisp hitting and Blandford had been hit on the head while keeping wicket. With the Old Stoics obviously out for the runs, the game was soon in an interesting position, and five wickets were down for 94, thanks to some first-class bowling by Blois. Then Farmiloe and Blandford—whose head was heroically bandaged—proceeded to make the game safe, though Bourne was more than once unlucky not to take both wickets. The game was finally finished off by a sharp thunderstorm.

STOWE.

P. B. Lucas, b Packe	4
K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Packe	5
P. H. G. Smith, b Packe	85
G. P. Tweedale, c Blandford, b Packe ..	19
J. D. Blois, b Griffin	38
S. J. L. Olver, c Farmiloe, b Griffin	4
J. H. Bourne, b Farthing	0
A. A. Hawker, c Gadney, b Griffin	19
R. B. Boulter, not out	28
A. E. de la T. Mallett and J. D. Davidson did not bat.	
Extras	28
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Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	227

OLD STOICS.

G. A. Griffin, b Davidson	12
J. M. Napier, b Blois	31
R. J. Packe, b Blois	10
C. E. Salamon, b Blois	21
D. F. N. Rowlatt, b Blois	4
R. E. Blandford, c Tweedale, b Bourne ..	29
J. D. Farmiloe, not out	13
B. C. Gadney, not out	5
G. A. Farthing, N. A. C. Croft, and P. J. de Havilland, did not bat.	
Extras	11
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Total (for 6 wkts.)	142

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
de Havilland	20	2	59	0	Lucas	4	0	17	0
Packe	23	3	55	3	Davidson	11	1	38	1
Griffin	18	2	53	3	Blois	12	4	18	4
Farthing	13	0	21	2	Smith	7	1	31	0
Salamon	3	0	10	0	Bourne	6	0	22	1

STOWE v. CRYPTICS. Played at Stowe on July 15th.

The last match of the season proved the most disappointing. Losing the toss against a strong batting side, it seemed that the School would have a long day in the field, but an excellent start was made, Davidson taking 3 wickets for 9 in his opening 4 overs. Feeling the effects of a recent indisposition, he then asked to be taken off. This policy of changing the bowling so early could not however be excused on the grounds that it had been tried successfully before. Dame Fortune, instead of being appalled at the effrontery, in her perverse way applauded it by giving Blois, Davidson's supplanter, a wicket in his first over. Blois later bowled very well at the opposite end to that at which he had started and the score at lunch was 76 for 6, a very pleasing position. After lunch the last four wickets were allowed to add 85 runs, the usual fault of not being able to press home an early advantage being apparent. Apart from Davidson's and Blois's bowling, the wicket-keeping of Spencer, substituting for the sick Mallett, was the best of the out-cricket. Over the School batting it were best to draw a veil. The whole side batted in a listless and stale-looking manner, the large amount of House Match Cricket recently played being probably responsible. Goldschmidt alone looked confident; Smith was only a shadow of his usual self, and Ling was evidently basing his play on that of Bradman v. Larwood, with the inevitable result. Lucas played steadily for a long time, but just as it seemed that he and Spencer, who had been playing the right game of giving Lucas as much of the bowling as possible, might hit off the runs, the latter ran one off the first ball of an over, and the wretched Spencer could not avoid the cluster of extremely-silly-points. Lucas himself succumbed in the next over, after a most patient innings.

CRYPTICS.				STOWE.			
K. R. Readhead, b Davidson	4			K. P. P. Goldschmidt, lbw, b Butler	19		
N. H. Bennett, b Davidson	18			G. P. Tweeddale, c Reese, b Butler	7		
F. K. Butler, c Blois, b Davidson	3			P. H. G. Smith, lbw, b Butler	19		
H. E. Sales, c Gauvain, b Davidson	41			F. A. H. Ling, c Waddy, b Reese	4		
A. L. Gracie, lbw, b Blois	4			J. D. Blois, c Bennett, b E. W. Eardley	9		
E. F. Waddy, c & b Smith	0			P. B. Lucas, c Sales, b Butler	35		
E. W. Eardley, b Blois	4			J. H. P. Gauvain, b E. W. Eardley	0		
D. C. G. Raikes, b Blois	32			S. J. L. Olver, lbw, b Holloway	5		
N. G. Holloway, not out	25			E. M. Ling, b Butler	5		
E. D. Eardley, c Goldschmidt, b Ling	16			P. R. Spencer, c Bennett, b Reese	0		
M. M. Reese, b Smith	0			J. D. Davidson, not out	0		
Extras	6			Extras	14		
Total	153			Total	117		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Lucas	5	0	26	0	Gracie	9	2	14	0
Smith	7.1	3	19	2	Butler	16.1	7	25	5
Ling	5	1	22	1	Eardley (E. D.)	3	1	7	2
Davidson	11	2	43	4	Holloway	12	2	30	1
Blois	12	1	37	3	Reese	11	3	22	2

1ST XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings	Runs	Highest Score	Times Not Out	Average
A. E. de la T. Mallett
P. H. G. Smith
J. D. Blois
P. B. Lucas
F. A. H. Ling
A. A. Hawker
G. P. Tweeddale
R. B. Boulter
S. J. L. Olver
K. P. P. Goldschmidt
J. H. Bourne
P. G. Krabbé

Also batted :—J. H. P. Gauvain, 11, 2*, 0; J. D. Davidson, 2, 0*; S. J. H. Sherrard, 10; P. E. Dawson, 4.

(* not out).

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Davidson
J. D. Blois
F. A. H. Ling
P. H. G. Smith
P. B. Lucas
P. G. Krabbé

Also bowled :—J. H. Bourne, 17—2—56—6—9.33.

The following are the results of the Second XI matches :—

- May 27th. 2ND XI. v. ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, at Stowe. Scores : Stowe 135 (Tweeddale 28). Rain stopped further play.
- June 10th. 2ND XI. v. HARROW, at Harrow. Scores : Harrow 166 for 3; Stowe 100 (Bell 32).
- June 14th. 2ND XI. v. RADLEY, at Stowe. Scores : Stowe 178 for 6 (Dawson 51 not out); Radley 122 for 6.
- June 17th. 2ND XI. v. BEDFORD, at Bedford. Scores : Bedford 53 (Ling 5 for 8, Buchanan 2 for 5); Stowe 140 for 6 (Sherrard 49, Booth 37).
- July 1st. 2ND XI. v. OLD STOICS, at Stowe. Scores : Old Stoics 185 for 9 (Krabbé 5 for 40); Stowe 212 for 8 (Clive 50 not out, Gauvain 43, Dawson 35).
- July 8th. 2ND XI. v. MR. SKENE'S XI., at Stowe. Scores : Mr. Skene's XI. 202 for 9 (Ling 6 for 49); Stowe 127 (Poyntz 45).

The following are the results of Colts' matches :—

May 27th.	COLTS v. OUNDLE SCHOOL, at Oundle. Scores : Stowe 187 (Langley 45, Walter 42, Hope 40) ; Oundle 77 (Thwaites 4 for 5, Felce 3 for 8).
May 31st.	COLTS v. RADLEY, at Radley. Scores : Radley 166 for 7 ; Stowe 62 for 5.
June 3rd.	COLTS v. HARROW, at Stowe. Scores : Harrow 214 for 7 ; Stowe 96 (Thwaites 23, Clive 22).
June 17th.	COLTS v. RUGBY, at Rugby. Scores : Stowe 152 (Thwaites 43, Clive 23, Langley 21, Walter 21) ; Rugby 154 for 2.
July 8th.	COLTS v. WELLINGTON, at Wellington. Scores : Wellington 170 for 8 (Stoye 4 for 59, Robinson 3 for 44) ; Stowe 112 for 5 (Clive 33, Thwaites 31).
July 15th.	COLTS v. BRADFIELD, at Stowe. Scores : Stowe 183 for 4 (Clive 82 not out, Walter 55) ; Bradfield 102 for 6 (Thwaites 2 for 14).

JUNIOR COLTS.

This is the first year in which the Junior Colts have been run as a definite side with matches against other schools. There has been a great deal of keenness and competition to get into the side, which has had, on the whole, a successful season. This game has done much to fill an obvious gap for younger members of the School, particularly in the earlier part of the term.

Results: Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1.
 v. Haileybury (Away). Haileybury 75. Stowe, 76 for 8 (J. P. Stephens 30).
 v. Radley (Away). Radley 85. Stowe 89 for 4 (Sherrard mi. 53 not out).
 v. Rugby (Home). Rugby 102. Stowe 97 (Sherrard mi. 29, Dawson 23).
 v. Bedford (Home). Bedford 132 for 8 declared. Stowe 110 for 7 (Beamish mi. 26, Sherrard mi. 22, Darby 20 not out).

CRICKET LEAGUES.

An experiment was tried this year of playing only A. and B. Leagues; and this was successful, as it enabled a Junior Colts' Side to be run independently of Leagues. Bruce proved the ultimate winners, mainly owing to a pair of fast medium bowlers in each league. Temple had a strong A. team, with a most successful bowler in W. N. Croft. The other houses were not capable of challenging either of these sides, but interest was maintained till the last, as Temple and Bruce met in the final round. The A. match was drawn, Bruce winning the B.

The final placings were :—

	<i>Points.</i>
1. Bruce	54
2. Temple	49
3. Chatham	35
4. Cobham	34
5. Grafton	22
6. Grenville	18
7. Chandos	4

LAWN TENNIS

The School is now exceedingly well-equipped with tennis courts, and it has been found possible this year to organize the game on more ambitious lines than in the past. A club of seventy members has been formed, and a fairly full programme of events has been worked through.

Besides this, well over three-quarters of the school have played tennis regularly on days when they have not been occupied with cricket.

The tennis seventy did not play cricket in the first half of the term. School matches occupied some of them; the three lawn tennis professionals who were giving lessons here accounted for others, and tennis "A" and "B" Leagues gave regular games to all but a few of the rest.

In the second half of the term the distinctions between tennis players and cricketers were purposely made less clear-cut. The whole school were eligible for both cricket and tennis house matches, and for the Mornington singles competition. Some of the outstanding players in the tennis house matches were cricketers, and one cricketer proved, by his successive victories over three members of the School Tennis VI, rather disconcertingly successful. Some of the Tennis Seventy also found their way into their House Cricket sides.

A very fine cup was presented for an inter-house American Doubles Tournament, and this competition has provided regular games for twenty-eight of those members of the tennis seventy who were not in House cricket sides. The rest of the seventy have, in the second half of the term, been left free to fix up games on their own.

Perhaps it will be found possible next year to develop the American Tournament system, and thus give rather more players the interest of competition play throughout the term.

Of the nine matches played the tennis VI have won six, and at first sight this seems to be very satisfactory. But every school side must be judged by its success in school matches. Unfortunately our school matches are still very few in number. Our match with Oundle had to be given up almost as soon as it had started owing to rain. We won our game against Westminster, but our defeat, after a very good game, by St. Paul's must prevent us from being too contented with our tennis season.

