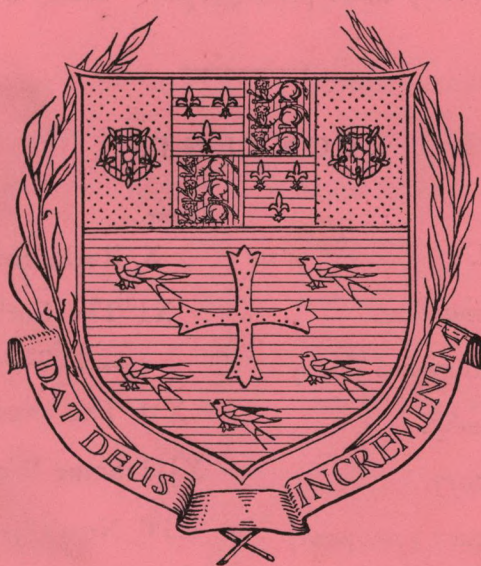


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### CHANGE AND DECAY

The destruction of the beautiful in this country is a pastime that seems to have received universal popularity, a popularity probably only equalled by the pastime of deploring the destruction. It cannot be denied that it is exasperating to see houses of quiet dignity give way to blocks of offices belching typewriters. The most beautiful and peaceful districts of London are being invaded by the builders of flats and offices who erect their buildings with malicious pleasure in making them differ from their surroundings as far as possible.

In Westminster we have seen and still do see this degradation going on. The change has not been entirely bad. Little more than 50 years ago the neighbourhood behind Dean's Yard was not a healthy one; the genteel occupants of the houses of Barton Street, and the terrace in Dean's

Yard, were often disturbed by sounds from the slums behind them that they would rather not have heard. Now there can be few places in London more respectable; the Church House, the S.P.G., Wippells the ecclesiastical and academic tailor, the Palestine and Bible Lands exhibition, the Mother's Union and sundry religious bookshops have endowed the once notorious slums of Westminster with a respectability and odour of sanctity that is surely fitting for their closeness to the Abbey.

All this is change for the good, but it is unfortunately more than balanced by the changes that have brought with them inevitable destruction. While one side of Dean's Yard retains the quietness and dignity of a cathedral close, the other has been degraded to the same level of some of the most beautiful squares in London—that of offices, typewriters and ugliness.

The rot has slowly crept down the West side. And now the terrace with its eighteenth century houses of orderly appearance and respectable height has to give way in the name of progress and the church to the steel and concrete building that is rapidly shattering its way into the heights above Dean's Yard, heights that previously only the pigeons dared scale on their way to a lofty perch on the roof of the Abbey. Fortunately, there, the rot for the time being will stop. No. 17 Dean's Yard is temporarily saved from being swallowed by the monster of progress. Whatever the school architect may do to it inside, we need surely have no fears for the safety of the outside. Little Dean's Yard will form a buffer on which the monster may yet break its head.

It is one of the most useless of pastimes trying to forestall the inevitable change and decay that must follow in the train of progress. The story is always the same ; it is not until after the event when it is too late to do anything that anyone feels real regret. Land is so valuable and man so base that beauty and peacefulness must be sacrificed to utilitarian profit.

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#### CENTENARY

The discussion of the ages of public school men has been long and bloody. The columns of the *Times* have been strewn with the corpses of would-be oldest old boys. THE ELIZABETHAN will at any rate be free from that. On June 16th, the Revd. Frederic Willett will celebrate his hundred birthday, indisputably the oldest living Westminster, though two other old Westminsters in the ninety's run him very close. Besides being the oldest old Westminster, Mr. Willett can probably lay claim to being the oldest public school man and the oldest member of Trinity College, Cambridge. Centenarians among Old Westminsters have been few and we offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. Willett on reaching a great age.

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#### UPON THIS ROCK

Vergil has brought fame to Mantua ; Corsica bred Napoleon. In the same way every place

lives by the men whom it produces and Westminster has not been without its share of famous men. It is right and natural that this should be so ; the spirit of the great Abbey, where so many of England's noblest sons lie buried, where lies our Foundress herself, moves and works in the school so closely associated with it ; and it must be our desire that each generation of Westminsters shall produce many men worthy to return to their final resting place in the Abbey.

It is to this end that the Westminster School Society has been founded. Though the Society seems to have little connexion with the members of the school—too little connexion some of them feel—it is for their good that it has been founded. To increase the standard of learning in the school, to raise it up to and above its former excellence, and to maintain in strength and beauty the buildings of the school—this is the aim of the Society and this is a cause which every Westminster should be willing and eager to assist. Even those who look back and consider that their school did little for them cannot in the blindness of their hearts refuse to give to their successors that which they complain was denied to themselves.

Many consider their schooldays as a necessary but tiresome part of life. They drift into them with a heavy heart and with a glad heart they cut loose again. At Westminster there can be no excuse for this. Each year at a solemn moment in the presence of the whole school, the Dean admits with a time-honoured formula a small number of junior King's Scholars. This act is symbolic for all new boys at the school ; they are all admitted by sacred words into a wide brotherhood centred in the School and the Abbey which overshadows it. This annual ceremony has come to be regarded too lightly—as an occasion for witty sentences from the Dean and a grudging Play from the Head Master—nevertheless, once admitted, those King's Scholars, and all the new boys for whom they are symbolic, are never again dismissed from membership of the Collegiate College. Whether they go on as Major Candidates to Christ Church or Trinity, or whether they pass on elsewhere they remain Westminsters for the rest of life. Each of them can help or harm the school by the example he shows of what it has made him.

It is just over a year since the place of Westminster in the nation's life was enforced upon us at the Coronation; it is rather less than a year since the Westminster School Society was founded. The time is ripe for a renewed and greater effort; an effort on the part of the Society in more concentrated and energetic organisation; an effort from every individual Westminster, near and far, to help those that come after in the school where he himself was bred.

