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## THE CHAPEL

ON December 1st, 1927, the "North" wall of the Chapel was 16 feet high, and the "South" wall 15 feet. The windows on both sides were beginning to appear, and the columns of the "West" Portico were each one drum high. 270,000 bricks had been used and approximately 15,000 cubic feet of stone. The work done had cost about £17,000 up to that date. It is hoped that the roof will be in position and the actual skeleton of the building completed by June, 1928, within one year of Her Majesty's visit. Few subscriptions have been received since the Foundation Stone was laid, and the financial situation is not wholly satisfactory. The position has changed but little since June 13th, when the following statement was printed in the Programme of the proceedings:—

"The Chapel is to cost £40,000." (This figure is now likely to be considerably exceeded). "Nearly £18,000 has been received in cash or promises (including the contribution of the Governors), but the rest we have had to borrow. The interest and sinking fund are in part being met by parents of Members of the School, but the burden is heavy. No provision has yet been made for the Organ or the Organ Loft, nor for the beautiful carved Stalls which Sir Robert Lorimer has designed, nor indeed for the pews or any of the furnishings."

## IN MEMORIAM

ERNEST WILLIAM DAVID DUNCOMBE.

ERNEST WILLIAM DAVID DUNCOMBE came to Stowe in May, 1924, and left in December, 1926. He died from injuries received in a motor accident on September 8th, 1927.

David Duncombe came to Cobham House at the beginning of its second Term, and until he left it over two and a half years later he unobtrusively, but surely, threw himself on the side of all that was best. Gifted with a happy and attractive nature, with a deep sense of right and wrong and with a sound conviction of duty, he was widely respected and universally liked. Those who were privileged to be his friends knew the breadth of his sympathies and the uprightness and sincerity of his character.

*"The years had given him kindness."*

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

As a result of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's Examination in July, 1927, the following were awarded 'School Certificates':—

H. D. H. Bartlett.  
P. M. Beech.  
C. N. M. Blair.  
B. J. Bridges.  
Hon. P. A. S. D. Butler.  
A. D. Coplestone.  
M. E. Cunningham-Craig.  
J. V. Durden.  
G. A. Evans.  
J. W. Evans.  
G. A. Farthing.  
R. A. Gardiner.  
A. C. Geddes.  
C. F. H. Goode.  
C. M. Heath.  
C. W. Hesketh.  
A. G. Howland-Jackson.  
J. E. D. im Thurn.  
H. V. Kemp.

D. G. Levis.  
M. A. Lloyd.  
F. R. B. Lockwood.  
E. H. D. Low.  
G. E. Loxton.  
A. C. C. Macpherson.  
T. McCosh.  
D. P. Prestwich.  
E. C. S. Price.  
T. A. G. Pritchard.  
A. E. W. Reed.  
A. R. W. Stansfeld.  
D. V. Steynor.  
M. A. R. Sutherland.  
R. W. D. Sword.  
A. R. H. Ward.  
S. Ward.  
J. N. Woodbridge.

## STOICA

On November 18th, by invitation of Lady Alington, a meeting of residents in Marylebone was held at 38 Portman Square to discuss the proposed foundation by Stowe of a Club for working boys in Carlisle Street. Sir Douglas Hogg in a very interesting speech welcomed Stowe to the Borough and described the dismal condition of some of the streets in the area which the Club will serve. The Headmaster and Mr. Habershon also spoke. A kindly word of welcome to the Club was said by Captain J. T. O'Brien, J.P., and by the Mayor of Marylebone, who acted as Chairman. £175 was collected at (or as a result of) the meeting and it is hoped that some interest in the Pineapple Club was aroused by the speeches made.

The School paraded as usual on the North Front on Armistice Day. The effect of the Silence was enhanced by the Last Post which ended it, admirably blown by R. H. Scott.

There was a large and vocal contingent from Stowe on the Radley ground on December 10th. We were as usual most kindly received, and we hope that we were not a nuisance to our hosts.

By a regrettable oversight on the part of the Concord authorities the Fencing Team lost a match the other day. It is not yet known how this was allowed to happen, but it is clearly the sort of accident which must not be repeated.

In the East Garden of the Sanatorium there is a circular flower bed. In the centre of this bed there grew (till recently) a tree. The tree grows there no longer, and one of the Sanatorium axes needs re-sharpening. Rumour connects with this incident a person of different sex from George Washington.

It is still uncertain how many of the Hostel Masters and their visitors will be found to have left their bones in the swamp between the Hostel and Chatham. A causeway has now been constructed across the morass and the search for bodies will begin immediately.

The opening of a Restaurant Department by the Shop is understood to be imminent. The enterprising Manager has never been the man to let the moss grow under his feet.

All the Cobham Court Classrooms have now been fitted with windows. As we have for some years been accustomed to unsightly contrivances of warped metal, which could be neither opened nor shut, the relief is very great.

The back of Chatham House, though elegant enough when it could not be seen, has now been made conspicuous by the erection of the Chapel in its immediate neighbourhood. Many schemes are afoot for brightening its grim and forbidding aspect, but nothing has yet been done. The rumour that the House has been bought by a wealthy American as a relic of the Pitt family, and will be transferred brick by brick to Pittsburg, U.S.A., is regarded by the members of Chatham as too true to be good, and by the rest of us as too good to be true.

Work on the Chapel goes on after dark, and two huge arc-lamps are suspended from the tops of the great cranes within the building. These lights make the Chapel conspicuous and Chatham invisible, and the effect is greatly admired.

Temple and Grenville are joint holders of the Laurus Cup (1927-1928) with 42 points each.

The old L. & N.W. Railway coach which once contained 7 Third Class compartments and now contains 14 Fourth Class wireless cabinets, has been condemned. Next term it will be used as a store by the managers of the Physics Laboratories.

It is said that there is always a half-holiday at Stowe on the day of the University Rugger Match. If this is so, the reason can only be that the University Authorities find out our arrangements before making their own. On the other hand, perhaps it is a mere coincidence. At any rate, no third explanation is conceivable.

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

Oct. 2nd.	The Rev. W. S. A. Robertson, Student Christian Movement.
Oct. 16th.	The Rev. G. F. Trench, Church Missionary Society.
Nov. 13th.	The Bishop of Winchester.
Nov. 20th.	The Dean of Hereford.
Nov. 27th.	The Bishop of Buckingham.

If you are allowed to play a gramophone but not the bagpipes in your study, what happens when you play a bagpipe record on your gramophone? The state of the law is obscure, but the victim in this case did not prosecute. He said that it was too good a score (against himself) to spoil—and indeed it was.

It will be a source of gratification to his many admirers that *Eumæus ille noster* has secured another triumph at the Buckingham Show. The "Times" says, "*The Bursar of Stowe School secured first and second awards for porkers, and second, third and reserve for bacon pigs.*"

The Mercury Vapour Lamp with which ultra-violet treatment is now given in the Sanatorium has been presented by Mrs. John Hall. The School has reason to be grateful for this generous and practical gift. There have been weeks this Autumn when natural sunshine has so completely failed us that the artificial kind has been particularly valuable.

The estate staff under Whitehead has got through a great deal of clearing in the grounds this term. The areas round the Grotto, the Pebble Alcove and the Kitchen Garden have had attention and the air now circulates freely.

On November 28th three distinguished tree experts came down and after lunch with the Headmaster went round the grounds. They were Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Chairman of the Forestry Commission, Mr. W. J. Bean, Curator of Kew Gardens and probably the greatest authority on trees in the country, and Mr. F. R. S. Balfour, who is also a great authority and who was responsible for the gathering.

They were much impressed by the growth in the grounds and admired particularly the cedars and yews. The trees which Mr. Bean picked out as being perhaps the finest were the massive cedar near the Temple of Concord and Victory and the huge spreading yew opposite the British Worthies.

In the Final Cricket House Match last term Temple beat Cobham by 114 runs and 5 wickets. The scores were:—Temple, 169 (G. E. G. Jackson 65, A. G. Howland-Jackson 41) and 91 for 5 wickets; Cobham 59 and 87.

## A STORM

Restless, the pikemen stood,  
Laced close mail-coat and hood,  
Tattered old war-cloak.  
Lolled there uneasily,  
Hummed low and wheezily—  
Hours ere the dawn broke!

Light from red cresset  
Glinted on bascinet,  
Twinkled on pike-point.  
Close was the night and still,  
Scarce wind a sail to fill,  
Silence oppressive!

Blue heavens changed to black,  
Storm clouds began to pack,  
Flapped the great standard.  
Came now a bustling  
Wind that sent rustling  
Leaves into corners.

Blacker the skies and black,  
Fiercer the battle-wrack,  
High-gods contending.  
Thunder pealed instantly,  
Lightning flashed distantly,  
Sudden and warning.

Thrashing the darkened air,  
Trees, in the lightning-glare,  
Flung writhen branches;  
Flung at the stormy night,  
Cumbrous their gnarled might,  
Knotted and twisted.

Banged a near casement to,  
Whooping the storm-wind blew,  
Snatching at pennant,  
Hissed in at arrow-slit;  
Lightning the darkness lit,  
Ribbioned and blinding.

Rain-soaked the pikeman stood,  
Tarnished his coat and hood,  
Clinging his war-cloak.  
Fleeing, the thunder growled,  
Still the wind fiercely howled,  
Watery dawn broke.

E. D. O'B.

## THE R.A.F. AERIAL DISPLAY

On Monday, July 25th, too late for more than a brief mention in *The Stoic* of last term, weather conditions proved favourable enough for Squadron Leader W. A. Coryton's long anticipated aerial display.

It is fortunate that the piece of ground chosen for landing is as flat as it is; otherwise to land machines at a speed of 55 m.p.h. might have been dangerous. The School listened in sections to explanations by R.A.F. Officers, who dealt with the performance and general uses of each machine.

A large Vickers Virginia night bomber arrived, and flew past, but did not land, the ground obviously not yielding enough space for rising again. Two Bristol Fighters dropped smoke bombs at a target, picked up messages and delivered ammunition by parachute. The most impressive spectacle of all was, perhaps, the aerobatics of a 160 m.p.h. Gamecock, which performed loops, rolls, spins and a variety of other "stunts."

Finally, members of the School were allowed to inspect any aeroplanes which were on the ground, and were greatly entertained by watching machines in the air follow the directions of a wireless operator below.

G.R. de H.

## A VISIT TO HALTON

Despite the weather, the party (with or without Air Force leanings) chosen to go to Halton enjoyed the journey there; at least, those in the school car did—occupants of the R.A.F. tenders may have had other views. The lunch at the 'Bull's Head' in Aylesbury, at which the Bursar, who accompanied the party, presided, left nothing to be desired. This inn aroused in some of us an interest other than the mere desire for food, as it is a 15th century building and has some quaint oak-beamed rooms.

On arriving at Halton we went to a large hangar, and were shown quickly round various machines, a brief explanation of the controls of each being given to us. This aroused in us a desire to fly; not so the numberless laboratories full of apparatus, which reminded us of Mr. Heckstall-Smith's engines, only on a larger scale.

Leaving the laboratories, we went through the huge workshops, where the boys, who are there for three years, learn successively filing of iron work, carpentry and the construction of the whole fuselage.

It was by now time for tea, so we motored over to the officers' mess, one of the late Lord Rothschild's houses, taken over by the Government in place of death duties. Some of the rooms surpassed Stowe for gilt-work.

Altogether we spent a most entertaining day and heartily agreed with Mr. Beebee when he said to one of the officers, "We shall come again on a fine day."

J.N.F.

## THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND: A LECTURE

Upon the eve of Armistice Day the School was given a lantern-lecture on "The Battle of Jutland"; the lecturer was Rear-Admiral J. E. T. Harper, R.N., M.V.O., who was the King's Naval A.D.C. during 1923 and 1924, and who has written both a special report on the battle and a book, "The Truth about Jutland."

He began by denying that the British Navy was entirely a war machine, or that it had ever been built for offensive purposes. He opened his account of the battle of Jutland by saying that while the British Fleet was lying in Scapa Flow the German admiral was actively seeking justification of the German navy's existence. It was he who took the offensive, and who brought about the battle.

The first phase of the action, Admiral Harper admitted, was distinctly unpalatable, for, during the preliminaries, the English suffered considerably heavier losses than the Germans.