The House Matches were won by Bruce, who beat Grenville by 3 matches to one in the final.

The Tennis Leagues were won by Chandos, after a tie between Chandos, Grafton and Temple.

The American Tournament was won by Grenville, Bruce being second.

The results of the matches played by the Tennis VI were as follows :

May 13th.	Stowe v. Worcester College, Oxford. Home. Worcester College won by 5 matches to 4.	
1st. pair.	Viscount Maitland P. Bosanquet	beat 1st pair, 4—6, 6—2, 7—5. beat 2nd pair, 6—1, 6—3. beat 3rd pair, 6—2, 6—4.
2nd. pair.	M. Wilding P. V. Willford	lost to 1st pair, 6—4, 4—6, 3—6. beat 2nd pair, 6—4, 6—4. lost to 3rd pair, 7—9, 3—6.
3rd. pair.	G. T. B. France O. C. Horne	lost to 1st pair, 4—6, 2—6. lost to 2nd pair, 3—6, 4—6. lost to 3rd pair, 4—6, 6—3, 2—6.

May 17th. Stowe v. Keble College, Oxford. Home.
Stowe won by 5 matches to 2.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. R. A. Forbes	}	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-3, 6-4.
2nd pair.	P. Bosanquet M. Wilding	}	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-3, 6-2.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-2, 6-2.
3rd pair.	P. V. Willford G. T. B. France	}	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 4-6.
			lost to 3rd pair, 7-9, 3-6.

Sat. Stowe v. Trinity College, Oxford. Home.

May 20th. Stowe won by 7 matches to nil (1 match unfinished, another unplayed).

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. R. A. Forbes	}	beat 1st pair, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
			v. 2nd pair, 6-1 (unfinished).
			beat 3rd pair, 6-2, 6-2.
2nd pair.	P. Bosanquet M. Wilding	}	beat 1st pair, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-3, 6-2.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-1, 6-2.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France G. E. T. Brown	}	beat 2nd pair, 6-4, 6-3.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Wed. The School v. The Masters. Home.

May 24th. The School won by 6 matches to 3.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. Bosanquet	}	beat Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
			beat Mr. Wace and Mr. Wragg, 6-1, 6-2.
			beat Mr. Channon and Mr. Gough 6-0, 6-2.
2nd pair.	P. V. Willford M. Wilding	}	lost to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson 3-6, 6-3, 2-6.
			beat Mr. Wace and Mr. Wragg 15-13, 6-3.
			beat Mr. Channon and Mr. Gough 6-2, 6-3.
3rd pair.	O. C. Horne G. T. B. France	}	lost to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hankinson 0-6, 2-6.
			lost to Mr. Wace and Mr. Wragg 4-6, 3-6.
			beat Mr. Channon and Mr. Gough, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

May 27th. Stowe v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A. Home.
Scratched owing to rain.

Wed. Stowe v. Mr. C. M. J. Ellis's Six. Home.

May 31st. Mr. Ellis's team won by 8 matches to 1.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. R. A. Forbes	}	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 4-6.
			lost to 2nd pair, 5-7, 3-6.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.
2nd pair.	P. Bosanquet M. Wilding	}	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 2-6.
			lost to 2nd pair, 4-6, 3-6.
			lost to 3rd pair, 4-6, 4-6.
3rd pair.	P. V. Willford G. T. B. France	}	lost to 1st pair, 1-6, 10-12.
			lost to 2nd pair, 1-6, 1-6.
			lost to 3rd pair, 7-9, 3-6.

Wed. Stowe v. St. Paul's. Away.

June 7th. St. Paul's won by 5 matches to 3 (1 unfinished).

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. Bosanquet	}	lost to 1st pair, 3-6, 3-6.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-2, 6-2.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-1, 6-2.
2nd pair.	P. R. A. Forbes M. Wilding	}	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 7-5, 5-7.
			beat 2nd pair, 2-6, 12-10, 6-4.
			v. 3rd pair, 12-10 (unfinished).
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France P. V. Willford	}	lost to 1st pair, 4-6, 5-7.
			lost to 2nd pair, 3-6, 2-6.
			lost to 3rd pair, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6.

Sat. Stowe v. Westminster. Home.

June 10th. Stowe won by 7 matches to 2.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. R. A. Forbes	}	beat 1st pair, 6-3, 6-3.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-2, 6-1.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-0, 6-1.
2nd pair.	P. Bosanquet M. Wilding	}	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
			beat 2nd pair, 6-2, 6-3.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-2, 6-2.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France P. V. Willford	}	lost to 1st pair, 3-6, 2-6.
			lost to 2nd pair, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6.
			beat 3rd pair, 6-3, 6-2.

Sat. Stowe v. Oundle. Away.

June 17th. Scratched owing to rain.

Sat. Stowe v. Old Stoics.
 July 1st. Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. Bosanquet	beat A. W. Myres and H. R. Jessop, 6-4, 7-5. beat C. J. Walton and P. M. Beech, 6-3, 6-2. lost to A. F. Wilson and B. C. H. Mowbray, 5-7, 4-6.
2nd pair.	P. V. Willford M. Wilding	beat A. W. Myers and H. R. Jessop, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. lost to C. G. Walton and P. M. Beech, 4-6, 3-6. lost to D. F. Wilson and B. C. H. Mowbray, 4-6, 3-6.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France O. C. Horne	lost to A. W. Myers and H. R. Jessop, 3-6, 3-6. beat C. G. Walton and P. M. Beech, 6-4, 6-3. beat D. F. Wilson and B. C. H. Mowbray, 6-4, 6-3.

Stowe v. J. G. Lilley's Six.
 Stowe won by 5 matches to 4.

1st pair.	Viscount Maitland P. R. A. Forbes	beat 1st pair, 6-0, 6-2. lost to 2nd pair, 0-6, 3-6. beat 3rd pair, 1-6, 6-2, 8-6.
2nd pair.	M. Wilding P. Bosanquet	beat 1st pair, 6-4, 6-2. lost to 2nd pair, 4-6, 4-6. beat 3rd pair, 7-5, 6-4.
3rd pair.	G. T. B. France P. V. Willford	lost to 1st pair, 6-2, 5-7, 5-7. lost to 2nd pair, 0-6, 3-6. beat 3rd pair, 6-4, 4-6, 13-11.

TENNIS HOUSE MATCHES.

Chandos Temple	Chandos (3-1)	Grenville (3-1)	Bruce (3-1)
Grafton Grenville	Grenville (3-2)		
Cobham Chatham	Cobham (3-1)	Bruce (3-2)	
	Bruce		

MORNINGTON SINGLES CUP.

4th round	Semi-finals	Final	Winner
Sherrard (6-3; 6-4)	Sherrard (6-1; 6-3)	Hope (6-2; 6-2)	Bosanquet (6-4; 7-9; 6-4)
Willink (6-1; 6-4)			
Wilding (6-0; 6-2)	Hope (9-7; 6-2)		
Hope (11-13; 6-0; 7-5)			
Dawson (6-2; 6-4)	Blois (6-2; 6-2)	Bosanquet (6-3; 8-6)	
Blois (6-2; 6-0)			
Maitland (6-3; 6-4)	Bosanquet (6-4; 6-2)		
Bosanquet (6-1; 6-2)			

SWIMMING

The 1933 Season has been a successful one, although the team are young, having only two old colours. The results reflect great credit on the captain, L. A. McAfee, and on Mr. Blaize, who has had his second season of coaching. The effects of Mr. Blaize's presence have begun to show in many younger members of the School, and we may expect to be pretty strong in another two or three years.

There have been 6 matches—Westminster and Harrow away, and St. Paul's II, Radley, Old Stoics, and Otters at home. We also entered for the Bath Club Competition.

Three matches were won—against Westminster, Old Stoics, and Radley; and three were lost—against St. Paul's II (by 1 point only), Harrow, and Otters.

We are not yet in the same street as such Bath Club competitors as St. Paul's and Bishops Stortford, who have the good luck to swim in a covered bath all the year round.

The Water-Polo has been ably run by J. M. N. Pike, who has managed to win three out of the four school matches (two against rather weak teams—but still wins). Our best win was against Radley, and we also beat scratch teams of Old Stoics and Otters, and lost a close game with St. Paul's II. Pike has been the mainstay of the side in every way, and we only hope he will manage to be here to take charge again next summer.

The organizing work has gradually devolved more and more on the Captain of Swimming as the years have gone on, and McAfee has had more on his shoulders than any previous captain of swimming. This year's success with a young team may be regarded as very largely due to his zeal and his ability to keep the team keen and happy.

H.W.H.S.

Detailed results of swimming and water-polo matches follow :

June 15th. STOWE v. WESTMINSTER (Away). Result—Won. Stowe, 14 pts.; Westminster, 7 pts.

30 Yards.	60 Yards.
1.—E. D. Campbell. Time : 17½ secs.	1.—J. C. Breese. Time : 42½ secs.
2.—Westminster.	2.—L. A. McAfee.
3.—K. Firth.	3.—Westminster.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>Relay (4 × 30 yds.).</i>
1.—Westminster.	1.—Stowe (E. D. Campbell, J. K. Hay, W. A. Smith, A. McC. Henry).
2.—L. A. McAfee.	2.—Westminster. Time : 78 secs.

June 17th. STOWE v. ST. PAUL'S II. (Home). Result, Lost. Stowe, 10 points; St. Paul's, 11 points.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
1.—E. D. Campbell. Time : 31½ secs.	1.—St. Paul's. Time : 69½ secs.
2.—St. Paul's.	2.—St. Paul's.
3.—K. Firth.	3.—J. C. Breese.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>Relay (4 × 50 yds.).</i>
1.—{ L. A. McAfee. K. Firth.	1.—St. Paul's. Time : 2 mins. 13 secs.
3.—St. Paul's.	2.—Stowe (E. D. Campbell, K. Firth, W. A. Smith, A. McC. Henry).

June 24th. STOWE v. HARROW (Away). Result, Lost. Stowe, 9½ points; Harrow, 24½ points.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
1.—Harrow. Time : 29 secs.	1.—Harrow. Time : 70½ secs.
2.—Harrow.	2.—Harrow.
3.—E. D. Campbell.	3.—J. D. McKean.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>Relay (4 × 50 yds.).</i>
1.—Harrow.	1.—Harrow.
2.—{ L. A. McAfee. Harrow.	2.—Stowe (E. D. Campbell, W. A. Smith, A. McC. Henry, L. A. McAfee).

BATH CUP. June 29th.

The School was represented by :—E. D. Campbell and W. A. Smith, 50 Yards.
L. A. McAfee and J. C. Breese, 100 Yards.