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### COGNOMINA

The beginning of a term is hardly an occasion for cheerful functions. The all-pervading gloom has settled. Reminiscences of happy days in Scotland or on the Riviera only serve to deepen the depression. Heartiness is frowned on. Fourteen weeks ahead and the Higher Certificate to lend the final blow is enough to daunt even the most buoyant.

With these thoughts in mind it may seem strange that the first meeting to inaugurate a term should be an occasion not for groans, but rather hilarity. The Head Master strides across Yard from the Bursary Door and an abandoned gayness descends on the assembled crowd. As the scholars jostle their way up the steps to School, an uninformed onlooker might well suppose it to be the end of the term.

The reason for this untimely enthusiasm is undoubtedly the Roll-call. At the beginning of every term it provides its entertainment to an appreciative audience. From the half audible mutter of the senior classicist to high pitched "adsum" of the junior modernist a cheering spell is cast over the listeners. But the plums of the morning's fun are the names of the new boys. A name, once it has been called at its first roll-call, passes into the main body of the school and ceases to be funny; but on that single occasion it is held up to ridicule and causes endless merriment.

The types of name that amuse are several. There are the usual traps of pronunciation: the English aristocratic type—Featherstonehaugh-Cholmondely—and the foreign type which may require an elementary knowledge of Magyar. A

more popular, though less subtle, kind is that involving straightforward description—Snarky, Swindle, Bounder. But most popular of all are the hard-hitting monosyllables—epigrams in themselves. "Flute!" cries the Head Master. "Adsum," pipes a shrill treble. "Frogg!" "Adsum," croaks a deep bass.

But the cheerfulness is short-lived. Holiday memories are exorcized by the roll-call, but as the school troops away the gloomy reflection of the term remains. In this frame of mind they retire to their form-rooms and moodily await the Exeat.

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### SCHOOL NOTES

M. T. Cherniavsky, K.S., has been elected to the Brackenbury Scholarship in History at Balliol College, Oxford.

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Contributions to the Westminster School Society to date amount to £45,000.

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The Gym Challenge Cup was won by King's Scholars. Rigauds *proxime accessit*.

The Senior Gym Cup was won by A. C. H. Barlow, K.S., and the Junior by R. W. Young, K.S.

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The Theses for Hall epigrams are:—

1. Suo sibi gladio hunc jugulo.
2. ἐκὼν ἀέκοντί γε θυμῷ.

Contributions for the budget should reach the Master of the King's Scholars by Saturday, July 9th.

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The Thesis for School epigrams is:—*Exceptio probat regulam*.

Epigrams to be sent to the Head Master by 12 noon on Election Monday.

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Contributions for the July number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor, 3, Little Dean's Yard, by Saturday, July 2nd.

## THE REVD. F. WILLETT

We have very much pleasure in recording that on June 16th the Revd. Frederic Willett will be 100 years of age. He was born on June 16th, 1838, admitted in 1852, and elected a



*A recent photograph of Mr. Willett.*

Queen's Scholar in 1853. Elected to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1857, he took his B.A. in 1861 and M.A. in 1864. He was ordained in 1861.

## POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

MR. BERTRAND RUSSELL

On March 7th, the Society had the honour of being addressed by Mr. Bertrand Russell on "The Scientific Outlook."

Science, Mr. Russell said, was both a branch of learning and a means of manipulating natural forces. As a branch of learning it began with the Greeks. The Greeks were much more scientific than most teachers of the classics usually realise. They discovered that the Earth moved round the Sun, they calculated the circumference of the Earth, they began pure mathematics. All their scientific knowledge was

subsequently forgotten by Europe and not re-discovered until the Renaissance. Copernicus and Leonardo da Vinci anticipated many later discoveries, and modern scientific method began with Galileo. He looked at the world to see how it behaved: his Aristotelian contemporaries preferred to look in books. Galileo had none of the dignity of a great man, but as his salary was only 7½d. a day, he can hardly have thought that much was expected of him.

Almost all great scientists were fired with a desire to understand the world. The mathematical formulas in which their discoveries were embodied may seem remote from ordinary experience, but they gave man a great power of manipulating nature. To-day, the aspect of science as knowledge is being thrust into the background by the aspect of science as the power of manipulating nature; and the effects have been enormous. One hundred and fifty years of scientific manipulation have proved more explosive than five thousand years of pre-scientific culture.

But have its results been on the whole good? That, he said, is a doubtful question. Half our scientific knowledge is spent in keeping ourselves alive and comfortable, the other half in preparing to kill other people. As another great war would destroy civilisation in Europe, this is a dangerous state of affairs. The root of the trouble is that our knowledge has increased immensely, while our wisdom has not advanced appreciably.

One of the newest sciences is psychology. It can be put to very sinister purposes. Advertisers and propaganda ministers know how to make men believe facts merely by re-iterating them tirelessly and loudly. One of the main purposes of education should be to make us immune from this power of mass-hypnotism. Education should cultivate the scientific outlook, which is the habit of only believing facts on adequate evidence. This is very different from irrational credulity and from sheer scepticism. The scientific man believes that it is possible, but difficult, to reach approximations to truth.

In conclusion, Mr. Russell reminded us that the scientific revolution was the greatest step in human history since the agricultural revolution. At the moment mankind does not seem to

be adapting itself to the new situation very well. There is a regrettable lack of humility and wisdom; there is a lack of humility because rulers equipped with scientific technique are drunk with power, and regard other men as mere material to be manipulated; and there is a lack of wisdom, because we prefer to spend money on war rather than on sane purposes.

#### PROFESSOR NEWELL

On March 21st, the Society was addressed by Professor Newell on "America Looks Abroad"

Professor Newell said there was great need for a better understanding of the points of view of both countries. There were strong links between us and he would like to make them even stronger. Originally America wanted to be left alone to work out her own problems in her own way; she was kept busy with enemies all round her and her expansion westward. But immigration had provided a living link with Europe. Then she became financially dependent on foreign investments; her colonies brought her into world affairs, and now she could hold aloof no longer. The war had made a tremendous difference and made America for a time financial centre of the world. In spite of all this there was still a strong isolationist party in America. But he thought that in a few years time America's obligations in the world would be more fully realised by her citizens.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Up to date £45,000 has been subscribed to the society in donations, subscriptions and covenants. But so far still the majority of O.W.W. have not responded to the appeal. It must be emphasised again that every contribution, however small, is of the utmost importance. The society is an object that demands the whole-hearted co-operation of every Westminster, past or present.