The British Fleet was in two divisions, the main force under Jellicoe and the lighter force under Beatty, who first met the enemy. Beatty resisted an attempt on the Germans' part to draw him into their main force, and, doubling in his tracks, returned towards Jellicoe. When these forces united and met the Germans, Jellicoe was taken by surprise owing to lack of information, so that he had exactly one minute in which to decide on a step that was to determine the course of the war. He deployed his forces from the left wing; whether or not he was right is a subject for endless controversy, though the Germans have since testified to his rightness. At all events, Jellicoe took the safest course in not risking defeat; for defeat, said the lecturer, would most certainly have lost us the war, whereas victory would not necessarily have won it.

As soon as the Germans found that they were outnumbered, they turned south and were swallowed up in the impenetrable fog, which was one of the main factors in the whole action (and which was from time to time very realistically reproduced on the screen!) Both Beatty and Jellicoe decided against night action, owing to the difficulty of distinguishing ally from enemy. Accordingly Jellicoe attempted to place himself between the German fleet and its base, so as to be in a position to force an engagement in the morning. But once more he was starved of information and the attempt failed; the action was over and Jutland had taken its place among the indecisive battles of history.

It was Admiral Harper's object to vindicate Jellicoe in the face of much modern criticism; by insisting on the unfavourableness of conditions, and on the scantiness and inaccuracy of Jellicoe's information throughout the battle, he succeeded in making out a convincing case.

J. M. R. C. F.

## THE STOWE CLUB

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

During the summer holidays work on the building progressed rapidly, and by the end of September the central heating, the hot water for baths and the electric lighting were finished. Meanwhile the internal decorations had been delayed on account of the other work, but were finished in October.

The opening of the Club was delayed by the difficulty of finding a Warden. Eventually we were fortunate in meeting Mr. Thomas Sargant, who is in business in the City, and has agreed to run the Club in the evening. He has been appointed Warden and came into residence in November.

Several Old Stoics, including C. B. Jones and S. J. Murdoch, have agreed to help at the Club one or more nights each week.

On November 25th the first boys came to the Club. It is intended to keep the numbers down at first, and during the first month or two no boys will definitely be enrolled as members. There were 14 boys on the first night; this number will be increased up to about 25 by the end of the year.

The Committee wish to take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude, not only to those who, by their generous donations, enabled this scheme to be realized, but also to those who have sent gifts of furniture and equipment and have thereby saved the expenditure of some hundreds of pounds. It is proposed to publish at a later date a list of gifts and a detailed report.

The Club is open from 7.0-9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Stoics are invited to visit it on any of those evenings. People who propose to visit it at other times are advised to find out from Mr. Sargant if he or anyone else will be there to meet them. The telephone number is Paddington 3903. Stoics and Old Stoics can get all meals, except lunch, and can stay as many nights as they wish; notice should be given, and a small charge will be made.

The equipment is fairly complete, but the following are still required:—Gymnastic and boxing apparatus, four bedsteads, three folding beds, and chests of drawers.

The address of the Club is 62, Carlisle Street, N.W.8. The station on the Bakerloo or Metropolitan Railway is Edgware Road. Carlisle Street runs parallel to Edgware Road, and is a turning out of Church Street, which latter is a turning out of Edgware Road.

Finally, it may be said in all modesty that Stowe Club has one of the best buildings for its purpose in London, and has received already a measure of support which promises well for its future.

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

The present financial position of the Club is briefly recorded by the following figures. No account is taken of annual subscriptions, or of the income derived from collections in Chapel and from the proceeds of the Club Concert. The statement is concerned only with the Capital Fund.

Total sum received as donations	..	..	..	..	£1,377
Total expenditure from this sum	..	..	..	..	588
Balance at bank	..	..	..	..	£789

But there is in addition a loan of £800 to be repaid, and the expenditure of a further £400 will be necessary before long to complete the equipment of the building.

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

The Committee wish to express their gratitude to the following firms:—

Messrs. Waring & Gillow, for giving and laying linoleum for the greater part of the building.

The Educational Supply Association, for a gift of a table and chairs.

Messrs. W. F. Tomkins, for carrying out decoration and plumbing at cost price.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

THIS term has seen further progress in the standard of play throughout the School.

The Fifteen started badly and it looked as if we were going to be weaker, not stronger, than last year. However, the cause of the early failures may be set down partly to the abnormal number of injuries, especially among the backs, which were sustained in the first fortnight of term, before the first match was played. The turning-point came when the team went to London to meet St. Paul's for the first time, and beat them handsomely. Since then to the time of writing, when there is only the Radley match to come, they have been beaten only once, and then by a very narrow margin and by a good side. They achieved very good performances in beating two Oxford Colleges, Trinity and the House, both of which turned out practically full sides, except for Varsity players.

It was a great misfortune for us to lose J. F. Marshall through serious knee injury before the first match, and the hardest of luck for him to be laid up in hospital in Oxford during the whole of his last Christmas term here, when he should have been leading the School pack. In spite of this loss, however, serious as it was, the forwards in most of the matches have played excellently. We have at the moment a very good supply of useful forwards and competition for the last few places in the pack has been very keen.

The backs have improved immensely in the course of the season. There is much more penetration now about their running, and movements are carried out at much greater speed than formerly. The tackling of the whole side has been good, and it seems fair to consider that the Fifteen has now reached Public School standard in the playing of the game.

The 2nd XV have also been stronger this year and have given a very good account of themselves in most of their matches. The Colts, who were exceptionally strong last year, have not been quite so good, but have been good enough to win what matches they have played. Next year they should be strong again.

In general, the standard, as indicated by Leagues, has gone up considerably. To watch a 'B' League now is to watch, not a good game of football, but a game of football. The competition was carried through with as much keenness as ever. The fight for the leading position was between Temple and Chatham, and was decided in favour of the latter, by Temple's failing to pull off their 'B' match against

Cobham in the last round. Two points only separated the two leading Houses at the end. The next two pairs of Houses had struggles for third and fifth places respectively, only one point in each case separating them.

The attached table shows the final positions of the Houses. An 'A' win counts six points, a 'B' win four points.

	Matches Won.		Matches Drawn.		Points.		Total.
	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'	
Chatham .....	5	6	0	0	30	24	54
Temple .....	6	4	0	0	36	16	52
Bruce .....	3	3	0	1	18	14	32
Cobham .....	2	4	1	0	15	16	31
Chandos .....	2	1	1	1	15	6	21
Grenville .....	1	2	2	0	12	8	20
Grafton .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The winners, in their 'A' matches, scored 116 points to 23, and in their 'B' matches 147 points to 10.

THE SCHOOL *v.* OLD STOICS.

Played at Stowe on October 8th, the Old Stoics winning by one try (3 points) to nil.

The School were badly handicapped in having Gadney, Marshall, Ellis and McComb on the sick list—all injured in practice games before the first match. The Old Stoics had got together quite a strong side consisting almost entirely of Old 1st XV colours.

The game was very even throughout and on the whole the School had rather the better of the play. Forward the School made quite a good showing, but behind the scrum there was not much initiative shown and the outside half and the centres ran across the field and consequently got bunched up far too often. There was no scoring in the first half, but soon after the interval Dunsford (late ma.) made a good run and passed out to Jones on the wing who made ground and passed in again to Dunsford, who scored. The School went harder after this, but the backs were ineffective and were closely marked by their opponents. Just on time the School very nearly scored; Dunsford (once mi.) was backing up well and went over the line, but, unfortunately, the final pass was forward and a scrum was ordered. Immediately afterwards the School were awarded a free kick and Dashwood just failed to land a penalty goal.

*Teams:—The School:* E. J. Oliver; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, J. D. Murray, R. W. D. Sword; A. J. P. Ling, A. Dunsford; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, A. N. Balfour, T. A. G. Pritchard.

*Old Stoics:* W. S. Hyde; C. B. Jones, D. A. Dunsford, N. A. C. Croft, G. M. Cavendish; C. J. P. Pearson, J. G. Riess; A. G. Bowie, J. E. McComb, S. J. Murdoch, A. M. Cowell, P. M. Falconer, J. K. Edden, J. H. Middleton, J. D. Farmiloe.

THE SCHOOL *v.* LONDON SCOTTISH EXTRA "A."

Played at Stowe on October 15th, London Scottish winning by three goals and five tries (30 points) to one goal (5 points).

The Scottish brought down a strong side, and both forward and back were faster and stronger than the School. The School, however, played poorly in the first half; the tackling was half-hearted and ineffective, and the dummy was accepted far too often. Five tries were scored by the Scottish in the first half and, one being converted, the School found themselves 17 points down at half-time.

In the second half the game was closer, the School side going much harder. The Scottish forwards, however, were always rather too good for the School pack, especially in the loose, some of their close dribbling being very well done. Our three-quarters ran with greater determination and made more ground, McComb showing a certain amount of thrust in the centre. Gadney also broke away well several times from the scrum and varied the attack by the punt-ahead, but for the most part the superior pace of the opposing backs enabled them to check these movements. Two converted tries were scored by the Scottish, and then the School pressed. Sword broke through near the line and Watson, who was backing up well, got the pass and went over. McComb converted. Just on time the Scottish scored their last try from a punt-ahead over the line and a quick follow up by the left wing, who beat two of the School backs for the touch-down.

*Team* :—A. Dunsford ; J. I. Crookston, W. D. McComb, J. D. Murray, E. J. Oliver ; R. W. D. Sword, B. C. Gadney ; J. N. Feathers, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, A. N. Balfour, R. Russell, P. D. Taylor.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL.

Played at Stowe on October 19th, St. Edward's winning by three goals and three tries (24 points) to one penalty goal and one try (6 points).

The School were not only slower than their opponents, but were much slower "off the mark." It was noticeable that St. Edward's started their movements with the greatest speed. Their heeling was quick and clean and their backs were attacking constantly. If it had not been for a number of dropped passes on their part and some splendid tackling by Crookston and by Dunsford, when he could reach his man, we should have crossed over with a considerably larger score than eight points against us.

We started the second half by attacking strongly, and it looked at one time as if we might pull the match round. First Gill dropped a good penalty goal and then Crookston forced his way over in the corner. This try was not converted, but the score now read 6-8. St. Edward's, however, were beating us in both the tight and the loose scrums for the ball, so that their backs had many chances, and before the end crossed our line four times more.

The School forwards were disappointing; their heeling, especially from the loose scrums, was very poor and they allowed themselves to be robbed of the ball far too often. The three-quarters were outpaced, but were slow in getting up on their men. Gadney played a very good game at scrum half, and he and McComb at stand-off did what they could to break through the opposing line.

*Team* :—A. Dunsford ; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, G. S. L. Burroughes, R. W. D. Sword ; W. D. McComb, B. C. Gadney ; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. F. Kerr, A. N. Balfour, R. Russell, D. W. Thompson, J. D. G. Niven, T. A. G. Pritchard.

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Played at St. Paul's on October 22nd, the School winning by one goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

The School started well—far better than in any of their previous matches—and it really looked as if they meant business. In spite of the miserable conditions—a sodden ball and very slippery turf—there were in the early part of the game many occasions on which the ball was heeled smartly and handled well by the backs. In the first few minutes Gadney cut through twice and brought play right up to the St. Paul's line. From a scrum there he went over himself after about five minutes' play. Dashwood converted with a fine kick from far out. Soon afterwards the forwards, backed up by the left wing, made ground by long kicks-ahead and quick following up. Oliver eventually was left ten yards from the line with the ball at his feet and the line at his mercy. He kept his head and did not attempt to pick up, but dribbling over the line fell on the ball. Towards the end of the half a similar movement was carried out, but this time the defence got back faster and in a race for the ball Oliver was lucky in being awarded the touch-down.

In the second half we kept up the pressure, but the play was less interesting as the ball was kept very close. St. Paul's played with more vigour, but seldom looked really dangerous. Towards the end our pack pushed their opponents bodily over the line and Thompson secured the touch-down.

This was by far the best performance up to date. Gadney was outstanding and kept the team going at top pressure throughout, as well as playing a very fine game himself. The rest of the backs handled the very wet ball astonishingly well and were quick in turning defence into attack, while Dunsford brought off some very fine tackles at full-back. The pack played with great vigour, their heeling from both the tight and the loose being much above their previous performances, as too were their following up in attack and their tackling and falling in defence.

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THE SCHOOL *v.* THE MASTERS.

Played at Stowe on October 29th, the School winning by two goals and five tries (25 points) to one try (3 points).