July 1st. STOWE v. OLD STOICS (Home). Result, Won. Stowe, 14 points; Old Stoics, 6 points.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
1.—E. D. Campbell. Time : 31½ secs.	1.—J. H. Brooker (O.S.) Time : 77½ secs.
2.—K. Firth.	2.—J. C. Breese.
3.—A. W. Genth (O.S.)	3.—J. D. McKean.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>Relay (4 × 25 yds.).</i>
1.—L. A. McAfee.	1.—Stowe (W. A. Smith, A. Henry, L. A. McAfee, H. C. Corbett).
2.—J. H. Brooker (O.S.)	2.—Old Stoics.
3.—K. Firth.	

July 12th. STOWE v. RADLEY (Home). Result, Won. Stowe, 17 points; Radley, 6 points.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
1.—E. D. Campbell. Time : 31 secs.	1.—Radley. Time : 77½ secs.
2.—A. McC. Henry.	2.—J. C. Breese.
3.—Radley.	3.—J. D. McKean.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>Plunging.</i>
1.—L. A. McAfee.	1.—G. B. Cobb. 45 feet 3 ins.
2.—Radley.	2.—Radley.
3.—K. Firth.	
<i>Relay (4 × 50 yds.)</i> —1.—Stowe (W. A. Smith, K. Firth, L. A. McAfee, H. C. Corbett).	
2.—Radley. Time : 2 mins. 19 secs.	

July 15th. STOWE v. OTTER S.C. (Home). Result, Lost. Stowe, 17½ points; Otters, 29½ points.

50 Yards.	100 Yards.
1.—Wagstaff (Otters). Time : 28½ secs.	1.—Otters. Time : 73½ secs.
2.—Otters	2.—J. C. Breese (rec. 15 secs.).
3.—E. D. Campbell.	3.—Otters.
<i>Diving.</i>	<i>50 Yards Breaststroke.</i>
1.—L. A. McAfee.	1.—R. D. Lockhart-Mummery.
2.—{ K. Firth. Otters.	Time : 41½ secs.
	2.—Otters.
	3.—S. F. F. Johnson.
<i>50 Yards Backstroke.</i>	<i>Plunge.</i>
1.—Otters.	1.—G. B. Cobb. 47 feet.
2.—J. C. Breese.	2.—Otters.
3.—Otters.	
<i>Relay (4 × 50 yds.)</i> —1.—Otters (gave 17 secs.).	
2.—Stowe (K. Firth, W. A. Smith, L. A. McAfee, H. C. Corbett)	

WATER-POLO.

Team.—Goal, N. S. Græme; backs, S. F. F. Johnson, H. E. James; half, J. M. N. Pike; forwards, E. J. Wood, W. A. Smith, E. Martens. Also played, A. McC. Henry (forward).

v. ST. PAUL'S II. Lost, 2—0.

This was the first game that the team had played together. We held them when defending the shallow end in the first half, but in the second half they proved too good for us.

v. OLD STOICS. Won, 4—2.

The play in the first half was rather scrappy, the score being two all at half-time. In the second half our passing was more accurate and we kept the ball at their end most of the time. Goals were scored by Wood (2), Pike and Martens.

v. RADLEY. Won, 4—1.

The forwards combined very well and were supported well by the backs, who frequently passed them the ball. In the second half we attacked strongly, but rather neglected our defence, thus giving their forwards an easy goal. Goals were scored by Smith (2), James and Wood.

v. THE OTTER CLUB. Drawn, 2—2.

This was a very even game. They had the best of the first half, but failed to score, as a result of some excellent goal-keeping by Græme. In the second half we led up to the last minute, when they equalized with a very good shot from the wing. Goals were scored by Smith (2).

FENCING

NO account of the fortunes of the S.S.F.C. can omit mention of the remarkable achievements of two Stoics at the Public Schools Championships held at the beginning of last holidays. All three cups were won for Stowe, which constitutes a record. Last term's captain, J. L. W. Cheyne, was responsible for the winning of two of them, also a record; while this term's captain, J. E. Mansfield, won the Epée Cup. The club has indeed high justification for feeling proud of itself.

If this term has not been outstanding in actual successes, it has at least shown some very creditable performances. It was too much to expect that we should defeat either the Grosvenor F.C. or the very strong team of Whigs which Mr. MacLaughlin brought down to provide an added attraction on the occasion of the Prince's visit. But our passage through the first round of the Savage Shield and our subsequent very narrow defeat, again at the hands of the Whigs, suffice to show the quality of this term's young and enthusiastic team, while the three-weapon match against Winchester (our first encounter) served to display our recuperative power and the strength of our épée and sabre.

The evidence of skill and keenness afforded by the performances of the team, added to the large number of entries for, and the promise displayed in, the Junior Foil Competition, give hope of a continued bright future for the Club.

Thorne's consistently good displays with both foil and épée have earned him his colours, while Radice and McDougall have been awarded their chevrons.

RECORD OF MATCHES.

An Epée match was fought at Stowe on May 27th against Grosvenor Fencing Club and resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 defeats to 17.

The scores were:—

Grosvenor F.C.:—Childs, no defeat; Kent, Fountain, Bell and Hodson, 2 defeats each.

Stowe:—W. R. L. Thorne, 2 defeats; R. J. R. McDougall and A. A. H. Radice, 3 defeats each; J. E. Mansfield, 4 defeats; N. C. McClintock, 5 defeats.

In a three-weapon match against the Whigs on June 1st, at Stowe, the Whigs were victorious by 7 defeats to 20.

Scores:—

Foil.—Whigs:—G. A. L. Cheatle, no defeat; A. R. W. Stansfeld and J. de Amodio, 1 defeat each.

Stowe:—W. R. L. Thorne, 1 defeat; N. C. McClintock and J. G. Wright, 3 defeats each.

Epée.—Whigs:—F. J. Walter, no defeat; M. C. MacLaughlin, 1 defeat; P. de G. H. Seymour, 2 defeats.

Stowe:—W. R. L. Thorne, 1 defeat; J. E. Mansfield, 2 defeats; R. J. R. McDougall, 3 defeats.

Sabre.—Whigs:—P. de G. H. Seymour and G. A. L. Cheatle, no defeat; A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 defeats.

Stowe:—J. E. Mansfield and J. G. Wright, 2 defeats; N. C. McClintock, 3 defeats.

In the first round of the Savage Shield, fought in London on June 10th, Stowe beat Salle Paul by 6 defeats to 9.

Score:—

Salle Paul:—Haworth, no defeat; Cooke, 2 defeats; Comyns Carr, 3 defeats; Harrison, 4 defeats.

Stowe:—W. R. L. Thorne, no defeat; J. E. Mansfield, R. J. R. McDougall and N. C. McClintock, 2 defeats each.

In the second round, however, Stowe succumbed to the Whigs by 9 defeats to 7.

Score:—

Whigs:—R. C. Wertheim, 1 defeat; J. A. Hunter, M. C. MacLaughlin and A. R. W. Stansfeld, 2 defeats each.

Stowe:—N. C. McClintock, 1 defeat; J. E. Mansfield, 2 defeats; W. R. L. Thorne and R. J. R. McDougall, 3 defeats each.

On June 17th, Stowe fought its first match with Winchester. An honourable draw was the result.

Scores:—

Foil.—Winchester:—Paul, no defeat; Cleaver, 1 defeat; Jackson, 2 defeats.

Stowe:—N. C. McClintock, 1 defeat; J. G. Wright, 2 defeats; W. R. L. Thorne, 3 defeats.

Epée.—Winchester:—Paul, 1 defeat; Cleaver, 2 defeats; Jackson, 2 defeats.

Stowe:—J. E. Mansfield and W. R. L. Thorne, 1 defeat each; R. J. R. McDougall, 3 defeats.

Sabre.—Winchester:—Paul, 1 defeat; Raikes, 2 defeats; Rae, 3 defeats.

Stowe:—J. G. Wright, no defeat; J. E. Mansfield, 1 defeat; N. C. McClintock, 2 defeats.

In the Junior Foil Competition, fought off on June 21st, the final pool provided the curious situation of four competitors equal top, each with 2 defeats. As the result of a barrage between them A. S. R. Davies secured the winning place.

Scores in the barrage were :—

A. S. R. Davies, no defeat ; H. D. Seal, 1 defeat ; J. Greenwood, 2 defeats ; P. J. Orde, 3 defeats.

Of the juniors, Davies has a very polished style and should do well in the future ; Seal is effective against people of his own class, but he is at the moment a little too rustic in method, while MacEwen shows considerable promise.

OLD STOIC NOTES.

The Whigs (Old Stoic) Fencing Club has been in existence since 1926 : it is the most ancient "Old Boy" fencing Club. However, its activities have been hampered by the small number of Old Stoics and by the fact that most of these have their fencing activities occupied by university matches—six out of a dozen or so are "Blues." On his departure from Stowe, Mr. MacLaughlin reorganised the Club. Already President, he became Secretary and created a Treasury.

The following matches have been fought :—

On 17th February, *v.* Salle Gravé, at Gravé's. (Won, 17—10).

Score :—

Foil.—*The Whigs* :—J. de Amodio and G. A. L. Cheadle, 3 wins each ; J. L. W. Cheyne, 2. Total, 8.

Salle Gravé :—D. Mitchell, 1 win ; R. Piddington and T. Wardle, 0 each. Total, 1.

Epee.—*The Whigs* :—M. C. MacLaughlin, 2 wins ; A. R. W. Stansfeld and G. A. L. Cheadle, 1 each. Total, 4.

Salle Gravé :—A. G. Costa, 3 wins ; Mitchell, 2 ; E. Martin Harvey, 0. Total, 5.

Sabre.—*The Whigs* :—J. de Amodio and R. Mac. D. Barbour, 2 wins each ; J. L. W. Cheyne, 1. Total, 5.

Salle Gravé :—Wardle, 2 wins ; Costa and J. Bailes, 1 each. Total, 4.

On 7th April, *v.* Salle Tassart-Parkins, at Tassart's. (Lost, 7—9).

Epee.—*Salle Tassart-Parkins* :—A. E. Pelling and J. Kohn, 3 wins each ; S. Gow, 2 ; L. V. Fildes, 1. Total, 9.

The Whigs :—H. D. H. Bartlett, 3 wins ; M. C. MacLaughlin, 2 ; R. C. Wertheim and J. G. Wright, 1 each. Total, 7.

GOLF

THE HOUSE MATCHES 1933.

Grenville and Chatham were left in the final of the Golf House Matches last term. With Grenville unable to field three of their regular team, owing to an epidemic of mumps, what had appeared to be a certain Grenville victory was changed into an easy win for Chatham by $5\frac{1}{2}$ points to $\frac{1}{2}$, Langley and Nelson-Smith halving the top single.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1933

The following fixtures have been arranged for next term :—

1st. XV.

