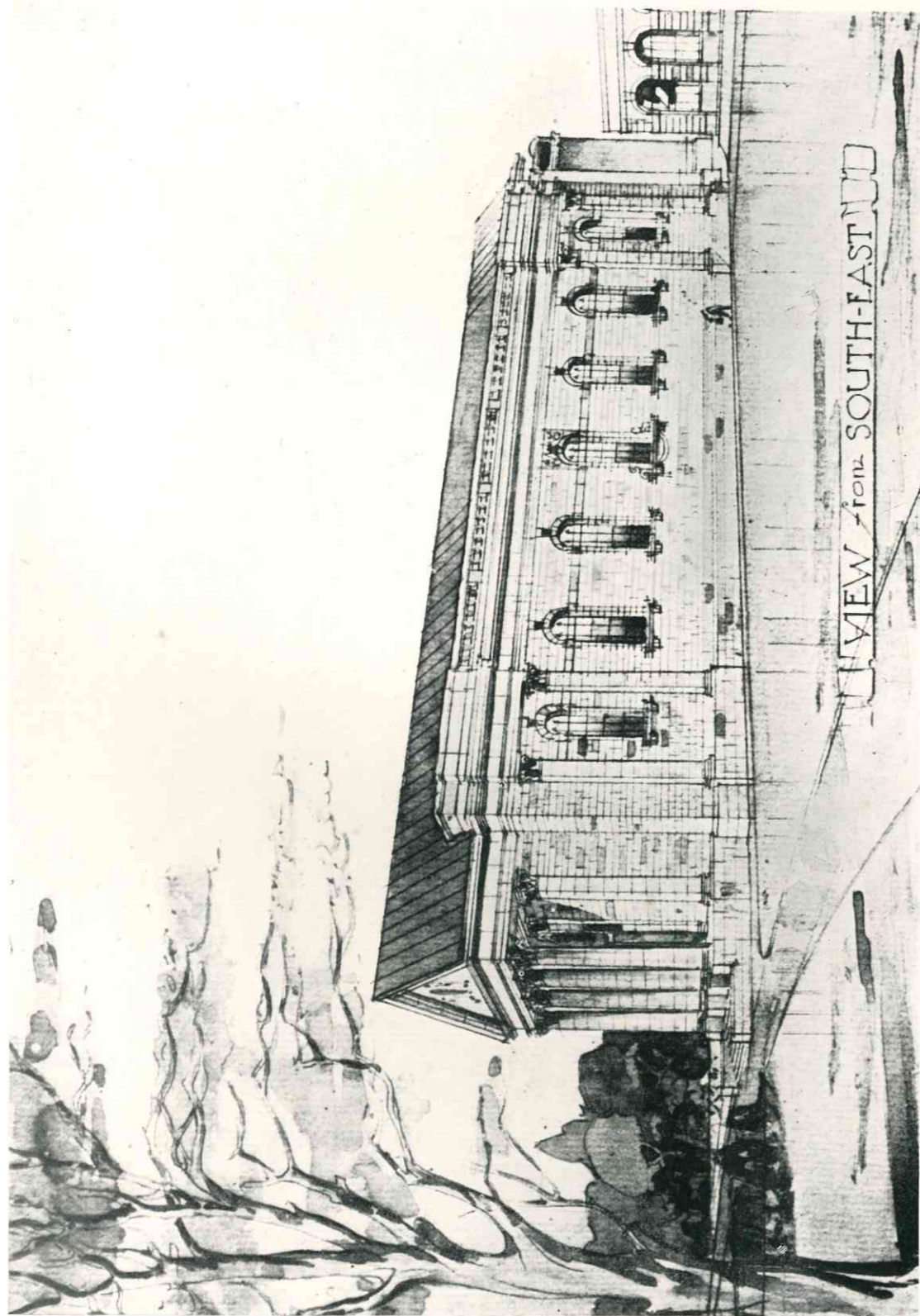


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THE CHAPEL

IN Number Nine of *The Stoic* we published Sir Reginald Blomfield's report on the alternative suggestions for a Chapel site. On his recommendation the Governors have adopted site (*b*) which will enable the new Chapel to round off the development of the main School buildings at their western end, and to form, together with the existing laboratories, and the new block of class-rooms, a large three-sided garden Court, open to the South.

Designs submitted by several architects have been considered by the Governors, and Sir Robert Lorimer has been asked to carry out the work. His plans provide for a Chapel in the classic style large enough to hold eight hundred boys, and so designed as to harmonize with the older buildings and carry on the architectural traditions of the place. At the entrance end will be a large Corinthian portico not unlike that on the South Front of the main School building. The interior, when completed, will be about 150 feet long and over 40 feet high, the clear span of the nave being about 37 feet. An arch of very tall proportion will give access to the chancel, while at the 'West' end the organ will stand in a gallery stretching across the Chapel over the entrance vestibule. Seen from inside, the Chapel will resemble an Italian Basilica, the roof being of an interesting and unusual form, finished in timber with deeply coffered panels, and it is proposed to use pillars from the Temple of Victory and Concord to form arcades down each side.

Sir Robert Lorimer suggests that sixteen of the columns from this Temple should be reused in the interior of the new Chapel, thus forming two fine and dignified arcades at a very small cost. In making this suggestion he is only following ancient usage, for most of the Italian Basilicas have pillars in their arcades that have been taken from earlier structures. He has also prepared an ingenious plan showing how the portico of the Temple, with its columns and characteristic sculptured pediment, can be preserved, and the building behind adapted

for use as an Armoury and Fencing School, screen walls being substituted for the columns that will be removed, and the roof renewed in some simple way.

The old Private Chapel is panelled with interesting contemporary woodwork in cedar. In their instructions to architects, the Governors suggested that this woodwork should be reused in the new Chapel. Sir Robert Lorimer's design shows how almost all this woodwork can be utilized, partly in connection with the chancel end of the Chapel and partly in connection with the entrance screen and the organ front. The pulpit, communion rail, etc., which, like the panelling, are characteristic examples of the woodwork of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, will also be reused in the new Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM

E. F. ELKINGTON.

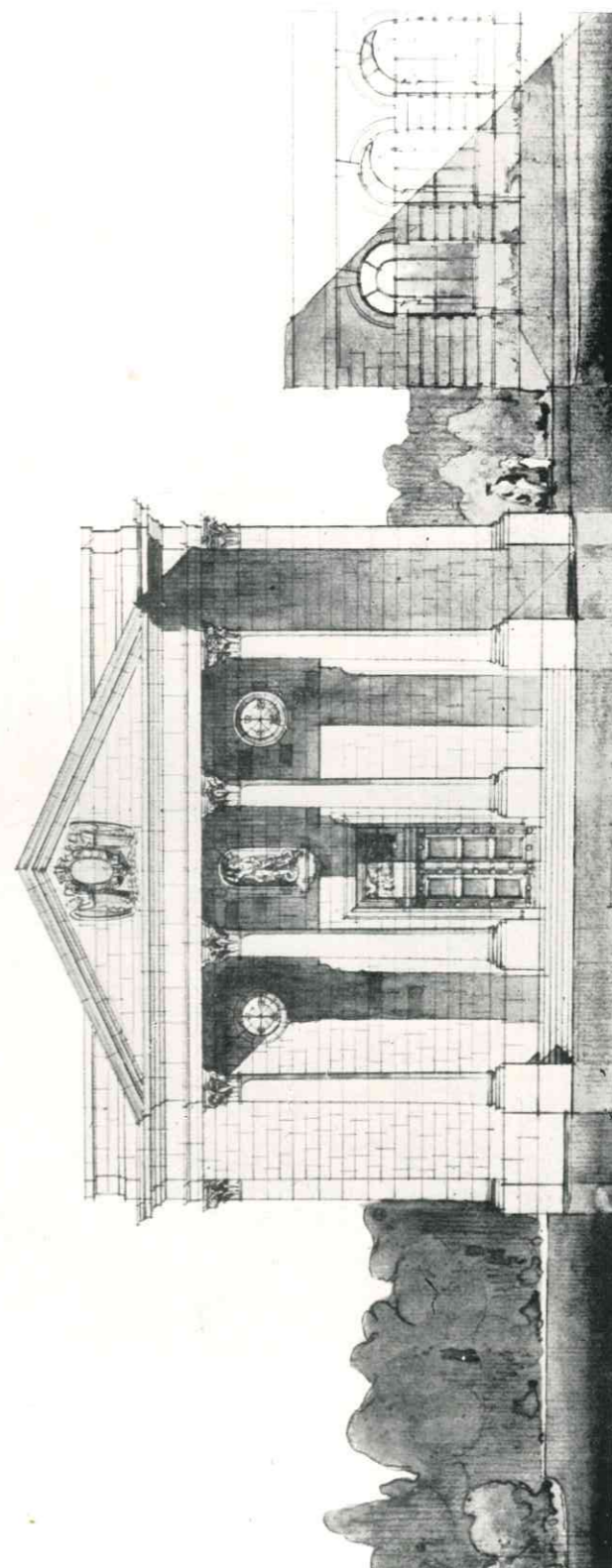
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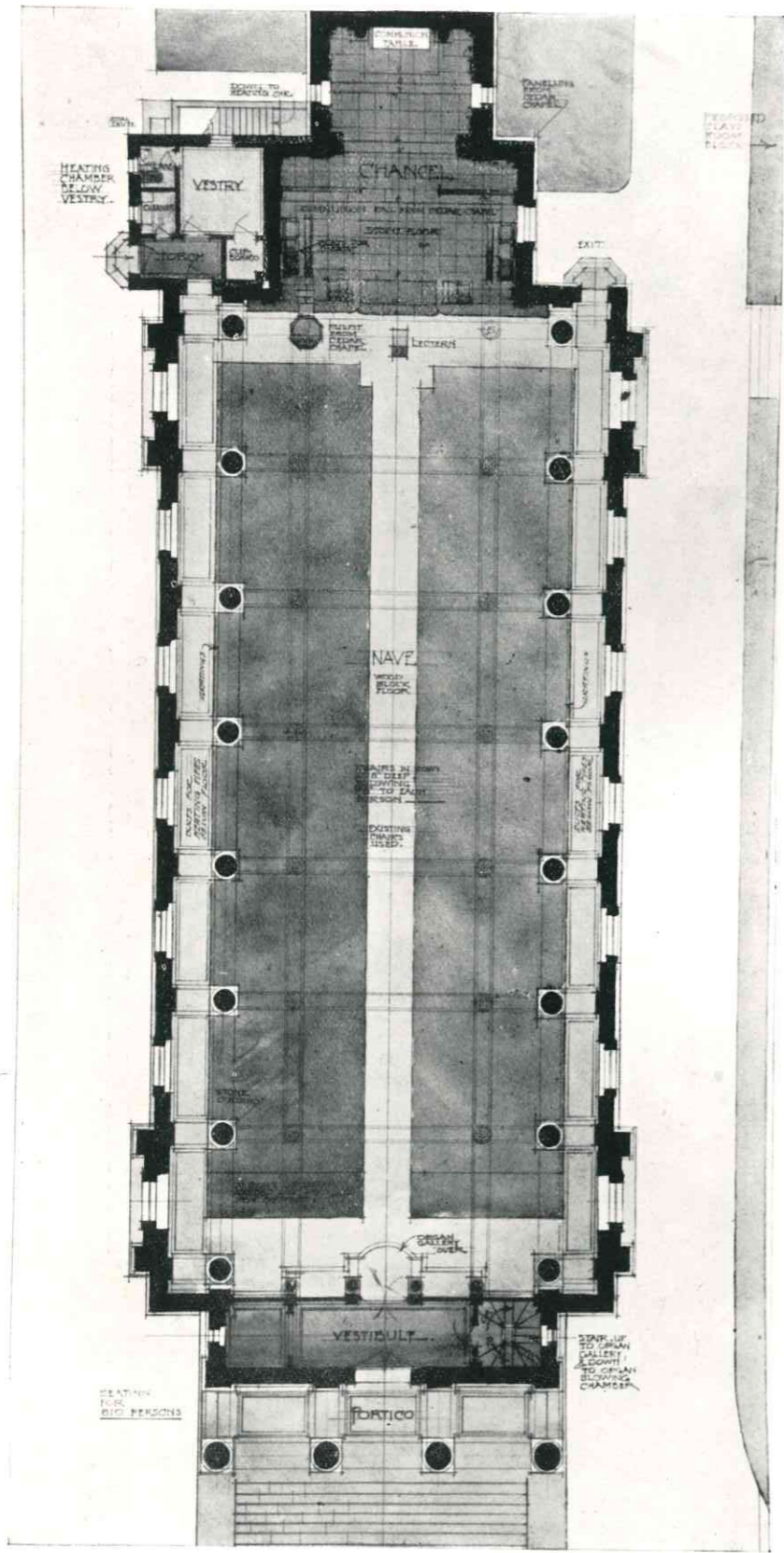
ERNEST FORD ELKINGTON, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elkington, of Sheephouse, Maidenhead, came to Stowe at the beginning of the Easter Term—January 19th, 1927. He died of pneumonia in the early morning of February 11th, at the age of fourteen years and five months.

“Bunty” Elkington had only been at Stowe for three weeks when he died, and few of us knew him well. But his short life here had been long enough to endear him to some of us, and to make him, young though he was, a permanent member of our community. In the thoughts and memories of us all he was and will remain a Stoic.