It has been made very easy to subscribe to the Society by seven-year covenants. By subscribing in this way the subscription is spread over seven years, and income tax is

deducted from the amount subscribed. Thus, the donor of £10 10s. covenants to pay £1 10s. a year for seven years and actually only pays £1 2s. 6d. (or rather less since the increase in income tax), with larger sums the instalments are proportionally more. Forms for covenants can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., the Bursary, Little Dean's Yard. Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer at the same address.

### AN ODE

I said to myself, as I looked at the shelf  
Where my classical textbooks lay strewn:  
"I'll wager my shirt that you won't pass the Cert.  
If you don't get some work done darn soon."

So I sat down to work, for I'm not one to shirk  
The hard labour I *have* to get through;  
And I read through two plays, without even a  
space  
To buy ices, or chocolate to chew.

But this couldn't last; and at four or ten past  
The College band started to play;  
And swiftly, as soon as I heard the bassoon,  
I made up my mind not to stay.

I retreated up Lib., but an unlettered tribe  
of Ashburnhamites found my retreat;  
And it's sad to report: they began to make  
sport,  
And resorted to tickling my feet.

I fled back to College with no further knowledge  
of Horace's Third Book of Odes;  
But as I got near; why, what should I hear  
But a pneumatic drill on the roads!

I slammed shut the door; then I paused—and  
a roar  
Of annoyance burst forth through my teeth,  
For a man down below was commencing to mow  
The long grass in the garden beneath!

The window I closed (and I think that I dozed,  
For working had made me feel sick);  
But the noise of the mower didn't seem any  
lower,  
So I stopped, and went out to a "flick."

M. W. O'B.

## A FRIEND OF THE PAST

I met old Footle in Sandwich Street.

He had changed. The look of wonder had passed from his face, his curled moustachios had given way to miserable spikes and his buttons no longer shone. Folornly I noticed that his toothpick adorned the wrong button-hole and that he wore his slippers on the wrong feet. Only a dilapidated top hat told me that this was indeed Footle. I prodded him gently with my stick. For a moment he stood still and sniffed the air, twitching his nose sensitively. Then, with arms outstretched like the wings of a pterodactyl, he wandered towards me. His intuition had not deserted him.

"Ha, Footle," I said.

He muttered something from behind his coat collar and I asked after his flower pots. A gloom crossed that noble countenance.

"Alas," he said bitterly, "the scheme fell through. No one would wear them."

"Ah," I said with understanding. There was a pause. "And the human refrigeration?" I added.

"I kept two people in store for a month," he said, "but they never thawed."

"And the eyebrows?"

At first the man seemed too overcome to speak. Then, with a despairing gesture, he twisted his moustache and told me to the sound, of distant bagpipes, the story of the eyebrows.

"It began," he said, "last autumn, when I discovered a liquid which made the hair grow half an inch a day. The recipe is simple and I shall leave it out. The point is that, while I was brushing back the locks from my face after a fortnight's steady growth, I suddenly realised that this device might be put to a good purpose. Few people want a lot of hair on top and whiskers grow well enough without assistance, but—and here it was that I made my great realisation—there was the undeniable existence of eyebrows. I have always held up eyebrows as one of my chief grudges against nature. Eyebrows exist for no purpose; you can do

nothing with them; they are ridiculous." He stopped for a moment to get a firmer grip on my tie, and I took the opportunity of criticising his silver canines.

"And so," he continued, "the plan for decorative eyebrows filled my brain. Ideas for a handsome race filled my mind. I proclaimed myself an amprocrologist or eyebrow specialist. My room was hung with ocular close-ups and I crammed my window with mysterious bottles and eyebrows affixed to stands.

"It caused a sensation. My shop was crowded the first day it opened, immense queues formed outside, and I found the task of anointing one after the other with my treatment not a little irksome. The liquorice smell pervaded everywhere. But my task had not really begun until two days later when the newly-grown eyebrows appeared. By this time I had developed my business. Several assistants had been engaged and, since they were inexperienced and took an hour over each operation, I had introduced refreshments to be served round every forty-five minutes, though the amprocrologist naturally found working on a munching patient more difficult. But if the going was hard the results were magnificent. In a week I had produced specimens as sharp as a needle point and a good three inches long; in ten days some of my clients possessed their first twist; and by three weeks enterprising customers had three spirals overshadowing their eyes. Their popularity was increased by the bleaching process. Dark men found pale eyebrows a brilliant contrast to their hair. My takings became tremendous.

"But it did not last." Footle's voice became miserable. "I began to receive letters cancelling appointments. The growths, I learnt, were becoming a nuisance to others. People were losing friends; it became impossible to travel in trains or buses. What was more, they needed too much attention; and they grew too fast."

He stopped suddenly, overcome, and removed my fountain pen. His kleptomania had not deserted him. As I watched him roll away down the street, to the sound of distant bagpipes, I was reminded of an ichthysamus.

P. L. G.



## SCHOOL CONCERT

This term the Madrigal Society and School gave a performance of excerpts from the St. Matthew Passion. It was a fine performance marred only by a little uncertainty on the part of the soloists.

This work, gives scope for both chorus and orchestra alike, and the many difficulties which arise were overcome with ease.

Of the soloists, two in particular stood out, Miss Mabel Ritchie soprano, and Mr. R. G. Rowe tenor. Their diction and musicianship were of a consistently high standard, and many would do well to take an example from them.

Once again we were very pleased to hear Mr. G. L. Troutbeck, O.W., taking a solo part, and maintaining his usual good form. Mr. Christopher Doll, O.W., bass, appeared to find the compass demanded by the various recitatives a little too much for him, which was perhaps due to the yet undeveloped state of his voice; he is undoubtedly young to attempt such an advanced work, but must be congratulated on his performance.