The Masters had to get some outside help to complete their pack, but behind they were all "natives." There were no changes in the School team from the preceding match and this helped very considerably. They were much better together than their opponents and, naturally, rather fitter.

The School forwards played well, especially in the loose, and have improved enormously in getting the ball back in the loose scrums and in breaking-up quickly. Being slightly superior, too, in the set scrums, they gave the backs plenty of chances. When the Masters' pack got the ball, the School forwards broke very quickly and Mr. Simmonds at fly half and Mr. Hankinson in the centre, the two main sources of danger in the Masters' attack, were not allowed much rope. Their strength and pace, however, enabled them to break away on several occasions, but passes went astray, and promising movements broke down. Mr. Hunter got away once or twice, but was well tackled by Dunsford.



The School backs played with a good deal of snap, Gill showing himself a much improved player. McComb was apt to hang on too long and did not give the orthodox pass often enough. Gadney played a very fine game, and gave some excellent scoring passes—especially two near the end, which sent in Sword and McComb respectively. The full-backs were both sound, Mr. Wragg for the Masters kicking a very long ball and tackling well.

The scoring was all the outcome of movements among the backs. In the first half Crookston, Sword and Oliver scored for the School and Mr. Simmonds broke through and got over for the Masters. In the second half the School kept up the pressure and Oliver, Sword, McComb and Gill got over, Watson converting the first and the third of these tries.

*Teams:—The School:* A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, R. W. D. Sword, E. J. Oliver; W. D. McComb, B. C. Gadney; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, G. S. L. Burroughes, A. N. Balfour, R. Russell, D. W. Thompson.  
*The Masters:* N. Wragg; H. B. Playford, E. Hart-Dyke, J. T. Hankinson, P. G. Hunter; D. M. Simmonds, C. R. Spencer; B. T. Wace, R. R. Timberlake, A. B. Clifford, A. H. J. Knight, K. J. Timberlake, G. V. Shilleto, K. Ewart, R. D. Hogg.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on November 5th, the School winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

This was the first occasion on which we beat a College side, and the team is to be congratulated on a very good performance. Trinity were at full strength with the exception of their 'Varsity players, whom, however, one does not expect to see in School matches. Watson was the only absentee from the School side, while Ellis made his first appearance this term.

The School side played really well and went hard from the start. The forwards were very good in the loose, but in the tight saw much less of the ball than their opponents, who hooked and heeled very well. The backs showed improvement, but Ellis was short of practice and did not always get going fast enough. Nor was his passing as good as it can be. The tackling of the whole of the back division was, however, very good indeed, Dunsford and Crookston being outstanding in this respect, with Sword very little inferior.

For the first quarter of an hour Trinity had rather the better of the game and were usually "a man over" when the ball got out to the wing, but resolute going for the man with the ball by Crookston and Dunsford prevented more than one try being scored. The School then rallied and some very good combined movements by backs and forwards took play to the Trinity line, and Gadney slipped over from a scrum. Dashwood converted. Play continued in Trinity territory and Feathers picked up near the line and went over without a hand being laid on him. Dashwood's kick just went past the post from far out.

In the second half Trinity pressed very hard and were almost over two or three times. The School, however, came back to the attack and a few minutes from time Gadney sent the line away from a scrum on the right. The ball went right out to Oliver on the left; he ran resolutely, evaded three would-be tacklers and scored in the corner. Dashwood again had hard luck with a fine kick. Trinity were almost over in the last minute, but the final pass was knocked on and the whistle for no-side then went.

*Team:—A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, R. W. D. Sword, E. J. Oliver; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. F. Kerr, W. D. McComb, G. S. L. Burroughes, A. N. Balfour, D. W. Thompson, R. A. Anderson,*

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* RICHMOND EXTRA "A."

Played at Stowe on November 12th, the School winning by three goals and six tries (33 points) to one try (3 points).

Although the Richmond side was not a strong one the School showed that their improved form was maintained. The backs continued to show more thrust and Sword and Gill in the centre were very good. The pack played well, the backing-up and passing being particularly satisfactory.

In the first half there was a number of very good passing movements among the backs, and tries were scored by Oliver, Ellis, Crookston and Gill. Ellis's try was an individual one. Going at full speed he took the ball from a long line-out and broke clean through the opposing line; he ran up to the full-back, sold him an incredible dummy and swerved past him to score. Dashwood converted that try, and as Richmond had scored an unconverted try we led by 14 to 3 at half-time. Gill's try in this half was also a very good run-through "on his own."

In the second half we again attacked most of the time and further tries were scored by Sword, Watson, Russell, Oliver and Thompson. Two of these were converted by Watson.

*Team:—A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, R. W. D. Sword, E. J. Oliver; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, W. D. McComb, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, R. Russell.*

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on November 19th, the School winning by one penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to one goal and one try (8 points).

The School did very well to win, as the House brought down a strong side. The conditions—wet ground and ball—probably were a greater handicap to our opponents than to us, as their outsides were considerably stronger and faster than ours. The School forwards played well, but were not quite so good at getting to the ball in the loose and in getting up on the opposing backs as were those of the House.

The School started well and pressing hard were almost over in the first few minutes. The House, however, scored first, after a good three-quarter run. The School then pressed again, and Crookston got a pass slung out to him from a loose scrum and went over in the corner.

The second half was a hard fight, mainly between the forwards, there being many fine rushes by both packs. The School scored again, Gadney giving McComb a good pass from a scrum on the blind side. The House at once pressed, and a fine round of passing brought them a try, this time converted, so that they led, 8-6. They kept this lead till almost the end, when they were penalised for feet-up, and Gill dropped a good penalty goal.

*Team:—A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, W. D. McComb, E. J. Oliver; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, R. A. Anderson, C. N. M. Blair.*

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Played at Stowe on November 26th, Oriel winning by one goal and one try (8 points) to two tries (6 points).

Oriel had a strong side, composed of players who knew a good deal about the game, and the School backs found that they were not allowed much scope for movement. The Oriel three line marked-up very far in defence and our threes in consequence found

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that they were usually being tackled as they received the ball. They failed, however, to 'return the compliment,' and allowed their opponents far too much room in which to give and take their passes. The forwards, although not playing by any means badly, did not seem to be going quite so hard as usual, and it was too often left to one or two of their number to follow up hard in the loose rushes.

Oriel scored first, their left wing running clean away from the defence, but this try, although scored between the posts, was not converted. Pressure by the School followed and from a touch near the Oriel line Watson got over in the corner. Shortly afterwards Feathers dribbled over from a scrum near the line for a try, which Dashwood just failed to convert with a fine kick from far out.

The School had rather the better of matters for most of the second half, but the only score was for Oriel; this came from rather rash passing by the School backs in their own twenty-five, and, as the try was converted, it gave Oriel the lead, which they kept to the end in spite of repeated and determined efforts by the School to get over.

Dunsford was excellent at full back, and Burroughes, Dashwood and Watson were the best of the forwards.

*Team*:—A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, R. W. D. Sword, E. J. Oliver; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. N. Feathers, J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, W. D. McComb, R. Russell.

## THE SECOND XV. v. WELLINGTON SECOND XV.

Played at Wellington on October 15th, Wellington winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

Wellington started with a good rush and kept Stowe penned in their own twenty-five for ten minutes. A good breakaway took the ball to mid-field, and after a throw-in from touch the ball was passed out and a good passing movement ended in Gill's scoring near the corner. The try was not converted. Wellington again attacked and scored by the corner flag just on half-time; this try was converted.

In the second half Stowe kept Wellington in their own half for the greater part of the time, but seemed to tire towards the end and Wellington scored from two rushes. Neither of these tries was converted.

The forwards packed too high and broke up slowly and raggedly. The backs stood rather too close and ran across. Brind played well at full back.

*Team*:—B. Brind; J. W. Charters, H. W. Gill, A. J. P. Ling, T. H. T. Gautby; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; J. D. G. Niven, R. A. Anderson, C. N. M. Blair, V. G. Stuart, D. de S. Barrow, M. G. Sills, P. M. Rouse, D. A. G. Keith.

## THE SECOND XV. v. RADLEY SECOND XV.

Played at Stowe on October 22nd, the Second XV. winning by one goal, two penalty goals and one try (14 points) to nil.

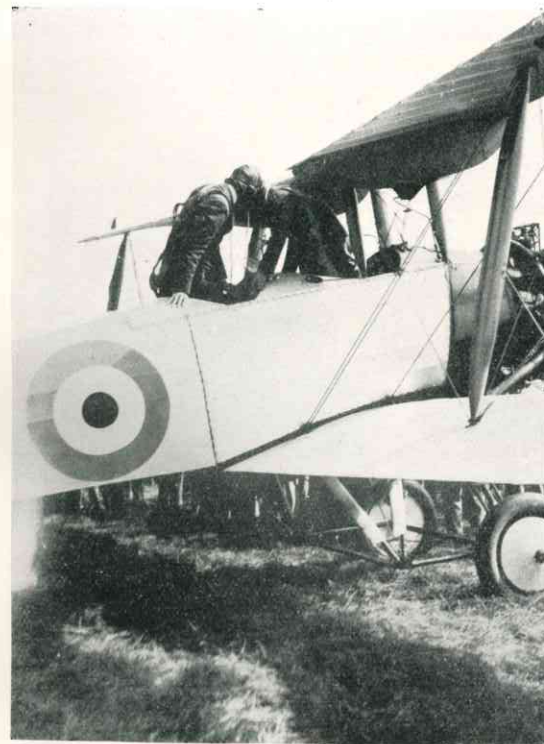
The game was played under poor conditions; rain fell most of the time, and the ball was very difficult to hold. The forwards got the ball well in the tight, and this led to a good try by Carr in the first few minutes. Keith converted. The only other score in the first half was a long and difficult penalty goal kicked by Keith.

In the second half Carr scored an unconverted try and Keith kicked another penalty goal.

*Team*:—B. Brind; F. J. Walter, A. J. P. Ling, J. D. Murray, G. G. Harrison; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; J. D. G. Niven, R. A. Anderson, D. A. G. Keith, V. G. Stuart, P. M. Rouse, D. de S. Barrow, M. G. Sills, J. W. Evans.



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THE SECOND XV v. R.A.F., HALTON.

Played at Stowe on October 29th, Halton winning by two goals and one try (13 points) to two goals (10 points).

This game was more vigorous than scientific and the greater weight and speed of Halton told in their favour. Halton were the first to score, after a good run. The School then attacked strongly and Murray scored, Stuart kicking a goal. In the second half Halton scored twice, both tries being converted, while Walter scored for the School after a very good run along the touch line. This try was also converted by Stuart.

The forwards, as at Wellington, packed too high and did not break quickly enough, though they did some good work in the loose; the passing of the backs was erratic and high.

*Team*:—B. Brind; F. J. Walter, A. J. P. Ling, J. D. Murray, G. G. Harrison; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; J. D. G. Niven, R. A. Anderson, C. N. M. Blair, V. G. Stuart, P. M. Rouse, D. de S. Barrow, M. G. Sills, R. W. McDowell.

THE SECOND XV v. LONDON SCOTTISH "C."

Played at Stowe on November 12th, the Second XV winning by five tries (15 points) to one goal (5 points).

In the first half the game was fairly even. The forwards got the ball well in the tight, but it came out slowly, and even when the three-quarters got it they did not make much ground. Two tries were scored for the School, however, and the Scottish also scored in this half, their left wing running right round the School defence.

After half-time the School pressed vigorously and there were some good forward rushes, in which Balfour, Anderson and Niven were prominent. Pritchard and Carr both played well and most of the tries came from a cut-through by one or other of them. Scorers for the School were Pritchard (2), Carr, Anderson, Niven.

*Team*:—B. Brind; J. W. Charters, J. D. Murray, T. H. T. Gautby, F. J. Walter; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; J. D. G. Niven, A. N. Balfour, R. A. Anderson, C. N. M. Blair, V. G. Stuart, P. M. Rouse, D. de S. Barrow, R. W. McDowell.

THE SECOND XV v. RADLEY SECOND XV.

Played at Radley on December 3rd, the Second XV winning by three goals and five tries (30 points) to one goal (5 points).

We were able to send our full Second XV over to Radley for this match and the attack was greatly strengthened by Charles being able to take his place in the side.

