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THE crew took up residence at Henley on the evening of Friday, June 29th. The same system that had proved so satisfactory last year was used again, the crew staying by two's and threes with Old Westminsters and friends who were kind enough to put us up, while meals were taken in the Angel Hotel. On Saturday the draw was held, and Westminster were due to row the winners of the first round heat between Bryanston and Bedford, both reputed to be strong crews. Practice was quite encouraging and by the time the Regatta started the crew were feeling confident that they would be able to produce a good row.

The race between Bryanston and Bedford was very exciting, and Bedford won by one and three-quarter lengths, but the crews had been about level until nearly the beginning of the enclosures. Obviously Bedford were powerful over the last part of the course, and when a slight head-wind appeared on the next day, it seemed that their advantage of half a stone might be very useful to them. The race was rowed at 12.5 on Thursday, July 5th. Westminster on the Bucks station had some difficulty getting straight, but the umpire was helpful and got the crews away to a good start, both striking high rates. By the end of the island Bedford had about a canvas; this was unexpected, for our starts had normally been fast enough to lead most crews, and stroke put in a spurt in an attempt to make up the lost ground. But Bedford went away again, and had a lead of about half a length by the barrier; by Fawley it was two-thirds of a length. The rates of striking of both crews were fairly high up to this point, and the Fawley time, 3 minutes 32 seconds, was the fastest done by a school crew that day. After that, Bedford began to go away steadily, and put clear water between the boats, but at Remenham Westminster spurted again and closed the gap. By the enclosures, however, the strain began to tell, and Bedford rowed right away to beat a very tired crew by two and a half lengths. The course time, 7 minutes 23 seconds, was also the fastest School's time of the day, but conditions were very variable. Westminster's row was certainly not bad; the boat was covering a fair amount of water at a high rate, the blades were always well

together, and the rhythm never faltered; but the crew seemed slightly to lack the confidence to give their very best performance when down, which, after all, is not a very unusual trouble.

In the next round Bedford beat Monkton Combe without much difficulty and went on to win over Radley by one and a quarter lengths in the final. St. Paul's, one of our tideway opponents, beat Shrewsbury fairly comfortably and Winchester after a dead heat, but went out to Radley by three-quarters of a length; Tiffin's were beaten by four and a half lengths by Monkton Combe. Since we had lost to St. Paul's by only half a length, and beaten Tiffins by four and a half, it is obvious the crew was well up to standard of the Princess Elizabeth Cup, and its general performance shows that it cannot have been far from being the best Westminster crew since the war.

MARLOW REGATTA

In the first round of the Public Schools' Challenge Vase (for crews not competing at Henley), Westminster rowed against St. Paul's at 6.40 on the evening of Friday, June 22nd. Westminster were on the Bucks station and were therefore started half a length down, to make up for the advantage of the first bend, and although the crews were delayed some time on the stake boats, they got away to a good start, striking thirty-eight, and were still half a length up at Bisham Church. There, however, St. Paul's began to spurt, and the crews were level as they came into the final straight reach. Westminster, who had held the advantage up till then, rowing well and at a lower rate of striking than St. Paul's, must have begun to panic, for St. Paul's drew away to win by one and a half lengths. The winners were beaten in the next round by Bedford, who lost the final to Radley and Eton.

The first eight were not due to race until 2.45 on Saturday, when they were up against Queen's College, Cambridge, who won Marlow eights last year, and Lensbury. Westminster went off the start very well, striking forty-two, and in spite of the staggered start had a good lead by the bend,



THE VIII AT HENLEY

Photo: G. Bushell & Son, Henley-on-Thames

and after it, were leading Lensbury by about a length, with Queen's about another half a length behind them. This lead was maintained, or even increased until the crews had passed Bisham Church, where Queen's overtook Lensbury and began to challenge Westminster, who had to row at full pressure, striking thirty-six to win by three-quarters of a length in 4 minutes 27 seconds. This was certainly the crew's best row yet, but at no time could the pressure be relaxed and everyone was very exhausted. This was a bad sign for the next heat, which was only two hours later, against Bedford Modern School, who had raced in the morning and won without difficulty, and Radley College, who raced five minutes after Westminster but had an easier race and returned a slower time. This time Westminster were on the Berks station with Bedford Modern in the centre and Radley on Bucks. The start was fairly good again, but round the bend Radley led Bedford Modern by half a length and they in turn led Westminster by the same distance. Westminster by this time were very tired indeed, and though the row was not bad, there was not enough power left to catch up again. Radley beat Bedford Modern by a length, with Westminster another length behind them. In the next round, only just over an hour later, Radley were beaten by Clare and Magdalen.

SCHOOL'S LEAGUE RACES

THE first eight raced Tiffins on May 30th at Kingston over a seven-minute course against the stream. Tiffins won the toss and chose Surrey Station, on the outside of a slight bend. Both crews got away to fairly good starts and by the end of the first minute, Westminster were about half a length up. This advantage increased gradually to about one and a half lengths about three-quarters of the way over the course. Here Tiffins put in some very determined spurts, but Westminster replied and kept clear water between the boats all the time. This was evidently Tiffins last effort, for Westminster drew steadily away to win by four and a half lengths.

St. Paul's had beaten Tiffins by about the same distance and it was clear that the race against them would be very close. Fortunately there was a long interval between the two races, and the eight went back to Molesey for a week, where once again the better water helped us to tidy up the blade work and timing. The race was rowed at 5.30 on Wednesday, June 20th, from Hammersmith Bridge to the University Boat Race stone at Putney. It was little more than an hour and a half after high water, and the water was rough. Westminster, striking thirty-nine, did not have a very

good start, and St. Paul's, striking forty-two, took about a canvas in the first fifteen strokes. This lead they held till about the mile-post, where they increased it to about three-quarters of a length, but Westminster spurted round Fulham Football Ground and with the advantage of the bend, came up again. But between Beverley Brook and the Black Buoy, St. Paul's put on the pressure, and by the boathouse had at least three-quarters of a length; at this point, Westminster had to leave their course slightly to pass to Middlesex of a tug with a string of barges, so that during the final spurt the crews would not be seeing each other. They came out from the tug just before they crossed the line, with St. Paul's half a length ahead. Thus St. Paul's came top of the League again with Westminster second.