Sat.	Oct.	7—Rosslyn Park, A.	Home.
"	"	14—Oriel College, Oxford	Home.
Thurs.	"	19—Oundle School	Away.
Sat.	"	21—London Scottish, A.	Home.
"	"	28—Harrow School	Away.
Wed.	Nov.	1—Radley College	Away.
Sat.	"	4—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
"	"	11—Richmond, A.	Home.
Sat.	"	18—Old Stoics	Home.
Wed.	"	22—Christ Church, Oxford	Home.
Sat.	"	25—LX Club, Cambridge	Home.
"	Dec.	2—Bedford School	Home.
"	"	9—A Veterans' XV	Home.

2nd XV.

Sat.	Oct.	14—Oundle School, 2nd XV	Away.
"	"	21—Radley College, 2nd XV	Home.
"	"	28—Harrow School, 2nd XV	Away.
"	Nov.	4—Wellington College, 2nd XV	Home.
"	"	11—Rugby School, 2nd XV	Home.
"	"	18—Old Stoics, 2nd XV	Home.
"	"	25—Radley College, 2nd XV	Away.
Wed.	"	29—St. Paul's School, 2nd XV	Home.

3rd XV.

Wed.	Oct.	18—Radley College, 3rd XV	Away.
"	Nov.	8—Radley College, 3rd XV	Home.

COLTS XV.

Wed.	Oct.	18—Radley College, Colts XV	Home.
Sat.	"	21—St. Paul's School, Colts XV	Away.
"	"	28—Harrow School, Colts XV	Home.
"	Nov.	11—Rugby School, Colts XV	Away.
"	"	18—Magdalen College School, Brackley	Away.
Wed.	"	22—Radley College, Colts XV	Away.
"	"	29—St. Edward's School, Colts XV	Away.
Sat.	Dec.	2—Oundle School, Colts XV	Home.

RELAY RACES 1933

The Relay Races were run on April 5th, in fine weather and on a good track. At the end of the fourth race Bruce were leading by two points from Temple, but they did badly in the Composite Mile and fell to third place. E. V. Hope, Temple, starting last in the half-mile of the Composite, ran a very fast race and won comfortably, thus giving Temple the victory by two points from Cobham. Grenville were unlucky in being very hard hit by the mumps.

The attached table shows the full results :

	Time.	Bru.	Tem.	Gren.	Chan.	Cob.	Chat.	Graf.
4—100's	47½ secs.	...	6	3	0	1	4	5
4—220's	1 min. 42¾ secs.	...	6	3	1	2	5	4
4—440's	3 mins. 52¾ secs.	...	2	5	1	0	4	6
4—880's	9 mins. 10 secs.	...	4	5	1	3	2	0
Composite Mile, 4 mins.	2¾ secs.	...	1	6	0	4	5	2
			—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Points		...	19	22	3	10	20	17
			—	—	—	—	—	—
Place		...	3	1	7	6	2	4

The times for the 100's and the 220's equal the records ; those for the 440's and the 880's are records. The existing record for the Composite Mile is 3 mins. 58¾ secs., made by Chandos in 1930.

THE WORKSHOPS

In spite of the hot weather the Workshops have spent a busy summer, and boat-building has occupied the attentions of a large number of members. At one time there were twelve boats in process of construction, and as these were finished other skeletons took their places. We have made a bid this term to improve the designs of the boats turned out, and there are now two standard patterns available, both of which are excellent craft. The more popular of these has been the canvas-covered *kayak*, simplified forms for which were worked out by Mr. Morris from a Polish model kindly lent to us by the Boy Scouts' Association.

Suitably clad I tested the Stowe *kayak* on the lake and found for myself how much rolling she would stand before she capsized, while Mr. Morris stood by with a camera. The photographs are *not* being published in "The Stoic." We found she was extraordinarily stable, and, once overboard, I was able to climb back into her and to stand on her after deck without upsetting her. In fact a really good boat.

At our request both Shops have been visited this term by the Inspector of Factories, in order that we might get advice as to the proper guarding of machinery from the point of view of the safety of those using it. On the whole he gave us very good marks, and the few small points that he advised by way of improvement were all attended to within a week.

The chief new feature in the Wood Shop is a very up-to-date circular saw, beautifully guarded according to the latest Home Office specification. A sand-papering machine is under construction.

The Metal Shop is now under the charge of Mr. Haddow, a very able and enterprising person, who knows how to impart his knowledge ; and the number of metal-workers next term is certainly going to be a high one. The Wood Shop also looks as if it would be well filled, and indeed the prospects for the future are rosy.

For myself, I have thoroughly enjoyed developing this side of the School's activities and I am sorry I shall not be here to share in the coming success. It ought not to be long now before the Workshops' finances are properly established and then there should be a run of real prosperity. May more and more people learn through the Workshops the pleasures of manual skill and craftsmanship.

R.H.H.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following promotions and appointments have been made :—

To *Under-Officer* : Sergeant S. Kilpatrick.

To *Sergeant* : Corporals J. H. P. Gauvain, P. E. Dawson, E. V. J. H. Jackson, A. A. Hawker, G. W. Thornton, F. J. R. P. Needham.

To *Corporal* : Lance-Corporals E. P. R. Jourdain, R. B. Matthews, W. C. G. Rogers, N. S. Græme, J. C. Monteith, P. E. V. Prince, F. M. H. Leyland, R. H. Jagger, C. S. Madden, J. B. B. Aimers, J. H. Nelson-Smith, J. P. E. C. Henniker.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal* : Cadets R. B. Boulter, P. C. Hall, J. T. Melvin, S. F. F. Johnson, R. P. Blow, J. P. Hopps, P. H. G. Smith, E. J. Wood.

The following obtained Certificate 'A' at the examination held in March, 1933 :—

J. B. B. Aimers, R. P. Blow, R. B. Boulter, O. E. Craster, G. McC. Eaton, J. H. P. Gauvain, N. S. Græme, P. C. Hall, J. P. E. C. Henniker, J. P. Hopps, A. D. Hunter, R. H. Jagger, S. F. F. Johnson, E. P. R. Jourdain, L. R. Llewellyn, B. C. Lough, C. S. Madden, J. T. Melvin, J. C. Monteith, J. H. Nelson-Smith, J. E. Pearson, J. M. N. Pike, G. W. Thornton, D. J. Ward, F. A. Whitlock.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The Annual Inspection of the contingent was made on June 27th by Major-General B. D. Fisher, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Director of Recruiting and Organisation, War Office. The Inspecting Officer made a favourable report and obtained a special half-holiday for the members of the contingent.

HOUSE DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the 'Coldstream' Cup was held on July 4th. The judges were:—Captain N. W. Gwatkin, Coldstream Guards (Adjutant R.M.C. Sandhurst) and Regt.-Sergt.-Major W. H. Dobson, M.C., M.M. (R.M.C. Sandhurst).

Result:

	Highest possible marks				100
1. Grenville	83
2. Chandos	80
3. { Cobham	73
{ Grafton	73
5. Chatham	70
6. Temple	65
7. Bruce	59

NULLI SECUNDUS CUP.

Under-Officer S. Kilpatrick has been adjudged to be the most efficient cadet of the training year. This cup will therefore be held by Cobham House until July 1934.

SHOOTING

(MINIATURE RANGE.)

HOUSE SHOOTING CUP 1933.

							Average.
1. Chandos	...	...	...	...	...	...	52.7
2. Chatham	...	...	...	...	...	...	52.5
3. Cobham	...	...	...	...	...	...	52.3
4. Grenville	...	...	...	...	...	...	52.2
5. Bruce	...	...	...	...	...	...	49.7
6. Grafton	...	...	...	...	...	...	42.0
7. Temple	...	...	...	...	...	...	37.5

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 1933.

					H.P.S. 130
1. J. H. P. Gauvain (Grenville)	...	...	...	...	115
2. C. L. Hall (Chatham)	...	...	...	...	114
3. J. C. Monteith (Grenville)	...	...	...	...	113

'COUNTRY LIFE' COMPETITION.

Open to one or more teams of eight from Public Schools.
Stowe: 13th out of 65 teams competing.

.303 MATCHES.

- June 3rd. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY RIFLE MEETING. Bicester Range.
Oxfordshire Territorial Association Cup—Open to Public School teams of 8. Ashburton conditions.
Winners.—Stowe. Score 476. 3 entries.
- June 8th. MIDLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEETING. Kingsbury Range.
Teams of 8. Ashburton Conditions. 13 entries.
Winners.—Uppingham. Score 474.
Second.—Stowe. Score 469.
Cadet Pairs—Winners.—Repton 114.
Second.—King Edward's School, Birmingham 113.
Third.—Stowe 112.
- June 10th. BUCKS COUNTY RIFLE MEETING. Kimble Range.
Eton College Challenge Cup.—Teams of 6. Ashburton Conditions.
Winners.—Stowe. Score 344. 5 entries.
R.A.F. Apprentices Cup.—Teams of 6. Rapid 300 yds. Application 600 yds.
Winners.—Stowe. Score 285. 3 entries.
- June 17th. SUSSEX COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEETING. Bisley.
Cusack-Smith Bowl.—Teams of 8. Ashburton Conditions.
Stowe 12th. Score 453. 32 entries.
Cadet Pairs.—Stowe 3rd. Score 114.
- N.R.A. MEETING.—BISLEY.
- July 12th. *Public School Snap-Shooting and Rapid Competition.*
The School team were much below their proper form and only obtained 12th place out of 32 teams competing.
- July 13th. *Ashburton Shield Competition.*
The less that is said about the performance of the School team in this competition the better.

POSTAL MATCHES UNDER ASHBURTON CONDITIONS.

On Bicester Range.			
Bradfield VIII. ...	457	Stowe VIII. ...	450
Cadet Pair ...	113	Cadet Pair ...	108
Wellington VIII. ...	471	Stowe VIII. ...	462
Cadet Pair ...	113	Cadet Pair ...	113
Stowe VIII. ...	462	Rossall VIII. ...	419
Cadet Pair ...	113	Cadet Pair ...	102
Stowe VIII. ...	468	Canford VIII ...	455
Cadet Pair ...	112	Cadet Pair ...	105
Stowe VIII. ...	478	Oundle VIII. ...	435
Cadet Pair ...	107	Cadet Pair ...	94
Stowe VIII. ...	478	Trent VIII. ...	465
Stowe VIII. ...	483	II.	
Cadet Pair ...	97	Wrekin VI. ...	423
		Cadet Pair ...	113

The VIII.—Fired 7, Won 5, Lost 2.
 Cadet Pair.—Fired 6, Won 3, Lost 3.