We pressed to start with, but Radley soon retaliated, and were first to score. However, we emerged from the mud at our end of the field, and first Charters and then Pritchard got over, the latter try being converted by Stuart. For a short time in the second half the play was fairly even, and then we took complete charge. Further tries were scored by Charles (2), Charters (2), Walter and Carr; Stuart kicked two more goals.

*Team*:—B. Brind; F. J. Walter, J. B. Charles, J. D. Murray, J. W. Charters; R. H. G. Carr, T. A. G. Pritchard; J. D. G. Niven, A. N. Balfour, R. A. Anderson, C. N. M. Blair, R. W. McDowell, V. G. Stuart, D. de S. Barrow, P. M. Rouse.

THE COLTS *v.* ASTON CLINTON.

Played at Stowe on November 2nd, the Colts winning by two goals and four tries (22 points) to nil.

Tries were scored by Samuel (4) and Charles (2). Cochran converted two of these.  
*Team* :—G. W. G. Cochran; A. R. Samuel, H. V. Kemp, T. G. W. Ferrier, C. E. Salamon; F. W. B. Charles, M. Gowing; F. W. Kennedy, I. W. Macpherson, A. R. I. Scarle, P. F. Hornsby, C. I. B. Wells, J. E. Linnell, R. H. D. Kitchin, S. L. A. Carter.

THE COLTS *v.* RADLEY COLTS.

Played at Stowe on November 19th, the Colts winning by one goal (5 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

The game was played on a very wet ground and handling was always difficult; consequently, more use of the short kick and follow-up would have paid better. Radley scored first from a penalty goal, but we pressed hard, and soon after half-time Samuel got over and Macpherson converted.

*Team* :—A. W. A. Llewellyn Palmer; A. R. Samuel, H. V. Kemp, P. B. B. Gibbon, C. E. Salamon; F. W. B. Charles, M. Gowing; M. Lorimer, F. W. Kennedy, I. W. Macpherson, P. H. Heygate, P. F. Hornsby, C. I. B. Wells, S. L. A. Carter, M. L. Dillon.

THE COLTS *v.* ASTON CLINTON.

Played at Aston Clinton on December 7th, the Colts winning by one goal and two tries (11 points) to one try (3 points).

Salamon scored an unconverted try in the first half and we led at the interval by 3—0. In the second half, Salamon and Samuel scored, the latter try being converted by M. L. Dillon.

*Team* :—P. P. L. Dillon; C. E. Salamon, P. B. B. Gibbon, H. V. Kemp, A. R. Samuel; F. W. B. Charles, M. Gowing; M. Lorimer, F. W. Kennedy, I. W. Macpherson, P. H. Heygate, P. F. Hornsby, C. I. B. Wells, S. L. A. Carter, M. L. Dillon.

Matches were also played by junior teams against Winchester House, Brackley (won 19—0), and against Stratton Park, Great Brickhill (won 9—3).

## O.T.C. NOTES

THE strength of the contingent this term is as follows :—

Bruce	...	...	...	39
Temple	...	...	...	46
Grenville	...	...	...	35
Chandos	...	...	...	50
Cobham	...	...	...	33
Chatham	...	...	...	29
Grafton	...	...	...	56
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Total	...	...	...	288
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The following promotions have been made :—

September 27th, 1927.

To *Under Officer*. Sergeant J. F. Marshall.  
 To *Sergeant*. Corporals R. W. D. Sword, B. C. Gadney.  
 To *Corporal*. Lance-Corporal J. U. Body.  
 " J. A. Robinson.  
 " G. D. Watson.  
 " E. D. O'Brien, S. R. Sills.

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*. Cadet M. A. Lloyd.  
 " T. A. G. Pritchard.  
 " J. D. Eaton.  
 " A. R. C. Watson.  
 " A. R. T. Coke.  
 " A. Dunsford.  
 " P. L. Sherwood.  
 " H. G. Morison.  
 " C. N. M. Blair.  
 " P. D. Taylor.

October 19th, 1927.

To *Sergeant*. Corporal A. F. Kerr.  
 Corporal A. N. Balfour.

The following are extracts from the report on the contingent by the Officer Commanding No. 3 Battalion, Mytchett Farm O.T.C. Camp, July–August, 1927 :—'In the field the cadets were especially keen and well led. Their turn-out for parade was most creditable. Camp discipline, excellent. Great pride is taken in the work.'

The contingent, together with the Radley contingent, took part in a Field Day at Shotover Hill, near Oxford, on October 28th.

It is hoped to raise and train a 'Corps of Drums' next term. The instruments have already been obtained, partly by presentation and partly by purchase.

## CAMP, 1927

The Camp to which the contingent was allotted this year was at Mytchett Farm, near Aldershot, at which camp the staff is provided by the Brigade of Guards.

The contingent was posted to No. 3 Battalion, which was composed as follows:—4 Companies, Eton; 1 Company, Beaumont; 1 Company, Stowe.

Except for August Bank Holiday, when it poured all day, the weather was not too unkind. The training was varied and instructive, though hampered, to a certain extent, by lack of ground, and there were many interesting demonstrations, particularly on Saturday, July 30th, when the Brigade marched to Farnborough and saw demonstrations by the Royal Tank Corps and the Royal Air Force.

Night operations on the evening of July 30th were quite exciting; the chief feature, so far as the contingent was concerned, being the smart capture of a 'spy' in skirts, whose realistic sobs failed to melt the heart of a normally susceptible Stoic Lance-Corporal.

On Sunday, July 31st, the G.O.C.-in-C., Aldershot Command, attended the Brigade Church Parade and afterwards inspected the Camp.

In spite of the drenching rain, on Monday, August 1st, the Battalion carried out an attack exercise.

The scheme for the last day, Tuesday, August 2nd, a day of gloriously fine weather, consisted of an attack by No. 3 against a position held by No. 2 Battalion.

The contingent was one of those detailed to seize the first objective of the Battalion. The task was well carried out and the contingent re-organised on the objective, while other companies passed through to the second, and final, objective.

The Brigade Sing-song that evening, at which the contingent provided what was easily the most popular 'turn,' ended what had been a most successful and happy camp, thanks to the trouble taken by all departments of the camp staff.

## FIELD DAY,

Field Day this term was on October 28th. We left Stowe in a steady downpour; the 'buses excelled themselves and took us to our destination without a breakdown. When we arrived, the weather was beginning to clear up, and a watery sun shone fitfully.

Owing to the non-appearance of Eton, there was no one to act on the defensive, so Radley supplied a skeleton defence-force. They were insufficient to hold both the first and second lines, and in order to enable them to take up their next position we had a half-hour break.

The reserve platoons had to wait for some time in a field adjoining the council school. Unfortunately school finished as they arrived. They were surrounded by a crowd of children, and some of the more daring spirits came close up to inspect the rifles!

The first part of the attack was mainly across ploughed fields and took the form of doubling across two and lying down in the middle of the third. The going had not been improved by the recent rains. Luckily, half-time saved us, and we pulled ourselves out of the morass on to the main road, which had been our objective.

The second part of the attack led us up Shotover Hill itself. It was firm grass, for which we were truly thankful. After a lot of running and lying down in what we hoped was 'dead' ground, we reached the top. The enemy was now vaguely visible, and we were just preparing to attack them when "cease fire" was blown; presumably someone had reached the enemy!

We fell in and marched back to the road, along which we proceeded for about three miles. We found the 'buses and cocoa awaiting us down a lane, where the commissariat was, as usual, excellent. We boarded the 'buses once more and returned home (again without mishap) in good time to change for Chapel.

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## FENCING

**A** NEW generation lives in the old "place d'armes." That is to say, we have a young fencing team and we still have Concord. To anyone acquainted with swordsmanship in this School, the invaluable nature of these assets will be evident.

The beginning of a new school year found M. F. Villiers-Stuart captain. He inherited only two old colours, F. J. Walter and B. R. S. Houghton. However, new talent has been discovered and developed. If the instructors have had their hardest term's work, they have the satisfaction of knowing that this is already potentially their most successful. Of the younger fencers, H. D. H. Bartlett and C. S. McCallin are the most notable. The former is second only to the now redoubtable Villiers-Stuart in the number of his foil wins, and the latter has delighted more than one expert outsider by the style of his play. Incidentally, McCallin, by winning a prize at the Dieppe Tournament last August, may claim to be the first Stoic to win such an honour in an international affair.

At épée, F. J. Walter has quite recently shown brilliant form. If he works hard enough, next year's Savage Competition may mark him as the best épéist we have yet produced. B. R. S. Houghton has also done well, and Villiers-Stuart, an extremely hard-working captain, has taken up and done well at this, his third arm.

The sabreurs still want experience, but have come on considerably. Their success will take longer to show itself, because the standard of sabre-play in England is higher than that with the other two weapons. In a like way, the performances of this year's team cannot be merely counted by wins and compared with those of 1926-7, because our fixture list is now more formidable—the fruit of last season's success.

We should like to say how necessary it is for all promising fencers both to fence themselves and to watch others—the best swordsmen in the country—at play during the holidays. There are many "salles d'armes" in London and good matches on January 4th, at Bertrand's, on January 14th, at Grosvenor Wharf, and on January 20th, at Tassart's.

Last of all, may we offer publicly—not for the first time—our thanks to last term's captain, A. C. Dawson, for his gift of a handsome cup, an individual challenge trophy for épée. It was won for the first time in July by F. H. P. B. M. O'Reilly (Chandos).

#### STOWE v. WESTMINSTER.

We quote the following account of the match from the columns of *The Times* :—

A match with three weapons, foil, épée, and sabre, was fought on Thursday between Stowe School and Westminster School in the gymnasium of the latter, and resulted in a win for Stowe by 15 defeats to 28. Nearly all their success was gained in the foil event, which was won by two defeats against 14, and with the épée and sabre the two schools were very evenly matched, Stowe winning the former 8—10, and Westminster the latter 4—5.

The foil play was a mixture of bad and good, but the visitors fenced with the greater *élan*, and carried home their attacks far better than did Westminster. With the exception of F. S. Hoppé, a tall and powerful fencer, who made the most of his reach, the home side fenced in very tentative and half-hearted fashion. For the winners, M. F. Villiers-Stuart was very quick, though not yet a polished foilist, and he and H. D. H. Bartlett each won all his bouts. Bartlett, however, gained his success by very rough-and-ready methods, which did not bear much resemblance to true foil play. By far the most attractive foilist was C. S. McCallin, a boy of 14 only, who showed admirable promise, and should develop into a very good fencer indeed. He has already won early distinction on the Continent.

Of the three weapons the all-round form with the épée was the most convincing, and the boys were well matched. F. J. Walter, a left-handed fencer from Stowe, was the best of the eight, though he was defeated by his namesake, W. G. Walter, after the best-fought encounter of the match. The latter, however, lost to B. R. S. Houghton and fought a *coup double* with P. F. I. Reid, when each hit the other in exactly the same spot on the sword arm and the judges could not separate the hits on the question of time. The chief criticism on the épée play was that defence was somewhat neglected in favour of attack. Of the less experienced fencers, G. B. Rae and W. G. R. Oates, for Westminster, and M. A. Lloyd, for Stowe, all showed promise.

The sabre play was not of a high order, but the match was exciting enough. The stop hit was used too much instead of true parry and *riposte*, and where an attack was parried the *riposte* was not executed quickly enough or was entirely absent. R. H. Scott was certainly the best performer. Stowe School led at one time by four victories to three, but Westminster won the last two assaults and so secured the sabre event by a narrow margin.

The results were :—

Stowe.		FOIL.	Westminster.	
		Defeats.		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- -	0	F. S. Hoppé	- - 2
H. D. H. Bartlett	- -	0	B. E. Petitpierre	- - 4
B. R. S. Houghton	- -	1	W. G. Walter	- - 4
C. S. McCallin	- -	1	P. H. Johnston	- - 4
		—	—	
		2	14	
Stowe.		EPÉE.	Westminster.	
F. J. Walter	- -	1	W. G. Walter	- - 2
B. R. S. Houghton	- -	2	G. B. Rae	- - 2
M. A. Lloyd	- -	2	W. G. R. Oates	- - 2
P. F. I. Reid	- -	3	B. E. Petitpierre	- - 4
		—	—	
		8	10	
Stowe.		SABRE.	Westminster.	
R. H. Scott	- -	1	W. G. Walter	- - 1
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- -	2	F. S. Hoppé	- - 1
F. G. Walter	- -	2	B. E. Petitpierre	- - 2
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		5	4	

#### STOWE v. R.A.F., CRANWELL.

At Stowe, on October 22nd, the School defeated the Cranwell Cadets by 13 victories to 9 in a 3-weapon match, winning the foils 6—3 and the épée 5—4, and drawing the sabre 2—2.