The second eight had rather a disappointing season, losing all their races and therefore coming last in the second league. They certainly improved a lot during the term, and were unlucky in that conditions at Putney were very bad during the first half of the turn, so that they were unable to get properly together. City of London School, who raced them on July 9th, were definitely too strong for them, and rowed right away to win by three lengths. Since they had drawn St. Paul's second eight in the first round at Marlow Regatta, it was decided to award League points on the Marlow results, unless the losing crew wished to challenge the winners over the longer Putney course. On June 27th they rowed Owen's first eight and, although they held them over the first part of the course they lost by two lengths to a crew that was well together and powerful. On the following Friday evening they raced Burway Rowing Club in the first round of the Junior Eights at Kingston Borough Regatta, and lost by three-quarters of a length.

The third eight was a crew that raced very hard and went fast when they were together. Tiffins second eight beat them in a very close race at Putney by six feet, and St. Paul's third eight, after a neck-and-neck race, won by one and a quarter lengths when Westminster caught a crab; but Owen's second eight lost by four lengths.

The fourth and seventh eights both came top of their leagues equally with Latymer third and fourth eights respectively. The fourth eight was the only school crew to beat a St. Paul's crew and they also disposed of U.C.S. fifth eight and K.C.S. second eight without much difficulty. The fifth eight lost to St. Paul's fifth by three feet, after a very good race, beat Harrow County Second, but lost to the second eights of Chiswick and Emanuel, while the sixth eight lost to St. Paul's sixth and Tiffins third, beat Quintin second comfortably and rowed a dead heat with Owens

third. Thus two of our crews came top of their Leagues and one came last; the fifth and sixth eights had some good racing, and the fourth and seventh, both young crews, had a very encouraging season indeed.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 3RD VIII AND COLTS REGATTA

This regatta inaugurated by St. Edward's School in 1947 took place this year at Eton. Hitherto we had not considered our standard was high enough to warrant our competing; this year, however, we decided to take the plunge and see how we fared.

The third eights' event is open to all School 3rd eights and to 2nd eights of those schools who do not as a rule enter 2nd eights for the Public School Vase at Marlow. There were on this occasion 10 schools entered, and in the first round we were beaten by a strong Winchester crew, but succeeded in beating St. Paul's by a third of a length, thus reversing the previous week's decision at Putney. The crews finishing second in their heats rowed each other in the afternoon and Beaumont, after an excellent race, beat our third eight by 3 feet. Winchester won the final in convincing style.

The qualification for the colts is a little misleading, competitors must have at least one more full year at school—their age doesn't matter. As our crew were all under 16 on January 1st and averaged only 10 stone 1 pound, we expected to meet older and heavier opponents, and this was generally the case. Eight crews had entered, and in our first heat we succeeded in defeating Shrewsbury by half a length and Bryanston by a length. In the final a strong and heavy (11 st. 8 lbs.) crew from St. Edwards beat us by two lengths, Winchester finishing second half a length in front of us. In the race for crews finishing second, Shrewsbury defeated Radley and King's Canterbury. The course for both competitions was the same—from Datchett to the "Master's Boathouse."—four and three-quarter minutes with two alarming-looking bends. These, however, our coxes manipulated with great skill.

We should like to thank Eton for the efficient running of the Regatta and for the generous hospitality and most enjoyable day they gave us.

MASTER OF TRINITY

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., to be Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, in place of Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, who has resigned. Professor Adrian is the first Westminster to be appointed Master of Trinity since John Hincliffe, who was appointed in 1768.

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

A PLEASANT TERM IN LONDON

FOR once Londoners have been able to evade the sympathy of countrymen over their tribulations in a city summer. Westminster has been looking pleasant enough at the moment for us to be able to sympathize with the unlucky country mice who have been unable to visit us in our luxurious surroundings. Exeat was merely an interval to allow us to recover our breath before plunging once more into the round of pleasure at school. Fields and the river welcomed us on our return with smiling features, beguiling us from the path of duty and preparation for the General Certificate: fencers found solace amid the delights of Mr. Fisher's wonderful resurrection of Ashburnham Garden; Yard, with its new coat of paint and its pink geraniums is a paradise, compared at least with the writer's impression of a crowded and dusty High at Oxford. Outside the School, too, London has sprung into life. The widespread floodlighting, which is becoming almost a commonplace, is shown to be not a dissemblance of a dull interior, but rather a manifestation of the interior's gaiety. A constant stream of concerts and exhibitions of paintings and sculpture, combined of course with less purely educational amusements, is showing London at her best.

Nor is Westminster behind in the pursuit of the Muse. Dr. McKie produced an unrivalled programme of concerts of church music in the Abbey, which came to those of us who had been attending his excellent course of lectures on the Abbey Organists as a practical demonstration of the points that he had been putting to us. One remembers especially a fine performance of the Messiah by the combined Abbey and Bach Choirs with the Jacques orchestra, and the rendering by the Abbey Choir of some sixteenth-century motets.

On a less cultural plane some notice should be given to the Inspection of the C.C.F. on June 14th by Colonel the Viscount Dalrymple, M.B.E., who is the Colonel commanding the Scots Guards. The inspection was carried out in brilliant sunshine on the morning of the first day of the Exeat, but apparently neither the heat nor the prospect of a square meal at home hindered the Corps from making a good impression.

Those who have heard with sorrow the announcement of the retirement of Canon Donaldson will be glad to hear that he does not intend to leave Westminster. Most boys in the

School have received a kind word of greeting from him in the past, and it gives us great pleasure to know that he will still be living in Dean's Yard. Our best wishes go to him for a happy retirement from his office of Sub-Dean.

The Concert this term is being dressed for the first time since before the war, and much refurbishing of harness will probably be taking place in parental ranks in anticipation of the event. One plea might be made in the interest of comfort—would it not have been a better idea to dress concerts during the winter, and to indulge those to whom the heat up School comes as a foretaste of the Inferno by countenancing a cooler garb in the Election term? The decision should, however, be welcome, as the School Concert is for the audience at least as much of a social as a musical occasion, and dinner jackets will restore it to something of its former status as such. It is, of course, a pity that the School is still unable to tidy herself in honour of her well-dressed visitors, but it is not too much to hope that eventually a smarter dress than Westminster Grey may come to be worn by the School on ceremonial occasions.

One particularly interesting innovation this term has been the introduction of Latin and Greek Orations as a parallel to the French and German Orations which are now in their second year of existence. The experiment was certainly successful enough to justify its repetition as a regular event in the future. Quite apart from the pleasure of the audience, the benefit of the reciter from his art is great, as languages which appear "dead" in class come to life in recitation, and impress themselves more deeply in practice than they ever can when taught strictly theoretically. A performance which succeeded especially well in entering into the spirit of the original was given by the Seventh, who, under the direction of Mr. Zinn, recited the first half of Theocritus' fifteenth Idyll. The poet's delicate and humorous appreciation of everyday life was revived admirably, and had this been the only good performance, this form of Orations would have earned a place among the regular events at School. But as good was to follow when the Shell conducted the audience round the underworld; they recited a passage from Aeneid VI particularly well. Let us hope that this valuable talent for recitation will not be wasted, and that Latin and Greek Orations will become firmly established.