The part of Judas was taken by Mr. J. P. Hart, who was then at the School. Once again diction was good, but unfortunately his voice lacked depth and body, both of which were needed in full force in this particular case.

Tenors and basses of the Madrigal Society this year were outstandingly good, but unfortunately, the trebles could not combat against them in the choruses, which tended rather to unbalance the ensemble. Their attacks were well rehearsed and certain, both with the Madrigal Society alone and when they were joined by the School.

D. K. E.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

*Saturday, June 18th.*—1st and 2nd VIII at Marlow Regatta. Fencing *v.* Cheltenham.

*Saturday, June 25th.*—1st XI *v.* Wellington (away).

*Tuesday, June 28th.*—Visit to the Port of London by invitation of the Chairman, Lord Ritchie of Dundee (O.W.). 1st XI *v.* Sherborne (away).

*Wednesday, June 29th.*—St. Peter. Service in Abbey, 9.0 a.m. Henley Regatta.

*Saturday, July 2nd.*—1st XI *v.* Radley.

*Friday, July 8th.*—Music Competition. Judged by Sir Adrian Boult (O.W.).

*Saturday, July 9th.*—1st XI *v.* Charterhouse (home).

*Friday, July 22nd.*—School Concert, 8.15 p.m. 1st XI *v.* O.W.W.

*Saturday, July 23rd.*—1st and 2nd XIs *v.* O.W.W. Fencing *v.* O.W.W.

*Sunday, July 24th.*—Election Sunday. School Communion, 8 p.m.

*Monday, July 25th.*—Election Monday. Cricket Lamprobaties. Election Dinner, 8 p.m.

*Tuesday, July 26th.*—Election Term ends. O.T.C. and Scouts proceed to camp.

## FOOTBALL IN GERMANY

Formerly, both football and travel were difficult and dangerous pursuits. Stubber, in his "Anatomie of Abuses" (1595) says that "foot-ball may rather be called a friendlie kind of fighte than a play—a bloody and murthering practice than a felowly sport or pastime. For doeth not everyone lye in waight for his adversarie, seeking to overthrow him . . . though it be on hard stones, or ditch or dale, or valley or hill, or whatsoever place it be, he careth not so he have him downe?" Such was football! And Erasmus in 1518 writing of travel in Germany says: "At Aachen there was nothing to eat but cold carp . . . next day, owing to the weather, there was nothing to offer but eels . . . I disliked Aachen and its ways and longed to be off . . . the road turned out to be paved with flint." Such was travel; fortunately no longer the case, and on Monday, April 11th, a Westminster football team left Victoria to tour Germany and enjoyed the more civilized outcome of their once ferocious activities.

A tremendous variety of sights and experiences were crowded into a fortnight. At Aachen we were met by a contingent of Hitler youths, who celebrated our arrival with a massed band, while we were conducted round their ranks. We saw Charlemagne's Cathedral and the chair in which he was crowned. At Köln the team was presented with a fine Nazi

bouquet. From Koblenz to Wiesbaden we sailed down the Rhine, the impressive grandeur of which still dominates the slate-grey earth of the vine-plantations, the railway which runs along both banks, and the tall factory chimneys in the background. Old Medieval castles add a vivid picturesque touch. We were told that many had either been bought by wealthy foreigners or were being used as Hitler Youth Hostels.

We spent two days at Munich and two in the snow of the Bavarian Alps. At Oberammergau we saw over the theatre where the famous "Passion Play" is given by the local people. We had snowball fights, climbed mountains, and as most of us had by this time spent our money, we suffered greatly under the stimulus of the keen mountain air, from hunger. At one point a basket of unprotected rolls was all but plundered.

The tour revealed striking differences in the English and German characters. For instance, at the end of a football match the staccato German cheer of "Sich Heil! Sich Heil! Sich Heil!" is performed with mechanical precision and acute exaction. It is more a business than a cheer. The English "Hip-hip-hurrah!" on the other hand, one can imagine echoing down a Dorset lane in summer.

On the football field, if a German annoys his opponent (by knocking him over on the unyielding cinders) he ceremoniously offers him his hand. After that a sense of humour aids better relationships. They play with a concentrated energy and determination which one has to strive against before it can be understood. They beat us in all the matches we played, 5-0 at Aachen, 3-1 at Dusseldorf, 4-0 at Köln, and 2-1 at Wiesbaden. All their victories were well deserved and we congratulate our conquerors. With a full 1st XI we might have been able to retaliate.

The whole tour—from sampling  $\frac{1}{3}$ d. cigars (just to know the worst) to drinking Munich beer (to know the best)—was a great success. Herr Kränzlin and Mr. Young both did a tremendous lot in making the Tour enjoyable, and our sincerest thanks are due to them. All the Germans we met were extraordinarily helpful and pleasant: the idea of war seemed merely absurd.

K. G. N.

## MOTOR RACING

The Westminster Sports Car Club held another very pleasant and friendly meeting at Brooklands last holidays. This year's meeting consisted of Speed Trials along a half-mile on the Railway Straight. J. Upsdell in his M.G. was runner-up for the McNeil Cup and A. E. F. C. Long was third in his Austin. The event was organised throughout very efficiently by the Club Secretary, Ian McNeil, and the track was very kindly lent to the Club by Mr. Bradley, the Clerk of the Course at Brooklands. Mr. Dowding and Mr. I. E. Humphreys timed the cars during the races and were assisted by Mr. McCaw.

The Club was originally founded at Westminster but was not recognised as a School society. It has now been thrown open to non-Westminsters but preserves the School colours, and a predominance of O.W. members, led by the president, Mr. S. C. H. Davis of the *Autocar*. Members have acted as officials at many Brooklands and Donnington events and have entered as teams or individuals for various trials and speed events all over England.

Details of the Club can be obtained from I. McNeil, Jesus College, Cambridge.