This victory was particularly encouraging, as it was won against an older and physically stronger side, the kind of team which our young side finds very hard to beat. Here, however, experience seemed to be with the School side, who were both the more finished and the more successful fencers. For Cranwell, T. C. Worsley stood out above the rest. He won the Public Schools Sabre Championship two years ago, and is a good, if erratic fencer with foil and épée. For Stowe, Villiers-Stuart fought consistently well, while both he and Bartlett showed much improved style. Houghton did excellently with the épée, which has become his favourite weapon. Walter and he are perhaps the prettiest épéists whom we have yet had.

Score :—

Stowe.		FOIL.	R.A.F., Cranwell.	
		Wins.		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	- -	3	R. B. Counsell	- - - 2
H. D. H. Bartlett	- -	2	F. Whittle	- - - 1
B. R. S. Houghton	- -	1	F. R. Drew	- - - 0
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Stowe.			EPEE.			R.A.F., Cranwell.		
			Wins.			Wins.		
B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	3	T. C. Worsley	-	-	2	
F. J. Walter	-	-	2	J. E. Jorgensen	-	-	1	
M. A. Lloyd	-	-	0	E. M. Grundy	-	-	1	
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Stowe.			SABRE.			R.A.F., Cranwell.		
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	1	T. C. Worsley	-	-	2	
R. H. Scott	-	-	1	R. B. Counsell	-	-	0	
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## STOWE v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

The Times reports :—

After a closely fought match with three weapons foil, épée, and sabre, Oxford University Fencing Club beat Stowe School at Stowe by 22 defeats to 27, winning both the foil and sabre events at 7—9, and the épée 8—9.

The match was specially interesting because both sides were made up, except in the case of the Oxford captain, C. S. A. Simey, of new or comparatively new swordsmen. Stowe had to concede an average of five years in age and reach, and their performance was a highly creditable one. Oxford, in this match, had the satisfaction of retrieving their defeat of last year at the hands of the School, and of being the first wholly amateur side to beat the School, in a match with more than one weapon, for the last 18 months. The only other defeat sustained by Stowe, except in the Savage Shield competition with the épée, was at the hands of a strong "Masks" team, which included several well-known instructors from the School of Physical Training at Aldershot.

The rival captains, C. S. A. Simey and M. F. Villiers-Stuart, stood out above all the others. Each fenced with all three weapons, and Simey won 11 assaults out of 12, the 12th resulting in a *coup double* with the épée. Villiers-Stuart lost one fight with each weapon to Simey and one other sabre assault only—a fine schoolboy performance. The play on both sides was of a very similar character. This was to be expected, for both Oxford and Stowe are pupils of Professor Gravé. The foil play was restrained, and the épéeists played chiefly at the forearm. The sabre play was not particularly distinguished, but Stowe was the more orthodox side, though none of them could cope with Simey's very quick footwork.

The results were :—

O.U.F.C.			FOIL.			Stowe		
			Defeats.			Defeats.		
C. S. A. Simey	-	-	0	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	1	
H. Grunbaum	-	-	2	H. D. H. Bartlett	-	-	2	
A. Tagl	-	-	2	B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	3	
E. A. Morison	-	-	3	C. S. McCallin	-	-	3	
			—				—	
			7				9	

O.U.F.C.			EPEE.			Stowe		
			Defeats.			Defeats.		
G. S. A. Simey	-	-	1	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	1	
A. J. Duncombe-Anderson	-	-	1	B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	2	
J. S. Williams	-	-	3	F. J. Walter	-	-	2	
L. S. Zylberman	-	-	3	M. A. Lloyd	-	-	4	
			—				—	
			8				9	
O.U.F.C.			SABRE.			Stowe.		
C. S. A. Simey	-	-	0	R. H. Scott	-	-	2	
J. S. Williams	-	-	2	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	2	
G. C. Wilkinson	-	-	2	B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	2	
D. A. Donner	-	-	3	F. J. Walter	-	-	3	
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			7				9	
Total	-	-	7					

## STOWE v. HARROW.

In a match at Harrow on November 17th, the School was victorious by 12 wins to 4. Here, the new team improved for the first time on a performance by last year's side, which was successful by a smaller margin of fights.

Despite the long journey and the slippery nature of the ground, the whole team fought well. Bartlett and McCallin were in their best form and showed very pretty foil play. Although he won all his fights, Villiers-Stuart lacked finish and was not at his best, though he showed his great store of pugnacity by pulling off three fights after they had gone to two hits all. Houghton brought off some fine "double" attacks but broke down towards the end, and fought badly when he fought wildly, which was, perhaps, all for the best; he is far too pretty a fencer to indulge in such enormities.

Score :—

Stowe.			Harrow.				
			Wins.				
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	-	-	4	A. H. O'Connor	-	-	2
H. D. H. Bartlett	-	-	3	A. Cosmo-Hamilton	-	-	1
C. S. McCallin	-	-	3	G. R. Raphael	-	-	1
B. R. S. Houghton	-	-	2	T. V. Forman	-	-	0
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			12				4

## STOWE v. R.N. &amp; R.M.

One of the best 3-weapon matches we have had took place at Stowe on November 19th, when the Navy side defeated us by 12 defeats to 16. They paid us the compliment of drawing on both Portsmouth and the Greenwich College for their team, which, if young, was as good a young side as they are likely to be able to field. In general, the play on both sides was robust, and the fights were keenly contested. At times, both the foil and sabre events became wild, but they never ceased to be exciting.

At foils we were defeated 7—2—an unsatisfactory result, as the good play of our foilists has been the most noticeable feature in fencing history this term. Actually, the play was more close than the scores suggest, for while four of our defeats were by the narrow margin of 3 hits to 2, all our wins were by more comfortable verdicts. McCallin could not compete with the stop-hits of his tall rivals. Bartlett fought well and deserved another win; and Villiers-Stuart had a good bout with McDowell, a naval champion, to whom he lost after a long fight.

At épée we were in excellent form, and winning 7—3, all but wiped off the foil deficit. The Services are inclined to neglect this arm, and could not cope with some brilliant play by Walter, who, suddenly becoming aggressive, has found a form he has never reached before.

So the sabre started with the score only 10—9 against us. But this is the Navy's chief weapon, and our hopes were not great. Less large and less experienced than their opponents, the Stowe side lost 3—6, again being unfortunate enough to lose several 3—2 fights. For once, we were up against a side more pugnacious as well as bigger than ourselves.

Score :—

R.N. & R.M.		Stowe.	
FOILS.		FOILS.	
Defeats.		Defeats.	
Sub-Lieut. McDowell	— 0	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 2
Sub-Lieut. Rawnsley	— 1	H. D. H. Bartlett	— 2
Lieut. Mount Hars	— 1	C. S. McCallin	— 3
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	2		7
EPÉE.		EPÉE.	
Sub-Lieut. McDowell	— 2	F. J. Walter	— 0
Lieut. Mount Hars	— 2	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 1
Sub-Lieut. Madden	— 3	B. R. S. Houghton	— 2
	—		—
	7		3
SABRE.		SABRE.	
Lieut. Mount Hars	— 1	M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 2
Sub-Lieut. Rawnsley	— 1	F. J. Walter	— 2
Sub-Lieut. Madden	— 1	B. R. S. Houghton	— 2
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	3		6

#### STOWE v. ETON.

We may have a match against the Whigs (Old Stoics) on the last Saturday of term, but the fixture list for this term ended here on December 6th, when we beat Eton in a three-weapon match by 19 defeats to 25.

Once again, we have won all our school matches. This year Villiers-Stuart has set up a new 'record' by going undefeated through the foil sides of Eton, Harrow and Westminster.

The match opened with an Etonian win, C. R. Scott disposing somewhat easily of Houghton, who fails with the foil to reproduce in matches the form he shows among ourselves. Villiers-Stuart beat Scott-Fox, and later put us 3—2 ahead by a win against the redoubtable C. R. Scott, who captained the English Schoolboy side v. Scotland last year. Encouraged by this, we went ahead to 6—2, but Eton fought gamely to draw up, first to 6—5 and later to 7 all. However, wins by Villiers-Stuart and Walter, who was trying his hand with a new weapon, gave us the event at 9—7.

With the Epée, we always had affairs well in hand. Houghton and Walter again fought excellently, and Villiers-Stuart was only once defeated outright, though he only got one win. With this weapon, Eton showed marked improvement on previous form. This is no doubt due to their French instructor. We won here 11—8.

The sabre provided the surprise of the evening, for our own novice team defeated 5—4 a side which included C. R. Scott, the schoolboy champion. We just failed to beat him, but our sabreurs, fighting evenly, disposed of the other Etonians and made secure our victory in the match.

Score :—

Stowe.		Eton.	
FOILS.		FOILS.	
Defeats.		Defeats.	
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 0	C. R. Scott	— 1
H. D. H. Bartlett	— 2	D. Scott-Fox	— 2
F. J. Walter	— 2	B. A. Burrows	— 2
B. R. S. Houghton	— 3	H. Wansley	— 4
	—		—
	7		9
EPÉE.		EPÉE.	
B. R. S. Houghton	— 0	C. R. Scott	— 2
F. J. Walter	— 1	P. G. Evelyn	— 2
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 3	B. A. Burrows	— 3
V. C. Chambers	— 4	D. Scott-Fox	— 4
	—		—
	8		11
SABRE.		SABRE.	
M. F. Villiers-Stuart	— 1	C. R. Scott	— 0
R. H. Scott	— 1	B. A. Burrows	— 2
B. R. S. Houghton	— 2	D. Scott-Fox	— 3
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	4		5

## BOXING

About forty boys are taking boxing this term, and lessons have been given on four afternoons each week by Sergt. Elliott. The punching-ball has been in action for most of the term, though it leads a chequered existence and still refuses to be hit really hard; but in spite of this cowardly attitude it has been of great use.

The individual Competitions for those who take lessons in boxing will be held next term, and the conditions will be the same as last year. A match is also being arranged with St. Paul's School.



## THE LIBRARY

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

From Lord Gisborough:

'Soldiers and Statesmen: 1914-1918' (Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, Bart.), with an autograph letter by the author.

From the Hon. Ursula Challoner:

'On England' (Stanley Baldwin); 'The Origins of Empire' (Ian Colvin); 'The Prince' (Gwen John); 'Queen Elizabeth' (Gwen John).

From Lady Grace Baring:

'On the Road with Wellington' (A. L. F. Schaumann).

From Dr. P. A. Browne:

'Roman Pictures' (Percy Lubbock).

From Mr. Leslie Langton:

'Richmond Football Club.'

From Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Evans (through Mr. C. H. Ivatts):

'The Old Straight Track' (Alfred Watkins).

The following books have been bought:—

'Paradise Lost,' 'Lycidas and other Poems,' 'Arcades,' 'Samson Agonistes,' 'Comus and Lycidas,' 'Sonnets' (John Milton, edited by A. W. Verity); 'Poems' (John Donne); 'The Earthly Paradise' (William Morris); 'Langland's 'Piers the Plowman' (edited by W. W. Skeat); 'Tottel's 'Miscellany'; 'Poems' (John Skelton); 'The Political Thought of Heinrich von Treitschke' (H. W. C. Davis); 'Bismarck' (C. Grant-Robertson); 'The Second Empire' (Philip Guedalla); 'Select Documents of the French Revolution' (Wickham Legg); 'The Wars of the Roses' (R. B. Mowat); 'Studies in Napoleonic Statesmanship: Germany' (H. A. L. Fisher); 'Re-forging America' (Lothrop Stoddard); 'China and the Powers' (H. K. Norton); 'Historical Essays and Studies' (Lord Acton); 'The Students' Roman Empire' (J. B. Bury); 'The Religious Experiences of the Roman People' (Warde Fowler); 'Studies in Greek and Latin Scholarship' (A. W. Verrall); 'Plato' (A. E. Taylor); 'Religious Teachers of Greece' (J. Adams); 'The Great War between Athens and Sparta' (B. W. Henderson).