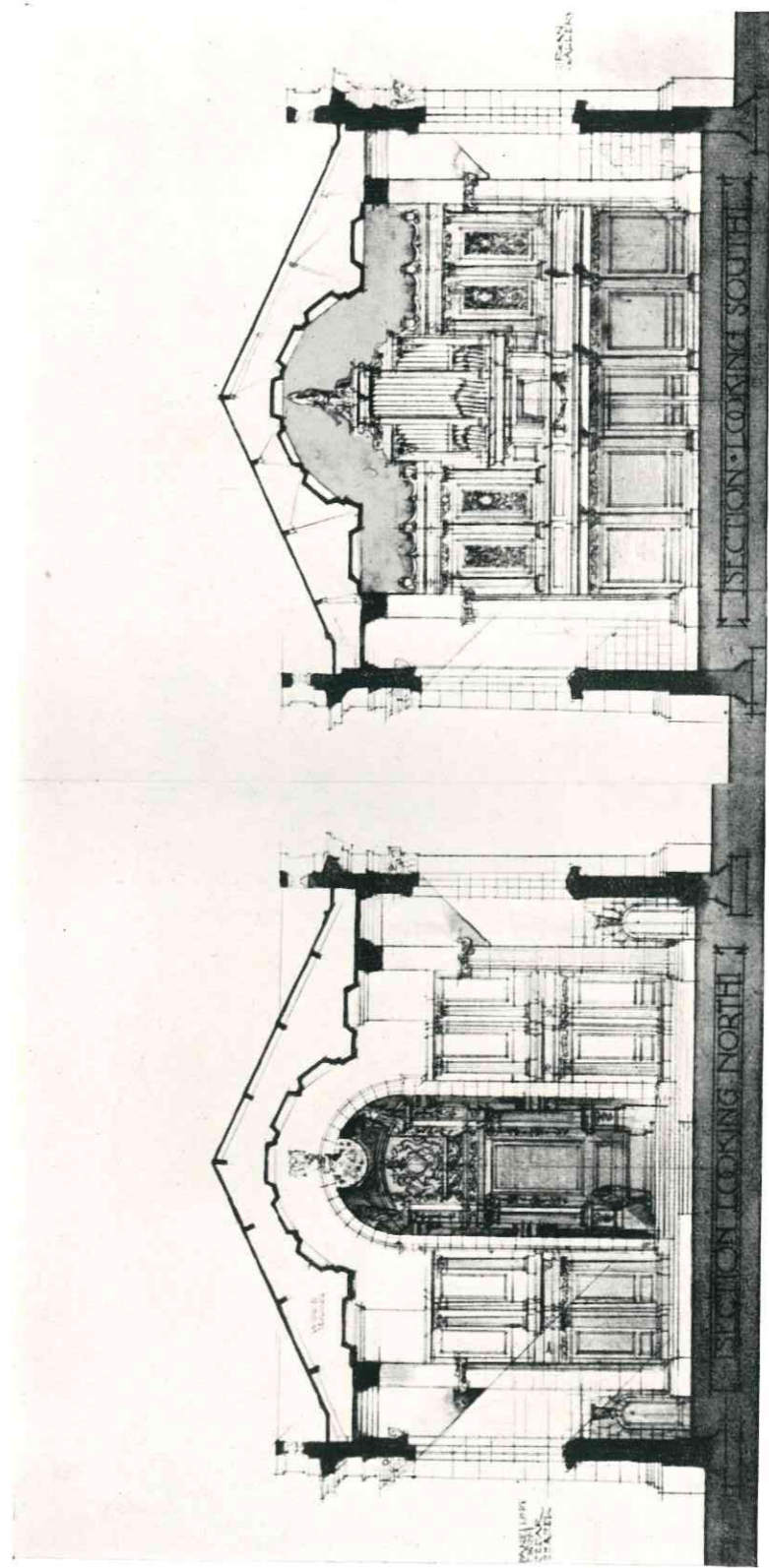
*He shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary him, nor the years condemn.*



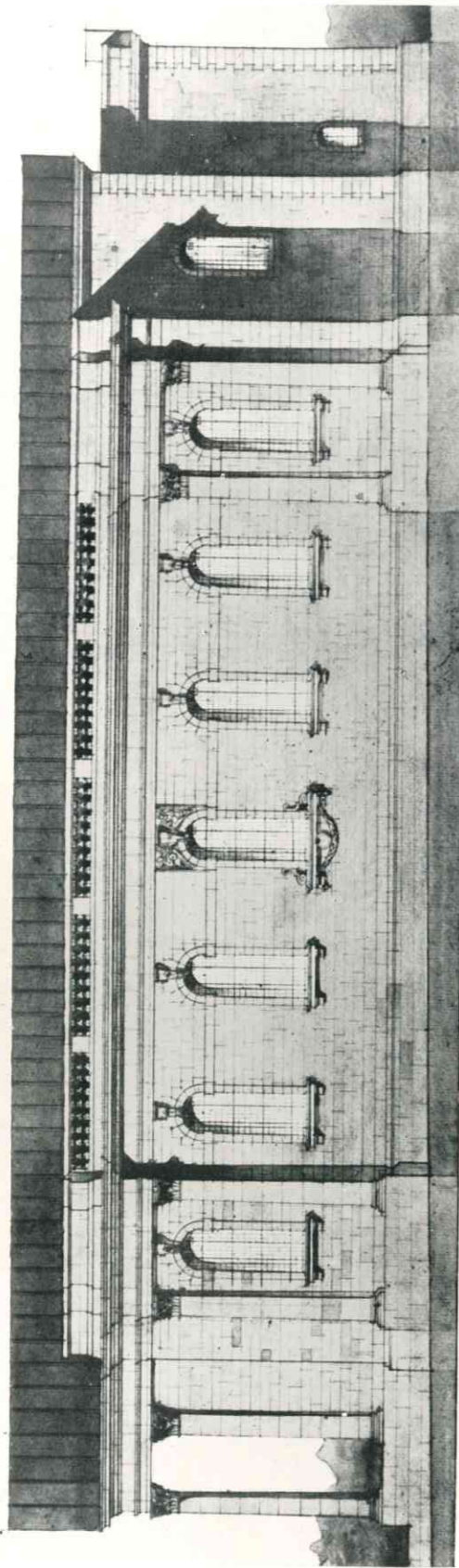
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SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

AS a result of the School Certificate Examinations held in December, 1926, the following were awarded Certificates:—

W. A. Beare.
G. A. Farthing.
J. N. Feathers.
H. W. Gill.
H. A. L. Montgomery Campbell.
L. G. Rivers-Moore.

A LECTURE

On Wednesday, March 23rd, Upper Forms listened to a lecture on the League of Nations delivered in the Library by Miss Muriel Currey, O.B.E. This lady possesses an intimate acquaintance with the League's history, and a singularly happy way of telling what she knows, so that we found it easy both to be interested and to applaud at the right places.

Miss Currey declared that the League had definitely prevented war on four occasions:—over the Aland Islands, in the Italo-Jugoslav dispute, after the shooting of General Tellini and from the Greco-Bulgarian frontier affair. Dealing with this last question, Miss Currey made it evident that Balkan wars come easily and may, too, be easily averted.

Later, the working of the League Council was explained. Perhaps Miss Currey won due respect because she confessed that Geneva made mistakes. At any rate, we found ourselves very ready to believe that we were fortunate witnesses of the grandest gesture in the history of international affairs.

At the close of this lecture Miss Currey set a welcome example, both by saying that she was willing to reply to questions, and by satisfying her questioners.

PRIZES

HEADMASTER'S ART PRIZES, 1927.

Awarded on the recommendation of Mr. Edmund H. New.

First Prize, M. J. SALAMAN; *Second Prize*, A. CARDEN (*Hors Concours*);

Third Prize, F. B. J. GRAVES and J. H. D. WESTBY.

Certificates of Merit :

G. D. WATSON for Modelling and Drawing.

J. V. DURDEN for Water Colour Drawings of Butterflies.

THE HUMPHREY FOSTER SCIENCE PRIZE.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD, 1927.

APPLICATIONS are invited from the top five Forms in the School to compete for the above Prize. A list of approved candidates will be selected from the applications.

The Competition will be in the form of an Essay. Each selected competitor must suggest the subject on which he proposes to write, and obtain the approval of Mr. Whitaker for an Essay in Chemistry, Mr. Heckstall-Smith in Physics, and Mr. Hankinson in Biology.

A candidate is allowed the full use of books, journals and works of reference in writing his Essay, but he must give all references to indicate precisely what help he has obtained from such sources. He may, if he thinks it desirable, fit up apparatus to demonstrate experiments, prepare slides in microscopy or select specimens in Biology, to illustrate his Essay, and such practical work will be taken into account in awarding the Prize.

The Essay will be judged by the evidence it gives of originality, sound thinking, logical argument and ordered presentation of ideas, and by the style and conciseness in expression.

The Subject chosen must be Scientific or intimately connected with Science, and the competition is not necessarily limited to those who specialize in Science.

Applications should be sent in writing to Mr. Whitaker before May 13th. The list of approved candidates will be posted on May 16th; and the Essays must be given in to Mr. Whitaker (Chemistry), or Mr. Heckstall-Smith (Physics), or Mr. Hankinson (Biology) by July 2nd. The times for demonstration will, or may, be fixed later by arrangement.

BURROUGHS PRIZE, 1927.

Subject for an Essay :—

THE EFFECTS UPON SECULAR HISTORY OF THE DISUNION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

WARRINGTON HISTORY PRIZE, 1927.

Subject for an Essay :—

NATIONAL MOVEMENTS IN THE XIXTH CENTURY AND THEIR PROBABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE XXTH.

CHARLES LOUDON PRIZE FOR GREEK, 1927.

The prize will be awarded for the translation of a set English passage into Greek Prose *and* of a set Greek passage into English Prose.

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

The Greek translation will be done next term under examination conditions, without books.

BERTRAM PRIZES, 1927.

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

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

The subject for the English Essay will be :

“THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE ROMANS
REFLECTS THEIR CHARACTER.”

BARBER READING PRIZES, 1927.

Senior.—Book Set : Shakespeare's Henry IV., Part II.
Special Passages : Act III., Sc. I.

Act IV., Sc. V.

Junior.—Book Set : The First Book of Kings, Chapters 17-22.
Special Passage : Chapter 18.

PETERS BONE ENGLISH PRIZE, 1927.

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

Subject for an Essay:

Either The Poetry of Mr. Rudyard Kipling,
or The Development of English Roads,
or Proportional Representation.

Subject for a Poem in English Rhyming Verse:

A Storm.

STOICA

THE new Lions on the South Front of the Central Building are imposing creatures. Zoological purists have criticised them on anatomical grounds. But this is not a question for Zoologists. Artistically and architecturally the lions are magnificent, and their arrival in the centre of the Adam façade has undoubtedly pulled together the whole composition, on which the departure of their predecessors had had a sadly disintegrating effect.

The Lions are the work of Mr. John Bickerdike who did the large coats of arms on the two extremities of the North Front, and who it is hoped will help us still further to restore the vanished glories of the old buildings.

Several Paper-chases were held in the earlier part of the Term, before the Cross-country Race, and some good runs resulted, though an insufficiency of paper was on one or two occasions a handicap.

"Great Portland Street" has now been removed from the Chapel site and re-established in the neighbourhood of Concord. The architecture of the new street has a certain bold simplicity in its general lines, but pending the growth of mitigating creepers, there is no doubt that the buildings really look their best at midnight.

The German Song-book with the metal studded covers that has appeared in the Library has a history. When Herr Heerwagen of the *Corps Suevia* came to Stowe last summer, he was entertained by Mr. Fremantle and the German classes. On his return to Germany the

Corps, as a mark of their esteem, presented the School with this Song-book, which Herr Heerwagen handed over in person to Mr. Fremantle on his next visit to England. The Oxford Song-book—words and music—has been sent in return.

The Modern Play Reading Society has not met this Term, up to the time of going to press, but it hopes shortly to read "The Admirable Crichton," by J. M. Barrie. B. C. Gadney has been appointed Secretary in place of S. D. A. S. Aylmer.

The influenza brought to the School on the first day of Term by two obliging members of a House which shall be nameless, raged with fury at Stowe as elsewhere in the country during January and part of February. However it stopped as suddenly and as unreasonably as it began, and the second half of the Term has been almost uninterrupted by illness. One sprained ankle which effectually prevented its owner from going into School, was observed (to the satisfaction of everyone) to allow him to have a long day's hunting with the Grafton.

The annual General Paper has now established itself as one of the recognised amusements of the Easter Term. This year it made a special appeal to philatelists, ornithologists, theologians and chiropodists.

Good work has been done in clearing the little plantation near the Oxford Lodge. Most of the sycamores, which were damaging the conifers, have been cut out and the general condition of the trees is now much improved.

The water-jump in the Cross-country race was the same as last year, but some wise old birds discovered that, by holding to the left, they could get through in no more than about four inches of water.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this Term:—

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| Jan. | 30th. | Rev. F. R. Barry, D.S.O., Lecturer at King's College, London. |
| Feb. | 6th. | Rev. E. Scott, Leighton Buzzard. |
| March | 6th. | Canon H. T. Bowlby, late Headmaster of Lancing. |
| March | 13th. | Rev. W. M. Howitt. |
| March | 20th. | Rev. H. E. Hubbard, D.S.O., Chaplain at Cheltenham. |

The North Front Balustrade has been taken down and entirely rebuilt. Some of the old balusters were found to be made of turned wood thinly washed over with plaster. This is at any rate better than the flat wood balusters to be seen over Bruce and Chandos, but we prefer Mr. Grant's less ingenious and more solid substitutes to any of these fraudulent XVIIIth Century elegancies.

The House Music Competition, to be held on Monday, April 4th, will be judged by Mr. Adrian Boult, the well known conductor, who is Director of Music to the Corporation of Birmingham. We are very fortunate to have the benefit of such an eminent musician's criticism.

The Common Land in front of Chatham House is being enclosed, writes a *Special Correspondent*. Either a piggery or a wireless station is threatened, and feeling in the affected district runs high.

The "Tank" has been deepened, walled in and surrounded with a space of concrete flooring. Arrangements have also been made for the more complete removal and more rapid renewal of the water. Tanking is expected to be a more comfortable and more salubrious occupation henceforward than it has been hitherto.

Further drainage work has been undertaken on the Bourbon Field, which it is hoped will be fit for play at the beginning of next Term. We are still waiting for funds to complete the levelling of the South East corner.

The first Cricket Match of the Season was played on March 19th on the pitch in front of Chatham House. Since the scorer arrived, as usual, without pencil or paper, particulars are not available.

The Cricket Colts next Term will have a separate Club of their own which will be run on similar lines to the Oligoi. Colts will have a programme of matches of their own, and will not be allowed to play in Leagues.

Mr. Arthur Newman, of Wiltshire, joins as Cricket Professional next Term. On personal grounds he will be very welcome, and his work on behalf of the School's Cricket is likely to prove of notable value.

A permanent hard wicket is being constructed in a distant corner of the North Field. If finance allowed, some further hard Tennis Courts would be laid down in the same part of the ground. The present Courts are not adequate for a School of our present size.

At a general meeting of the Sailing Club held recently, it was decided that the racing next Term shall be under the same conditions as last season:—In two classes. (A) Members who have had previous experience. (B) Novices. A Prize to be given to the member in each class who obtains the best average in a series of not less than five races during the season. A match has been arranged with the O.U.S.C. to take place at Oxford on May 14th, and it is hoped that the same Club will visit Stowe for a return match in June.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON.

1642—1727.

THE newspapers have been filled of late with panegyrics upon Sir Isaac Newton and expositions of his work. But nothing has yet appeared more effective or more satisfying than the inscription which anyone at Stowe can read in the Temple of British Worthies:—

ISAAC NEWTON
WHOM THE GOD OF NATURE MADE TO COMPREHEND
HIS WORKS.