The garden is still in the light  
 That drifts from your window now :  
 And pale in the dreaming night  
 The blossoms are heaped on the bough.  
 And I think that you, my delight,  
 Are fragrant and sweet as they,  
 Asleep in the soft lamplight  
 Till dawning of rosy day ;  
 Yet I know that love, my delight,  
 Is fragrant and brief as they.

B. A. G.

## SCOUT TROOP

The mystery of what the Scouts do between two o'clock and three-thirty on Wednesday and Friday afternoons during the winter was to some extent solved last term. For instead of disappearing into the basement of No. 3 Little Deans Yard, as has been our custom for the past few years, we began to emerge more and more into the open. First we just paraded at the

beginning of the afternoon for a few minutes, only to scuttle away again like so many rabbits; but finally most of us spent the afternoons in Green or College Garden, or else in that mysterious pursuit of finding "paths" in the streets of Westminster.

A new activity which started last term was surveying, and twice a week there was to be seen a small party of Scouts clustered round a plane table in the centre of Yard much to the annoyance of the O.T.C. Last term also saw our first Inter-Patrol competition. This covered every branch of Scouting in which the Troop is interested. Each Patrol in turn endeavoured to show itself the most adept at tent-pitching, knot-tying, fire-lighting, signalling, ambulance work and covering a mile at Scouts pace in exactly twelve minutes. It was the tent-pitching which aroused the keenest competition, and it became quite usual for one to arrive in the morning to the sound of mallet strokes upon pegs, as a couple of rival Patrols were perfecting their latest schemes for putting up a tent in record time. Even at that time of the year there had been little rain and many were the complaints at having to force pegs through the cement-like surface of Green. However, Nature made up for her oversight and the fire-lighting competition which was held on our Field-day at Ranmore Common, took place in a torrential downpour. The final placings of the Patrols proved to be extremely close, so close in fact that the Beavers and Panthers tied for first place with the rest but a short way behind.

We competed for the Westminster Ambulance Shield last term for the first time. This entailed among other things some proficiency in stretcher drill which is usually outside the activities of the Troop, but after instruction in this by the A.S.M., the team were so far rewarded as to be placed second.

On March 16th, we welcomed to our annual Troop Tea, the Rover crew and the junior (Millbank) troop, and although the Rovers had to leave early we managed to startle Westminster with our singing. Throughout the term we have been occupied with our normal activities of Bookbinding, Carpentry and Pathfinding, whilst there has been evidence in Green of our bridge-building ability.

## OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

SIR,

The weather so far this term has, with the exception of the last few days, been consistently fine, thereby causing ample opportunities for prowess in outdoor sports and no little anxiety to the agrarian population. It would appear, from observations in the Cam valley, that such has not been the case in the other place. For indoor entertainment we have enjoyed, among other delights, two weeks of Rupert D'Oyly Carte, and one of Robertson Hare, in a most unusual farce.

Drawing aside from general topics, we find Old Westminsters in the news for varied reasons. Illness has reaped its harvest this term; Mr. Seal was despatched to the Acland in the first week with pleurisy, and his recovery will unfortunately be slow. Mr. Scott has been holidaying in the North Orford Nursing Home for a week, and has thereby escaped the not unmixed pleasure of rowing in Eights. Mr. Geare has recovered from his sad bereavement, appendix, and the stage is set for him in company with many others in the approaching Schools.

Mr. Kemp and Mr. Instone both netted a neat second in Classical Moderations last March, and Mr. Seward won the vocational Shooting Championship in April.

That perennial of the Oxford Letter, Mr. Christie, added another to the list of Old Westminster Fencing successes by winning the Junior British Epée Championship. This is the one sport at which Westminster has achieved renown in recent years, and it is with regret that we learn of its curtailment.

A visit to Cambridge last Wednesday was made the occasion for a revival of old friendships, but since the meeting took place on light-blue territory, we will not attempt to steal the thunder from your other letter.

I must, Sir, beg leave to end on a personal note. I deny once for all, the insinuations of your Cambridge correspondent in his last epistle from the Gogs. Backbiting is, I feel, unworthy of University newsvendors, and I should be grateful if you would consider the subject closed.

I remain, Sir,

Your OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

SIR,

The tragedy of the Easter Term is once more being played upon the Cambridge stage. It is a tragedy after Tchekov, full of inhibitions and repressions, of the desire for æternal pleasures frustrated by examinations. Many of the players in this human tragedy, Sir, are old Westminsters; some are making their *début* in this type of part and are still fresh from the more amenable roles of farce.

Before Tripos fever held Cambridge in its grip a number of events took place. The Duke of Gloucester inspected the O.T.C. in a rain-storm and pronounced it efficient in spite of his damp reception. The Australians paid a visit to Fenner's in glorious sun and made merry at the University's expense to the intense delight of a record crowd. There was a world première of "Break the News" at the Arts, which was mildly flattering and a season of Ballets performed by the Ballet Joos. The *Times* spent a whole column on the plainclothes Shakespeare at the Festival but refused to mention the very full dress Tudor Fair at the Corn Market.

But now gossip writers search in vain for copy for their columns; books instead of bottles litter the tables. Drunken cries have given place to hollow groans of despair; College authorities gaze in horror at decreasing fines and emptying coffers, but comfort themselves with high hopes of forfeited caution money.

Amidst this atmosphere of strain we were delighted to welcome four Oxford O.W. visitors in an open car and a rainstorm. From their lips we heard such scandal as is not thought fit for your august columns although we fear that the visit may have provided in some small way copy worthy of the Oxford letter. We can rest assured, however, that whatever they saw in Cambridge must pale beside what we heard from them of Oxford.