## ENTERTAINMENTS

### THE CINEMA.

'Few and good' has been the motto this term with regard to films, and the policy seems to have justified itself, the only losers being the patients in the Sick Bay, who have to submit to two reels picked out at random from the middle of the picture, instead of getting a complete short comedy.

We started with 'Beau Geste.' The audience knew the story of this from A to Z, and the production was generally approved. 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' was rather horrible in parts, but the tale was well told, and the staging and crowd scenes were excellently managed. 'Metropolis' was thought to be a triumph of technique, especially in the laboratory scene, but the plot was fantastic and the acting was overdone. 'Noises Off' have come to stay, and may be said to lend an air to the performance.

### FORM PLAYS.

Lower 4 B have dramatised a version of 'A Christmas Carol' for themselves, and are doing it at the Pineapple Club Concert in town. Middle 4 B have done two scenes from Drake by Louis N. Parker, those showing the first sighting of the Pacific and the trial of Doughty.

### HOUSE PLAYS.

Bruce got up 'Elegant Edward' and have rehearsed it themselves, without magisterial assistance. A caste from Chandos and Chatham has produced "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler." Both these plays will be performed at the School Concert.

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society is not yet over the prevailing dearth of good speakers. Probably, it will not be so until members of the School read more—and read more widely; though the want may have been felt more keenly this term, as several of the more effusive or less evasive members of the House have been working for scholarship examinations and were often unable to attend the meetings of the Society. These last are now open only to members and a selected number of outsiders: the absence of the mob has given us more air, less noise and a generally higher standard of debate.

The officers for the term are:—President, Mr. M. C. MacLaughlin; Vice-President, Mr. P. G. Hunter; Secretary, E. D. O'Brien; Committeeman, J. N. Feathers.

During the term, C. W. Hesketh, A. N. Balfour, L. M. Miall, A. A. Grumbar, E. B. Gowing, A. F. Ashburnham and G. R. Moorby have been elected members of the Society. At present, the number of members in the various houses is:—Chatham, 10; Temple, 9; Chandos, 6; Cobham, 5; Grenville, 4; Bruce, 1; Grafton, 1.

The thirtieth meeting was held on Saturday, October 15th, with the Vice-President in the chair. The motion was "that in the opinion of this House, England has much to learn from America."

J. M. Reeves (ex-Secretary) proposed, in a speech that might have gained by being delivered in shorter time, distorted the spirit of the motion, and declared that England might learn to avoid a list of American faults which he enumerated. Later, he found virtues which England might with advantage copy.

R. MacD. Barbour (ex-Secretary), in opposing, disliked the average American citizen, as portrayed by Sinclair Lewis. He mistrusted the over-development of machines, despised American justice and derided prohibition.

P. H. Lucas, when audible, seemed to think that the popular conception of the American was wrong. He elaborated the verbal twisting of the proposer, found further praiseworthy virtues in the American, and forecast the solving of one or two international questions as likely to come from America.

E. J. Oliver thought that Columbus would have hesitated to discover America, had he known the results that were to be. He thought America precocious, and disliked her methods generally. She was the melting-pot of the racial dregs of the earth.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, J. H. Whyte, A. A. Grumbar, C. H. Freat, C. W. Hesketh.

*Against the Motion*, Mr. J. H. Churchill (who made a short, but welcome, reappearance), D. S. Montagu Scott, The Secretary, G. R. Moorby, L. M. Miall and the Vice-President.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 5	Ayes - 2
Noes	- 8	Noes - 3
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Majority Against	3	Majority Against 1

The thirty-first meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, November 5th, the motion being 'That this House regrets that Parliament has never been blown up.'

D. S. MONTAGU SCOTT was both informative and informal. Probably, if he had trusted more to his very capable self and less to his text-book, he would have made more impression on the House. It is the way in which a word is said, rather than the word itself, which matters.

A. R. H. WARD tried to bring himself down to the level of the House. This latter he appears to under-estimate. Really, we are quite amusing, and so is he, when we are in the right mood.

R. H. G. CARR, who spoke third, made the best speech from the paper. He has improved considerably in debate, and may be really good if he is not afraid to let himself go.

T. R. WILLIAMS was perhaps too treacly. However, he mentioned the Great Armada, the Great War, and the bulldog qualities of the British people.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, The President, J. M. Reeves (ex-Secretary), E. B. Gowing and H. A. L. Montgomery Campbell.

*Against the Motion*, A. F. Ashburnham, G. R. Moorby, A. G. Howland-Jackson, C. D. Dulley, J. H. Whyte and G. R. de Havilland.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
Ayes	- 15	Ayes - 2
Noes	- 10	Noes - 8
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Majority For	5	Majority Against 6

The thirty-second meeting of the Society, held on November 26th, found before the House a motion of 'no confidence in His Majesty's Government.'

A. C. C. BRODIE deplored the Government, but failed to persuade most of us to share his views, both because they were so different and owing to an unfortunate muddle over his too copious notes. But he had our sympathy always, though it became a little strained when some muddle of adjectives led him to speak of a certain noble and particularly courteous Lord as a 'tough.'

J. N. FEATHERS, in a sound encyclopædic speech, did more than anyone else to defeat the motion.

C. D. DULLEY was at times funny, but his Ishmaelite attitude hardly invited supporters. All the same, we were sorry when the Hon. Proposer took direct action against him.

J. D. MURRAY filled in what gaps had been left by the Hon. Opposer.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, P. H. W. Davie.

*Against the Motion*, A. G. Howland-Jackson and A. N. Balfour.

There voted:	Upper House	Lower House
For the Vote of No Confidence	6	For the Vote of No Confidence 0
Against	- 16	Against - 17
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Majority Against	10	Majority Against 17

## MUSIC

The Choral Society has found Stanford's 'Revenge' quite as much as it can manage, though the work has proved worth the exertions it costs. The Orchestra pursues its somewhat chequered career; a reduction in the number of violins is to some extent compensated for by additions to the clarinet group, but we sadly miss our flute. Illness and other causes have seriously interfered with the practices, and at the time of going to press it is still doubtful whether a performance on the last Sunday is to be more than a pious hope.

A concert piano has at last been provided, through the munificence of the governors and certain masters, so that recitals and concerts are now practicable. Miss Marie Wilson gave us a very enjoyable violin recital on the afternoon of Sunday, December 11th, admirably accompanied by Mr. Watson.

## THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

The Society has had three meetings this term, at which 'The Yeoman of the Guard,' 'The Mikado' and 'The Gondoliers' were read. R. H. Scott has succeeded J. E. Dawson as Secretary, and H. P. Croom-Johnson, R. H. G. Carr and A. R. H. Ward have been elected members.

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Much interesting work has been produced this Term in view of the Annual Exhibition, which takes place towards the end of March.

Mr. Alfred Rutherston and Professor Gleadowe, Slade Professor of Fine Arts at Oxford, who inspected us in November, have kindly consented to deliver lectures in the course of next term. Mr. Timberlake and Mr. Wace have also promised to read papers.

B. R. S. Houghton has been appointed Secretary in place of A. Carden, who has resigned. The latter remains on the Committee. He has done excellent work as Secretary for the past year.

A number of fine casts have been acquired lately for the Art Room. Amongst them are a good statuette of Michael Angelo's David, a Neapolitan Princess by Francesco Laurano, and Juliano dei Medici by Polajuolo.



Wood Engraving.

GRUYÈRE, SWITZERLAND.

By A. Carden.

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Three meetings have been held this term and one more is imminent. Two of unusual importance have taken place during the term: the Club has faced a photographer for the first time, and has been presented with a handsome collection of 18th century designs by Mr. O. H. J. Bertram. The gift bears the inscription: 'Commissarius XII Scholarum d.d. Oliverus Bertram olim socius Stowe MDCCCXXVII.'

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Lantern slides and maps helped to complete the picture of scenery and people met with in those somewhat out-of-the-way mountainous parts.

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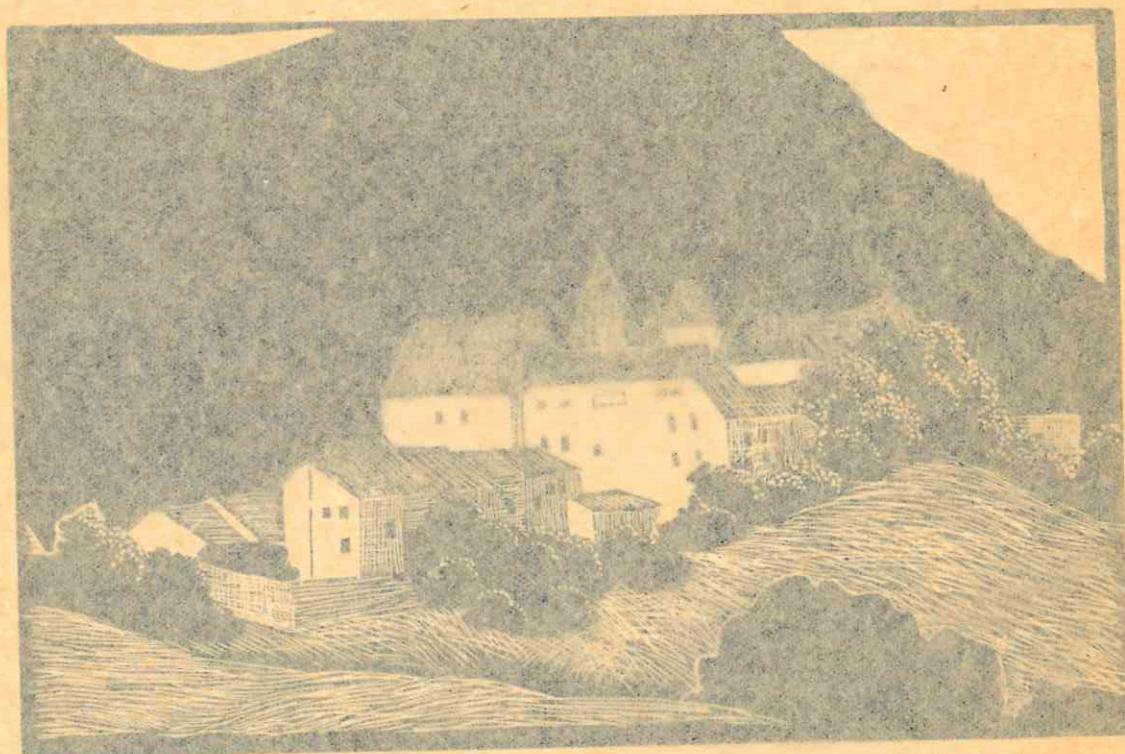
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The 'title-rôles' were supported by the President and R. MacD. Barbour respectively, and the Society gave unison renderings of such parts as "The Guardsmen," "The Roman Soldiers" and "The Women" with notable éclat. It is tempting to mention once more the Vice-President's 'unforgettable, unforgotten' stage directions, which are intoned in a low and vibrant voice, after the manner of some religious incantation.

B.C.G.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Two meetings of the Classical Society have been held this term. On October 23rd, Dr. P. A. Browne read a paper on the Latin Hexameter and Elegiac. He dwelt chiefly on the questions of the Cæsura and ending structure of the Hexameter, and on the Ovidian Pentameter restrictions. His main plea was for the recognition of the importance of the word-accent in Latin metres, conflicting with the verse ictus in the middle of the Hexameter and the end of the Pentameter, but coinciding with it at the end of the Hexameter and in the middle of the Pentameter, and of its influence in all Latin, as contrasted with Greek, verse structure.

On December 4th R. A. Atthill read a paper on the Minoan civilization. After mentioning the discoveries of Schliemann and Sir Arthur Evans, he dealt with Minoan art in the different periods of its culture, noting the chief characteristics and the notable examples of each phase. He then dealt in some detail with the palace at Knossos. The whole paper was illustrated by lantern slides, and by pictures where slides were not available.

A. F. Kerr has been elected Secretary for the coming term, and R. H. G. Carr a member of the Committee.

## THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY

G. A. Evans has been President of the Society this term, in succession to G. E. Loxton, and J. W. Evans has been Secretary, in succession to Mr. H. W. Heckstall-Smith. J. A. Brown and H. V. Kemp have been elected members to fill the places of G. A. Farthing and S. J. L. Taylor, who have become 'country members.'

On November 12th, the President read a paper on 'Metaphysical Theories,' the Society being allowed one paper a term on Metaphysics. This led to an interesting discussion.