THE UNDER SCHOOL

THE continuation of the football season in the Lent term saw a little improvement after one or two changes had been made in the team. Perrett still did not get the support he ought to have had, however, and match results were again disappointing.

Athletics have never played a big part in Under School activities, the programme consisting of House events run mainly on a relay basis. This was done again this year with Fleuries winning from Tudors. In addition, a match was arranged with the Choir School for the first time. It was a most enjoyable meeting in spite of their superiority in most events. It is hoped that this may become an annual event and lead to more time and interest being taken in Athletics.

The Under School Greaze took place on the afternoon of Shrove Tuesday. After a good throw by the Chef and a good two minutes' greazing, Wilkins emerged with the largest piece and was presented with a silver crown by the Head Master instead of the usual two half-crowns. Crown pieces are not very difficult to find, though they usually cost more than five shillings, but no Elizabethan crown, at a reasonable price, has yet appeared. If one could be found, it would be suitably

mounted with space for each year's winner's name to be inscribed.

D. S. Perrett, after nearly five years in the Under School, left at Easter and is now at Westminster. During that time he was for three years in both the Cricket and Football XI's and was captain of the latter. He was a Monitor for five terms and School Captain during his last year. He has certainly served the School well in all its activities and has left with the good wishes of all who knew him.

C. H. D. Martin is the new Captain both of the School and of Cricket, while G. G. Arnold becomes fourth monitor.

During the Easter holidays the small yard between No. 19 and Ashburnham House was concreted and enclosed with netting to make a small playground. It is hoped that the white dust which now forms as the concrete settles is only a temporary drawback. A start was also made with the redecoration which is so badly needed in most parts of the School. The entrance, through the yard, used by the boys, has now been painted, and the walls inside given a coat of distemper. This is a great improvement, but there is much that still needs doing before the School is properly established in its new quarters.

REVIEW

GIOTTO (World's Masters New Series). Editor Anthony Bertram. *Published by the Studio at 3s. 6d.*

THE most important point in considering a book of this kind is to see how far it accomplishes its aim, while remembering its limitations. For limitations this book certainly has, as indeed has the whole series; the chief of these is that there are no illustrations in colour at all. There would obviously be many difficulties in producing colour plates, especially that of keeping the price down, but a great deal would have been added to the value of the book had it been found possible to include even a few.

But the photographs are well printed and from a technical point of view the book is very well produced. And, what is just as important, the selection of illustrations has been admirably made. After some introductory plates, the book is divided up into three main sections—from the church at Assisi, from the Arena Chapel, Padua, and from Santa Croce, Florence. Of these the

greatest number come from the Arena Chapel: a prominent place is taken by the Life of the Virgin and of Christ on the side walls, which forms an interesting and effective series.

These plates, which have obviously been very carefully chosen, are well combined in the excellent introduction by Anthony Bertram. He takes nothing for granted, but neither does he insult the reader by stating the obvious. The book as a whole gives a very fair and balanced account of Giotto's work and place in the history of art: for while a popular fallacy that Giotto started European art is exposed, we are shown how important was his influence in moulding it.

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Mr. R. S. Summerhays (O.W.) has just written another book about horses entitled *It's a Good Life with Horses*. This well-produced book is a collection of amusing anecdotes by one who is an expert in his own field. It is published by Country Life Limited at the price of 12s. 6d.

MIRROR OF WESTMINSTER

THIRTEEN YEARS OF THE CLARION

IT was on June 10th, 1938, that *The College Street Clarion* made its first appearance. For the sake of the uninitiated it should perhaps be made clear that *The College Street Clarion*, or *The Clarion*, as it has come popularly to be known, is the school's great organ of public opinion. It is produced by Busby's but its appeal extends far beyond the narrow confines of one house. Perhaps its greatest claim to fame lies in the fact that it has never once failed to keep its fortnightly appointment with its readers. Resignations, evacuations, typewriter breakdowns, censorship troubles have all been surmounted by a long line of determined and indomitable Editors. It would be idle to pretend that *The Clarion* and *The Elizabethan* have always enjoyed the most cordial of relations. Indeed it may perhaps be said that if *The Clarion* has any policy at all, then that policy is to abuse, in terms of rustic vigour, the Editors of *The Elizabethan* and all their works. *The Elizabethan's* policy with regard to such attacks is to ignore them as being below its notice. It is a sound policy, for the journalist whose carefully composed denunciations provoke no response soon loses heart. It is not, however, our intention to trace the course of diplomatic relations between *The Clarion* and *The Elizabethan*—although this would in all conscience make a fascinating enough study. What we do propose to do is to trace the history of Westminster from 1938 to 1951 as it is reflected in the columns of *The Clarion*.

It has been said that the back-numbers of *Punch* provide the best commentary upon the social history of England during the past hundred years. However that may be, it is certainly indisputable that the carefully preserved files of old *Clarions* constitute the only full record of the school's history since 1938. Whether they knew it or not, *The Clarion's* contributors during the past thirteen years have been writing history with a Mommsen-like fervour. Results of school matches, reviews of school plays, accounts of the school's wanderings, the comings and goings of both masters and boys—all is there. Yet perhaps *The Clarion's* principal service to the future historian of Westminster will not lie in the facts which it provides for his use, but rather in the indications which it gives of the school's gradually changing atmosphere.

Reading *The Clarions* of 1938 makes us feel as if we are treading in another world. Nor do we get this impression merely because we are reading of "unhappy far-off things and battles long ago";

there is far more to it than this. The world of 1938, in spite of the threats of impending disaster, was a stable world and its stability is reflected in *The Clarion*. It is prophesied, for example, that the cox of the 2nd VIII will be in "butterflies" next year. It did not occur to the contributor of this particular item of "High and Low," or indeed to the Editor himself, that "butterflies" might have become the relic of a past age before a year had gone by. The world of shorts and open-necked shirts at Bromyard would have appeared quite laughable to the Westminster of 1938. But this sense of stability and security, this conviction that whatever happened things would remain just as they were—which is the most striking characteristic of the earliest *Clarions*—was soon to disappear. It was irretrievably destroyed by the school's sudden evacuation to Lancing at the time of Munich—the first major event in Westminster's history covered by *The Clarion*. Westminster remained at Lancing for only one week, but a special issue of *The Clarion* was produced in that week's honour. We can hardly do better than let it speak for itself.