I can, therefore, only report that Cambridge is waiting for the end of the Tripos and the Mays to let herself go during May Week. Meanwhile, Sir, this has been a pleasant interlude for,

Your CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

## SOUND TRACK

Oremus . . . coffee choc ice please . . . why on earth should they put him in the First Eleven? . . . I remember in that match against . . . What? Up Groves again? . . . Dostoevsky and Mozart have the same intensity? . . . man thinks we can do fifty irregular verbs in an hour he can go and . . . play fives . . . I prefer Jebb's reading . . . I think Classics are lousy . . . how about going to that surrealist exhibition at . . . let's tie it down to Sub-oblique . . . come up Suts . . . *instat sesqueduodecima* . . . in, out, in, out, . . . my arms . . . one, two, three, four, legs . . . touch every other drainpipe . . . bell . . . round cloisters . . . it's only a quarter past . . . better hurry up . . . late . . . early . . . surely good . . . *et tu das illis escam in tempore* . . . hurry up with that meat John, . . . I do think Goëthe's too soul-shattering . . . If you ask me, Mussolini's cracked . . . you quite deaf? I said pass the . . . thick, there are 23 people on this table and only . . . *benedictus benedicatur* . . . make a two up Fields . . . same as yesterday, Sergeant . . . must get the book done by the Exeat . . . in to tea? . . . when does the Water bus . . . Saturday afternoon . . . Station . . . Marlene Dietrich . . . cast . . . No I *don't* think so . . . win by Middlesex . . . *ire licet*.

T. J. B.

## BOOK REVIEW

DREAMS ALIVE

By GERALD ATTENBOROUGH (O.W.)

(Hodder and Stoughton, 2s. 6d.)

Looseness in phrase is too frequently a failing of the minor poet. The inspiration may for a moment weaken, and the impulse to use a resonant sentence that is too complicated a fabric for the thought it has to carry goes unresisted. The ability to revise or to destroy, the experience and growth that make it enduring to do so, are often denied the young author. He may find it so difficult to alter a piece without considering it an offence against its spontaneity, that he cannot but leave as it first stands, rather than attempt the unpleasant task of chopping and fitting into shape. The young poet, therefore, suffers the disadvantage

of being under-estimated by the critic because his writings contain so much that the wiser would have destroyed as dross.

Mr. Attenborough suffers all the trials of a young poet, and must be allowed them in his favour. Yet they are faults which are able to mar a finely conceived lyric. The lyricist must concentrate his thought, that his words may seem the richer for being so charged with matter. This is Mr. Attenborough's chief failing, and not all the leniency a reviewer may offer can repair it.

"White owls shall cry your pale star down  
from the cloudless sky  
To sleep within my dreams."

"Flower of the mind's deep loneliness  
Swaying in the cradle of the night."

It is in such lines that the loss of meaning is most clearly noticed. Mr. Attenborough has, indeed, a spirited sense of the beauty of words, but their value has yet to be mastered. Many lines point that it may come to good:—

"Lies the treasure where I never chose  
On hills too high for me I see the golden-  
coated hind."

The lyric without the lyric-intensity is an impoverished gift to offer, a very blunted sword to wield, yet it is few that have the genius to sharpen it. Mr. Attenborough in his short book gives us a glimpse of his powers, a glimpse of a blade that time and experience may temper to a true keenness, or whittle to the hilt.

R. H. F. C.

## O.T.C.

The General Inspection of the contingent took place on 25th March. The Inspecting Officer was Colonel Macdougall of the General Staff, the War Office, assisted by Major Stuart Brown, 2nd Batt. The Coldstream Guards, our Visiting Officer. In recent years the ceremonial side of the inspection has taken a much less prominent part, more attention being paid to the actual training and in particular, the powers of leadership displayed by the cadets. For this reason it was decided to do what the weather made necessary last year—to hold the Inspection in Dean's Yard instead of at Vincent Square. Not

much time was spent on the tactical side of the work, this being left until an opportunity arose for a test to be made in the open country. An inter-Company exercise took place on Banstead Heath, on 20th May, when Major MacMillan, acting for Colonel Macdougall, was present during the operations.

The following cadets qualified for Certificate 'A' in the March examinations:—

W. H. Allchin, D. D. Bayley, F. F. Calway, M. G. Finn, B. A. Giles, P. H. Hiscox, P. A. Korda, P. D. Leveaux, T. B. Nicholas, P. M. Shearman, J. R. A. Strickland, A. P. R. Thompson, R. Wakeford, M. G. Yonge.

It is hoped to spend a day at Bordon, near Aldershot, on 7th June, with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, to which we are now affiliated for training assistance. A similar programme to that carried out last summer is proposed.

The contingent will be in camp this year, close to Bordon, at Oxney. This is a new O.T.C., camp and takes the place of Rushmoor, which is really too close to Twisteddown for training ever to be satisfactory.

The members in the O.T.C. this year are as follows:—Official Cadets 127, Supernumeraries 68, a total of 195.

## ATHLETICS

### THE SCHOOL SPORTS AND RELAYS.

The 1938 season was marked first by the unfortunate absence of J. W. Woodbridge, and second by the magnificent performance of Ashburnham.

After Woodbridge's record-breaking achievement of last year, a broken collar bone a few days before training was due to begin was indeed a misfortune. In addition, an unexpected decision to join the British India Company curtailed his time at Westminster and we had most reluctantly to resign ourselves to the fact that he would not take any part in the sports. With difficulty he was persuaded and with difficulty he ran in the O.W.W. race. He was just beaten into third place.

Ashburnham are to be congratulated on a fine all-round team. They won the Long-Distance

Race House Cup gaining 1st, 3rd, and 6th places; they won 7 of the 11 relay batons to take the Relay Cup; and they carried off the Athletic Cup with a lead of nearly 150 points. Great credit for these results is due to their captain, Harston. Largely through his energy and keenness, not only were more standard points gained than by any other house but more boys gained them. It is fine that there are more boys to gain them than in other houses but it was in 1922 that Ashburnham last won the Athletic Cup. They were obvious winners fairly early in the Sports this year but the competition for second place was close almost to the end.

The Long Distance Race as usual was the first event and provided the first surprise. Neal elected captain of Running in Woodbridge's place, was considered a likely winner, having been well up at the finish last year. Harston had other ideas, however, and certainly looked the fitter and stronger runner over the last stretch along the road. Clout was a good third and though Hooper gave Home Boarders fourth place, P. F. Taylor, running sixth, made his house certain winners.