At the time of going to press, two papers remain to be read before the Society, by R. A. Gardiner, on an astronomical subject, and by K. A. Goudge, on 'The Geology of the Andes.' Although an attempt was made by the Secretary to veto the last-named paper on the grounds that it was not connected with Physics, the majority of the Society was in favour of it.

Next term, however, we hope to limit ourselves more closely to pure theoretical Physics.

J.W.E.

## THE WIRELESS CLUB

The chief feature of the Club's activities this term has been a series of lectures kindly given by Mr. Heckstall-Smith on recent wireless developments.

So far he has told us about modern improvements in Low Frequency Amplification, with special reference to resistance capacity coupling and anode bend rectification. It is interesting to note in this connection that, while this was the first form of valve rectification, it went out of use some time ago, but is now regaining popularity. We hope to have additional lectures in this series, as it is becoming difficult to keep up to date now that wireless is making such rapid progress.

The Sanatorium is now fitted up with wireless in some of the wards, chiefly through the energy of Mr. Hole, the Vice-President.

The Club has recently bought a complete new outfit of tools, which has helped constructors greatly. Several members have made useful sets this term, including some 'portables,' which give excellent results. We still wish, however, that more members would show signs of activity in this direction.

J.F.C.

## THE RIFLE CLUB

The Club has had a somewhat uneventful term, as its activities have been hampered by the weather.

The score required in order to pass the Club Test has been raised from 70 to 90, and the system of handicaps has been revised.

This term, J. H. Muir and R. E. Walrond each won a silver spoon, presented by Major Haworth, while E. P. W. Stebbing won a "Daily Telegraph" Certificate and K. A. Goudge the "Bell Medal."

It is hoped to arrange some matches with other schools next term.

R.E.W.

## CHAPEL OFFERTORIES

### COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Early services (up to November 27th) ... ..	15	2	9
Stowe Club (October 2nd) ... ..	22	1	0
Chapel expenses (November 6th) ... ..	19	4	0

### EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Wine at Early services (estimated) ... ..	15	0	0
Flowers (estimated) ... ..	1	5	0
Wages ... ..	6	0	0
Reading lamp ... ..	1	19	0
Repair ... ..	11	9	0

At the end of the term, all but a balance of £5 will be paid from this account into Stowe Club,

A.B.C., Hon. Treas.

## CORNISH STOWE AND THE GRANVILLES

IT was quite by chance that we found ourselves in the neighbourhood of old Stowe, where once stood the Cornish home of the Granville (Grenville, Greinville) family. Stowe, which consists to-day of nothing more than a farm house, is three miles west of the village of Kilkhampton, one mile from the sea, and lies on the northern slope of one of those beautiful combes that run down to a sandy, rocky beach of the Atlantic. Kilkhampton is in the extreme north-west corner of the county, not far from the Devon border, within easy reach of Bideford and Clovelly, and a hundred miles from Land's End.

After the Norman Conquest the manor of Kilkhampton was granted to Robert Fitz-Hamon, the celebrated Earl of Gloucester, as a reward for his support of the Crown in Odo's revolt (1088). He married the daughter of Robert, Lord of Granville in Normandy, and bestowed the manor of Kilkhampton (with that of Bideford) on the Granvilles.

The parish church is one of the oldest and most beautiful in Cornwall, boasting a very fine Norman doorway and a complete set of old carved bench-ends that are unique in the country. Inside and outside the church there are frequent reminders of the Granville family. On the outer-porch leading to the Norman doorway is carved on the granite stone *Porta Celi* (Gate of Heaven) with the date 1567, and on either side the initials of the rector of that time, J. G. (John Granville). There have been Granville rectors from time to time, and the advowson has been in the gift of the family continuously since the reign of King John. The right to present was disputed on one occasion during the 14th century, and the Bishop of Exeter appointed one nominee and Granville another. This led to excommunication and an armed fracas; bows were bent and arrows flew; and the sequel was that Granville had to present himself at the Bishop's manor at Chudleigh on bended knee to confess his sin and crave absolution. The family arms (gules, three clarions, or) occur in many places, on the font, the bench-ends, and the monuments in the church.

Three miles from the village, past the hamlet of Stibb, a narrow lane brings us to the site of old Stowe house. The former of the two mansions erected by the Granvilles has been described as a "huge rambling building, half castle, half dwelling-house, with quaint terraces, statues, knots of flowers, clipped yews and hollies." "No house on the Tamar side," wrote Stephen Hawker, the poet-parson of neighbouring Morwenstow, "ever accumulated so rich and varied a store of association and event. Thither the sons of the Cornish gentry were accustomed to re-

sort, to be nurtured and brought up with the children of Sir Bevil Granville and Lady Grace; for the noble Knight was literally 'the glass wherein the youth' of those ancient times 'did dress themselves'." But it was Sir Bevil's grandfather who was the most famous occupant, the great Sir Richard of the *Revenge*. History tells us that he commanded, for his cousin, Sir Walter Raleigh, a fleet for the colonization of Virginia; and in the Stowe library of the late Duke of Buckingham was a copy of a publication issued in 1590 at Frankfort: "A briefe and true report of the newe founde land of Virginia, discovered by Sir Richard Greinville Knight in 1585." The grandson mentioned above, Sir Bevil, earned fame as a soldier. He served against the Scots in 1639, defeated the Parliamentarians at Braddock Down, and was slain at the battle of Lansdowne, near Bath, on July 5th, 1643. His body was brought to old Stowe and deposited in the family vault of Kilkhampton. The monument erected by his grandson, Lord Lansdowne, sets forth his glory, and the epitaph concludes with the lines:

"Where shall the next famed Granville's ashes stand?  
Thy grandsire fills the sea, and thou the land."

In the time of Sir Bevil's son it seems that the old mansion was pulled down and another built on a site close by. Charles Kingsley thus describes it in "Westward Ho!" "Eighty years after Sir Richard's death there arose a huge Palladian pile, bedizened with every monstrosity of bad taste, which was built, so the story runs, by Charles the Second for Sir Richard's great-grandson, the heir of that famous Sir Bevil who died fighting valiantly at Lansdowne over Bath. But like most other things which owe their existence to the Stuarts, it rose only to fall again. An old man who had seen, as a boy, the foundation of the new house laid, lived to see it pulled down again, and the very bricks and timber sold upon the spot; and since then the stables have become a farm house, the tennis-court a sheep-cote, the great quadrangle a rick-yard."

This later mansion was demolished in 1739: the staircase was removed to Prideaux Place, Padstow, and the carved cedar wood of the chapel was bought by Lord Cobham for his mansion of Stowe in Buckinghamshire. The panelling is to find another and doubtless an abiding home in the new chapel of Stowe School.

The capacious farm-house, which stands to-day on part of the site of old Stowe, receives lodgers and regales the passing tourist with tea and Cornish cream. It has been built chiefly with stones taken from the second mansion, the old foundations of which lie partly exposed and partly buried in the adjoining fields. "Sic transit gloria mundi."

E.

## FOR A STOIC OF THE FUTURE

When you from out another age  
 Shall come to claim your heritage,  
 You shall discover ere you go  
 The mysteries we used to know.  
 For you shall Winter trimly grace  
 The enchanted trees with snowy lace ;  
 Summer shall be a strip of blue  
 Above the Chestnut Avenue ;  
 The Grecian Valley's dew-drenched grass  
 In Spring shall sparkle as you pass ;  
 Not all in vain shall be your search  
 For rabbits by the little Church,  
 And like a flash across your way  
 Squirrels shall dart their streaks of gray.  
 Then, as of old, the sun shall fall  
 On pillar and arch and mellow wall ;  
 For you shall windows nightly make  
 Gleams of gold in the silent lake.  
 Along your paths, as daylight fades,  
 Shall flit the elect Augustan shades ;  
 Dimly a spectral Pope shall glide,  
 Our younger phantoms by his side.  
 Solemnly through the starlit gloom  
 The Chapel's classic grace shall loom ;  
 And you will slowly turn to keep  
 Contented tryst with night and sleep . . .

And we—shall we have left it all,  
 Dead and forgotten, past recall ?  
 Or shall we wake to hear your spell  
 Rustle the fields of asphodel ?  
 Surely some murmur oft may glide  
 Across the dark Lethean tide ;  
 Faintly and far the ages long  
 Shall bring your cheering and your song,  
 Mingled with laughter that bestirs  
 Laughing echoes adown the years ;  
 Faintly and far from time to time  
 Shall sound your sweet, unpunctual chime.

If these things be, shall we or you  
 Best love the mysteries we knew ?  
 Happier he whose bat he wields  
 In Bourbon or Elysian Fields ?  
 And shall not you at length agree  
 To share our immortality ?

J.M.R.

## MAGIC

Magic, in the old sense, has gone. That, however, is its least important aspect. There is a more alluring side—the magic of environment.

One's very thoughts seem cleaner on seeing a swift-flowing mountain stream by moonlight, the foam and boiling sand shimmering with a diamond lustre in the moonlight.

Magic seems *personified* by a hill-side pine-wood at night. The pines loom up like an army of slender wraiths. Towards the edge of the wood, the delicate profile of the hills shows in silhouette against a silver sky ; the tumbled grandeur seen by day is gone, and now the hills look truly in repose, brooding and magnificent. The cries of the night-hunters heighten the effect of the unnatural. The scream of a vixen, eerie and desolate, blends with the mellow hooting of a brown owl, and the strange symphony floats skyward, echoing among the mountains.

There is magic on a wild moor at early dawn, when objects seem spirit-like through the bursting columns of mist ; when the sharp cackle of a grouse is pregnant with unknown meaning.

There is magic in a sunset seen from a river flowing through woods, when the long, gaunt shadows of the firs point eastward, and the floor of the woods is a mosaic of black and gold. The red light plays lingeringly on the deep, slow pools, but dances, tumbling and iridescent, in the froths and foams of the rapids.

There is a magic in names. Kandahar, Mandalay, Mysore, raise visions of the still East, a conglomeration of sects and nations, living side by side, thinking in a methodical fashion of things white men cannot understand. Bendigo, Broken Hill, Nullarbor, give one to think of a land forlorn and hostile, full of the shattered hopes of broken men. Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, are the very breath puffs of the prairies.

Klondike, Athabasca, Lonely Island, seem to suggest the dead ice-wastes of the cold North.

The old magic of the incantation, spell and horoscope has passed away, but there remains the better, cleaner magic of Nature.

T. J. FIRBANK.

## A DERELICT

Far below me the sluggish river winds its way between up-standing cliffs. Above me a derelict castle rears its battlements, which look—as they have looked for ages—across the river and the spreading vineyards that cling to the mountain sides. To-day it presents a scene of desolation: the massive doors, that used to hold at bay the swarming enemy, now hang loose upon their rusty hinges. Ivy and the wild convolvulus twine round each crenellated coign of vantage.

The thick walls crumble; the turrets moulder. The inner courtyard, where men, in the vigour of their youth, drew up for battle with exultant cries, now lies desolate.

The moss-grown halls re-echo to the stranger's tread: each sound reverberates from wall to wall. In the dark corridors, that reek of age and damp, the silent bat swoops through the heavy air, and from the loopholes of the twisting stairs jackdaws take their startled flight.

Overhanging the river is the chapel, now but a heap of ruins. Its altar lies broken, and its font is shattered. Wild creepers intrude through the unglazed windows. Above the entrance door is a little balcony supported by a grotesque corbel-table. The corbels themselves have fallen—all but one—an old man with a straggling beard, thin tapering fingers and hollow cheeks; his eyes bulge from a wrinkled forehead; his toothless gums are parted in a mirthless grin. Upon his lap there rests a scythe. He gazes through a window of the ruined chapel upon the massive walls of the old keep. He is Time: he alone remains the master of the derelict castle.

Some day, however, Time himself will destroy this temple erected to him; his shrine will crumble and his image be broken:

“ . . . a god self-slain on his own strange altar.”

B. R. S. HOUGHTON.

## THE NEW GENERATION

**A**N anonymous Schoolmaster who writes an article in the 'Armistice Number' of the *St. Martin's Review*, makes some rather provocative statements about the generation now growing up, about its relation to its parents, and about the difficulty that 'men born before 1900' have in understanding it. By the kindness of Mr. 'Dick' Sheppard, *The Stoic* is allowed to reproduce here a few paragraphs from this article, and the Editor hopes that some reader who either belongs to the 'new generation' himself or is one of its much criticized parents, will feel moved to write a reply.