The Eighteenth Century knew better than the Twentieth how to celebrate greatness. The only other words upon Newton that are worthy to be placed beside the Stowe inscription are the lines of Pope:—

ISAACUS NEWTONUS

*quem immortalem testatur tempus, natura, celum: mortalem hoc
marmor fatetur.*

NATURE AND NATURE'S WORKS LAY HID IN NIGHT;
GOD SAID 'LET NEWTON BE' AND ALL WAS LIGHT.

THE SWISS CAMP

We started from Victoria on December 28th, dined in Paris that evening, and then took the night train to Basle, where we spent an uncomfortable night. The whole of the next day we travelled to Tiefencastel and completed our journey by a five mile walk to Savognin.

The weather, with the exception of one day's thaw, was perfect, and there was plenty of snow, which was hard enough to afford us good ski-ing and good lugging down the village street.

Our stay only lasted a fortnight, and I am sure everyone was sorry to leave; the whole trip was a great success and was only marred by a very rough crossing on the homeward journey.

S.C.S.

HOXTON

On Saturday, March 12th, Mr. Hankinson and sixteen Stoics went to London to spend a week-end at the Hoxton Manor Club. Several members of our party narrowly missed arrest at Marylebone, for travelling in a first-class compartment with the wrong sort of ticket! On arrival at the Club, we were all greatly impressed by its splendour. The first thing our footballers noticed, by way of encouragement, was a long list of soccer matches, played and without exception won by the Club. After lunch we went by 'bus to the football ground, where we were photographed before being introduced to the intricacies of 'soccer.' Among the more amusing incidents of the game were J. E. McComb's valiant tackling of the opposing goal-keeper, and a praiseworthy effort by another of our forwards to fall on the ball. The final score was 12—0.

After tea at the ground, we returned to have our skill at billiards, ping-pong and darts severely tested. The event of the evening was considered to be Kerr's lesson in dart-throwing. At boxing the Club proved more than a match for Body, Gill and Holmes ma. Villiers-Stuart drew very creditably after an extra round. We next gave proof of our powers by sleeping in a haunted room; the chief feature of this was a window which, when opened, dealt its victim a neat blow on the back of the head.

Next morning we played tennis and shot on the range. After lunch, we were seen off at Euston by Major Cadogan, Mr. Betts and several members of the Club. On our return to Stowe we revived the School's oldest tradition, by pushing the White Hart 'bus up the Oxford Lodge Hill. This gave a stirring finish to what we all agreed was the most enjoyable of week-ends.

Our heartiest thanks are due to all our hosts for the splendid way in which we were entertained.

J. D. G. N.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The end of term concert at Christmas provided some new features. To begin with we had printed programmes, which certainly lend an air, and then at the end a real one-act play made its appearance and had a vociferous reception. 'Evening Dress Indispensable' may not be the most brilliant of sketches, but, excellently done as it was by the Cobham Players, it proved to be very amusing. A. R. H. Ward as Mrs. Waybury and D. B. Skeffington Smyth as her daughter, Alice, played the two main female parts excellently, and the latter's ball dress, 'run up' by 'herself' in bed in the dormitory, was a 'tour de force.'

Several form plays appeared on the stage last term; Middle Four B did 'Thread o' Scarlet,' by J. J. Bell; Lower Four B, 'A Night at an Inn,' by Lord Dunsany, and Form Three 'The Boy Comes Home,' by A. A. Milne, to select audiences. This term stage arrangements have been better, and more ambitious scenery and lighting have been possible.

We must mention the first 'Staff Concert' for all the employees of the School and their friends. The programme consisted of a film, 'The Lower Four B Castaways' in a Sea Shanty sketch written by themselves, and the Cobham Players in 'Evening Dress Indispensable.' The audience numbered over 150.

This term there has been a good outcrop of Form and House plays, but all of them will be produced too late in the term to be reviewed in this number of *The Stoic*.

The Oxfordshire Players, a party of lady amateurs from Oxford, visited us on March 5th with 'David Garrick.' They showed themselves from the first to be experienced performers and 'got over' their points despite the acoustic difficulty of the gym. They well deserved the ovation which the School gave them at the end of the evening.

THE CINEMA.

Besides some interesting nature films dealing with birds, beasts and fishes the Cinema has shown the following long pictures this term—'Monsieur Beaucaire,' 'The Morris Motors' Works' Film,' 'The Lure of the East,' 'The Reconstruction of the City and South London Tube' (Perry's Film) and 'Guy Fawkes.'

SILENCE

Among the woods of Spring she dwells,
Beneath their dewy canopies,
Where morning weaves her misty spells
About the stillness of the trees.

She drinks the evening's dim delight,
The majesty of darkening skies;
She walks the jewelled paths of night,
And peace around her footsteps lies.

J.M.R.

SOLITUDE

One summer's morning, bright and clear,
When all was peaceful, far and near ;
The day was young, the wind was dead,
In solitude I wanderèd.

The birds above, the bees around,
The dew upon the springy ground ;
The summer sun shone overhead,
In solitude I wanderèd.

I came upon a crystal spring,
With rose and king-cups flowering.
I passed it by, nor turned my head ;
In solitude I wanderèd.

The path before me lay untrod,
The heather on the mossy sod ;
I did not tarry, but instead
In solitude I wanderèd.

C.H.F.

A FAMILIAR FIGURE

HE is, perhaps, the most familiar figure at Stowe. He is always to be seen upon the North Front, arrogant and haughty, well-dressed—in a fashion somewhat antiquated—and gazing perpetually towards the West Colonnade. But though he is continually before our eyes, it must be admitted that we take but little notice of him. Familiarity has bred a kind of contempt, and a good deal of scandal has been talked of him, so that now, when we are not insulting him, we are usually indifferent to his existence. He attracts considerable crowds on match-days, but he cannot be said to be popular, for he takes little interest in the spectators, or in the game.

He is decidedly handsome, having a certain stiff grandeur. His exact age is uncertain, but he cannot be less than a hundred years old, which is all the more remarkable because he looks scarcely thirty. His habits are regular: the North Front is his haunt night and day, and it might well be said of him that he is never in bed and never at the dining-table.

He wears upon his brow the somewhat fantastic ornament of a laurel wreath; which circumstance has led many to believe that he may be a little cracked through extreme old age.

His face is, in parts, slightly green; this may have been occasioned by envy of the West Colonnade, which has recently been replastered, while he himself has been left untouched; but it is more probably owing to the damp to which he is habitually exposed. This neglect on the part of the authorities, however, can in no way equal the callousness of some of our cricketers, whose dearest ambition is to knock his head off, frail and steadfast old man that he is. Such barbaric intentions have fortunately been frustrated hitherto, either by the inexperience of our batsmen, or by the divinity that doth hedge even a plaster king.

Some day, perhaps, even as our ancestors decapitated the first Charles, we may succeed in decapitating the first George. But meanwhile he sits, bridle in hand, upon his motionless charger, staring blindly towards the sunset, wise in the wisdom of age-long experience, foolish in the folly of a hundred princes, a strange figure indeed, and one of the most familiar at Stowe.

ROGER OF BUCKINGHAM.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FOREWORD.

THE results of the season are, on the whole, fairly encouraging, and there has been improvement throughout the School in the keenness of the lower and smaller clubs. This is due in considerable part to the interest taken in these clubs by various masters, who have done much good work among the less brilliant footballers of the School.

An analysis of the matches played shows that the First XV won six and lost five, the Second XV won two and lost three, and the Colts won two and lost none. The matches against Eton this term had unfortunately to be scratched owing to the depletion of our forces through influenza.

The House matches, the main business of the term, were played rather under difficulties owing to influenza and to weather. Had there been no influenza and had the weather been dry, it is probable that Cobham would have appeared in the final against Grenville, and that the match would have been a very interesting one. Chandos, although under strength themselves, would probably be the first to admit that they were distinctly lucky to meet such an enfeebled Cobham in the semi-final. Indeed, the ill-luck of Cobham was the outstanding feature of the House matches. This was really their year and they had an excellent chance of winning the cup, but owing to illness their team never came within sight of what it should have been; and, after having to fight quite hard to win against Grafton—who did very well indeed for their first appearance—they went down to a Chandos side which no one could honestly call brilliant.

Grenville, although probably not so good a side as they were last year, had considerable scoring power, and on a dry day Cobham, even at full strength, would not have had anything like a walk-over. Grenville had the bad fault of being slow starters, and in none of their matches did they get properly under way in the first quarter of an

hour. After that period, however, the forwards usually showed themselves to be a sound enough, though not quite a lively enough, combination, while there was always a possibility that the backs would do something useful. By beating Chandos—by the narrowest of margins—in the final, Grenville retained the Cup, which they have now won for four years in succession—in fact, since the beginning of the School.

The attached table shows the result of the House matches :—

<i>First Round.</i>	<i>Semi-Final.</i>	<i>Final.</i>	
Bye	Chandos	Chandos 6—0	} Grenville 9—8
Cobham	Cobham 17—6		
Grafton	Temple 11—0	Grenville 8—3	
Bruce	Grenville 43—5		
Temple			
Grenville			
Chatham			

THE SCHOOL *v.* MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

Played at Stowe on December 1st, the School winning by three goals and one try (18 points) to one try (3 points).

The Hospital side included one or two very big men, but the School tackling was on the whole very sound. In attack, too, the School side showed a vast improvement, which was due chiefly to the interchange of Ellis and Sword, the former coming to the stand-off position. The running was much straighter and more resolute than formerly, but it has to be noted that the Hospital backs, although sometimes quite dangerous in attack, were weak in defence. A further change had been made by bringing Hyde up from full-back to left wing three-quarter, and this also strengthened the School attack considerably. Hyde ran very strongly and also tackled extremely well.

The Hospital pressed at the beginning and scored an unconverted try, but this early success was soon neutralized. Hyde broke away well, and running up to the full back, gave Feathers an inside pass which resulted in a score behind the posts. Dashwood converted. The School side was now going much better and the forwards had some splendid rushes and were also getting the ball better in the tight. Ling cut through beautifully and gave McComb a pass ten yards from the line; by going hard the latter just managed to force his way over. Dashwood's kick hit the very top of the left upright. Half-time soon came with the score at 8—3.

The second half was fast and fairly even, with the School threes always the more dangerous, although some of the opposing backs put in some good individual runs. Eventually the game settled in Hospital territory, and from a desperate loose scrum near the line the ball was slung out to Sword, who was lying unmarked, and who had only to run straight in for Dashwood to convert. A little later Sword ran right through again on his own and scored beneath the posts. Dashwood kicked another goal. Towards the end the Hospital attacked strongly and had hard luck in not scoring, one of their forwards getting over, but being called back for ball held.

Reference has already been made to some of the backs. Dunsford at the base of the scrum showed much improvement in his passing, and, as always, went down

resolutely to the ball, while Ling at centre cut through well, and tackled better than usual. The forwards played very well and were particularly good in backing up both in the loose rushes and in the three-quarters' passing movements.

Altogether it was a very pleasing display after the form shown in the previous match.

Team :—E. J. Oliver; G. M. Cavendish, A. J. P. Ling, R. W. D. Sword, W. S. Hyde; D. C. Ellis, A. Dunsford; J. E. McComb, J. N. Feathers, S. D. A. S. Aylmer, D. S. Bramley, J. A. Dashwood, J. F. Marshall, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr.

THE SCHOOL *v.* MR. F. WYLIE'S XV.

Played at Stowe on December 4th, Mr. Wylie's XV (Whites) winning by four goals and two tries (26 points) to one goal and two tries (11 points).

This was a substitute for the Radley match, which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled owing to illness. Our opponents were a strong scratch side from Oxford and proved rather too fast behind the scrum, especially in the first half. The School were slow in starting and were early overrun, White Thompson, the visitors' right wing three-quarter, being particularly dangerous. In the first half Whites scored five times, and as four of these tries were converted, they held the comfortable lead of 23 points at the interval.

In the second half the School played very much better. They got up faster on their men and kept Whites' threes in check. They pressed nearly the whole of this half, four-fifths of the game being in their opponents' territory. First McComb got over for Dashwood to convert and then Hyde scored cleverly from a line-out near the goal line. Towards the end Gadney almost forced his way over from a scrum and McComb backing up gathered and went over for another unconverted try. Just on time Whites attacked strongly and from a line-out one of their forwards broke away and scored, no-side coming immediately afterwards.

Team :—A. Dunsford; G. M. Cavendish, A. J. P. Ling, R. W. D. Sword, W. S. Hyde; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. E. McComb, J. N. Feathers, S. D. A. S. Aylmer, D. S. Bramley, J. F. Marshall, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr.

THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND "B."

Played at Stowe on Saturday, December 11th, Richmond winning by two goals and three tries (19 points) to one goal, one penalty goal and two tries (14 points).

Richmond had quite a strong side and were distinctly heavier and faster than the School. The struggle between the forwards was even, however, the School pack doing some very effective work both in the tight and in the loose. In the first half, Dashwood kicked a good penalty goal, and tries were scored by Aylmer and Gadney, Dashwood converting the former of these. As Richmond scored two unconverted tries, the School led by 11 points to 6 at half-time.

In the second half the superior pace of the Richmond side told, and they scored two goals and a try, while the School increased their score only by an unconverted try by McComb.

Although beaten, the School played quite well in this match; the lack of real pace among the backs, however, was the cause of several chances not being turned to account. We were glad to welcome S. J. Murdoch in the Richmond team and to see that he had not forgotten how to wing.

Team :—A. Dunsford; G. M. Cavendish, A. J. P. Ling, R. W. D. Sword, W. S. Hyde; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. E. McComb, J. N. Feathers, S. D. A. S. Aylmer, D. S. Bramley, J. A. Dashwood, J. F. Marshall, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr.

SECOND XV v. ST. EDWARD'S OXFORD SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on Wednesday, December 8th, Stowe winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

The football was not of a very high standard, but the School pack went hard and was quite effective in the loose. The School were always a little better than their opponents and the score represents fairly well the difference between the teams. Tries were scored by Avory (2) and Russell, while McComb converted one. Russell's try was the result of a clever break through. He picked up at the edge of a scrum near the twenty-five line and ran diagonally to the left. Instead of passing he cut clean through the centre and completely deceived the defence.

Team :—J. I. Crookston; T. H. T. Gautby, J. U. Body, H. W. Gill, J. D. Murray; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; T. P. Ward, W. D. McComb, T. H. Howarth, D. A. G. Keith, D. W. Thompson, E. R. Avory, R. Russell, W. E. M. Eddy.

HOUSE MATCHES.

COBHAM v. GRAFTON.