The Relay followed with some field and track events on each of the two days. As an experiment, only the best six competitors in each of the "field" relays took part in the finals. This shortened the programme considerably on the Sports days. It was further shortened first by the fact that finalists were concerned with University examinations, and second by the unfortunate accidents to Calway and Woodwark, both of whom were unlucky enough to break their wrists in the High Jump relays. Although Grants only won two of the nine "field" Relays, by obtaining more 2nd and 3rd places in the others, they narrowly defeated Busbys and Ashburnham who each had three wins. It was satisfactory to find that all six houses were represented in almost every field event. This fact was no doubt a help towards the higher all-round standard achieved. Of the track relays, Ashburnham's superiority has already been stated. The racing was, however, keen throughout and some close finishes were seen.

In the absence of Woodbridge, the School events did not provide us with quite such record-breaking performances as last year, though the standard in most events was high. The highest praise must be given to Robie, who beat Woodbridge's record in the Low Hurdles and equalled James' record in the 440 yards. He also won the 100 yards and the Long Jump and showed himself to be no mean performer in field events. It was lucky for Westminster Athletics that Robie chose this year to cross the Atlantic.

Gawthorne, in the Javelin, and Page Wood, in the High Hurdles, gave us two more records for Vincent Square, though the latter was not quite up to Long's performance at Eastbourne last year. In addition to Gawthorne, Walker Brash, in the Discus, and Hunt, in the Weight, both reached the Public Schools' standard.

Dawson's brilliant running must be mentioned first of the Junior performances. He is big for his age and made full use of his strength and size to take  $\frac{1}{8}$  sec. off the 100 yards record,  $\frac{2}{3}$  sec. off the High Hurdles record and 6 sec. off the 440 yards record—all under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ . He also won the Long Jump. His time in the 440 yards was more than a second better than the under 16 record for the event! In a normal year, Casper would have been considered above the average, but Dawson gave him no chance. Under 16, Walters and Hampton Smith were outstanding, 11 sec. by Walters in the 100 yards adding one more record to the list.

In order to encourage hurdling in the school, a new event—180 yards Low Hurdles, under  $14\frac{1}{2}$ —was added to this programme this year.

After Mr. Carleton had repeated his victory of last year in the O.W.W. race, Mrs. Christie very kindly presented the Relay batons and the Cups and medals.

### RELAY RESULTS

FIELD EVENTS.—1. GG. 48 pts. ; 2. BB. 44 pts. ;  
3. A.HH. ; 42 pts.

Under  $14\frac{1}{2}$  Sprint :—1. A.HH. ; 2. GG. ; 3. RR.

Junior Sprint :—1. A.HH. ; 2. K.SS. ; 3. GG.

Senior Sprint :—1. A.HH. ; 2. BB. ; 3. K.SS.

Under  $14\frac{1}{2}$  Hurdles :—1. A.HH. ; 2. GG. ; 3. RR.

Junior Hurdles :—1. A.HH. ; 2. K.SS. ; 3. H.BB.

Senior Hurdles :—1. BB. ; 2. H.BB. ; 3. A.HH.

Senior Low Hurdles :—1. H.BB. ; 2. A.HH. ; 3. BB.  
 Under 14½ Medley :—1. A.HH. ; 2. GG. ; 3. BB.  
 Junior Medley :—1. A.HH. ; 2. BB. ; 3. GG.  
 Senior Medley :—1. H.BB. ; 2. A.HH. ; 3. K.SS.  
 House Relay Cup :—1. A.HH., 110 pts. ; 2. BB., 84 pts. ; 3. GG., 79½ pts. ; 4. H.BB., 71½ pts. ; 5. K.SS., 71 pts. ; 6. RR., 42 pts.

## SPORTS RESULTS

Long Distance Race :—

1. Harston (A.H.), 2. Neal (H.B.), 3. Clout (A.H.),  
 4. Hooper (H.B.) ; Time 15 mins. 14 secs.

Long Distance Race—House Cup :—

1. A.HH., (1st, 3rd, 6th), 10 pts. ; 2. H.BB., (2nd, 4th, 16th), 22 pts.

Putting the Weight (12 lb.) :—

1. Hunt (A.H.), 2. W. Brash (K.S.), 3. Greenish (G.) ;  
 36 ft. 3 in.

Throwing the Discus (1.5 kg.) :—

1. W. Brash (K.S.), 2. Patterson (G.), 3. Phillips (R.) ; 108 ft. 5 in.

Throwing the Javelin (330 cm., 600 gms.) :—

1. Gawthorne (H.B.), 2. Reed (G.), 3. Robie (B.)  
 139 ft. 2 in.

High Jump :—

Under 14½.

1. Mitchell (G.), 2. L. Hartley (B.) ; 4 ft. 5 in.

Under 16.

1. Lee Warner (B), 2. Morris (B) ; 4 ft. 11 ins.

Open.

1. Halsall (K.S.), 2. Patterson (G.), 3. Neal (H.B.) ;  
 5 ft. 1 in.

Long Jump :—

Under 14½.

1. Dawson (A.H.), 2. Casper (A.H.) ; 15 ft. 9 in.

Under 16.

1. Scarfe (B.), 2. Whelpton (A.H.) ; 17 ft.

Open.

1. Robie (B.), 2. P. Wood (H.B.) 3. Budgett (G.)  
 19 ft. 2½ in.

120 Yards Hurdles :—

Under 14½.

1. Dawson (A.H.), 2. Casper (A.H.) ; 18 sec. ;  
 (Record).

Under 16.

1. Lever (A.H.), 2. McGee (A.H.) ; 19.9 sec.

Open.

1. P. Wood (H.B.), 2. Hunt (A.H.), 3. Halsall (K.S.) ; 16.5 sec. ; (V. Sq. Record).

Low Hurdles :—

Under 14½.

1. Casper (A.H.), 2. Young (K.S.) ; 24.9 sec.

Under 16.

1. Walters (A.H.), 2. H. Smith (K.S.) ; 29.8 secs.

Open.