We might have expected these young people, since they are young, to be full of idealism and unselfishness, to dream constantly of reforming the world, to rebel at eighteen against our view of life and conform to it at twenty-five, and to have a good deal of difficulty with their passions and their morals. That is what young people are usually thought to be like. But the young people of 1927 are not like that at all. They may seem non-moral and pleasure-seeking, but they are not immoral and they are not passionate. They neither rebel nor conform; they ignore. Their outlook is startlingly selfish. Their ideals are hard to find, and they do not at all wish to reform the world, though a few of them wish to destroy it. In their social life, in their morality, in their citizenship, they are largely unlike what we expect them to be and totally unlike themselves.

In their private lives the young people of 1927 do not rebel against their parents' authority as we rebelled when we were young. But that is because the parents do not exercise their authority; there is nothing to rebel against. The young men lead the strikes, and their fathers, who want peace, do not dare to vote for it. The Public Schoolboy of sixteen has his motor-bicycle in the holidays and drives it how he will. He will probably kill himself and others—but his father leaves all that to him. The girl of seventeen drinks a row of cocktails between tennis and dinner, and dances at a night club half her nights, but her mother lets her spoil her health in her own way and goes to bed at ten herself. There is no rebellion, because there is no government. The British Parent has abdicated, and his children have already forgotten him. . . .

If you look at their citizenship, you see that the old hopeful idealism which fifteen years ago turned many Undergraduates and a few Public Schoolboys into 'Liberals' has disappeared. Now-a-days the young men are either disillusioned communists who would uproot what exists because no substitute could be worse, or 'die-hards' who would fight in the last ditch for their rights and their old way of life. There is not much hope abroad just now among young people, but there is much despair and much defiance.

This is the terrible legacy of the General Strike, which has hardened more hearts in England even than the war. There have long been 'Two Nations' in the country, but it is only since that week in May, 1926, that so many of the young people on both sides have known each other not only for foreigners, but for enemies. During those disastrous days, one half of us saw organized selfishness riding triumphantly in cars and buses and lorries through the forces that were fighting to get us justice and a decent life; and the other half of us saw organized selfishness trying to rob us of our lawful inheritance and destroy all the culture and beauty that the toil of centuries had built up. One half of us rose gallantly to fight for the weak and oppressed and threw stones at the forehead of Goliath; and the other half of us drove lorries to keep the country fed while the stones whistled past our foreheads and sometimes hit them. Hate and fear made a war, and the war (as wars do) multiplied the hate and fear. They are with us still, and in the Schools and Universities they are not hard to see. If you are an Undergraduate who unloaded butter at Hull eighteen months ago and were spat at through the railings, the people who spat at you are now the enemy. If you are at School and are told there that there is poverty in England and foul slums in her fairest cities, you know at once that this is just rank communism, for at home the family will not let such things be spoken of now and call people who mention them 'damned socialists.' Such is the legacy of the General Strike. . . .



As a result of all this, the writer claims, the reaction of the new generation to poverty is different from that of the old. At every point the two generations are inaccessible to each other.

Does not the war unite us? We fought it for ourselves, but we won it for them. Does that not make a bridge across the gulf? It does not, and how could it? Those of them born after 1908 or so never felt the war as we felt it.

'But why is it called a *Trench Coat*?'

'Because they wore that kind in the trenches.'

'What trenches?'

So they talk in France (the papers say), and it is the same thing here. Even the loss of a father or a brother is only a memory of childhood now to young people just grown up. November 11th is not their day—at least, they do not believe that it is. During the Silence we think of things that cannot be spoken and can hardly be borne, and of men whom we shall love until we die. But what have they to think of? What is in their minds? A sense of solemnity and some stirring of faint memories and vague loyalties, and that is all.

The writer goes on to ask whether there is nothing that the middle-aged can do for the young, in spite of the gulf between them. He concludes that education can give a great deal of help in building a good world for the new generation to live in, that contact of class with class can give still more, and that religion will give most of all.

Of education he says:—

If we tried by education simply to make the new generation like our own, we should be doing wrong and we should fail. We can only help them to be themselves, and try to help them to be better than we are. And we have got to do that largely through their brains. For education can act directly only upon the mind; its action on the spirit must always be indirect. By the education of the mind much can be done, and without it nothing. You cannot put a reasoned appeal before a man who has no knowledge, or no imagination, or no power of thought. What is wrong with the wild man of Labour? He is short of knowledge. What is wrong with the Tory die-hard? He is short of imagination. Why can neither of them form a balanced judgment on the problems of to-day? Because neither has the power of co-ordinating facts and basing his conclusions on them. If the generation which is so soon to take charge of England is to be fit for its work, it must have knowledge and imagination, and the power of thought, and only from education can it get them. The first thing then is to believe in education and to give our children as much and as good teaching as can be got for them. Not an exercise or a sum done now in an English classroom will be without its effect on the England of the future. By such things boys can learn to think. Not a lesson in History or Poetry need be without effect, for by them imagination may be stirred. If when you are ten you conquer with Cæsar and sail with Columbus and seek the Grail with Galahad, at thirty you may be able to see the men and women behind the statistics of the Ministry of Health. Knowledge, too, can be given in a classroom, and we shall have to give it—such knowledge as citizens ought to have. Englishmen ought to know how England works, how it is governed, how it is fed; they ought to know how wealth is got from the ground, how enterprise is rewarded and capital and labour hired; how the injured and the workless

are kept from starving; how disease can be checked; how death-rates change; how nations trade with each other; how populations grow or shrink or move across the map. There is work and to spare for us schoolmasters, if only the rest of you can believe in us and if we can be worthy of your trust.

Of the contact of classes he says:—

But there is more teaching to be done than schoolmasters can ever manage by themselves. It is not enough for Englishmen to know all about England. They have got to know each other, and if they are to do that they must begin young. Our generation has this much to its credit: it has begun to organize meetings in Games and Camps and Clubs between young English people of different kinds and classes. There is no better way in which it could be serving the country. And we must go on with this work and extend it more and more. Yet contact can only be made at a few far-separated points. Whatever happens it can never be made all along the line, for the numbers involved are too immense.

We must go on with the work, but it will never by itself clear up our difficulties. It is a fine work and a necessary one, so far as it goes, but it can never go all the way.

There is only one thing that can go all the way, that can make a difference big enough to matter much, and in the opinion of the rather unorthodox layman who is writing this, that one thing is Christianity.

What is said further on Religion need not be printed here, but if, after reading the rest of what we have quoted, any reader of *The Stoic* feels that he has an answer ready for this middle-aged critic, the Editor would be glad to have the opportunity of considering it for publication. The original article was clearly designed to provoke comment or contradiction, and it will be disappointing if comment at any rate is not forthcoming.

## OLD STOIC NEWS

The Cambridge University Old Stoic Society held its first Dinner on November 29th. The Headmaster was the guest of the evening. There were present: E. R. Ivory, B. W. Day, C. D. Harrison, N. A. McLeod, R. F. Reid, A. L.-H. Sinclair, M. Stirling, T. P. Ward.

The C.U.O.S.S. has found its way into that well-known organ of University thought—*The Granta*. Under the heading of *Socie—ties* occurs the following:—'Among the notable additions to Cambridge ties this term are the Cambridge Old Stoics and the Table-Tennis Club.'

The first Old Stoic Dinner will be held in London on Friday, December 23rd, at the Trocadero Restaurant.

Last season E. R. Avory won the singles in the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Tournament at Queen's Club.

At Cambridge, this term, he was runner up in the singles of the Freshmen's Tournament and won the doubles with E. D. Andrews (champion of New Zealand).

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## LATE NEWS

### FOOTBALL.

The following Colours have been awarded this term :—

FIRST XV—A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, G. S. L. Burroughes, D. W. Thompson, W. D. McComb, R. Russell, E. J. Oliver.

SECOND XV—G. S. L. Burroughes, J. I. Crookston, A. N. Balfour, R. Russell, D. W. Thompson, E. J. Oliver, B. Brind, R. A. Anderson, R. H. G. Carr, J. D. G. Niven, C. N. M. Blair, F. J. Walter, J. B. Charles, R. W. McDowell, V. G. Stuart.

### THE SCHOOL v. RADLEY COLLEGE.

Played at Radley on December 10th, the School winning by two goals and two tries (16 points) to nil.

This was our first meeting on level terms with Radley, and, as at St. Paul's, the side was prepared to go, and did go, absolutely "all out." Just at the beginning Radley were hooking and heeling well, but in spite of this we got into their half and kept up a steady pressure. A number of passes went astray, but after less than ten minutes' play, Gadney sent Oliver over in the corner. Dashwood kicked a very fine goal.

Soon after this McComb had to be carried off with an injured knee, but our seven took charge and completely outplayed the Radley eight for the remainder of the game. When the Radley threes got the ball they were put down with certainty by our line, and they seldom looked dangerous. So well did our halves and three-quarters tackle that Dunsford was seldom called upon.

In the second half, with the exception of a short period when Radley worked down to our line, we were all over them. The backs were handling now with much greater accuracy, and from a good movement Ellis went over. Then Gadney scored a characteristic try from the base of the scrum and finally Anderson scored after some scrambling play. Dashwood converted the last try with another fine kick.

The features of the match were the magnificent play of the forwards both in attack and defence, one tackle of Thompson's in the second half being especially worthy of mention, and the greatly improved form shown by the three-quarters in marking-up, and consequently in smothering attacks early. The halves, although not quite finding each other just at the beginning, played a very fine game, both in attack and defence.

Team :—A. Dunsford; J. I. Crookston, H. W. Gill, R. W. D. Sword, E. J. Oliver; D. C. Ellis, B. C. Gadney; J. A. Dashwood, A. R. C. Watson, A. F. Kerr, D. W. Thompson, W. D. McComb, R. Russell, A. N. Balfour, R. A. Anderson.

### FENCING.

The following Table shows the results of the inter-House Fencing Matches :—

Grafton	Temple	}	Temple	}	Chatham
Temple	6—4				
Chandos	Chandos	}	Chatham	}	5—3
Bruce	5—3				
Cobham	Chatham	}	Chatham	}	5—3
Chatham	Grenville				

### SQUASH.

The preliminary rounds of the House Competition were played on Monday, December 12th, and Thursday, December 15th.

### FIRST ROUND.

Chatham beat Grafton easily by 3 matches to 0.  
Bruce beat Grenville by 2 matches to 1. Charles and Dunsford had a very good match, Charles winning in the end by 3 games to 2.

Cobham beat Chandos by 2 matches to 1. Balfour and Brind both won their matches, leaving Barbour and Reid to decide the tie. Reid just managed to win in the fifth game.

### SEMI-FINALS.

Chatham v. Bruce. Chatham won by 2 matches to 1.  
Walter beat Dunsford by 3 games to 1.  
Rowlatt lost to Eastwood by 2 games to 3.  
Kemp beat Barrington by 3 games to 0.

Cobham *v.* Temple. Cobham won by 2 matches to 1.  
 Balfour beat Morley-Fletcher by 3 games to 1.  
 Reid lost to Howland-Jackson by 0 games to 3.  
 Keith beat Ward by 3 games to 1.

## FINAL.

Chatham *v.* Cobham. Chatham won by 2 matches to 1.

The most encouraging feature of these matches has been the great improvement in the general standard of play since last year.

Two performances of a Concert, to raise funds for the first year's upkeep of the Pineapple Club, are being given by members of the School at the Rudolph Steiner Hall, on December 22nd and 23rd.

If all the tickets are sold, we shall make at least £140 after expenses are paid, which will be an appreciable slice out of the £500 which we shall probably have to raise.

At the time of going to press some £50 worth of tickets remain unsold. They can be obtained from the "Club Secretary," or from the Hall Box Office, 33, Park Road, N.W. 1 (Telephone: Paddington 8219).

THE BARBER READING PRIZE, 1927.  
 Senior, D. C. ELLIS; Junior, G. V. SEYMOUR.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

P. H. LUCAS has won the Burn Scholarship for History at University College, Oxford.

E. D. O'BRIEN has won an open History Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford.

J. M. REEVES has won an open Scholarship for English and French at Jesus College, Cambridge.

*These are the first University Scholarships to be won by members of this School.*



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