"Preparations for the school's evacuation to Rossall had been going on for six months. Then, a few hours before the crisis reached its climax, the Head Master learnt, quite by chance, that a higher authority would not allow him to carry out his plans. Twenty-four hours later the School had set out for another destination; in this short time it was remarkable that another school had been found and that the whole evacuation went off without a hitch and almost as smoothly as if it had been merely a few teams going away to play football."

The Clarion then goes on to give a detailed description of Busby's life at Lancing and the issue ends with a charming appreciation of the hospitality which Westminster received there.

Meanwhile at Westminster a saddening process of devastation had been going on. *The Clarion* reports that Mr. Roberts has been seen coming back from Fields "almost in tears". The cause of his grief is shown in our photograph. Just as earlier *The Clarion* had reflected an attitude of "all's right with the world," so now, after the shock of Munich, it mirrors the prevailing atmosphere of uneasiness. It goes on reporting school events—the 1st VIII did rather well at Henley that year—but all the time there is the easily discernible feeling that such happenings have somehow ceased to signify very much. Events

which are regarded as really important are the construction of Air Raid Shelters, the issue of gas masks and the fact that the School Chaplain has joined the Territorials. When the war finally came, *The Clarion* joined patriotically with the great national newspapers in greeting it with relief. In its Editorial of October 6th, 1939, it made a significant utterance :—

“ There may have been a few pessimists who said that in face of such difficulties as we have been experiencing this newspaper would not be able to carry on ; to such, if any there be, we would reply that it takes more than a war to stop *The Clarion*.”

Perhaps, however, the author of that Editorial would not have spoken so confidently had he known of the tribulations which lay in store for Westminster. It is perfectly true that this very Editorial was written while in exile at Lancing, but Lancing and Hurstpierpoint were, after all, old friends and the School was completely at home with them. Within a year, however, the school had had to leave Sussex and was established at Exeter. By now members of the school had become quite blasé about moving from place to place.

“ Tuesday was the usual tale of trunks, kit-bags, boxes, loading and unloading lorries, and again trunks and kitbags. A special train made a long journey short, and we had arrived. A large and imposing building met our eyes which, if not architecturally beautiful, turned out to be almost palatially comfortable inside.”

But “ palatial comfort ” was not to be enjoyed for long — only, in fact, for the tail-end of one term ; for by September, 1940, the School had come to rest in Herefordshire and it was here, at Bromyard, that *The Clarion* really came into its own. It provided one of the few—the very few—connecting links between Dean’s Yard and Bromyard, for it was the fortunate possessor of a most conscientious and witty London Correspondent.

“ But even in a blitz one must get what comfort one can. The next night saw the vault fitted up as a dormitory, with floorboards, electric light and beds and blankets for fifteen. And what a dormitory ! Never in four hundred years can the School buildings have witnessed anything stranger. In one bed might be found the Head Master. In the next Mr. Earp ; in another, Aldridge ; in a fourth the Matron. And so on down the line. Until lights out at 10 p.m., the vault was used for reading and letter-writing, but while Busby’s, College, Grant’s and Rigaud’s were time-bombed, the incoming mail presented a difficulty. Letters, as a rule, were delivered at the Bursary, though on one occasion the Matron of Grant’s received

hers from the hands of a puzzled Abbey official. A few days previously she had asked the Keeper of the Archives what the vault was used for in monastic times and on receiving his answer had dated her correspondence accordingly. Her letters, when they were delivered to her, bore the superscription :—

Mrs. Cooper,
Monks’ Lavatory,
Westminster Abbey, S.W.1.

It took a lot of explaining away.”

Always before *The Clarion* had been struggling to keep abreast of developments ; now, for the first time, it had the opportunity to get on top of them. At Bromyard *The Clarion* rapidly became a school institution. It was in its columns that there raged the famous controversy between games and gardening which split the School asunder. It was at this time also that *The Clarion* changed its role from that of the impartial commentator to that of the denunciatory critic.

It will inevitably be asked why it was that *The Clarion* should have changed so radically while at Buckenhill. Leaving aside purely superficial explanations, such as the individual tastes of the Editors concerned, it may perhaps be suggested that the reason for *The Clarion*’s altered attitude is to be found quite simply in the life at Bromyard. At the risk of being contradicted by those who actually experienced it, we should say that the Bromyard life must of necessity have been a monotonous life. It is certainly undeniable that important events do not happen with quite the same frequency in a remote village in Herefordshire as they do in the heart of London. And then the School’s numbers had sadly shrunk, and with the decrease in numbers there inevitably went a restriction in activities. The Political and Literary Society did, it is true, fight a gallant battle for existence, but it was also a solitary battle, for all the other major pre-war Societies had long since hoisted the flag of surrender. School games, too, suffered from a desperate shortage of facilities—as the records of the various Elevens bear witness. It is our contention, therefore, that during this so-called “ unfortunate ” period, *The Clarion* was, in fact, meeting a very real need. *The Clarion*’s Gossip Column (brimming with personal insults), its rabble-rousing denunciations, its daring criticisms all served to provide the School with a little excitement to alleviate a rather tedious existence. To regard *The Clarion*’s history from 1941-45 as being in some way parallel to the period of Lord Northcliffe’s control of *The Times* is grossly to over-simplify the situation. *The Clarion* has always been the school’s servant ; never was it more truly so than during the five years’ long exile by “ the waters of Babylon.”

MR. TROUTBECK AND MR. EARP

AT the end of this term two members of the Staff are leaving who have given many years of service to the School. Mr. Troutbeck first came to Westminster as long ago as 1904—as a junior in College, where among his contemporaries were Sir Percival Waterfield, Sir Raymond Birchall, and Mr. Robin Barrington-Ward, afterwards Editor of *The Times*. When, twenty-one years later, he returned to the School as a master, he arrived not as Mr. Troutbeck (the title would have been unthinkable to any Westminster of the 1920's), but as Major Troutbeck, and his task was to take command of the C.C.F.—or rather, of the Officers' Training Corps, as it was styled in those far-off outspoken days. The job was no sinecure. His predecessor, a gallant and be-ribboned colonel, had been unpractised in the art of handling boys, and discipline had suffered. But the new C.O. was perfectly prepared to conceal his kindly nature behind a flint facade. "Get off parade", he roared at a defaulter on one occasion, "and get right out of the Corps". It was a salutary, if summary, dismissal; the offender slunk sheepishly away, and before long the C.O. had not only restored discipline but had raised the contingent to a high state of efficiency.