Played on Monday, February 14th, Cobham winning by 1 goal and 4 tries (17 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

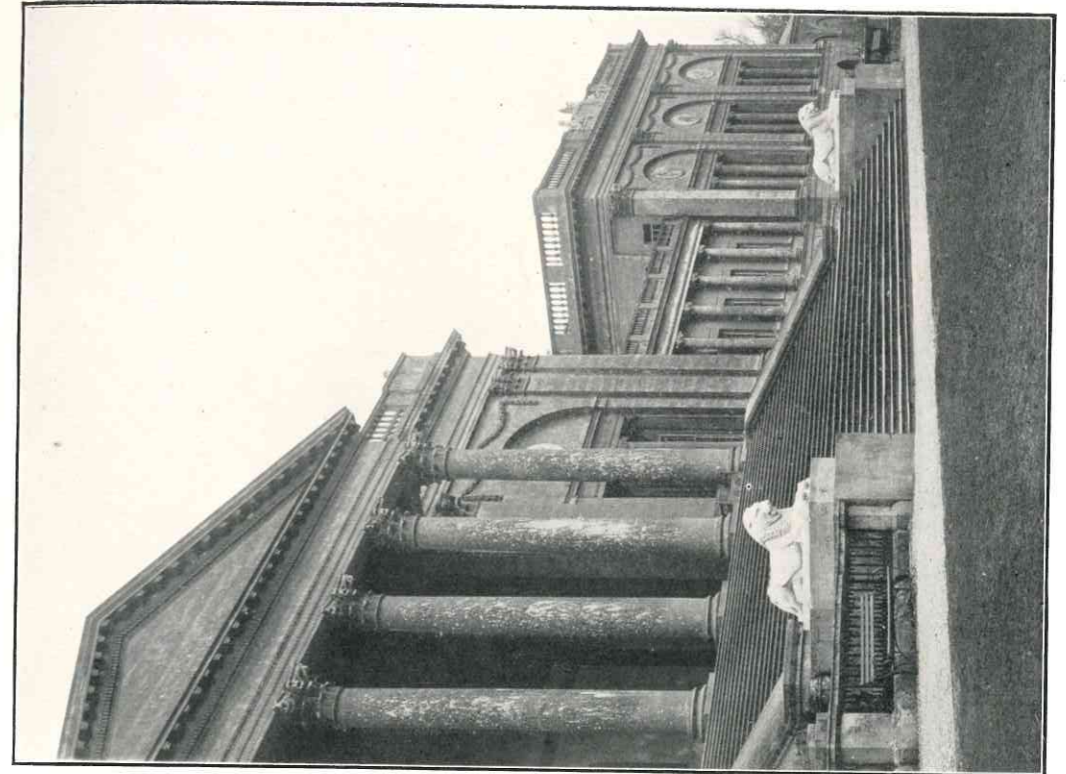
The ground, which was very wet on the top owing to the previous frost, soon churned up into something resembling a ploughed field, and this fact had a considerable bearing on the result. Grafton had a surprisingly solid pack, which got a very fair share of the ball. Cobham, on the other hand, had a much stronger back division, and, had the ground been dry, must have won by a considerably larger margin. Their team, however, as a whole, was terribly depleted through illness, there being nine or ten of the regular side absent.

Grafton rather surprised everyone by starting with a rush which carried play right up to the Cobham line, and after about two minutes' play, Gadney went over from a scrum. This was a tremendous encouragement to the term-and-a-half-old House, and they kept going hard, most of the play being confined to forward rushes with now and then a breakaway by Gadney. There was always danger, however, for Grafton when Murray got possession, but the mud was very thick and pace was at a discount. Cobham, however, soon drew level: Duncan and Murray broke away in their own half with the ball at their feet and kicked and dribbled it right over the Grafton line, Murray getting the touch-down. Steavenson then scored for Grafton after a determined run, and Cobham again drew level after a good round of passing, finishing with a pass to Hird, who came up outside his wing man.

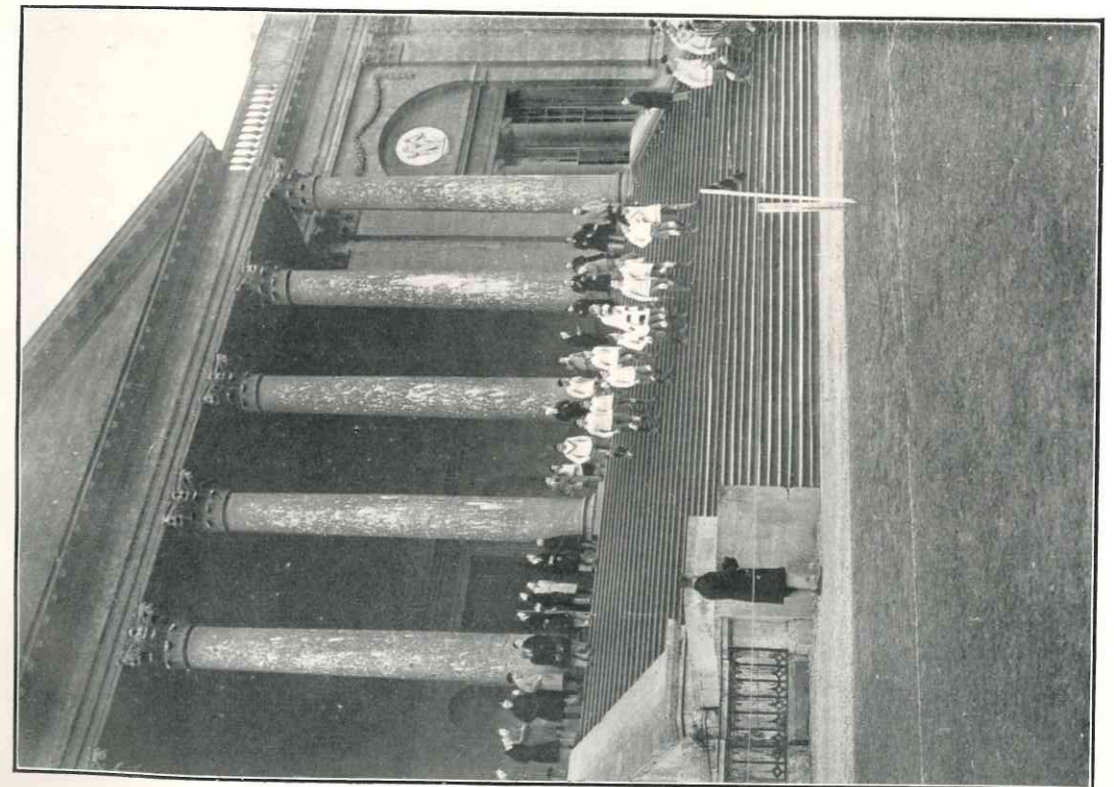
In the second half Cobham held the upper hand, and although the tackling of the small Grafton threes was very plucky they could not stop completely the faster and cleverer Cobham backs. Tries were scored in this half by Murray (2) and Jackson, who dribbled through on his own. Campkin kicked one goal.

For Cobham, Balfour at forward and Murray in the centre, were best. On the Grafton side, Gadney was a host in himself and played a splendid game, and he was well backed up by Blair and Taylor among the forwards.

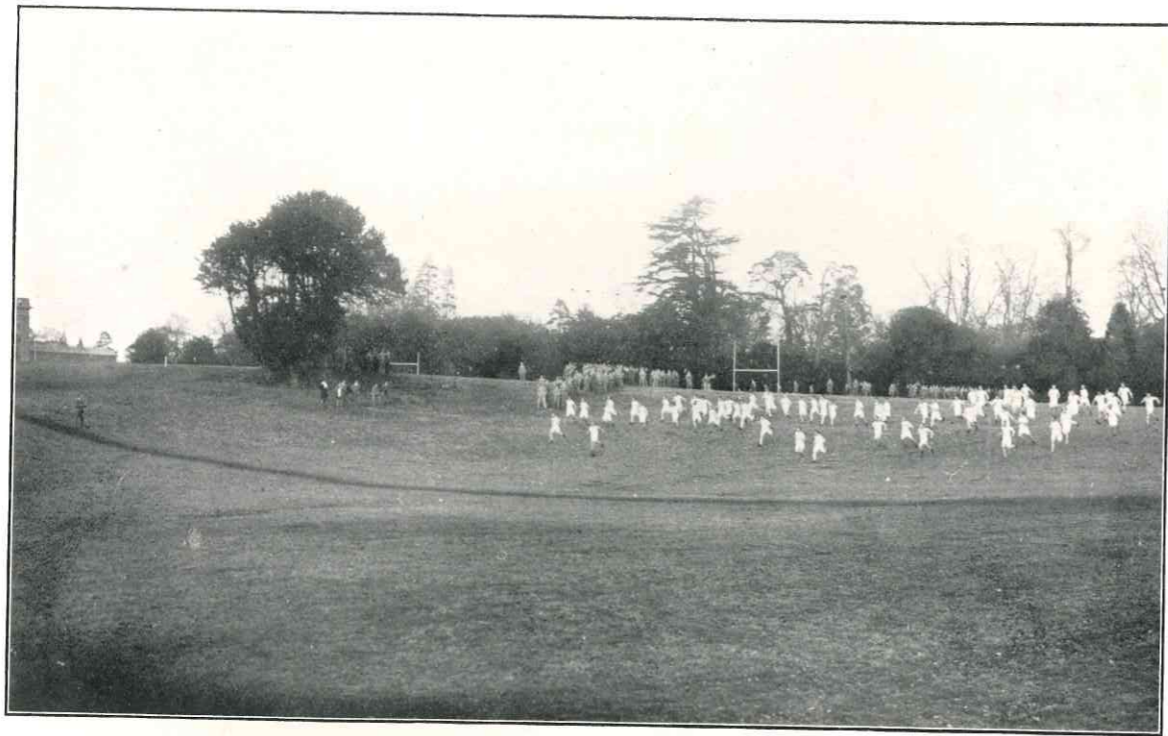
Teams :—*Cobham* : E. J. Oliver; A. D. Coplestone, H. F. Jackson, J. D. Murray, A. M. Duncan; G. W. Hird, E. D. Fairweather ma.; J. E. McComb ma., D. W. Thompson, A. N. Balfour, E. H. D. Low, A. D. Henderson, R. E. Walrond, J. S. S. Campkin, J. A. Brown.



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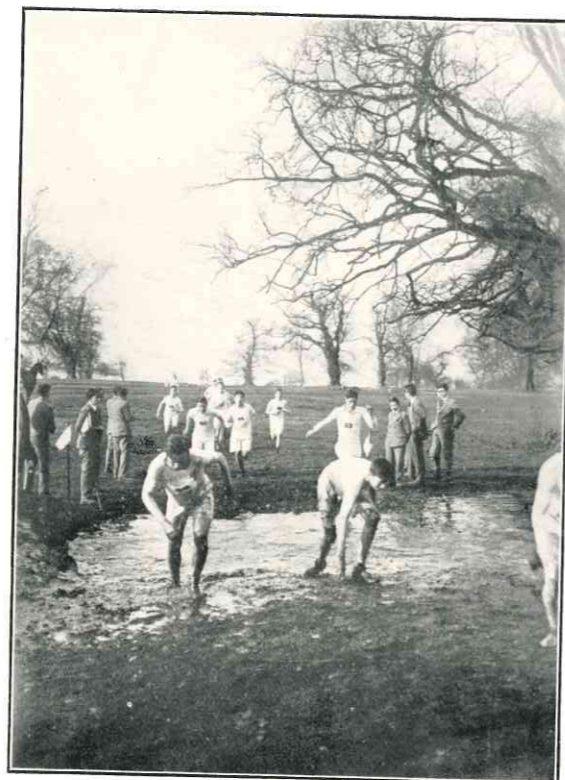
THE GRENVILLE HOUSE TEAM.



THE START OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.



THE WINNER AT THE WATER-JUMP
(J. N. Feathers).



AT THE WATER-JUMP.

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Grafton : G. W. G. Cochran ; T. G. W. Ferrier, C. M. Baker, C. A. Coward, C. E. Salamon ; G. M. Wolfe, B. C. Gadney ; C. N. M. Blair, P. D. Taylor, J. D. G. Niven, S. P. Steavenson, M. Lorimer, J. E. Linnell, C. I. B. Wells, R. H. D. Kitchin mi.

GRENVILLE v. CHATHAM.

Played on Wednesday, February 16th, Grenville winning by 5 goals and 6 tries (43 points) to 1 goal (5 points).

Chatham were much below full strength and, indeed, were barely, if at all, stronger than their "A" league team, while Grenville were short of three of their regular side.

The game for the first ten minutes was fairly even, and, after Dashwood had scored beneath the posts and converted, Chatham pressed and a very well-executed combined movement ended by Kemp going over on the left wing for Carr to convert. After this, the Grenville backs completely dominated the game, Charles ma. and Gill being much too good for their opponents. Tries came at fairly regular intervals ; at half-time the score was 21—5, further tries having been added by Gill (2), Charles ma. and Kelley, while Dashwood kicked two more goals.

In the second half, Grenville kept up the pressure and there were many good movements among the backs ; tries were scored by Charles ma. (3), Gill, Still, and Feathers. Dashwood converted one and Gill another of these tries.

The game was too one-sided to be exciting, and Chatham were further handicapped by losing Sutherland shortly before half-time. Carr played a good game for the losers, as also did Gowing mi. at the base of the scrum, while Pick and A. R. T. Coke were the best of the forwards. For Grenville, the backs were in good form generally, and in addition to those mentioned, Charles mi. did some very good things. Feathers and Dashwood were the best of the forwards, the former's backing-up being particularly good.

Teams :—*Grenville* : F. R. Perkins ; G. G. Harrison, H. W. Gill, F. W. B. Charles mi., F. J. Still ; J. B. Charles ma., B. Kelley ; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, W. E. M. Eddy, P. M. Rouse, B. G. N. Kennedy ma., P. A. J. Charlot, P. F. Hornsby, C. C. Cameron.

Chatham : M. A. R. Sutherland ; D. F. N. Rowlatt, R. W. Bate, R. H. G. Carr, H. V. Kemp ; T. R. Williams, M. Gowing mi. ; A. Carden, G. S. Pick, A. R. T. Coke, G. W. Hart, E. H. H. Alington, A. E. Bolton, M. A. Lloyd, A. C. C. Macpherson.

BRUCE v. TEMPLE.

Played on Wednesday, February 16th, Temple winning by 1 goal and 2 tries (11 points) to nil.