SCOUTS

The principal event this term has been the visit of the Chief Scout on June 3rd. The Troop camped at Lillingstone Dayrell. All the Troops in the district came for a short time and the Chief inspected them and spoke to them. He then went round the Stowe camp, and finally spoke to the Troop, saying he hoped many of them would become Scoutmasters in the future, and that Scoutmasters would be wanted even more in the future than in the past, because of the large increase which was to be expected in unemployment among boys, owing to the lowering of the school leaving age and to the high birthrate in the years just after the war. This great event in the history of the Troop was favoured with a most beautiful day.

The old Scout Hut was pulled down in the Easter Holidays and for the greater part of the term the Troop has existed in great discomfort, keeping its property in Classroom 18. A new Hut has now been built between Chatham and the Wood Sheds. It is a very good building, better designed than the old one, better built, much larger, and in good repair.

Mr. Gilling-Lax has joined the Troop this term. He has been with the Junior Troop, of which he will take charge next term, when Mr. Channon has left.

Besides the camp already described, the District Camp was held at Tile House on July 8th and 9th, and it passed off successfully. In addition nearly everybody has been out hiking one week-end.

Camp is being held this year about three miles from Church Stretton, at the bottom of the Long Mynd.

In the Junior Troop, it has been rather difficult to arrange a coherent programme this term owing to the appearance of eleven recruits (nine of whom have never done any scouting before) in a troop of twenty-one scouts. These recruits, however, have settled down very quickly and are rapidly catching up with the rest of the troop.

Most of the work done this term has been on the lines of the 'second-class tests' and the innovation of semaphore as a means of signalling instead of morse has proved entirely successful.

The standard of camping has rapidly improved, but there is still a great deal to be learnt and much practice will be necessary before the troop as a whole can consider itself even reasonably competent.

A.G.A.

SAILING CLUB

MATCHES—SEASON 1933.

May 24th, at Stowe, v. Cambridge University Cruising Club.

	S.S.S.C.		C.U.C.C.	
First Race	2nd and 4th—4 points	1st and 3rd—7 points		
Second Race	1st and 3rd—7 points	2nd and 4th—4 points		
Third Race	3rd and 4th—3 points	1st and 2nd—8 points		
	14	19		

The School was represented by A. C. G. Hesketh-Prichard, C. L. Hall, P. P. L. E. Welch, H. A. Olivier, B. W. J. D'Arcy-Irvine and W. C. McKay.

June 14th, at Port Meadows, Oxford, v. Oxford University Yacht Club. Only two boats were available. There were, therefore, four races, in each of which O.U.Y.C. took 1st place.

THE LIBRARY

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

From Mr. John Lawson:

'Can America stay at Home?' (F. H. Simonds).

From Mr. Gerald H. Rendall:

'Shakespeare Sonnets and Edward de Vere' (by the Donor).

From Capt. M. C. Carr-Gomm :

'Handbook of the Administrations of Great Britain' (F. C. Carr-Gomm).

From Mr. de V. Payen Payne :

'The French Language' (Alfred Ewert).

From Messrs. Constable and Son :

'The Letters of Sir Walter Scott,' 3 vols.

From Lord Danesfort :

Twenty Pounds for the purchase of books.

From Major W. E. Lyon :

'In My Opinion,' Edited by Major W. E. Lyon.

'Pegasus,' by Major W. E. Lyon.

The following books have been bought :—

'An Economic History of Modern Britain' (J. H. Clapham); 'England's Quest of Eastern Trade' (Foster); 'Europe in the Nineteenth Century' (Lipson); 'Russia from the Varangians to the Bolsheviks' (Beazley, Forbes and Birkett); 'Catherine the Great' (Hodgetts); 'King Edward VII' (E. F. Benson); 'Elizabeth' (Milton Waldman); 'Bacon' (C. Williams); 'Lord Riddell's War Diary'; 'Peacemaking, 1919' (H. Nicholson); 'The American Political System' (Brogan); 'Germany under the Treaty' (H. W. Dawson); 'The Annual Register, 1932' (M. Epstein); 'Adventures and Ideas,' 'Process and Reality,' 'Science and the Modern World' (A. N. Whitehead); 'The New Background of Science,' 'The Stars in their Courses' (Sir James Jeans); 'English Costume' (Dion Clayton Calthrop); 'Byron' (Maurois); 'The Earl of Birkenhead' (By his son); 'The Ludvigs of Bavaria' (J. Channon); 'Royal Dukes' (Fulford); 'Public School Religion' (Arnold Lunn); 'Place Names of Northamptonshire' (Gover, Mawer and Stenton); 'The Farm and the Nation' (Sir J. Russell); 'The Heart of London' (H. V. Morton); 'The Paston Letters,' 2 vols.; 'Those Greenland Days' (Lindsay); 'Jorrocks' (Surtees); 'Finance and Politics' (P. Einzig); 'Communism' (H. Laski); 'The Bengal Mutiny' (G. Dangerfield); 'Aristophanes' (G. Murray); 'The Architecture of Robert and James Adam,' 2 vols.; 'The Art of Grinling Gibbons'; 'The Life of Joseph Chamberlain,' Vol. II (J. L. Garvin); 'L'Ancien Régime' (de Torqueville); 'The Emperor Charles V' (Armstrong), 2 vols.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society has held one meeting this term up-to-date and a second meeting has been arranged for July 19th. The summer is usually in the nature of an interlude, and hopes (and fears) rather than achievements are to be noted. Most of the more experienced members will have left by next term. Among those who remain, N. G. Annan and P. W. Kemmis are the most outstanding; apart from them the position is not clear, though there are indications that talent is not lacking.

The officers of the Society are :—President, Mr. N. H. Harrow-Bunn; Vice-President, Mr. J. Gough; Secretary, R. P. Blow; Treasurer, P. W. Kemmis; Librarian, N. G. Annan.

The 80th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library on Wednesday, June 14th, the Motion before the House being: "That, in the opinion of this House, under no scheme of Disarmament should the British Empire consider reducing her naval strength."

J. O. N. VICKERS (Hon. Mover) was not at his best on this occasion. He produced rather dog-eared arguments in support of the theme that armaments were necessary for the preservation of peace, and neither he nor the House seemed convinced.

B. C. BRIANT (Hon. Opposer) harped on the horrors of war and suggested that England should set the good example and disarm in the conviction that other nations would follow suit.

S. F. F. JOHNSON, speaking for the first time on the paper, was refreshingly breezy; and whilst his repartee sometimes lacked polish, his vehement appeal to sentiment rather than reason gained him some support in the House.

N. G. ANNAN made a forceful and well-balanced speech. He suggested that the State had better uses for its money than the upkeep of obsolete armaments.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. H. S. Martin, J. D. A. Langley, The Hon. R. D. G. Winn, R. P. Blow, R. A. H. Knowling, the Vice-President.

Against the Motion, F. B. da Silva, O. E. Craster, P. G. E. Davies, P. W. Kemmis, G. C. Wyndham, R. G. Fox.

On a division being taken there voted :

Upper House.		Lower House.	
For	- - 9	For -	- 14
Against	- - 10	Against	- 9

The Motion was therefore lost in the Upper House by one vote and carried in the Lower House by five votes. It was noticed that ten people abstained from voting.

N.H.H-B.

MUSIC

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

A concert was given by the Choral Society and Orchestra on May 31st. A Choral Fantasia from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" was performed, the orchestra playing the overture and accompanying the singers throughout. As the concert was so early in the term, the singing was much fresher and brighter than usual, especially the Treble singing.

Stanford's Songs of the Fleet have been rehearsed and will be performed at the end-of-term concert, together with a selection from the "Fledermaus," by Strauss, which has proved most popular.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra have rehearsed the following works this term: Overture to "Die Meistersinger," Wagner; Waltzes from the opera "Fledermaus," Strauss; Shepherd Fennel's Dance, Balfour Gardiner; Capriol Suite, Peter Warlock; Overture to the Wasps, Vaughan Williams.

It has been an interesting term, both on account of the varied quality of the music, and also because it has been possible to hold two concerts in the one term.

THE MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

The Society has met several times during the term. Some Negro Spirituals have given us some amusing evenings, even though the music is not always of the highest quality.

HOUSE SINGING COMPETITIONS.

These were held at the end of last term in Assembly. Mr. D. G. Fox, Director of Music at Clifton, was the Adjudicator.

The standard was somewhat higher than usual, and there was no trace of some of those somewhat doubtful performances that we have been used to in former years. All Houses had obviously taken much more trouble this year, and some of the performances were remarkably good.

All Houses sent in a choir of about fifteen to twenty voices, except Grafton, who entered a quartet. The performance of this quarter was particularly pleasing, and the adjudicator decided to give them the cup; this was perhaps rather bad luck on Grenville, who with a choir of twenty gave a delightful rendering of the folk-song "Turmut-hoeing." Obviously much greater team-work is required when a large choir is entered. On the other hand, as the adjudicator rightly said, a single quartet is risking a lot more than a biggish chorus. But it is possible to argue about both points of view with equal force. Another year it would probably be more fair to ask all Houses to send in a choir of not less than ten voices.

Good performances were also given by Temple and Chatham.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO COMPETITIONS.

These were held on the same day as the Singing Competitions. The results were as follows:—

Piano. *Grade A.*—1st, B. A. Hollick.
2nd, A. A. Hawker.
Grade B.—1st, T. E. Godman.
2nd, S. J. Kerr-Bock.
Grade C.—1st, E. A. Bonvalot.
2nd, R. M. Emrys-Roberts.

Wood Wind. 1st, R. A. Fisk, mi.
2nd, G. G. D. Carter.

Brass. 1st. { R. A. H. Knowling.
A. F. Peile.
L. A. P. Robinson.
2nd, G. B. Davis.

Violin.—1st, R. M. Emrys-Roberts.
2nd, G. Rawson.

Mr. Fox complimented the pianists in the top Grade. He advised them to pay more attention to the use of the pedal.

The Brass players came in for particular praise, and Mr. Fox remarked on the high standard attained. He found it almost impossible to decide between the Trumpet, Horn and Trombone, and decided to divide the prize among all three players.

Mr. Fox delighted the audience with some truly remarkable performances on the piano with his left hand.

L.P.H.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

There have been two meetings of the Society this term. Both were well attended, there being 90 present at the first and 130 at the second.

The first recital was given by Dr. Watson (piano), Mr. Frank Probyn (Horn) and Mr. Blofeld (violin). They gave an excellent programme, of which the most notable item was the Brahms Horn Trio. Possibly the César Frank Violin and Piano Sonata was most enjoyed by the audience.

For the second meeting M. Arnold Dolmetsch and two of his family came down. They gave a delightful performance, especially in the recorder trio. After it was over, much interest was displayed in the various instruments—harpsichord, clavichord, and recorders.

A.A.H.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

There has been a meeting on every other Sunday of the term. Amongst other records the following works have been played: Elgar's 2nd Symphony, Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps*, Delius' *Brigg Fair* and Sibelius' 4th Symphony. Although the Society was started with the object of making modern music known in the School, many members have expressed a wish that works of earlier composers should be played as well. Some Brahms has therefore been played this term. All meetings have taken place in Mr. Heckstall-Smith's room. All thanks are therefore due to him for the loan of his room and of his gramophone.