Nor was it only on parade that his powerful voice inspired respect. Boys in his form would quail before a sudden outburst and when a direct object in the nominative caught his eye, even sightseers in the Yard would look up apprehensively at his form-room window and wonder what the noise was about. But all those who came into contact with him quickly discovered that his occasionally alarming manner concealed a patient and kindly interest in their difficulties and those who were under him up Homeboarders (of which he was housemaster from 1934 until the war) knew also how great was the interest which he and Mrs. Troutbeck took in the House.

Six years before Mr. Troutbeck joined the Staff there arrived at Westminster one who, had he lived in the eighteenth century, would undoubtedly have been known to his friends as "the ingenious Mr. Earp". The present generation of Westminsters might perhaps not recognize the skilful and energetic footballer who in the early 1920's used to play regularly in Big Game, but they would have no difficulty in recognizing the Mr. Earp to whom then, as now, no piece of information on any subject ever came amiss and who was always ready to check gently vague or loose assertions by subjecting them to the test of his own scientific thinking and common sense. For over thirty years he has preserved his air of twinkling urbanity, methodical, unhurried, ever

ready to help the plodding boy or to assist his less-scientific colleagues by contriving for them ingenious machines which would preserve a half-smoked cigarette while they were absent from the Common Room during morning Abbey or which would enable them to "take places" in their form while the boys remained stationary.

But it was during the war that his ingenuity and refusal to be disconcerted showed itself most. He behaved exactly as if it was the most natural thing in the world that the Head Master, together with the Staff, the Matrons and the School Architect, should be sleeping in a vault under the Busby Library, or that he himself should be asked to teach science in a superannuated cow-shed or a disused tannery. Difficulties of transport or accommodation melted away before his resourcefulness. Had he not his six-gear bicycle? And was it not perfectly easy to contrive a bath out of an old copper and to fill it by some simple method of siphoning which incidentally illustrated to perfection the chapter which he was at the moment doing with the *Transitus*?

In September, 1943, he returned from Bromyard to take part with Mr. Willett and Mr. Young in the foundation of the Under School, and once again he seemed perfectly at home in the strange conditions of a school in war-time London. For eight months the Under School enjoyed raid-free days and almost raid-free nights, and then the flying-bombs began. There was a melancholy and alarming week before emergency quarters could be arranged, but Mr. Earp, like the born teacher he is, did not waste the time. Here was a heaven-sent opportunity to explain the principles of jet-propulsion (then in its infancy) to the Remove, and he made good use of such practical illustrations as flew across Dean's Yard.

It is not only we who shall miss Mr. Troutbeck and Mr. Earp (and we shall miss them much). Their names evoke memories for countless Westminsters of the past quarter of a century, and the news of their retirement will recall many half-forgotten incidents of which they were the perhaps unconscious heroes. But it is here at Westminster that their loss will be more immediately felt and where their devoted services to the School will be longest remembered with gratitude and affection.

OLD ASHBURNHAMITES

The first official meeting and dinner of the new society which is to be formed for past members of Ashburnham House, of all generations, will take place at or near Westminster on the evening of Wednesday, October 3rd. Further details, and tickets at 10s. 6d., will be obtainable from R. Plant, 19 Wildwood Road, London, N.W.11.

CRICKET

1ST XI v. SHERBORNE

ON June 1st and 2nd we renewed the fixture with Sherborne, and started what we hope will be a long series with a convincing win. Gillespie won the toss for Sherborne and decided to bat on an easy wicket. We were settling down to watch them amassing a total of 300 or so, when Kemp bowled Rydon with his second ball. At 13 Hornsby caught O'Connor off the same bowler, and from then on there was a surprising collapse and four more wickets had fallen before the score had reached 85. The tail was able to offer some resistance, but the innings was ended by the School spinners Garcia and Jones. At once our opening pair, Davies and Higgins, were on top. At 75 Higgins was lbw. Tourlmain left soon after, and Williams and Davies carried the score to the 100. Davies was caught for 64 trying to sweep a leg-spinner. Jones went out at 110, and then Houston and Williams provided us with some exhilarating cricket. Williams was driving superbly and majestically, and Houston was pulling with tremendous power. By the end of the day the score was 205 for 4, with Williams 62 not out.

On the Saturday, Houston was bowled by Gillespie, and Williams completed a faultless and masterly century. Hornsby provided some entertaining strokes and quick wickets fell before the innings was declared at 316 for 9. Gillespie took 8 for 89, amply demonstrating the utility of throwing the ball up in school matches and spinning away from the bat. Sherborne batted again, and were in even greater trouble than in the first innings. Davies took three quick wickets and five wickets had fallen for 50. After lunch Dawnay and Hutchings took the score up to 89, but very little resistance was offered and the innings closed at 120. Three runs were wanted to win, and these were duly made.

SHERBORNE (1st innings)

D. I. Gillespie c Hornsby b Kemp	24
J. Rydon b Kemp	0
A. O'Connor c Hornsby b Kemp	3
P. M. Lewis b Jones	21
A. J. T. Brown b Jones	21
R. N. Hutchings lbw b Garcia	4
C. R. Dawnay b Davies	18
T. J. Horn c Kemp b Garcia	54
B. E. C. Thomson b Garcia	24
W. M. Robson not out	10
J. M. Carter st Hornsby b Jones	0
Extras	11
Total	190

WESTMINSTER (1st innings)

C. J. H. Davies c Lewis b Gillespie	64
D. G. Higgins lbw b Gillespie	27
J. W. Tourlmain lbw b Gillespie	2
C. C. P. Williams b Gillespie	119
D. M. J. Jones c Gillespie b Brown	1
P. S. Houston b Gillespie	62
A. C. Hornsby not out	23
K. J. M. Kemp lbw b Gillespie	7
R. P. C. Hillyard b Gillespie	0
S. L. Henry st Horn b Gillespie	1
M. D. Garcia did not bat	0
Extras	10
Total	316
(for 9 dec.)	

SHERBORNE (2nd innings)

D. I. Gillespie lbw b Kemp	17
T. J. Horn lbw b Davies	1
A. O'Connor b Davies	4
P. M. Lewis b Davies	9
A. J. T. Brown b Davies	1
R. N. Hutchings b Garcia	23
C. R. Dawnay c Hornsby b Garcia	39
J. Rydon b Garcia	5
B. E. C. Thomson b Garcia	1
W. M. Robson lbw b Davies	12
J. M. Carter not out	2
Extras	14
Total	128

WESTMINSTER (2nd innings)

3 for no wkt.

June 12th, M.C.C. won by 163 runs. M.C.C. 219 for 4 dec., Westminster 56.