Temple owed their victory to superior pace outside the scrum. After two minutes Griffin finished a good round of passing by scoring in the corner. For the rest of the first half the play was even. The Bruce forwards kept the game mainly in the Temple half, and their backs had more than their share of the ball, but could do little with it, whereas the Temple backs looked dangerous whenever they gained possession.

The second half was a repetition of the first. Griffin scored a good try early on, which Anderson converted. After that the game was mainly in the Temple half, but towards the end Ward ma. scored his side's third try after a good rush by the Temple forwards had taken the ball right down the field.

Teams:—*Temple*: A. G. A. Cook; G. A. Griffin, J. E. Dawson, G. A. Farthing, J. I. Crookston mi.; J. U. Body, J. A. Robinson ma.; J. F. Marshall, D. S. Bramley, T. P. Ward ma., E. R. Avory, R. A. Anderson, S. Ward mi., G. M. Crookston ma., S. C. Rogers.

Bruce: C. J. P. Pearson; J. R. M. Bond mi., E. G. M. Bond ma., A. J. P. Ling, P. L. Sherwood; R. F. Gregory, H. G. T. Heale; G. D. Watson, T. McCosh, B. M. Napier, J. A. G. Thwaites, G. de B. Neilson, J. F. Cramphorn, S. C. Swan, R. B. Davis.

CHANDOS *v.* COBHAM.

Played on Friday, February 18th, Chandos winning by 1 penalty goal and 1 try (6 points) to nil.

Neither side was at full strength, but Cobham were the chief sufferers in this respect. There was very little between the two sides, but Chandos had rather the better of the game all through and deserved to win. There were numerous infringements on both sides and many free-kicks were given, from one of which Chandos scored.

In the first half, Sword got over after several similar individual efforts had been smothered, and this was the only score up to the interval. Play in the second half was rather scrappy, with Chandos doing most of the pressing, but the Cobham forwards frequently broke away, McComb being well backed up by Balfour. The issue was put beyond doubt by Turton placing a penalty goal, given on account of offside in front of the posts, and a rather ragged match ended soon afterwards.

Teams:—*Chandos*: F. H. Turton; S. R. Sills ma., D. H. LaC. Magnus, E. J. S. Parkes, B. P. Brooke; R. W. D. Sword, A. L.-H. Sinclair; S. F. H. Pocock, T. E. R. Pemberton, M. G. Sills mi., D. de S. Barrow, J. D. Eaton ma., F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly, H. H. C. Ingram, C. W. Hesketh.

Cobham: E. J. Oliver; A. M. Duncan, J. D. Murray, H. F. Jackson, A. B. B. Moore; G. W. Hird, E. D. Fairweather ma.; J. E. McComb ma., D. W. Thompson, A. N. Balfour, E. H. D. Low, J. A. Brown, A. D. Henderson, J. S. S. Campkin, C. G. Bird.

GRENVILLE *v.* TEMPLE.

Played on Saturday, February 19th, Grenville winning by 1 goal and 1 try (8 points) to 1 try (3 points).

This, as was anticipated, proved a very hard match, and the balance was turned by the superior play of the Grenville backs. Temple had a fine pack of quick-breaking, fast-following-up forwards, who were, on the whole, very successful in spoiling the three-quarter movements of their opponents, but their backs were not a very effective combination.

Temple pressed at the start and for the first ten minutes were almost continuously in their opponents' twenty-five. Their failure to score, however, during this period, was probably the deciding factor in the match, as, with the Grenville threes getting into their stride, the attacks on the Temple line always seemed to be the more dangerous. The first try was directly due to a beautiful cut-through by Charles mi., who ran well up to the full-back before giving his pass. The ball was carried on and eventually went out to McLeod, who scored wide on the left. Temple soon retaliated and a good passing movement sent the ball out to Griffin, who ran hard and got over far out. Neither of these tries was converted and at half-time the scores were level at three points all.

The second half was very keenly fought; the Temple forwards did some excellent work in the loose, but the Grenville backs were always the more dangerous, Charles ma. and Gill doing very sound and effective work. It was good work by the latter and by Charles mi. that lead up to the last score. Feathers, who all through backed up splendidly, was up for the final pass and threw himself over the line. Dashwood placed a fine goal.

Teams:—*Grenville*: F. R. Perkins; G. G. Harrisson, H. W. Gill, F. W. B. Charles mi., N. A. McLeod; J. B. Charles ma., B. Kelley; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, W. E. M. Eddy, R. W. McDowell ma., P. M. Rouse, F. J. Still, B. G. N. Kennedy ma., P. A. J. Charlot.

Temple:—J. I. Crookston mi.; G. A. Griffin, J. E. Dawson, J. U. Body, G. A. Farthing; T. A. G. Pritchard, J. A. Robinson ma.; J. F. Marshall, D. S. Bramley, T. P. Ward ma., E. R. Avory, R. A. Anderson, S. Ward mi., G. M. Crookston ma., S. C. Rogers.

GRENVILLE *v.* CHANDOS.

Played on Saturday, February 26th, Grenville winning by 1 penalty goal and 2 tries (9 points) to 1 goal and 1 try (8 points).

The ground, which had been soaked by days of rain, was only just playable. After ten minutes, the going became very heavy indeed and combined back play became very difficult. Such conditions tended to keep down the scoring, and, in consequence, the game was extremely close and exciting.

Grenville, as usual, started badly and Chandos going well took the ball into their opponents' twenty-five. Brind and one or two forwards broke away in a dribbling rush, and irresolute going down to the ball enabled Brind to score in the corner after a few minutes' play. Then, in a Grenville rush, McLeod got a bad kick above the eye and had to leave the field. It was probably a mistake in tactics not to put a man out on the wing to take his place, for soon afterwards the Chandos threes brought off their only combined movement of the match, and Brooke had no difficulty in racing in and round behind the posts for Turton to kick a goal. After this Grenville woke up somewhat and the forwards, who had been very lifeless, began to get the ball better from the tight and the loose. The ball came out on the right to Harrisson, who ran resolutely for the line and got over with something to spare. Half-time came soon after with Chandos leading 8—3.

Soon after play had started again, McLeod returned, and this half was almost entirely Grenville's. In fact, it was only on rare occasions that Chandos got beyond the half-way line. They held on grimly to their lead, however, and it was not till a quarter-of-an-hour had gone that Harrisson got over again after a strong run. The kick failing again, Chandos were still ahead and nobly did they tackle and go down to the ball. Harrisson almost scored again after another excellent run, but the ball was held on the line, and a five-yard scrum was ordered. Chandos were now taking some risks and two free kicks were very rightly given against them, one for picking out of the scrum and one for offside. From the second of these, Gill dropped a magnificent penalty goal from near the touch-line, which decided the match. Chandos strove hard after this, but they never looked dangerous and Grenville came out winners for the fourth year in succession.

On the run of the play this result was justified, as Grenville had a good deal more than half the game territorially. Their backs were much cleverer than the Chandos threes and their forwards were just as good, if not slightly better, than the opposing pack. A very poor start, during which Chandos took their chances with both hands, and a determined defence towards the end, all but turned the fortunes of the day against Grenville.

*Teams:—Grenville:—*F. R. Perkins; G. G. Harrisson, H. W. Gill, F. W. B. Charles mi., N. A. McLeod; J. B. Charles ma., B. Kelley; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, J. G. B. Grimley, W. E. M. Eddy, F. J. Still, R. W. McDowell ma., P. M. Rouse, B. G. N. Kennedy ma.

*Chandos:—*F. H. Turton; B. P. Brooke, E. J. S. Parkes, D. H. LaC. Magnus, S. R. Sills ma.; R. W. D. Sword, B. Brind; A. F. Kerr, A. R. C. Watson, S. F. H. Pocock, T. E. R. Pemberton, J. D. Eaton ma., D. de S. Barrow, M. G. Sills mi., F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly.

O.T.C. NOTES

THE following passed the examination for certificate "A" held in November, 1926:—

J. N. Feathers, J. F. Marshall, E. D. O'Brien, R. L. Walker.

PROMOTIONS.

To *Sergeant*. Corporal C. W. Hesketh.
Corporal J. N. Feathers.
Corporal W. E. M. Eddy.

To *Corporal*. Lance-Corporal R. W. D. Sword.
Lance-Corporal R. E. Walrond.
Lance-Corporal D. S. Bramley.
Lance-Corporal S. C. Swan.
Lance-Corporal T. H. T. Gautby.
Lance-Corporal B. C. Gadney.

Appointed *Lance-Corporals*. Cadet S. R. Sills.
" H. A. L. Montgomery Campbell.
" D. F. Crosthwaite.
" W. D. McComb.
" A. C. Dawson.
" F. A. Lowe.
" R. W. I. Holmes.

The Contingent took part in a Field Day near High Wycombe on March 3rd.

Stowe and one Company of the Eton Contingent held a position which was attacked by the other three Eton Companies. The journey was made by road and breakdowns in the transport added realism to the operations, platoons being hurried into the fight as they arrived.

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

CROSS COUNTRY RACE 1927

RUN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th.

AS all who had had influenza were debarred from running, the House teams were reduced to ten, eight of whom were to count for points.

The course, except for a slight difference at the start, was the same as for last year's race, about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles; but owing to the large amount of rain the going was much heavier than in previous years.

J. N. Feathers took the lead early on and increased it throughout the race to win easily by some 250 yards in the excellent time, considering the conditions, of 19 minutes 51 seconds. The second and third places were taken by W. E. M. Eddy and B. C. Gadney.

The team scoring was as shown below. The places of the Grenville team were—1st, 2nd, 4th, 8th, 14th, 16th, 24th and 25th.

Place.	House.	Points.
1.	Grenville	94
2.	Chatham	218
	Grafton	218
4.	Chandos	239
5.	Bruce	264
6.	Cobham	296
7.	Temple	298

SPORTS 1927

The House Cup was won by Cobham with a total of 59. The Prizes were distributed after the Sports by Lady Maude.

The results were as follows:—

100 Yards (*Junior*).—1, A. R. Samuel; 2, C. C. Cameron; 3, P. L. Sherwood. Time, $11\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

100 Yards (*Open*).—1, J. D. Murray; 2, C. J. P. Pearson; 3, R. W. D. Sword. Time, $11\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

Half-Mile (*Junior*).—1, G. W. G. Cochran; 2, P. M. Rouse; 3, B. C. Fairweather. Time, 2 min. 27 secs.

Half-Mile (*Open*).—1, J. N. Feathers; 2, S. R. Sills; 3, J. E. McComb. Time, 2 min. 19 secs.

High Jump (*Junior*).—1, D. N. Deakin and J. W. P. Ellis; 3, G. W. Hart. Height, 4 ft. $8\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

High Jump (*Open*).—1, C. J. P. Pearson; 2, G. S. L. Burroughes; 3, A. R. C. Watson and G. G. Harrisson. Height, 5 ft.

120 Yards Hurdles (Junior).—1, G. W. Hart; 2, E. Sheppard; 3, P. L. Sherwood. Time, $20\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—1, S. C. Rogers; 2, A. R. C. Watson; 3, R. H. G. Carr. Time, $19\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

220 Yards (Junior).—1, C. C. Cameron; 2, A. R. Samuel; 3, M. G. Sills. Time, $26\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

220 Yards (Open).—1, J. D. Murray; 2, R. W. D. Sword; 3, E. J. Oliver. Time, $25\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

One Mile (Junior).—1, G. W. G. Cochran; 2, B. C. Fairweather; 3, P. M. Rouse. Time, 5 mins. $32\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

One Mile (Open).—1, J. N. Feathers; 2, S. R. Sills; 3, J. G. B. Grimley. Time, 5 mins. $13\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

Long Jump (Junior).—1, D. A. G. Keith; 2, P. M. Rouse; 3, J. E. Linnell. Length, 14 ft. $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Long Jump (Open).—1, B. P. Brooke; 2, G. G. Harrisson; 3, R. W. D. Sword. Length, 17 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Quarter-Mile (Junior).—1, A. R. Samuel; 2, P. H. Heygate and P. L. Sherwood. Time $63\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

Quarter-Mile (Open).—1, J. D. Murray; 2, G. A. Griffin; 3, J. E. McComb. Time, $59\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

Points were gained by Houses in the following order:—Cobham, 59; Grenville, $56\frac{1}{2}$; Chandos, $51\frac{1}{2}$; Chatham, 40; Bruce, 25; Temple and Grafton, 24.

RUNNING

Arrangements have been made for a match to be run against an Achilles Club team on Wednesday, March 30th. It is proposed to run a series of relay races, in which the Achilles team shall run round an outer track, thereby conceding a number of yards in each lap.

Those who have promised to come down include D. G. A. Lowe, the winner of the 800 metres race at the last Olympic games, Lord Burghley and G. C. Newman, the respective Presidents of the Cambridge and Oxford teams of this year, Mr. Renwick, an ex-member of the staff and another Olympic runner, and a number of other Blues. If all who have promised actually come, a good match should be seen, provided that the weather is kindly.

FENCING

FENCING history here may be divided into two parts. There is the history of the team and the history of the Club outside the team. With the former this publication and others deal elsewhere, so that these introductory notes will be saying enough if they register the fact that our match record still remains unbroken, despite the loss of some very useful fencers who have left the School.

A. C. Dawson is now Captain of Fencing. He has six old colours:—M. F. Villiers-Stuart, P. A. J. Charlot, B. P. Brooke, F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly, B. R. S. Houghton

and F. J. Walter. At the Public School Championship to be held at the London Fencing Club on April 7th, we shall be represented by Dawson, Villiers-Stuart and Houghton with the foils and by Walter at sabre. There is no épée event in this competition, but Charlot and Walter have ample compensation and our congratulations on being selected for the English side in the Public School International match on April 6th.

Perhaps the most welcome success of the term has been the discovery of a wealth of talent among the recruits. We drew blank last term, but this term we have had considerable success. In particular, good progress has been made by H. E. Raphael, R. H. Scott, H. D. H. Bartlett and G. F. L. Gilbert.

A handsome cork carpet has been presented anonymously and very generously to the Club. It is similar to the one used at the international display held at the Victoria Hotel, London, last January, and will be used for matches in Assembly.

The House matches last term resulted in a win for Temple (M. S. Montagu Scott, M. F. Villiers-Stuart and G. A. Evans) who beat Chandos (B. P. Brooke, F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly, P. I. R. P. O'Shee and J. D. Eaton) in the final by 8 victories to 7. If the losers had bad luck in missing the cup by one event for the second year in succession, the winners did well to win without the services of M. T. D. Patmore who was not well enough to fence on the day of the final match. This was another triumph for Montagu Scott, who captained both his House and School match without a defeat. An excellent épéist, he fought with all three weapons for Temple against Chandos and won five fights out of six.