R.A.H.K.

THE ARTS CLUB

A meeting of the committee was held at the beginning of the term, when D. G. Lea was elected Secretary, and J. H. Penton a member of the committee and Treasurer. W. T. Fisher and B. E. A. Pockley were elected members of the Society.

On June 1st, the day of the Prince of Wales' visit, an exhibition was held of the work of Old Stoics, of whom a very satisfactory number exhibited.

On June 28th, twenty-six members paid a visit to Cambridge.

VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE.

Three hours and a half is not, perhaps, the ideal time in which to see a place of such enormous interest as Cambridge: but even in so short a time one can, if somewhat after the fashion of an American tourist, see a considerable amount.

The chief centre of interest was naturally enough King's College Chapel. The general conception of the building is magnificent, the windows incomparable, and the fan vaulting extraordinarily graceful. But the Renaissance altar and chancel panelling, though beautiful in themselves, are sadly out of place; and one cannot help regretting, not for the first time, that the full sweep of a magnificent perpendicular nave must be interrupted by the organ and its screen.

Trinity College has what is probably the best building in Cambridge, for the Renaissance library is above all criticism. Its simplicity is astonishing, its proportions perfect. The college hall, too, and the Elizabethan gateways to Great Court are very fine.

St. John's is disappointing. Its Gothic buildings, comparatively recently restored, are slightly 'fussy,' its chapel quite abominable. Clare is a fine example of Renaissance work, Caius of an insurance office.

Fortunately the buildings were shown at their best by a fine day, and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent.

D.G.L.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB.

There have been three meetings this term.

On May 25th, H. D. Barbour read his paper on "Russia To-day."

On June 9th, The President and Mr. Heckstall-Smith held a dialogue on "The Fascination of Physics."

On July 10th, N. G. Annan read his paper on "Art and the Production of Films."
G.W.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

The 41st meeting of the Society was held on Sunday, May 28th, in Mr. Clifford's room. E. P. R. Jourdain was elected secretary and H. A. Wheeler then read a paper on Aristophanes. On Tuesday, June 27th, Mr. J. M. Sing read a paper on Thucydides to the Society in Mr. Heckstall-Smith's room. The last meeting of the term was held in the Aurelian Room on Wednesday, July 12th, when the Historians were also invited. We were fortunate in getting Prof. F. E. Adcock to come over from Cambridge and read a paper on "The Interpretation of Greek History." His visit was most appreciated.

E.P.R.J.

THE VITRUVIANS.

A most successful expedition to the Cotswolds took place on June 1st, in conjunction with the Photographic Society. The transport was in private cars, with the advantages of greater speed and more freedom than the usual bus. The route included Chipping Norton, with an interesting church; Stow-on-the-Wold and its old market square; the two lovely valleys where lie the unspoiled villages of Upper and Lower Swell and Upper and Lower Slaughter; Bourton-on-the-Water, with its old bridges over the Windrush; Northleach and its fine perpendicular church; Burford, with its main street, planted with trees, and an interesting church; and finally Minster Lovell, with its church and ruined manor-house. It was unfortunately impossible to visit Bibury, as had been originally planned, but some of the more adventurous owners of cars made detours to Great Tew, which shares with Bibury the honour of being the prettiest village in the Cotswolds; Oddington, with a perfect example of a small unrestored church; and Swinbrook with the interesting tombs of the Fettiplace family. The thanks of both societies are due to the masters, who not only lent their cars, but also endured the fatigue of 5½ hours' almost continuous driving.

A.A.H.R.

THE MODERN PLAY READING SOCIETY.

New members this term include S. J. L. Olver, J. K. Hay, K. I. Henderson, J. M. Ashton and A. A. H. Radice. On Thursday, July 22nd, Gordon Daviot's "Richard of Bordeaux" was read.

D.G.L.

THE FORESTRY SOCIETY.

The Forestry Society is now a year old. Its advent was prefaced by the statement that it was to be a society "for pulling down and putting up trees," and it may justly be claimed to have lived up to this.

In the past year many large dead trees, which were eyesores, have been felled and cut up for the Bursar to remove, and the pruning of dead and rotting branches and the cutting up of wind-falls have been carried on continuously.

In the Spring term two dozen young beech trees were planted: two on the North Front, two behind the Gymnasium, six on the Armoury Hill, and the rest in the Buckingham avenue. They are all growing well. A copper beech was also planted this term as a pair to that planted by the Prince of Wales.

A huge sequoia was felled early in the term, and all the trees at the Chapel end of the avenue from the Sanatorium to the Boycott Pavilion have been pruned. The climax of the year's work was, however, the successful felling of the ugly broken bole of a beech which fell a year ago near the bicycle sheds. This stump was well over seven feet in diameter, and even after axing away the buttresses the saw-cut was nearly six feet across.

Before the term is over it is hoped to clear some of the dead wood which disfigures the neighbourhood of the bathing place.

Mr. E. Hart-Dyke, F. J. R. P. Needham, F. M. H. Leyland, and B. R. Mitchell were elected to the Committee.

P.E.C.H.

THE NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY.

On Friday, July 14th, four members of this Society visited the Laboratory of the Imperial Institute of Entomology at Farnham Royal. The work of this laboratory is concerned with the control of insect pests and harmful weeds by their natural insect parasites. The method of procedure is for any part of the Empire which is suffering from the accidental introduction of such a pest to request the laboratory to discover, breed, and supply suitable parasites. We saw the work in all stages, including parasite eggs ready for export, and we are very grateful to the authorities for permitting this visit.

C.P.P.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

There have been several meetings this term, papers having been read by L. W. A. Johnson, A. d'A. Bellairs and M. Luxmoore. There was also a very enjoyable expedition to Whipsnade on Wednesday, June 28th.

This being the summer term, members have had excellent opportunities for various forms of nature study. Amongst other records the following are worthy of note:—

In the Entomology section, six Commas have been seen by the Boycott pavilion during the first week of July. It is also worth recording the capture of a Poplar-Hawk Moth in Assembly on May 17th.

In the Ornithology section, two interesting and rare birds were seen by L. W. A. Johnson. One was the Golden Oriole, a doubtful native of Great Britain, in Woody Park during May. The other record was the appearance of a Wall Creeper, a male bird.

Botanically, we have not much here to boast of. The existence of Marsh Orchid in a swampy part of the grounds, however, is outstandingly interesting in that it is not known from any other locality in this particular district.

R.A.H.K.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

There have been two expeditions this term, the first to Whipsnade in conjunction with the Natural History Society, and the second a tour of the Cotswold Villages, with the Vitruvians.

A series of lectures is being arranged for next term for the instruction of members.

The membership will be limited next term, and application should be made as soon as possible to the Hon. Sec. (D. G. Wraith) at the beginning of the term.

D.G.W.

THE REVEILLÉ GROUP.

Two meetings of the Group have been held this term. On May 28th, a talk was given by Mr. Secretan, Hon. Secretary of the Toc H' Schools Section; and another by Mr. Edwards on July 9th.

At a meeting of House Secretaries on July 10th it was decided that in future the Group should carry out relief work along 'Toc H.' lines in our own district, by renovating village halls, etc., in the neighbouring parishes, by sending parties to visit the slum areas, and by tackling other social problems of those further afield. Mr. Gilling-Lax has kindly offered to act as secretary for this branch of the work. It was also decided that each House should be represented in the Group by a Monitor or Prefect; and that the membership of the Group should become more definite.

R.P.B.

ENTERTAINMENTS

MIRACLE AT VERDUN.

"A triumph for the producer!" That seemed the general opinion of everyone who witnessed one of the performances of "Miracle at Verdun" when it was acted at Stowe at the end of last term.

When it was rumoured at the beginning of the term that Mr. White was to produce this play at Stowe, those who knew the work greeted the idea with scepticism, almost with open incredulity. "How," they said, "could anyone make anything of producing at a public school a play that had got thirteen different scenes and a cast of over ninety, and on a stage that is barely thirty feet by twenty?" Yet not only was it produced, and with a conspicuous originality, but never for a moment did the stage seem overcrowded; and the scenery, it was admitted by all, was far more than merely adequate. The success of the production lay in the lighting effects: the "black-out" and dimming were the means for producing the modern tone that rang through the whole performance. To generalise, the central idea behind the whole of the producing was to create a psychological effect rather than to stage a reality.

The play lent itself readily enough to eccentricities of production. The scenes and the acting alternate rapidly between drama, rather flippant comedy, biting satire, and often pure caricature. It is a dream; the author is showing us the hopelessness of the present day situation and the petty strifes in which we live, by dreaming the resurrection of some soldiers who died in the Great War. It is through their eyes that we see what villains the living are.

The acting was probably the most difficult thing to perfect. For with each actor at the least trebling parts, the numbers could be reduced to no less than thirty-nine. This, coupled with the fact that a plague of mumps made gaps in the cast, redoubled the problem; and a word of congratulation should be given to the understudies who filled large parts within a few days' notice. P. T. Hayman was supreme throughout as Lord Grathford and also in the difficult part of Vadinet. R. H. L. Farmer, too, was a most convincing American. But it is to J. C. Dundas that the top honours must be awarded; in a multitude of long parts entirely different in character he produced the best acting of the evening. Most of the smaller parts were very well filled and the soldiers, the most difficult parts of all to act, were a body with whom sympathy was easy. A special eulogy should be addressed to the noble energy of J. L. W. Cheyne, the Society's secretary, who worked overtime at the organisation and direction for which such a play called. For the play was certainly the largest in dimension and one of the greatest which has ever been acted at Stowe.

"YOU NEVER CAN TELL."

The other play acted at Stowe last term, this time by members of the staff, although exceedingly good, was altogether a more common-place affair. Here there were no startling scenery nor surprising stage effects, with which to tide over the delinquencies of the plot itself. The success of the play depended solely upon the skill of the actors and the wit of the dialogue.

For Bernard Shaw, this last was perhaps hardly up to standard, being here and there a little drawn out, and the plot, on occasions, not a little reminiscent. The acting on the other hand, was, for an amateur company, more than satisfactory. As an impoverished dentist and an ardent, if experienced, lover, Mr. J. B. Channon carried off chief honours, if only because the "silly ass" of Mr. Robert Skene tailed off so much towards the end. Or perhaps we merely grew tired of him? In the difficult part of a waiter with a son who has "got on," Mr. G. Gilling-Lax was excellent; the barrister son, Mr. Claude Hanbury-Tracy, brought the house down with his entry and his assertiveness. Perhaps Mr. J. C. Saunders, as the tyrannical father with a heart of gold, was a little disappointing after his pre-eminence in the "Dover Road" some years ago, but his part was a very difficult one.