1ST XI v. LANCING

The wicket was totally different when Lancing came on June 23rd. The ball was lifting all the way through the match, and the faster bowlers were always dangerous. Lancing won the toss and batted, but were soon in grave trouble against Kemp and Davies, who, if not bowling with the maximum accuracy, succeeded in extracting a lot of life from the pitch. Cochrane was the only Lancing batsman to offer any resistance, and he was soon lbw to a beauty from Davies that gained great pace off the pitch. At lunch they had nine wickets down, with Kemp having seven to his credit. They were all out for 58. The Westminster innings started with shocks. Higgins was bowled

at 11, Tournalmain was lbw at 16, and Davies was caught in the leg trap. Houston clouted a few agricultural runs, and when Williams skied one high, only to be dropped, the situation was almost safe. Houston, Renshaw and Hornsby were all out before the winning hit was made.

June 30th, Westminster beat Wimbledon C.C. by 8 wkts. Wimbledon 139 (Jones 7 for 44), Westminster 142 for 2 (Williams 87 not out).

July 3rd, Westminster beat the Elephant C.C. by 77 runs. Westminster 179 for 6 (Williams 101 not out), Elephant C.C. 102 (Jones 6 for 61).

1ST XI v. STOWE

On July 7th the 1st XI went to Stowe and won by 2 wickets. On a picturesque ground, Williams won the toss and put Stowe in to bat. The quicker bowlers were unable to extract any life from a dead wicket, and it was a poor stroke that caused the first wicket when the score was 12. Jones came on for Kemp and his combination of finger spin and flight proved disastrous for the Stowe batsmen, and at lunch they were 100 for six. After lunch wickets continued to fall, with intervals of lusty hitting, and the innings ended at 143. Westminster had plenty of time to reach this total, and Davies and Tournalmain started slowly. The latter was caught at the wicket at 17, Higgins was then stupidly run out, and Williams came in to support yet another mediocre start. Davies was batting well until playing out a foolish stroke at 50, when Houston arrived and was immediately hard on the slow bowlers. Williams was using his feet well, and the partnership had put on 46 before Houston was out to a doubtful lbw decision. Renshaw stayed over the tea interval, just after the hundred was put up, and went at 112, leaving Hornsby to support Williams. Westminster looked quite safe at 140 for 5, needing four for victory. Then the shocks happened. Williams was bowled for an invaluable 73, Hillyard was caught off an outrageous stroke, and then Jones snicked one to the slips with fatal result. Hornsby's experience in such a crisis, however, pulled us through, and he scored the winning hit—off the splice.

1ST XI v. CHARTERHOUSE

On July 21st we welcomed Charterhouse Up Fields. Young, their captain, won the toss, and decided to bat. After an opening stand of 39, Davies bowled Cann and Jones took two quick wickets with his spinners. Then Higgins took a good catch at extra cover, and Charterhouse were 58 for 4. The innings was saved by Young, and when he was caught at 85, it could not last much longer. After lunch Kemp came on to run through the tail, and in spite of bold resistance by Carless, the innings ended at 116. Westminster, faced with

this comparatively easy task, lost Higgins at 7 and Hillyard at 28. Davies and Williams batted well to put on 63, and, after Davies was bowled by Pegler, Williams and Houston knocked off the runs.

CHARTERHOUSE

J. A. C. Cann b Davies	20
S. Stevenson st Hornsby b Jones	19
R. C. Pegler st Hornsby b Jones..	1
M. R. P. Young c Williams b Jones	30
H. C. Cairns c Higgins b Jones . . .	0
R. P. Carless c Hornsby b Garcia..	5
J. C. Pilley st Hornsby b Davies ..	10
A. J. Barclay c Williams b Kemp	20
R. Blumer c Houston b Kemp . . .	9
H. M. A. Cherry-Downes b Kemp	0
M. L. Bayman not out	0

Extras 7

Total 116

BOWLING : Kemp 3 for 13 ; Davies 2 for 21 ; Jones 4 for 53 ; Garcia 1 for 21.

WESTMINSTER

C. J. H. Davies b Pegler	38
D. G. Higgins b Cherry-Downes..	0
R. P. C. Hillyard lbw b Stevenson	9
C. C. P. Williams not out	50
P. S. Houston not out	10

Extras 10

Total (for 3 wkts) 117

BOWLING : Stevenson 1 for 24 ; Cherry-Downes 1 for 45 ; Pegler 1 for 13.

Despite the fact that the Colts have had to play the majority of their matches with a sadly depleted team, since their four best players were usually required for the 1st XI, they have had a good season, being as yet unbeaten. They have won two of their five matches and drawn the remaining three. Their best match was undoubtedly their first, in which they defeated Forest by 8 wickets, after dismissing them for 23. There was a very exciting finish against K.C.S., who were beaten with four minutes to spare by 2 wickets. In two of the remaining matches the School was robbed of victory by the clock, against Lancing and Epsom. In both matches they made good scores, but were unable to get their opponents out. Against Aldenham they were lucky to draw, when, after dismissing Aldenham for 80, they could only make 44 for 8 wickets.



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The Junior Colts have had a season of moderate success, winning three out of six matches played. Of the others one was abandoned, one lost and one drawn. Myring, batting at number four, has been the most successful batsman, his highest score being 40 not out against Epsom. Turner and Gray have also helped the side when in difficulty. Perrett, who opens the bowling, has been steady, and Housego in the Mercer's match, took 8 for 8. The fielding is rather poor, though Turner, Perrett, and Gray have fielded well. The under fourteens have again yielded up many players to the under fifteen team, but have also had a good season, and contain many players of promise.

LAWN TENNIS

SINCE the first half of the term when the team had a series of fairly easy wins and close loses, there has been a general rise in the standard of consistency shown by the team and the results have been consequently better. The second half of the term, which contained most of the important matches, started with an easy victory over Christchurch, whose team contained several O.W.W. The score was 8—1 to Westminster.

Rain, which had previously caused the cancellation of the Haileybury match, stopped play in the match against Mill Hill when the School were leading 8—0. Against Dulwich, the School failed to master tricky conditions of court and weather and as they did not reach their usual form at any time in the afternoon, were eclipsed by a better side. The final score was $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

On Tuesday, July 10th, the team went to Eton. This match is a new fixture this season and it is hoped that next year we may show them the hospitality they showed us. Our enjoyment of the match was increased as the courts and surrounds were ideal for tennis. Though the final score was 2—7, many of the matches were hard fought and only decided after a long battle. But too often their steadiness was the deciding factor, the Westminster pair losing concentration at the vital times. They showed their merit by pulling out the winning shots just when they were needed most.