THE SCHOOL v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

This match should have taken place on March 2nd, but a wire came at the eleventh hour (literally as well as figuratively) to say that the Varsity had been compelled to scratch on account of a series of accidents to their team. Then someone not unconnected with the S.S.F.C. swooped down on Oxford and persuaded our opponents to arrive on Monday, March 7th. They came, and were beaten 16—13 after a memorable match.

The foils went none too well. Neither Dawson nor Houghton was up to the form which he has been showing lately. Brooke won two fights and should have got a third win, if he had only made up his mind that Neugas' long arm was not invincible. However, he is a much-improved fencer and his performance was good. Villiers-Stuart won three fights and gave Toyne, the O.U.F.C. Secretary, a hard bout in the fourth. His score was invaluable, and particularly creditable when his recent absence from the side owing to illness is taken into account. He is still apt to lose his head in prolonged phases, but his parries now are sound and he has developed the fastest attack which we have yet had in the team.

After losing the foils 7—9, Stowe went on to win the épée 9—4. This is the highest win we have scored in any event against the Varsity side, and an unusually large score to be made by any team. All the four épéists did well. Charlot headed the list with three wins and a *coup double*, so justifying his selection for the international match in April. He has now added a good "flèche" attack to his sound defensive work, and should make a formidable épéist if he works hard at his sword-play.

The match went to Stowe by 16 wins to 13, so that the School has beaten Oxford twice in a season. C. S. A. Simey, the Varsity Captain, was kept out of the side by a motor accident, but the Stowe effort, made by a depleted side, was undoubtedly fine.

Scores:—

Stowe.		FOILS.		Oxford University.			
		Wins		Wins			
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	3	G. Toyne	-	-	4
B. P. Brooke	-	-	2	J. P. N. Neugas	-	-	3
A. C. Dawson	-	-	1	A. J. D. Anderson	-	-	1
B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	1	H. C. Lea	-	-	1
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Stowe.		ÉPÉE.		Oxford University.			
		Wins		Wins			
P. A. J. Charlot	-	-	3	G. Toyne	-	-	2
F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly	-	-	2	J. S. Williams	-	-	1
F. J. Walter	-	-	2	A. J. D. Anderson	-	-	1
A. C. Dawson	-	-	2	L. S. L. Szylvermann	-	-	0
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THE SCHOOL v. WESTMINSTER.

(Previous Record:—Won 3, Lost 0).

Fought at Westminster on February 12th, this match resulted in a creditable win for Stowe by 11 victories to 7. The School side had been weakened by influenza, for Villiers-Stuart was away, while neither Dawson nor O'Shee had been able to put in much practice. However, the Stowe foilists took the lead at once and put their side 3—0 ahead by the end of the first series of bouts. Houghton was the best stylist of the three, but all fought effectively and the convalescents showed remarkable pace and fitness. On the whole, the foil win of 6—3 went to Stowe as the better-balanced of two even sides both of which proved themselves capable of clever fencing.

The épée event started convincingly, Stowe gaining a lead of 4—1. Then Charlot broke two épées and the side had to fall back upon borrowed weapons of an unfamiliar type. W. G. Walter of Westminster is perhaps the best schoolboy épéeist of the year. Both he and his side took advantage of their chances, so that in the end we were quite lucky to win this event 5—4. A very pretty fight was that between the two Walters. After several minutes' play, W. G. won with a clever disengagement, followed by a point on the sword hand.

Score:—

Stowe.		FOILS.		Westminster.			
		Wins		Wins			
A. C. Dawson	-	-	2	W. G. Walter	-	-	2
B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	2	B. E. Petitpierre	-	-	1
P. I. R. P. O'Shee	-	-	2	E. F. F. White	-	-	0
			6				3

Stowe.		ÉPÉE.		Westminster.			
		Wins		Wins			
F. J. Walter	-	-	2	W. G. Walter	-	-	2
F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly	-	-	2	B. E. Petitpierre	-	-	1
P. A. J. Charlot	-	-	1	A. B. Rac	-	-	1
			5				4

THE DISPLAY OF MARCH 19TH.

On March 19th, Captain Gruvé brought down a number of eminent fencers who gave what was the most skilful and attractive exhibition of swordsmanship which has been seen at Stowe, or rather in this Stowe of the "second innings" for which we can speak.

Among those who came down were Mrs. Freeman, Lady Foil champion of Great Britain, Mr. G. L. Stroud, this year's winner of the Hospital Cup, Mr. T. Elder Jones, the Oxford Blue, and M. Colin, formerly instructor in swordsmanship at the French Schools of Saumur and Joinville-le-Pont. Also there was Maître Gruvé himself, invincible and *hors concours*.

A good light and the magnificent cork *piste* made conditions in Assembly superb, and the praises which our eminent visitors gave to the *terrain* were good to hear. All the *tireurs* showed excellent form and those members of the Stowe team who fenced did extremely well against such strong opponents.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTS; *Foil*.—Mrs. Freeman beat Miss Hollander 5—0, Captain Gruvé beat Mrs. Freeman 5—2, M. C. MacL. beat T. Elder Jones 5—3, A. C. Dawson (Stowe) beat Miss Hollander 5—3, M. F. Villiers-Stuart (Stowe) beat A. Hayward 5—4, Captain Gruvé beat G. L. Stroud 5—1.

Épée.—T. Elder Jones beat P. A. J. Charlot (Stowe) 5—4, G. L. Stroud beat F. J. Walter (Stowe) 5—2.

Sabre.—J. Colin beat G. L. Stroud 5—4, J. Colin beat F. J. Walter (Stowe) 5—1.

BOXING

The Boxing Competition this year was run on a new basis. The contests were individual, no House points were awarded and entries were limited to those who take lessons in boxing. This meant that in some weights there were few entries; but when this has righted itself, as it should do in a year or two, the new system will have many advantages over the old.

The heats were held on Wednesday, March 2nd, and the finals on Saturday, March 5th. In the judging of these we were very lucky to have the services of Mr. Meikle, Mr. McHardy and Mr. Weall of Cambridge University, to whom our best thanks are due. In the heats the closest fight was that between Bennett and Doran, Bennett gaining the decision after an extra round. Two contests in the finals were spoiled by accidents. Bennett damaged his thumb in the second round, and had to retire. This

was especially unfortunate as the contest up to that point had been very level. Cavendish in the Open Weight fell ill on the day before the Competition, and so there was no fight in this weight. The two best contests were those between Keeling and Jackson, and Villiers-Stuart and Heygate. The former was narrowly won by Keeling; in the latter Villiers-Stuart boxed well against a tough opponent, who was intent on getting to close quarters.

The results were as follows:—

Under 7 Stone.

Levis ma. beat Martin.
Litton beat Leschallas.
Bennett beat Dobell.
Doran beat Logan.
Levis ma. beat Litton.
Bennett beat Doran.
Final: Levis ma. beat Bennett.

Under 7-12 Stone.

Final: Keeling beat H. F. Jackson.

Under 8-10 Stone.

Sherwood beat Holmes ma.
Villiers-Stuart beat Ingram.
Heygate beat Sherwood.
Final: Villiers-Stuart beat Heygate.

Under 9-10 Stone.

Body was unopposed.

Under 11 Stone.

Gill was unopposed.

Open.

Taylor was unopposed.

Two Cups are awarded each year, one to the best boxer in the three highest weights, the other to the best boxer in the three lowest.

The Cups this year were awarded as follows:—

Class I. H. W. Gill, Grenville.

Class II. D. G. Levis, Temple.

FIVES

Owing to a lack of really adequate players—a deficiency for which the illness prevalent early in the term was perhaps partly responsible—it was decided again to hold the inter-House competition on lines similar to those of last year. Accordingly each House entered pairs up to a maximum of four in number, each to rank as an independent competitor. At the time of going to press one of the best pairs, Temple A, has been knocked out. It would seem that the final is likely to be between Cobham A and Chatham A.

This type of competition is not altogether satisfactory, and it is hoped that by next year it will really be possible to hold the competition between definite House teams of three pairs each. But at present a serious handicap to the development of the game is the lack of courts, for there are at present only two, and the prospect of obtaining the much-needed extra ones is not at all bright.

SQUASH

The number of squash players steadily increases, and the general standard of play is slowly rising, though it is still low. Last term squash ladders were started in several Houses and these should do much to help on the game.

The House Competition was played at the end of last term, and was won by Chatham.

The draw was as follows:—

Grenville	}	Grafton	}	Chatham	}	Chatham
Grafton		Chatham				
Chatham	}	Chatham	}			
Chandos		Chandos				
Temple	}	Temple	}	Temple		
Bruce		Cobham				

GOLF

Stowe Golf is still in the rough, but—the more kindly among us will say—not so far in as it was. In short, the work put into the course during the last six months has not been wasted. Golf, in consequence, is once again a popular game, and the lower reaches of the South Front at a quarter to one are as dangerous as ever they were.

The House Competition is being played and the results up to date are:—

Grafton.	}	Chandos.	}	Grenville.
Chandos.		Grenville.		
Temple.	}	Grenville.	}	
Grenville.				
Bruce.	}	Bruce.	}	
Cobham.		Chatham.		

It is hoped to publish the remaining semi-final and the final results in Late News.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Up to the time of going to press the following cricket matches have been arranged for next term:—

Sat.	May	14—St. Paul's II.	Home.
Wed.	"	25—I. Zingari	Home.
		Great Brickhill C.C.	Home.
Sat.	"	28—Crusaders	Home.
		Eton Middle Club	Away.
Wed.	June	1—St. Edward's Colts	Away.
Thurs.	"	2—Eton Colts	Away.
Sat.	"	4—Lords and Commons	Home.
Wed.	"	8—Eton Ramblers	Home.
		Aston Clinton Colts	Home.
Thurs.	"	9—Charterhouse II.	Away.
Sat.	"	11—Bradfield II.	Home.
		Bradfield Colts	Away.
Wed.	"	15—Authentics	Home.
Sat.	"	18—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
		St. Edward's II.	Away.
Sat.	"	25—Radley I.	Home.
		Radley II.	Away.
		Wellington Colts	Away.
Thurs.	"	30—Westminster II.	Home.
Sat.	July	9—Great Brickhill C.C.	Away.

There will probably be an Old Stoic match on either July 2nd or July 9th.

THE LAURUS CUP

Since the scale of points for the Laurus Cup was published some alterations have been made; the following list shows the scale brought up to date:—

	<i>Points.</i>
Football : House Cup	20
Football Leagues	8
Cricket : House Cup	20
Cricket Leagues	8
Sports	10
Cross-Country	10
Relays	8
Lawn Tennis	3
Golf	3
Fives	3
Squash Rackets	3
Swimming (Senior 2, Junior 1)	3
Fencing	3
Total	102

THE LIBRARY

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

From the Bishop of Oxford:

A Historical Geography of the Colonies: India, Canada, South Africa, Australasia. Fourteen volumes in all.

From Major-General Lord Edward and Lady Edward Gleichen:

'Nouveau Petit Larousse Illustré.'

From M. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister:

'Education and Social Welfare in Switzerland.'

From Sir Thomas Storey:

'The National Shakespeare.' Three volumes.

From Miss C. A. Atthill:

'Despatches of the Duke of Wellington' (four volumes); 'Life of the Duke of Wellington' (three volumes); 'Campaign in the Western Pyrenees'; 'Belgium and Nassau' (a book of engravings).

From Mr. Ratcliffe:

'The Marches of Hindustan'; 'Letters from India'; 'With Kitchener to Khartoum'; 'Great Battles of the British Navy'; 'Picturesque England'; 'Poems and Life of Robert Burns'; 'A Hundred Wonders of the World'; 'Scientific Boxing'; Bound Volumes of Blackwood's Magazine.

From the Rev. E. F. Habershon:

'The Christian Adventure' (Herbert Gray); 'The Reasonableness of the Christian Faith' (D. S. Cairns); 'Religious Reality' (A. E. J. Rawlinson), 'Everyday Religion' (E. S. Woods); 'Modern Discipleship' (E. S. Woods).

From Mr. Shearing:

'The Life of Admiral Lord Nelson, K.B.'

The following books have been bought:—

'Beowulf,' 'The Life and Death of Jason' and 'The Roots of the Mountains' (William Morris); 'The Koran'; 'Etching' (Maxime Lalane); 'Joseph II and Maria Theresa' (J. Franck Bright); 'The Life of Lord Roberts, V.C.' (Sir John Forrest); 'The Influence of Sea Power on the French Revolution and Empire' (Mahan); 'The King's Council in England during the Middle Ages' (J. F. Baldwin); 'A History of European Diplomacy, 1815-1914' (R. D. Mowat); 'Diplomacy and the Study of International Relations' (D. P. Healey); 'History of Modern Europe,

1818-1919' (G. P. Gooch); 'Henry VIII and the English Monasteries' (Abbot Gasquet); 'The Corsican: Napoleon, a Diary'; 'Palmerston' (Philip Guedalla); 'Reflections on the Napoleonic Legend' (A. L. Guerard); 'Frederick the Great and Kaiser Joseph' (Temperley); 'Ironclads in Action' (Wilson); 'The World Crisis,' 3 volumes (Winston Churchill); 'Revolt in the Desert' (T. E. Lawrence); 'The Structure of the Atom' (Andrade).

H. N.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

WE have not yet recovered from recent losses in personnel, but we have an abundance of speakers, some of whom are promising. We have not yet made sure of a long succession of brilliant speeches, but there is rarely a bad effort from those whose names are on the paper. In short, the situation is imperfect but improving.

The Officers of the Society this term are: President, Mr. M. C. MacLaughlin; Vice-President, Mr. P. G. Hunter; Secretary, R. MacD. Barbour; Committee-man, D. C. Ellis.

There are 33 members in the Society, of whom 11 come from Temple and 11 from Chatham. A promising speech qualifies its speaker for membership.

New members elected this term are: J. H. Whyte, J. D. Murray, J. D. G. Niven, S. Ward, F. W. Kennedy, A. C. C. Brodie, G. S. Pick, and G. R. de Havilland.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, January 26th, when the question for debate was that "In the opinion of this House the political activities of the Trade Unions should be made illegal."

J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER gave an adequate description of the Government's schemes. His last speech "on the paper" at Stowe confirmed the opinion that he is a lucid and well-informed critic of political questions.

S. J. L. TAYLOR made what was undoubtedly his best speech in the Society. More moderate in expression than they used to be, his old arguments seem to carry new conviction: on this occasion, he succeeded in enlisting much unexpected support.