The ladies in the cast too gave excellent support. Mrs. Saunders as the mother, the Misses Stewart and Mrs. Hanbury-Tracy were all amusing and lively in their parts. The dresses were all most attractive, and it was on the whole a most successful evening's entertainment. It was very well received, although by no means one of the more brilliant plays that have come from the pen of G.B.S.

E.M.L.

REVIEWS (NO. 10)

"CRICKET STORIES" By Howard Marshall. (Published by Putnam, 5/-).

Most cricket anthologies are collected with the object of giving the lover of the game his reminiscences, and him who is merely interested a brief survey of some of its outstanding incidents. This anthology does not provide for the latter. All those who have written in this book are well known for their cricketing literary ability. They have not, therefore, wasted their time in emphasising the finer points of their stories, as they have relied upon the reader's ability to appreciate them at first sight. Cricket is a game that can be played with equal enthusiasm—and uncertainty, as Alec Waugh describes—at Lords or on the village heath. Here matches of all types are described. As the standard of the cricket depreciates, so the editor has chosen writers of a more humorous nature; so Alec Waugh, Hugh de Selincourt and A. A. Milne touch on the lighter side of the game. Alec Waugh gives a splendid description of the local knowledge necessary to win a village match. In this cricket a successful wicket-keeper studies the art of goal-keeping.

The extract from Badger's Green, is, however, not successful; mock humour is unconvincing.

Despite the fact that most of us have read it before, it is refreshing to read of Mike's innings versus the M.C.C. and of Cobden's incredible over.

Indisputably the greatest cricket writer of to-day is Neville Cardus. Whatever he writes seems brilliant, and in "The Spirit of the Game" he has by far the finest chapter of the book. Here is cricket sentiment in its true form.

If any cricket lover wants a sentimental description of cricket, he must not miss the magnificent description of the conquering not only of England but also of a hostile Lancashire crowd, briefly described in the score book as 'H. L. Collins, l.b.w. bowled Parkin, 40.'

John Wisden in true dictionary style describes how Grace "was bowled out for 0 and a fourer," in a Test match that lasted four and a half hours, only 101 runs being scored from the bat.

For light relief there is J. B. Priestley imagining what would happen if he received the publicity at present accorded to Sutcliffe; but although he seems to appear a little jealous about his own comparative lack of "news value," he nevertheless hopes that Sutcliffe "will continue to hit the manful boundary."

It is always difficult to compile cricket stories that are not all chestnuts, but Howard Marshall has in "Cricket Stories" an excellent selection. A book for cricket lovers well worth reading.

HELIODORA.

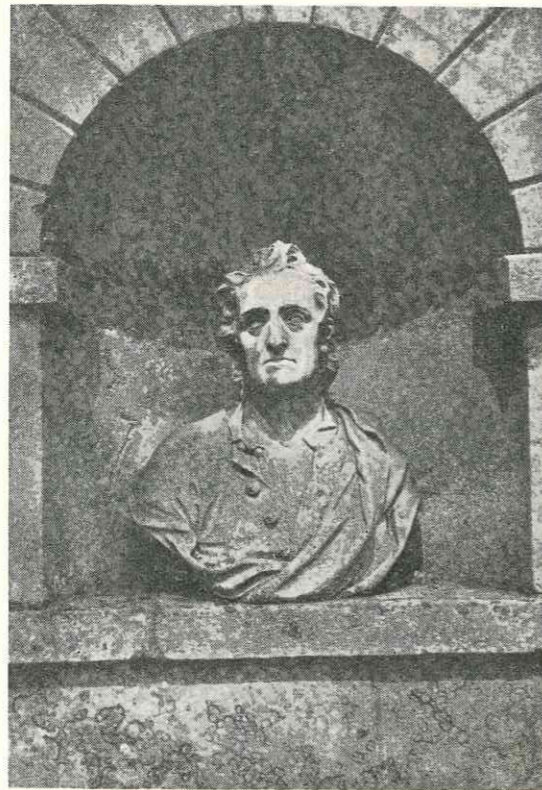
ODE TO POETRY

I would wake you, sleeping spirit,
 If I dared, if I cared.
 I would rouse your latent merit
 In myself, sacred elf.
 But in sleep you seem so tender,
 I must gaze, all my days,
 On your beauty, and surrender
 All anew unto you.
 What is life without your presence
 But a breath, bringing Death?
 Check your cheerless evanescence,
 For I'll grieve if you leave;
 In your bosom, in your feeling
 Let me lie, let me die.
 Childlike though your love concealing,
 You are mine, most divine,
 Pulsing thoughts of poesy,
 Liquid-pure to allure
 All my heart to ecstasy.
 Like a bird passion-stirred,
 Let me sing your praise for ever
 From my heart, Queen of Art!
 We shall part never, never,
 Onefold, free eternally!

J.M.E.HS.

JOHN LOCKE

John Locke, whose clear-cut, lofty and rather cynical features constitute what is perhaps the finest of the busts in the Temple of British Worthies at Stowe, was born at Wrington in Somerset on the 29th of August, 1632. Educated at Westminster and Christ Church, he led a full and varied life; at one time a political refugee in Holland, later, returning on the tide of the "Glorious Revolution" of 1688, he held various administrative posts under William of Orange. Despite his services to his country in the cause of civil and religious liberty, his fame rests chiefly upon his "Essay on



the Understanding." "Besides being a doctor," says Prof. G. N. Clark, "a theologian, a philosopher, a civil servant, and a drafter of colonial constitutions, he was the thinker of the English Whigs." Moderately, soberly, and without pedantry, he re-stated and maintained the principles of resistance to arbitrary government. In the first of his Letters of Toleration (1689) he claimed that there should be freedom to express opinions, and freedom to associate for religious purposes. While his doctrines everywhere

show hesitancy and inconsistencies, they were accepted as the creed of orthodoxy by eighteenth-century England, and were in reality the forerunners of various schools of liberal thought in later generations. Empiricist though he was, Locke initiated the tendency which earned the eighteenth century the title of the Age of Reason.

His theory of knowledge, which is contained in the "Essay on the Understanding," published in 1690 (Locke died in 1704), is intensely interesting and is presented with great force and cogency. Here one can only attempt (very inadequately) to give some outline of the theory, and remark that any time given to further study of Locke's reasoning and ideas will assuredly not be time wasted. His purpose was to inquire into the powers of human understanding with a view to finding out what things it was fitted to grapple with and where it must fail, so as to make the mind of man "more cautious in meddling with things exceeding its comprehension, and disposed to stop when it is at the utmost of its tether." Arguing against the theory of the existence of supposed innate conceptions or intuitions, Locke held that the mind was, to begin with, *tabula rasa*, a blank surface, and that all recognised conceptions can be traced to sensation or reflection: this he proceeds to prove, showing that from these two sources, one external, the other internal, our experience is crystallised: and in the fourth Book of his essay he discusses the nature, the limits and the reality of our knowledge, including the nature of demonstrative truth, the existence of God, the provinces of faith and reason, and the nature of error. In attempting to give a general estimate of one of the outstanding figures of the seventeenth century in the advancement of thought in this country, one cannot do better than record the Stowe inscription, which commemorates

JOHN LOCKE

Who, best of all philosophers, understood the powers of the human mind; the nature, end and bounds of civil government; and, with equal courage and sagacity, refuted the slavish systems of usurped authority over the rights, the consciences or the reasons of mankind.

A.

DEUS EX MACHINA

There are few centuries of mankind's history left to record. The days of our rule on this earth are but few: we have created the machine and in so doing have named our successors. Prophets who cry that the world—and they have read it in the pyramids—will end to-night are nearer the truth than the men of science (one might almost say of nescience), who solemnly declare that it will last a million years. For in a few hundreds of years the world will end for us. We shall be the farmyard animals of the machine. Machines as sentient and perhaps as evil as the monster of Frankenstein will dragoon us and employ us. We, who have begun, as Phaethon, driving the horses of the sun-god across our own scientific heaven, will fall plummet-wise as he. We shall be as the beasts that perish.

"Call upon the wheels, master . . ."

As the Earth was once but barren rocks and apparently sterile water (though now it teems with every kind of life from man to amoeba), so the machine is at present without conscious life, as we know it. Yet even now the machine is less phlegmatic than the mollusc. Plants too are but machines, and yet cacti and water-plants catch living prey, the mimosa shrivels up at the sound of approaching steps, while even the

stolid potato in a cellar shoots toward the light. The action of these plants is comparable to that of machines; the action of both is that of a form of life. Man himself is but a machine, and a machine whose energy is forced to accord with the fuel and care with which he is supplied. The locomotive's miner, stoker and engineer are but the business man's farmer, cook and housekeeper. The difference between man and machine is not one of kind, but of degree. A machine is as versatile as an oyster, for both are adapted to their own emergencies and no more. To-day we cannot read in a newspaper that this is a modern age (as if every age was not a "modern" age to itself) without ourselves giving vent to a poem of gratitude for the complexity and efficiency of the machines. It is a very short space of years since the invention of the first crude machines; and observe, to-day, the state of grace to which they have attained. Machinery evolves by means of mankind, who usurps the place of Nature in scrapping what is clumsy, out-of-date and defective. Its evolution, then, will be quicker and more thorough than if it were left to Nature either to dispense with the deficient, as with the dodo, or to hint to heredity that the model might be improved, as with the unwieldy Saurians. Look how man has outstripped Nature in destroying the Kea, or improving the Racehorse! It is obvious that machinery has improved, in less than two hundred years of life, at a rate many thousands of times faster than our protozoic ancestors ever did as they slunk about the ooze.

What is to be the future of these machines, improved to a degree commensurate with their present rate of progress? They will knock mankind from its dizzy perch, and will become the Rulers of the Earth, and mankind will sink to the level of the cow or the cat. It may be objected that the machine has no will of its own, and consequently will never become a new and dominating species of life. Nothing could be more fallacious. A plant and a man, as has been shown earlier, are fundamentally but machines. And in the sphere of will-power mankind is equally impotent. A man's character, mind, call it what you will, is entirely determined by two things. It is the result of the pre-natal influence of heredity or of the post-natal influence of experience. Neither the character with which he came into the world nor the experience with which he meets in the world are any work of his own. His free-will is non-existent. A man's actions may appear inconsistent, but they are an entirely logical *mélange* of heredity and experience. A machine's actions are entirely consistent and it is dubbed lifeless, but in reality we ourselves are only acting in accordance with equally lifeless machinery.