This year, for the first time, the School entered a team for the Glanville Cup. In the first round a triangular match with Harrow County School and Kilburn Grammar School was played up Fields. The team clearly showed their superiority against these two schools and in the next round played U.C.S. Once again the weather was against all tennis, but at 5 p.m., having swept an inch of water off the courts, play began.

The first and second pairs had very hard fights, but were finally beaten by two strong pairs. The

third pair put up little resistance against a young and experienced pair.

Levi and Peroni, the first pair, have now played together for two years and are combining and covering each other very well. Peroni's strong point is his overhead work, while Levi is better at the ground shots.

The second pair, Kay-Mouat and Davies, have lately improved both individually and as a pair, and they now play a very much better game of doubles. The third pair which was fluid for the first part of the term is now made up of Green and Harrison. Harrison is a left-handed player, and together they make up a steady though not brilliant combination. Hyam played with Green in the Glanville Cup and in the Christchurch match. He shows promise, but is inclined to be erratic.

The second VI played Haberdashers and Dulwich to finish their season and lost both matches. The gamesmanship of the Haberdashers team was not fully appreciated by our young second VI, and they lost 3—6 after being at 3—3. Dulwich had a very strong second VI which overwhelmed the unexperienced Westminster second VI, which was made up of Hyam, Sutton, Samwell, Rudd, Croft and Brostoff.

The School will be represented in the Youll Cup at Wimbledon on July 31st by Levi, Peroni, Kay-Mouat and T. J. Davies.

FENCING

THE season has come to a somewhat inglorious end, with two bad defeats sustained by the first team, and similar lack of success in the ranks. Only one instructor has been available during the term, and it has been considered more important to keep up a high standard among the younger boys than among those who are leaving at the end of the term. M. Miller, the Captain, and A. Plummer, the Hon. Secretary, are both in this latter category, and it was therefore essential to give their successors coaching which should enable them to replace the vacancies in the first team. That there will be a large gap to fill is undoubted, but this term has seen some hard work among those who will be staying to help J. L. Lee in the coming season, and he should have talent at least, if not yet much experience, at his disposal. There is, therefore, some consolation for the match results of the term.

At St. Paul's School on Saturday, May 19th, the team suffered a serious defeat, being beaten by our rivals in all three weapons, in the absence of Miller. The Foil produced a most disappointing series of reverses. Time and again our foilists led 3—0 or 3—1, only to be overhauled and beaten on the last hit. We seemed to be unable to seize the

vital chances, and to be hypnotized by the reputation and style of our opponents, who were in fact, giving us continual opportunities to score. The Epée was closely fought, the balance of power being about the same as in Foil, but turned more to our advantage ; the score was 6—3 against us, as opposed to 8—1 in the previous weapon. This weapon, however, gave St. Paul's their fourteenth won bout, and so ensured them victory, as even 9—0 in Sabre would be too small a score for us to overtake them. Realizing this, the team fought extremely badly in face of moderate opposition, losing 3—6 and failing altogether to save our reputation at Sabre.

Meanwhile, the second team, who later defeated Eastbourne College at Foil and Sabre, had come within one point of avenging the defeat of their superiors, as the last fight went to the last bit at 3 all before giving the Paulines the match at five fights to four.

The result of the Winchester match was not less discouraging, nor less deserved. Winchester's fencing, although stylish, is very much alive, and it was fatal that our foilists and sabreurs did not appreciate the danger of a negative attitude. We lost the Foil 2—7 and the Sabre 3—6 without even troubling our opponents, who must have thought themselves lucky to have gained such an early lead. We could not afford to lose even one fight at Epée, as this would finally decide the match against us. Unfortunately, we dropped two, and found ourselves beaten 15—12 in a match which could, if properly approached, have provided a triumphant conclusion to the successes of the past year, in which the School has won five out of seven school matches, and ten out of the fourteen which have altogether been fought.

SHOOTING

FOR the first time since the war the School this year sent a shooting-eight to compete in the Sussex Public Schools' Championship at Bisley. Although we lacked the experience of some of the other schools, we were by no means out of practice ; every Thursday this term a shooting-party had travelled to Rainham for the afternoon. Unfortunately, shortage of time prevented us from having very much shooting there. We were also handicapped a little by the loss of two senior members of the .22 eight who were needed for rowing. However, the results of the practices were quite encouraging and an afternoon at Bisley two days before the meeting increased our confidence. At the meeting itself we had only a moderate shoot on the 200 yards' range ; some people were more successful at 500 yards. Perhaps the results were a trifle disappointing, but it was a

rather young team and consequently we may look towards the future with confidence. Next season we can be sure of having several old members of both eights, and we hope that we may then be able to compete once again for the Ashburton Shield.

There has been an encouragingly large response to the appeal for younger boys willing to devote some of their time to shooting, and several trials have been held to find promising shots to fill the places in the VIII's of the next few years.

The .303 team which went to Bisley was as follows :—

J. Brostoff	F. D. Lorimer-Thomas
A. G. Charles	T. W. Meade
R. W. Hawkins	N. R. M. Petrie
D. M. Renshaw	R. A. Monkhouse
M. G. Moon	

MUSIC

IN past years a feature of the music competitions has been the excellence of the judging, both in the decisions made and in the helpful criticism offered. This year we were lucky enough to secure as adjudicators Herbert Murrill, Director of Music at the B.B.C., and Trevor Harvey, the well-known orchestral conductor ; and in respect of the judging at least, these music competitions, held up School on June 13th, were not inferior to their predecessors.

Individual performances by the seniors still retained something of the quality of the war years, and the playing in the wind solo was, Dr. Murrill said, quite exceptional. The winner of this event was C. A. Gane (Busby's) with C. C. P. Williams (K.S.) a very close second. The piano events were less notable, although Martindale played impressively to win the senior piano solo, and the duets in particular showed a lack of rehearsal. The standard in the broken voice solo won by Maw showed little more than promise, for most of the competitors voices had not yet developed their full qualities. The string solo was won by M. M. Aufenast (Wrens) who, though only fourteen, is the possessor of a sound technique and considerable musicianship. Busby's did well to win the vocal ensemble for the third successive year, and won the Erskine Cup, which leaves College for the first time for twenty-five years.

Judging a music competition is always a hard task for a conscientious musician, and both our adjudicators, understanding as they did the difficulties and limitations of school music-making, deserve our gratitude for their balanced and sympathetic judgments which went far towards making the competitions a success.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., F.R.S., has been appointed to the Mastership of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Sir Henry Tizard, Chairman of the Defence Research Policy Commission, has recently returned from Canada, where he has been holding discussions with the Canadian Defence Research Board.

Mr. W. R. Hawthorne has been appointed Professor of Thermodynamics at Cambridge, and to a professorial fellowship at Trinity College.