D. MORLEY-FLETCHER was unnecessarily vituperative.

E. J. OLIVER pushed further the advantage gained by the Hon. Opposer of the Motion. Now that he has plenty of confidence as well as no lack of ideas, he is one of the most promising debaters in the House.

To these two speeches, the Opposition largely owed the remarkable number of votes which the division gave it.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, The Vice-President and G. E. Loxton.

Against the Motion, O. H. J. Bertram and J. H. Whyte.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 9	Ayes - 34
Noes	- 7	Noes - 21
Majority	2	Majority 13

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, March 2nd, the Question for Debate being that "This House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government towards China."

E. D. O'BRIEN made the first and best speech of the evening. He had nothing original to say, but he spoke fluently and what he said carried conviction. Prospective speakers would do well to remember that it is the method of delivering a speech which is of primary importance, far more than the novelty of what the speech contains.

O. H. J. BERTRAM put on sheep's clothing and said that the Government had not been stern enough. Perhaps he is too big for such fancy dress, for the House seemed to know what he really is.

G. M. CROOKSTON was long in the wind.

P. H. LUCAS carried on the tactics of the Hon. Opposer. This was a pity, because he baffled his friends without converting his opponents who unfortunately could not hear all the good things he gave out *sotto voce*.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, D. S. Montagu Scott, S. Ward, G. S. Pick, J. D. Murray, F. W. Kennedy, J. D. G. Niven, J. M. Reeves (ex-Secretary), W. O. J. Coke, R. W. Bate, G. E. Loxton and H. A. L. Montgomery Campbell.

Against the Motion: G. R. de Havilland, J. H. Whyte, A. C. C. Brodie, C. D. Dullely, A. Ricketts and A. A. Grumbar.

Nine of these were maiden speeches.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 16	Ayes - 59
Noes	- 6	Noes - 9
Majority	10	Majority 50

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Society took place on Saturday, March 19th, when the question for debate was "That in the opinion of this House Edgar Wallace is better reading than William Shakespeare."

C. D. DULLEY, in proposing the motion, made a number of easy pleasant epigrams. He spoke of Mr. Shakespeare as "immortal but also out of date," as "a great man but not so great as Mr. Wallace," and he said that "bad English in a novel is necessary," while confessing that he was not well read in the Bones books. If he can overcome a tendency to be superficial, this speaker will come on well.

J. M. REEVES was witty like his opponent, and like him too did not bring forward any very convincing argument. He read a delightful letter from Mr. Wallace which showed that gentleman to be more of an humorist than he had imagined. Afterwards, the Hon. Opposer warmed his affections and acknowledged gallantly that if Mr. Wallace had a bald head so had Mr. Shakespeare, while both wore knickerbockers.

Mr. R. St. J. O. WAYNE spoke with a sincerity which he described as "sincere." He had just read his first Wallace novel, and the House obviously both understood and approved of the impression which it had left on him.

Mr. J. H. CHURCHILL was fluent in his defence of Shakespeare.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, F. W. Kennedy, J. A. Boyd-Carpenter, A. C. C. Brodie and A. E. Bolton.

Against the Motion, A. R. H. Ward, J. D. Murray, J. H. Whyte and R. H. Scott.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 17	Ayes - 48
Noes	- 12	Noes - 16
Majority	5	Majority 32

MUSIC

The Choral Society has been practising the 'Liebeslieder' Waltzes begun last term and has added to them Morley's 'Now is the Month of Maying' and Purcell's 'Sound the Trumpet.' The 'flu seriously interfered with the continuity of progress, the trebles being especially affected, while, as always happens, some voices have broken during the winter. But the remaining trebles have done some gallant and effective work, while the lower parts are numerically stronger than they have been in preceding years.

The orchestra still lacks a viola and a double-bass—here is a real opening for some kindly musician—but it possesses three quite dependable wind players and a compact body of ever-improving strings. The Choral Society and Orchestra hope to have given a combined performance before this appears in print.

THE ARTS CLUB

At a meeting of the Committee held on March 6th A. Carden was appointed Secretary. T. P. Ward and B. R. S. Houghton were elected members in place of M. S. Montagu Scott and R. A. Andrews, who have left. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to these two members. M. S. Montagu Scott was one of its founders; both he and Andrews took the keenest interest in all that was done, and worked hard themselves. In the latter we have lost our best wood-carver.

We hope to be able to give in the next number of *The Stoic* an account of the annual exhibition of work, which takes place on Sports Day. Mr. Edmund New, of Oxford, has very kindly consented to act as judge.

Owing to illness, Mr. Albert Rutherford has not yet been able to give us his lecture, to which we have been looking forward with much interest.

PAPER READING.

On March 20th, Mr. Spencer read a very interesting paper on "Realism in Art." He is an able advocate on behalf of the more advanced school of modern art, and his remarks, which were stimulating and, as he himself said, "provocative," must have given his audience food for thought. If he did not quite convince us that scarlet skies and blue hair, or black skies and yellow seas, were an improvement on the old realism, he made an eloquent plea for toleration in our judgment of the "left wing" of the art of to-day.

H.N.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 7th, Mr. E. L. Woodward, Fellow of All Souls and New College, Oxford, lectured to the Society on 'Some Aspects of Mediæval Buckinghamshire.' He laid emphasis on the fact that much more than was often imagined could be learnt about any locality by anyone possessed of an inquiring mind. He described briefly the method of living of men in the stone and bronze ages, and in Roman times. Then he dealt in more detail with land holding in the middle ages. Each village divided its land into three large fields, everyone in the village having a strip in each field.

This method of land holding remained practically unchanged till the 18th century, when more scientific methods of farming led to the enclosures. Mr. Woodward then traced the history of Buckingham. In Roman times, Buckingham was not important, being cut off from London by the Chiltern Hills and by thick forests. Aylesbury was the old country town, but Buckingham became the more important when, in 915 A.D., it was founded as a fort against the Danes.

He then showed how much history could be learnt from the village churches.

One had to take into consideration the shape of the church, the style of architecture, and also to whom it was dedicated. Mr. Woodward concluded by taking many places near by, and showing how much of their past history was revealed in their names.

THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

There have been three meetings this term, at which 'Iolanthe,' 'Patience' and 'Utopia Limited' have been read. Two more original members—J. M. Reeves and E. D. O'Brien—have withdrawn into semi-retirement, and three new members—B. C. Gadney, E. Sheppard and A. R. T. Coke—have been elected.

THE TWELVE CLUB

At a business meeting held at the end of last term, P. H. Lucas was appointed Secretary.

During the present term the Club has met four times, and O. H. J. Bertram has been elected a member. The following papers have been read:—

February 5th: 'The Growth of Nationalism in the Nineteenth Century,' by G. M. Crookston.

February 19th: 'The Racial Origins of the British Peoples,' by E. D. O'Brien.

March 12th: 'French Colonisation,' by the Secretary.

March 26th: 'Roman Holidays and Festivals,' by P. D. Taylor.

P.H.L.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Two meetings of the Society have been held this Term. On Sunday, February 13th, M. Stirling, D. C. Ellis and Mr. Simmonds read Papers on the "Women" in Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides. On Sunday, March 13th, Dr. Browne and Mr. Spencer read extracts from Herodotus and Thucydides, and Papers on these authors were read by T. R. Williams and R. H. G. Carr. The Society was invited to decide which of the two they would choose, if only one could survive. Thucydides won by a small majority.

M.S.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

The Society has continued to hold its meetings on Sunday evenings, and has made some headway since last term in developing its programme.

At the business meeting on January 23rd the arrangements for the term were made, and J. H. Whyte ma. was elected a member.

On February 22nd and 27th 'Les vivacités du Capitaine Tic,' by Labiche, was read and highly appreciated.

Mr. Fremantle gave an interesting talk the following week on the subject of 'Man.' He showed that although nations have much in common with each other (their proverbs are one source of evidence on this point), yet each has its individual characteristic to be found clearly expressed, if one has the ear to hear, in the sound of its language. With careful judgment he selected just the right word to mark the leading quality of each of the chief European peoples. After some discussion the meeting was adjourned, members regretting the lack of time to work out an attractive idea in more detail.

'La poudre aux yeux,' another, and this time longer play of Labiche, was read on March 20th and 27th.

It has been decided provisionally to read one play only in the summer.

During the term the following members have held office:—Secretary, E. R. Ivory; Committee-man, J. M. Reeves.

THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has only been able to have one meeting this term, owing to the absence through illness of the President and one or two other members. At this meeting, held on March 26th, J. W. Evans read a highly interesting paper on 'The Theory of Wireless Telegraphy.'

At a business meeting held on March 12th, R. A. Gardiner was elected a member of the Society. After this, Mr. Heckstall-Smith gave a short account of the elements of the Quantum Theory, as a knowledge of this is necessary for the understanding of X-rays. A paper on this subject will be read to the Society next term by Mr. G. Stead, of Clare College, Cambridge, who is a well-known authority on this branch of Physics.

R. MACD.B.

THE WIRELESS CLUB

The chief activity of the Wireless Society has been the installation of a wireless set in the Sanatorium. We hope that eighteen pairs of 'phones will be in use before the end of the Term, and many more next Term.

We are looking forward to an expedition to Daventry next Term, or possibly one to the London Studio.

Several members are showing their ability and have made excellent sets in the workshop; the standard of workmanship is greatly improving, and before long we expect to see some "Super-Sets" adorning the Club-room.

Meetings have been held once a week for the greater part of the Term, and much has been done to improve the appearance of the Club-room, which, since the Society's resuscitation last Term, has been distempered and scrubbed.

J.F.C.

THE RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club has fired three matches this term, and has more than held its own.

The first match, under 'Empire test' conditions, was against Wrekin College. Our team all fired extremely well, six of the eight members scoring over 100 points each, and we gained a decisive victory by 106 points. The School has only once previously beaten the score made on this occasion.

Our second match was against Victoria College, Jersey. We fired the first of the practices in the *Country Life* competition. The light was appalling, and it poured with rain nearly the whole time. We just won, however, by four points.

The last of the three matches was against Charterhouse. The School team was again shooting well, but lost the match by 120 points. This match, like the first two, was fired with service rifles.

The Club has had a very good term in spite of the bad weather.

C.W.H.

HUNTING

There was a meet of the Grafton Hounds at Stowe on the last Saturday of last term, which produced only a moderate day's hunting. A baker's dozen from the School were mounted for the occasion. After drawing the gardens blank, hounds were taken by a circuitous route to Stratford Hill, where a fox was found. There was little scent all day and the pack never got far afield. There was a kill in a small spinney near Stratford Hill. Lord Hillingdon gave us another meet at the School on Saturday, March 19th, on an ideal spring day. Ten mounted Stoics joined the Field and many on foot. Scent was not good, and again the home coverts were tenantless. No quarry was roused until we reached the ever-faithful Stratford Hill.

From here there was some slow hunting, chiefly out in the Shalstone direction. Nothing great was achieved until the late afternoon, when most of the Field had left. It was nearly 5 o'clock when the Master for our special benefit drew Stowe Ridings—hounds would otherwise have gone home. The Field now consisted of only the Stowe contingent and one or two others, who had the luck to come in for a pretty bit of hunting. Several foxes were soon astir in the Ridings, and one took a convenient line in the direction of Whittlebury Forest and the Kennels. He went to ground after a bright 15 minutes somewhere below Hatch Hills. But an outlier was immediately holloed that led us merrily back past Lord's Wood in the Lillingstone direction. There was no lack of jumping; at one point progress was impeded by the stream running between deep banks. This one of our party failed to negotiate and was lost to view in what Livy, in our last translation lesson, calls '*præcipites deruptaque utrimque angustia*.' However, he was rescued from muddy death and continued the chase. But the shades of night were beginning to fall, and at 6.15, after a check not far from the Bourbon Field, home was the order of the day. This was the most enjoyable hunt we have had as a result of a Stowe meet, and a long enough day for any one horse.

CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

Statements are correct to March 21st.

WORKING BOYS' CLUB FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank { On Deposit	50	0	0
{ Current Accounts	27	10	0
Collections at Early Services January 23rd to March 20th	15	15	8
Loan to Chapel Expenses, partly repaid	3	3	0
On Loan to Chapel Expenses	5	9	10
	<u>£101</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>

Expenses nil. Another £30 placed on deposit.

CHAPEL EXPENSES ACCOUNTS.

At the beginning of the term the account showed a deficit of £18 12s. 10d. met by loans.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Collection March 13th	19	0 0	Preacher's Travelling Expenses	15	0 0
			Cheques	2	0 0
			Wages	5	0 0
			Loans partly repaid	13	3 0
	<u>£19</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£19</u>	<u>0 0</u>

The deficit is now only £5 9s. 10d. on loan from the Working Boys' Club Fund. From next term onwards the cost of maintaining the Chapel should be regularly met by the terminal collection.

OTHER COLLECTIONS IN CHAPEL.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Building Fund { December 12th	18	5	4
{ January 23rd	28	17	6
Missions to Seamen { February 28th	12	16	0

A.B.C., Hon. Treas.

STOWE SCHOOL GAMES CLUB

CASH ACCOUNT.

For the period May 29th, 1925—September 1st, 1926.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance in Bank	126	8 3	By Wages and Salaries	965	6 11
„ Subscriptions	1,006	7 6	„ Repairs, Fixtures & Fittings	383	17 4
„ Shop Account for Share of Profits	400	0 0	„ Insurance	11	3 0
„ Contributions	5	5 0	„ Mowing	9	7 10
„ Rent of Field	40	0 0	„ Accountants' Fee	5	5 0
„ 404 Sports Subscriptions	20	4 0	„ Games Requisites	179	13 2
„ Insurance Rebate	8	6 6	„ Travelling Expenses	92	10 8
„ Wages Returned	241	10 10	„ Printing, etc.	16	10 4½
„ Travelling Expenses collected from Students	86	15 0½	„ Subscriptions	1	16 6
„ Golf Subscriptions	2	16 0	„ Cups, Medals, etc.	33	0 10
			„ Horse Expenses	61	18 11
			„ Bank Charges	7	11 3
			Balance	1,768	1 9½
				161	13 4
	<u>£1,929</u>	<u>15 1½</u>		<u>£1,929</u>	<u>15 1½</u>

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STOWE SCHOOL SHOP

CASH ACCOUNT.