We are wise in our own conceit that machines will always do their work for the entire benefit of mankind. But, by imperceptible degrees, the servant becomes the master. This has always been so among mankind; we can instance the Janissaries and the Praetorian Guard. Man, even now, cannot do without machinery, for his cosseted body is but a poor, weak, pitiful thing. And it is not only his body which requires the machine's dry-nursing, but even his mind thinks by the machinery that prints his books and his newspapers. Whose opinions are not a re-hash of what he or those who formed his opinions read on print-spattered paper? One half of mankind is the servant of the machine. If the machine is not attended to and its needs supplied, it sulks and refuses to work till its complaint is dealt with. If the neglect or hurt has been too severe, it mutinies for good, or runs amok, as does a dynamo or a motor-car. Factory-hand and shareholder dance to the tune of their master—the machine. Nevertheless, the machine must have man. For, however far the machine shall travel on the road of progress, it is unlikely that it will ever be able to reproduce itself, except as a flower reproduces itself, through the action of another being. For just as the insect helps the flower to reproduce in return for the gift of honey, so does man, even now, help the machine to reproduce in return for the gift of gold. Man's

body is but a nest of machines. Man's eye is but a machine and, until the breakdown of the tissues, a dead man's eye is as effective an organ as that of a living man. We carry about the intricate machinery of nerves, corpuscles, chromosomes, and pores, as well as the larger engines, spleen, liver, heart and the like. Already we are dependent on a faulty and delicate machine.

We can see that the day is not far distant when the machine will rule the man. Man will be to the machine as a pig or a bullock is to a man—only he will be very much less useful. All mankind will be in the position of the old-time Russian serf, to be sold as desired, to work long hours for small wages, to be the entire property of its master, body and intellect and soul. Our master, the machine, will forbid all religion, as in Russia to-day and for the same reason: it conflicts with a maximum expenditure of energy in the service of the machine. We shall be the creatures of the machine, and for reward we shall receive the reward of our domestic animals—bed and a belly-full. The greed of the governing-classes and the need of the working-classes make that day inevitable when all mankind will be lower than the dirtiest aborigine.

PONTIFEX.

EDWARD THOMAS — AND SOME REMARKS ABOUT ADLESTROP

“Yes. I remember Adlestrop—
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.”

“Edward Thomas,” says the first part of the title, and then comes a reference to a place called “Adlestrop.” So much must be patent to all, but I would here remark that there are some very definite reasons for the selection of this title, striking though it might be as the overture to an article upon any subject. And of these reasons two seem to be pre-eminent: first, that Edward Thomas might be said to have made Adlestrop famous, and secondly, that Adlestrop is the name of the village made famous by Edward Thomas.

Possibly these reasons may seem inadequate—almost, if the the word may be pardoned, drivelling. To any who think so, I can only apologize for my seemingly pointless redundancy, and say, as politely as possible, that in my opinion—and I surely am entitled to an opinion—in my opinion, it is not so. Let me elucidate a little. Now save for these reasons, why should I not have written “Abdullah Smith” instead of “Edward Thomas,” while, in the place of “Adlestrop,” “Lesser Tootlebury” would have scanned as well—almost as well, anyhow?

For, you see, there are many Adlestrops scattered up and down England, and there must be many people who, like Edward Thomas, on coming across one of them quite unexpectedly, either in a motor ride or upon a train journey, have, on an instant, been struck by something about them—a vague, abstract kind of beauty, distinctive almost in its ordinariness. And yet “ordinariness” is not the right word. It is because

such a village in such a place is so much what is expected that, by adding the finishing touch to the scene, it becomes itself—although nothing out of the ordinary, the most beautiful thing of its kind. Adlestrop may be poor subject-matter for the painter's art, but it loses nothing of its attraction because of this. Its appeal is mental, intellectual almost, stimulating to the mind rather than to the eye, and for this reason it is immortalized among villages not in water-colours, but in verses.

It is the answering chord, so that in each case we are discovering, in any old odd corner of England, something which, although, or perhaps because, we were expecting it, approximates most nearly to our own ideal of what the perfect village should be.

Moreover, granting that there be nothing distinctive about the type, we might almost say—"every man his own Adlestrop," or possibly "one man's Adlestrop is another man's Tooting." And yet would this be wholly true? There must be something about these Adlestrops that will unfailingly produce the required effect. But what is it? They cannot be "beauty spots" in the truest and vilest sense of the words, else would they long since have become indistinguishable beneath the piles of crumpled sandwich-paper and other leavings of the endless picnic-parties which would have overrun them from the neighbouring towns. Nor need they necessarily contain a Saxon Tithe Barn, or the remains of one and a half real Norman arches, built over of course, in the Chancel—why need it always be the Chancel?—of the village Church. The smell of archæological tobacco, Egyptian and odious, would long since have robbed them of their charm, whilst, since there seems inevitably to exist, in village architecture, a kind of perverted sense of balance, the one-time beauty of anything ancient in the way of buildings seems always to have been nullified by the immediate proximity of a hideous compilation of red-brick and corrugated-iron, the home of the local Y.M.C.A. or a Wesleyan Chapel.

And so, by a Conan Doyle-ish sort of elimination, we come to the true reason for the charm of the Adlestrops—those Utopias among villages. They must be ordinary, untouched, English in spirit as well as in photographs. And above all they must be free from the ramifications of the more enterprising firms, who have not been able to resist the opportunity of a little notoriety to advertize the fact that they are Britain's premier periodical, society's latest 11 o'clock cocktail, or, more simply, that they, the delightful old gentlemen on the posters, prefer a Guinness.

The Adlestrop of our dreams, then, is not the three-star map of the tourist's guide, which probably skips straight from Abingdon to Ampleforth and Aston sub-edge-under-Lyme, without so much as a mention of it. It is rather something in which each may feel an almost personal interest, for truly there is little joy in liking somebody or something which is a universal favourite. But these are different: they have "exclusiveness-value."

Jerome K. Jerome always asserted that it is never worth while being idle when there is nothing to do, and that the only joy that can be extracted from doing nothing is when by doing so we are neglecting some considerable duty of immediate importance. So would it have been with Thomas. What utterly ecstatic pleasure, passing all description, would he have got from sitting placidly on a stile, while, one hundred yards away, his train poofed gently, if reluctantly, into action and disappeared slowly out of sight, leaving a trail of fleecy white smoke, which spread and vanished, even as he watched, against the blue hazy arc of the sky. Knowing too, as he might well have done, that seventy minutes later, in Bristol, or wherever his train was going, his lawyer and his stockbroker, to say nothing of their clerks, would be waiting for him their tempers shortening rapidly, even as the contents of the decanter, in the inner office and the tea-pot in the outer, would be shortening with them.

That indeed would have been something worth doing, and once more for that philosophic cutter of appointments, musing gently on his stile as he refilled his pipe, a blackbird might have sung

"Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire."

What temptation! But he must have been a strongly moral man, for his poem gives no account of his having alighted from the train. Or perhaps he is merely a liar!

And so let us render to each man his due—to Edward Thomas his Adlestrop, to Smith or Robinson their Stow-on-the-Wold or Broadway: while I, for my part—well, I think very highly of London.

E.M.L.

THE VILLAGE AND THE PAST

He watched the village folk enter the church for Evensong. It was a cloudy winter's afternoon, very dull, very bleak. As he stood there watching the faithful flock, a feeling of profound sadness crept over him. He had just returned, after years of absence, to the little village in which he had been born and had spent his childhood; and, as always, the home-faring traveller had found that everything had changed so very much indeed. Of course, he had expected some change, perhaps a few more houses here and there and a few new faces; but, somehow or other, nothing seemed to be the same. None of the people looked at all like those he had known; the houses and even the streets had changed; and worst of all, no one greeted or remembered him. He was very sad indeed, and not a little frightened. For nothing troubles a man so much as isolation, and nothing so disturbs his peace of mind or offends his personal feelings as to be forgotten.

The market-place and the silent streets began to affect him vaguely and to make him think about life. His years of travel had somehow imbued him with a misplaced feeling that all people everywhere are active and work so hard and are so easily noticed in their labours because they wish to show others how hard they are working; yet here none wanted to impress him with their zeal. It was Sunday of course; but still, why didn't some industrious tea-shop proprietor try to entice him to taste the village's special cakes? No one seemed to want to acknowledge his presence or to show him what a fine village this was. He missed the point that no one thought of showing him the village because its own charm spoke for itself; and no one wanted to sell him anything because they were interested in other affairs. For that is the difference between town and country methods; and for all his travelling he only understood the former.

There was a rare and peculiarly simple happiness in it. He saw that the difficulties and worries of life lie in its complexity. Like D. H. Lawrence, he wondered whether primæval life were the only solution to this trouble, and so he watched the village more closely. The people who lived here were happy and yet their happiness was to him a cause of sorrow. There did not seem anything for them to do. Their life must be such a happy monotony and yet such an unambitious existence. We were never made, he told himself, to vegetate where we were planted. It is our calling to reach a stage

higher in life and to try to rise to the top. Yet these people did not follow that maxim; and they were happy and he was not. There was something wrong somewhere.

Naturally, *he* was wrong. His fault is easy to mark. The village, he thought, had changed; whereas in reality he had changed, and the character and the philosophy of a village—if it possesses one—never change. All he could see was external and material change. He noticed that a new private house had enclosed in its grounds the woods in which he used to play as a boy. He did not see that the boy's spirit which used to play in those woods had changed so very much, whereas the woods themselves never change. He only saw that the wood had changed hands; and for him it meant that it was entirely different—which was not so. Man always judges events in relation to his own character, whether or not the events occur many years apart, during which time his character has changed; and therefore the equation is no longer an equation.

A wind sprang up. It rustled the branches of the trees. A piece of paper danced down the street, whirling and whisking, till it stuck in a doorway and lay there fluttering. A door slammed. They were singing a hymn in the church. Somewhere a dog was barking, and it began to grow dark. There came another gust of wind that howled down the deserted street; it seemed to shake the man sitting there; it seemed to blow away his memories and bring him back to life. It carried away the past for him and brought back the present. For it is useless to think of the past, to wish for its return, and to weave fancies around it. It is futile, because it is unprogressive. We use it as a drug to take our present worries away from us, and like every drug it makes the worries worse. The past is gone; it cannot be recalled. The way to face present troubles is to face the future. Our fault to-day is that we sleep in the past; we think in the manner of the past and we apply methods of the past to our present problems. We have always done so, and, therefore, we assume that it is the right thing to do. Only when convention is conquered shall we progress. The duty of the past is alone to show us our mistakes. It is for us to work out our new salvation.

N.G.A.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Stoic.

SIR,

May I through *The Stoic* protest in the strongest possible terms against the vulgarity and vandalism of certain unknown persons who have to some degree mutilated the Copper Beech planted by the Prince of Wales on June 1st. In some half-dozen places side branches or shoots have been broken off and, what is much more serious, the leading shoot has been damaged, so that it will die. The motive of this, one supposes, has been souvenir-hunting. Nature will to a greater or less extent repair the damage, if she is given a chance, but surely nothing can excuse behaviour of this sort.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

IAN A. CLARKE.

Stowe,

July 17th, 1933.