Mr. Anthony Marreco has been adopted as prospective Conservative-Liberal candidate for Goole.

Mr. G. B. Walker has been awarded one of the £200 prizes offered by the Arts Council for poems composed in connexion with the Festival of Britain.

In the Birthday Honours List, Sir Percival Waterfield was made K.B.E., Mr. G. P. Young, C.M.G., Mr. A. R. I. Mellor, C.B.E., and Lt.-Col. G. B. Aris, O.B.E. Mr. L. H. H. Lowe received a Knighthood.

Mr. L. E. Tanner has been elected President of the British Archaeological Association.

Air Commodore G. D. Harvey, C.B.E., has been promoted to Air Vice-Marshal.

Mr. R. B. Orange has been appointed Joint Registrar of Westminster County Court.

Mr. E. P. Skone-James has been called to the bar.

The Reverend F. D. Kidner, Vicar of Felsted, has been appointed tutor on the staff of the Oak Hill Theological College.

The Reverend C. T. H. Dams, succentor of Lincoln Cathedral, has been appointed to a minor canonry at Westminster Abbey.

BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS—On June 12th 1951 at Wimbledon, to Jill, wife of I. J. Abrahams, a daughter.

CAMBELL—On June 14th 1951 at Bognor, to Dorothy, wife of Capt. Dennis Cambell, R.N., a daughter.

DANIELS—On May 26th 1951 at Papcastle, Cocker-mouth, to Barbara, wife of R. W. Daniels, a daughter.

ELLISON—On June 1st 1951 in London, to Jane, wife of the Bishop of Willesden, a son.

HOLLOWAY—On June 13th 1951 at Birmingham, to Nina, wife of John Holloway, a daughter.

POWELL-JONES—On May 5th 1951 at St. Brieuc, to Rosalind, wife of J. O. H. Powell-Jones, a son.

TYSER—On May 29th 1951 in London, to Christine, wife of Dr. P. A. Tyser, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

MCNEIL : HERGA—On June 2nd 1951 at St. Peter's, Vere Street, Ian McNeil to Cicely, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Herga of South Woodford, Essex.

PIPPETT : NICHOLL—On June 2nd 1951 at Newick, Sussex, Victor Pippett to Charitie, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McK. Nicholl.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Elizabethan Club will be held Up School on Thursday, October 4th, at 6 p.m.

After the meeting the President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and the General Committee will be At Home to all members of the Club in Ashburnham House, where the presentation portrait of Mr. J. T. Christie will be unveiled.

The agenda and full details of the reception will be sent to all members at the end of August.

There will be no Club Dinner this year.

WESTMINSTER DINNER

AFTER 12 years Westminster returned to the Dorchester for the Westminster Dinner, which took place on Friday, May 25th, 1951, when 223 Westminsters and their guests were present, with Mr. E. R. B. Graham, the President of the Elizabethan Club, in the Chair. The Dean of Westminster, the Dean of Christ Church, the Head Master, and Canon Adam Fox were the official guests, and there were many others there as guests of individual Old Westminsters.

Dinner was announced by the Drum Major and Buglers of the 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards, who sounded the appropriate calls. Grace was said by the Bishop of Willesden (O.W.), and was followed by a first-class dinner, and great credit is due for all the arrangements to Mr. Graham, and to those who had assisted him. On its conclusion the Orchestra of the Coldstream Guards gave a very fine rendering of "For these and all thy mercies."

None of the speeches fell below a high level, and they were all commendably short, though the acoustics were not always kind to the speakers. The toast of "In Piam Memoriam" was proposed by the Chairman, and a verse of the School Song was played to slow music, the lights being appropriately dimmed the while. Then Dr. Radcliffe proposed the toast of the Guests in felicitous terms, referring among other things to the presence of the School Monitors, who included the Captains of Cricket, Football, Fencing, Lawn Tennis, and the Head of the Water. The Dean of Christ Church wittily replied. The Chairman proposed the toast of "Floreat," and a verse and chorus of the School Song was sung, and he finally replied to the last toast in his own honour, which Mr. Gerrish proposed. This brought to an end a Dinner of which the more notable features have been here recorded. It could have been wished that there had been a larger attendance of Old Westminsters generally, and particularly of the younger generation, including those up at the Universities. But it was pleasant to see the School Monitors, who were present by kind permission of the Head Master. It is hoped that this may continue in the future. Finally it is fitting to record the pleasure generally felt at seeing Mr. Graham, who has been responsible for so many Westminster functions, himself in the Chair.

O.W.W. FOOTBALL CLUB

THE season will commence on September 22nd with a match against Old Westminster Citizens, and this year a regular "A" side will be run, playing matches every other week.

A training programme has been arranged and practice will commence on August 18th at Grove Park—regular training being organized up to the middle of October.

Anyone wishing to play should apply to W. W. S. Breem, Hon. Secretary, 6, Palace Mansions, Palace Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' GOLFING SOCIETY

THE SUMMER MEETING was held at Hayling Golf Club, Hayling Island, on Saturday and Sunday, July 7th and 8th, when the results were :—

STILGOE BOWL : M. de J. Creswick 79—7 equals 27 nett.

MELLOR SALVER (Knock-out Competition) : Final—A. C. Grover (2) beat R. R. Davies (12), 6/4.

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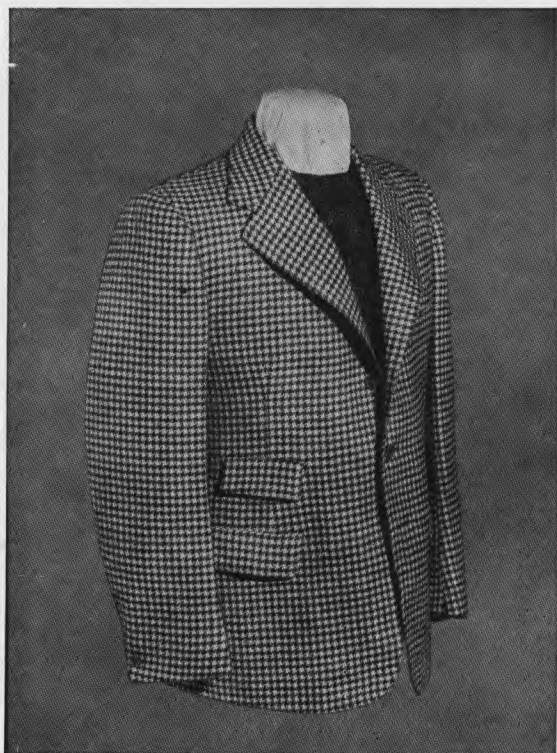
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