From May 29th, 1925—September 1st, 1926.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance in hand 29th May, 1925	158	15 4	By Purchase of Goods	6,175	14 11
„ Receipts on Account of Sales, including <i>Stoic</i>	6,539	11 1	„ Printing, Postage and Bank Charges	22	1 9
„ Balance overdrawn	456	3 1	„ Audit Fee	7	17 6
			„ Games Club	602	0 0
			„ Wages	92	4 4
			„ Commission	130	13 6
			„ Repair to House	63	5 0
			„ Renewal of Glasses	2	11 0
			„ Donation to School	50	0 0
			„ Insurance	8	1 6
	<u>£7,154</u>	<u>9 6</u>		<u>£7,154</u>	<u>9 6</u>

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THE DUKEDOMS OF BUCKINGHAM

“Temples and Grenvilles, Lords of Stowe,
In spacious days of leisure,
Built fair and wide on this hill-side,
A palace for their pleasure.”

No doubt they did—in the eighteenth century, but it is our present purpose to assemble a few fragmentary facts concerning the lives of the three Dukes of Buckingham and Chandos, more illustrious in title, but less prominent in politics than their temple-rearing predecessors.

The first Marquis of Buckingham had entertained the exiled Louis XVIII at Stowe. Previously he had raised and equipped a fine body of men, to whom he gave ‘brown cloaks with red collars made in London, and a leather roll as a cloak-case, with a pocket for two shirts—made in Buckingham.’ These were raised in case of invasion. The Marquis’ son and grandson followed him in the help he gave to the Militia, both holding commissions in the Yeomanry, and sometimes inspecting their corps at Stowe. So we may conjecture that drill and route marches were frequently seen at Stowe before the present time.

The first Duke of Buckingham was born in 1776, and received his education at Brasenose College, Oxford. Here the glory of his scholastic achievements is surpassed only by the successes of the present occupants of his ancestral home. Elected Member for Buckingham, the Duke sometimes spoke in the House on general politics, in particular opposing the Slave Trade, until he was transferred to the Upper Chamber. He was the only man to be elevated to ducal rank by George IV, who, though he fell short of his father in some ways, was less of an autocrat, and consequently had less need to create peerages.

The Duke soon found himself in embarrassed circumstances caused, doubtless, by the magnificence of his establishment and the upkeep of Stowe and his other country houses. He indulged, too, in many luxuries of literature and art, having an exceptionally valuable collection of prints. The entertainment of the Royal Family of France by his father, the first Marquis, had already dissipated a large portion of his patrimony. To recuperate the family fortunes and to economise, he withdrew abroad for two years, and on his return published an account of his travels. Five years before his death in 1837, the greater part of his art collection was disposed of in a sale which lasted thirty days.

His son, the second Duke, has two claims to fame, as a politician and a landlord. Politically, he introduced into the Reform Bill of 1832 the famous “Chandos Clause,” concerning tenants-at-will, which extended the franchise in the counties to £50. As Lord Privy Seal, in 1841, he entered the administration of Sir Robert Peel, but withdrew, with some of his fellow landlords, on the Repeal of the Corn Laws, which was held to have betrayed the ‘landed interest.’ He retired from politics as a Privy Councillor and a K.G.

He was a great champion of agriculture, being popularly known as the ‘Farmer’s Friend.’ He was a member of the committee ‘for the consideration of the grievances and the depressed state of the agriculturalists.’

As a landlord, the duke possessed a rent-roll of £100,000 per annum, but his financial affairs were precarious, owing to his strange economy in purchasing land with borrowed money, in order to get the rents. These rents, however, did not come up to his expectations, as the income from them was less than the interest on the

borrowed money. Although it was known that he was in difficulties, the Queen and Prince Albert paid him a visit, and the Duke, true to the traditions of Stowe, spent large sums on their entertainment. This hastened his bankruptcy, and the bailiffs took possession. The Duke left England with liabilities estimated at upwards of a million. Like others of his financially unfortunate house, he had recourse to sale. This was held at Stowe, where the pictures, china, plate and furniture attracted dealers from all parts of the world. His collection of china and miniatures, was reputed, at that time, to be one of the finest in Europe. On the Duke’s bankruptcy *The Times* made a comment more severe than just: ‘A man of the highest rank, and of a property not unequal to his rank, who has flung away all by extravagance and folly, and reduced his honour to the tinsel of a pauper and the baubles of a fool.’ Like his father, he was a good scholar, wrote some historical works, and was made a D.C.L.

The third Duke was educated at Eton and Christchurch. His career at public school and university was again an augury of the scholastic future of Stowe, since he too was made a D.C.L. in 1852. He represented the Conservative interest in the borough of Buckingham, thus departing from the Whig traditions of Stowe. He offered himself for election at the University of Oxford, but was defeated by Gladstone. In 1853 he became Chairman of the London and North Western Railway. The Duke’s high business qualities, combined doubtless with his title, secured him the office of chairman of the executive committee of the Great Exhibition of 1862. To this honour was added, in 1866, the Lord Presidency of the Council. Nine years later he succeeded to the governorship of Madras, an office which he discharged with great ability. During a famine he instituted relief on a large scale, and by his prompt action without orders, earned from the government recognition, and from the natives gratitude. He received the Grand Cross of the Star of India, and was made a C.I.E.

Sir Charles Lawson, in his ‘Memories of Madras,’ writes of him:—

‘Essentially strenuous, unassuming and benevolent, that lamented satrap seemed to be ever animated by a lofty sense of personal responsibility . . . No one of such illustrious ancestry and exalted rank as his had ever before held office in India, a fact that appealed strongly to the imaginations of Indians, who have an instinctive reverence for good birth, while he was seen on all sides to be a man of generous impulses and simple tastes, who took an inexhaustible interest in everything and everybody around him. He reigned; and there was no mistake about his governing . . .’

The Duke returned to England, and became chairman of committees in the House of Lords, where his brusque sincerity did not earn so eloquent a testimonial.

The whole of his life he was making laudable efforts to pay off his father’s debts, efforts all the more praiseworthy as the obligation to do so was only a moral one. The end of a life devoted to public service took place at Chandos House, Cavendish Square. After his death the title lapsed.

E. D. O’B.
E. J. O.

CROSSING THE LINE

Commander Jones,
S.S. *Albatross*.

Propose to board your ship to-morrow after the setting of the sun. Please prepare a list of all the uninitiated sea-babies on your vessel who are anxious to become full members of my kingdom of all the high seas which lie between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, in order that they may be admitted with due form and ceremony.

NEPTUNE,
Rex et Imperator.

Such is the Marconigram which, displayed upon the notice board of the liner, informs the passengers on the outward voyage from England to the lands of the Southern hemisphere that once again the old time ceremony of the seas is to be held on board their ship.

'After the setting of the sun,' on the evening of the day before the vessel is to cross the line, Neptune arrives. If time is not a matter of urgent consideration, the vessel may be hove to and Neptune and his train, appearing over the side, may climb aboard. If, on the contrary, every moment counts, as on a mail boat, the ship is not stopped, and Neptune and his train first appear at some convenient spot on board, such as the main companion-way leading to the dining saloon. In either case the arrivals from the briny depths make their way to that part of the ship where as many passengers as possible can be assembled.

Neptune, surrounded by his bodyguard of sea-dogs, then hails the Commander of the ship and demands a list of the 'victims' for the ceremony of initiation. He receives a parchment with the names inscribed thereon and proceeds to call the roll. When he is satisfied that all those who 'earnestly desire' to take part in what is coming are present, he makes his proclamation in which he summons them to 'appear punctually on the morrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the spot appointed for the Court, to wit at the canvas Swimming Bath erected on the deck in the for'ard waist of the ship, and in the costume which custom has ordained (bathing dress).'

This brings to a conclusion the preliminary part of the proceedings, and Neptune and his followers vanish for the night.

Just before ten o'clock on the following morning everything is ready for the pageant which is about to take place. In the centre of the picture is Neptune's Court, consisting of Neptune himself and his immediate attendants, the Clerk of the Court, the Doctor, and a number of policemen ready to bring up to scratch any whose courage at the last moment is insufficient for the ordeal.

The dresses differ arrestingly from those worn in the less entertaining, if more conventional Courts, which are held by mere land mortals. All the officials are clad in flowing garments, reminiscent of the lands below the sea from which they come, and are draped with seaweeds. Their faces are partly hidden beneath flaxen beards—made for the most part from untwined rope—and Neptune is distinguished from his fellows by a royal crown.

On the right are those waiting to be initiated and opposite them is the bath. A few words of explanation will make the arrangements of the latter more clear. At one side of the bath and on a level with its top edge is a platform. On this platform is fixed

a barber's chair, which, however, has the characteristic of swinging back, at the will of the barber, to such an angle that anyone occupying it is immediately and involuntarily dropped out backwards and upside down. On either side of this chair, to left and to right, stand the Barber-in-chief and his assistant, and in the bath itself are four stalwart sea-dogs disguised by suitable head-dress into veritable monsters of the deep, ready to pounce on any prey that may come their way. Such is the scene, bathed in sunlight and with the limitless sea for a background, which spreads itself under the blue of a tropical sky.

A slight stir in the crowd of onlookers, a faint scuffle in the arena and the ceremony has started. One after another those who are being introduced to Neptune's kingdom pass to the bar where Neptune is seated. Each has to answer his name and state that he wishes to go through with the business on which he has embarked. He is then branded with a large 'N' (*i.e.* marked with a big rubber stamp!) and despatched forward to the doctor. Here he is examined and a suitable medicine prescribed. The exact nature of the medicine may vary from time to time or from patient to patient, but one golden rule holds true in all cases. 'Drink it with your mouth shut.' Though it may be nasty if taken internally, it is completely innocuous when used for 'external application only' and does not even leave a permanent mark or stain on a bathing dress!

Once the doctor is safely passed, the last parts of the performance follow in quick succession and are such as literally to leave the victim breathless. He proceeds to the platform and takes his seat in the fatal chair. His face or head, or both, are generously lathered with an inoffensive but exceedingly sticky kind of paste. He is shaved with an enormous wooden razor and shot backwards into the bath. As soon as he comes to the surface, or before, if he is unlucky, he is caught by the sea dogs who are standing in the bath and shoved down to the bottom again. By the time he has been thus ducked once or twice a new victim is in the chair and he whose turn is just over climbs out of the bath to sit in the side, bask in the sunshine and gloat over those whose turn is yet to come.

Such, in brief, is the observance of 'Crossing the Line,' which has survived to the present day. Anyone who has taken part either passively as an onlooker, or, more especially, actively as a victim, will know the real joy of the rag when it is well organised and carried out with nothing but the best of good will and friendly feeling by all concerned. It provides a morning's or an afternoon's complete diversion from the normal routine of life at sea and brings in its train a certificate of the freedom of the tropical seas, which cannot be bought with money. Thus it runs:—

BE IT KNOWN that our faithful and well-beloved.....
has this day been initiated with due form and ceremony as our subject, and has thereby become invested with the

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

that lie between Cancer and Capricorn. WE command ALL Whales, Sticklebacks, Jellyfish, Amœbæ and other Animalculæ, to treat with due respect the aforementioned should he at any time become inadvertently immersed in the

SALINE DITCH.

Given under our Hand and Seal at our Court on board the.....
this....day of.....nineteen hundred and.....on the
Equator and in Longitude.....

(Sgd.) NEPTUNE.
Rex et Imperator.

THE DEFEAT OF LOGE

LAUGHING with glee, Fire leapt up and on, and ate up the sweet corn-crops standing in the harvest-fields. And he laughed as he thought of the farmer's sorrow and the black destruction he was leaving behind. He put on his reddest coat, and danced and swayed and sparkled under the sunlit skies, but bitterness lay in his wake, a thin wisp of smoke in sundry places the only token of the glory that was before.

And suddenly Fire met the Lady Water. She was cool and green and smooth-flowing as she stopped him at the river's brink, and uselessly he strained to cross over to the gold corn-shocks on the other side. But she only held up a cold, wet hand that dripped with myriad water-lights, and said, "You may not pass."

And panic seized Fire, and sent him stamping up and down the river-bank, fuming and fretting, and waving his flaming hair, though well he knew that all he did was to stamp himself out. For when he had burnt all there was of corn on the bank and could not cross for more, he died in frightful agonies, leaving a thin wisp of smoke in sundry places the only token of the glory that was before.

But the Lady Water rippled on and swayed her green weed skirts, and sent a little tinkling laughter-wave skimming down-stream to tell the news of Fire's death.

A. R. H. WARD.

HOME FROM THE SEA

THE last lap of her last voyage. The "Ormuz" has dipped goodbye to the Rock, wallowed through the Bay, and now, with the sea hissing against her flanks, and the wind whistling through her rigging, she is beating up Channel. The sea is angry; it seems to know that the ship it bears has triumphed over it, and the grey water slaps her viciously. But the "Ormuz" herself rides quietly through the turmoil. Her mind—for ships have minds—is fixed on the past. She is thinking of the grimy port of Bremen where she first saw light; of days under the German flag; of the blue sun-kissed South Atlantic; of the fierce thrill of war; of a fighting career nipped in the bud by Fate and a British cruiser; of long days in port; of the time when she first donned the smart uniform of the Orient Line, and set forth for Australia; and of eight years of faithful service, in which,

defying fog and storm, she helped to carry the life blood of an Empire, It is all over now, and she has but a few more miles to run. Start Point winks sympathetically at her, and soon the glare of St. Catherine's comes in sight ahead. Beachy Head draws abeam, and then falls astern, and she swings towards the Straits. Dover is wrapped in the mists of dawn, and the cold wetness of the morning seems well suited to the final passing of a ship. The Nore curtsies in the disturbance of her wake, and on each side the grey unlovely shores of the Thames Estuary come into view. Snub-nosed tugs push her into the dock; an officer pulls her engine-room telegraph over to "Stop"; her propellers give their final kick, and she is still. Her funeral alone remains. In tow of a tug she will be taken to the ship-breakers' yards of the gloomy North-East coast, and there, in that graveyard of ships, her bones will be torn from her to be sold as scrap-iron for a few shillings a ton.

J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER.

LATE NEWS

THE ACHILLES MATCH.

The athletic match between the School and the Achilles A.C. took place on Wednesday, March 30th. Constant rain on that and preceding days had made the track so sodden that good times were out of the question. The School won by four events to three, not counting the hurdles, in which no proper race was possible owing to the treacherous state of the turf.

THE RELAY RACES.

These were held on Saturday, April 2nd, and were won by Grenville. Points were gained by Houses in the following order:—Grenville 24, Chandos 17, Temple 16, Cobham 15, Bruce and Chatham 13, Grafton 7.

FENCING.

Individual Foil Cup	...	1st, M. F. Villiers-Stuart (Temple).
		2nd, A. C. Dawson (Chatham).
Junior Foil Medal	...	1st, H. D. H. Bartlett (Grenville).
		2nd, R. H. Scott (Temple).

GOLF.

Bruce beat Chatham by 3 matches to 1 in the semi-final. The Final result will be published next Term.

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