1. Robie (B.), 2. P. Wood (H.B.), 3. Goatly (A.H.) ;  
 26.4 sec. ; (Record).

100 Yards :—

Under 14½.

1. Dawson (A.H.), 2. Casper (A.H.) ; 11.6 sec. ;  
 (Record).

Under 16.

1. Walters (A.H.), 2. H. Smith (K.S.) ; 11 sec. ;  
 (Record).

Open.

1. Robie (B.), 2. Harston (A.H.), 3. Hunt (A.H.) ;  
 10.9 sec.

440 Yards :—

Under 14½.

1. Dawson (A.H.), 2. Mitchell (G.) ; 58.8 sec. ;  
 (56.6 in heat—Record).

Under 16.

1. H. Smith (K.S.), 2. Scarfe (B.) ; 57.8 secs. ;  
 (Equals Record).

Open.

1. Robie (B.), 2. Harston (A.H.), 3. Newman (G.) ;  
 52.6 secs. ; (Equals Record).

880 Yards :—

Under 16.

1. Nash (H.B.), 2. Davison (G.) ; 2 min. 23.6 sec.

Open.

1. Harston (A.H.), 2. Newman (G.) 3. Phillips (R.) ; 2 min. 12.1 sec.

One Mile :—

Under 16.

1. Morris (B.), 2. Macwhinnic (H.B.) ; 5 min. 37.8 sec.

Open.

1. Neal (H.B.), 2. Clout (A.H.), 3. Hooper (H.B.) ;  
 5 min 5.3 sec.

Consolation Race (440 Yards) :—

Under 14½.

1. Trebucq (A.H.),

Under 16.

1. Richardson (R.).

Open.

1. Treffgarne (H.B.).

O.WW. Race (100 Yards) :—

1. J. D. Carleton (H.B.), 2. I. Stewart (H.B.), 3.  
 J. W. Woodbridge (G.).

House Athletic Cup :—

1. A.HH., 340 pts., 2. BB., 194 pts., 3. H.BB., 190 pts.,  
 4. K.SS. 170 pts., 5. GG., 160 pts. 6. R.R., 82 pts.

## WESTMINSTER v. EASTBOURNE

Saturday, 26th March was fine and warm after the only rain of the whole Sports period on the previous day—a non-Sports day! The track was in good condition but it was too much to hope for six more records this year. But three more were made, and two were equalled.

Westminster made a bad start, losing both places in the Weight and the High Hurdles. Eastbourne equalled their previous best in the Weight while in the Hurdles Page Wood fell when well placed. The time was fast. Neal and Robie won the Mile and 100 yards respectively in good style, but the High Jump and the Half-Mile both went to Eastbourne. Our Long Jumpers were not at their best and it was left to Robie to cheer us up—we had never really recovered from being 14 points down after two events—by running a magnificent record quarter-mile in 51.9 secs.

Walters and Hampton Smith gave us a good start in the Colts match, getting two places in the 100 yards. Walters again doing 11 secs. It then looked as if Eastbourne was going to win everything else. They got two places in both the Hurdles and the Long Jump and 1st place in a record Half-Mile. Lee Warner could not do himself justice in the High Jump but Morris rose manfully to the occasion and cleared 4 ft. 11 in. to win. We then needed all the points from the last event, the 440 yards, to make the scores level. Dawson and Hampton Smith saw to that in no uncertain style, Dawson winning in the record time of 55.1 sec., a time that has not infrequently won the Open Quarter-Mile at Westminster!

Results:—

*Open.* Match, Eastbourne 37 pts., Westminster 20 pts.

*Colts.* Match, Westminster 21 pts., Eastbourne 21 pts.

#### MONDAY, 28th MARCH

As, owing to illness, Aldenham were forced to postpone their Sports, an attempt was made to get a team of University athletes to oppose us on the vacant date. This failed, however, so it was decided to hold a handicap meeting between our own Open, Colts and under 14½ teams. A very close match resulted in which the two Junior teams tied with 57 points each, the Open team gaining 54 points.

In the Javelin, Discus and Weight, the school competitors were opposed—unsuccessfully—by various members of the staff led by Herr Kränzlin. We were lucky to have had the benefit of his coaching in these events. Gaw-

thorne was not slow to take this chance to improve on his previous record and this time reached 146 ft. 1 in.

Included in the programme was an 800 yards relay between the staff and combined team from the three school teams—8 aside. The staff were again unsuccessful!

#### HENDERSON CUP AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS

E. A. Robie made the task of deciding who was the winner of the Henderson Cup very simple. The two records that he gained were both good ones and he showed himself to be a splendid all-round athlete. It was good that he was able to rearrange his holiday plans to include the Public Schools Sports. He ran very well to win his two qualifying rounds from an outside lane in each case but in the final, drawn on the inside, he set too fast a pace and, though he was leading at the half distance, was beaten into fifth place. It was most unfortunate that his invitation to represent the London Public Schools in Paris did not reach him in time for him to accept.

We were well represented at the White City this year, and though we did not get placed in any other Open finals, Gawthorne reached standard in the Javelin, and Walker Bresh in the Discus and Weight.

In the Junior races, Walters in the 100 yards and Hampton Smith in the 250 yards both ran in the finals.

M. F. Y.

#### CRICKET

An experiment is being made this year in the organization of cricket for those who do not play in Seniors, and who would formerly have been playing in House Leagues. It was felt that one or two houses had so few players left after completing their Seniors side, that to call a league side—eked out with miscellaneous substitutes, by their name—was as meaningless as to call eight Canadian ice-hockey players the Wembley Tigers. Those of the larger houses who could find a host nowhere were drained into the sump called Subs. game, the *summum malum* of cricket. Both these evils, if evils



they were, have been eliminated by the formation of seven clubs, called at present by letters of the alphabet but destined, it is hoped, soon to have less literary and more definite appellations.

A club may consist of boys from every house, and their composition in the first place was purely arbitrary, the numbers and playing skill of each club being kept as level as possible ; it is intended that next year this equality should be maintained by distributing new boys at the beginning of the season. Every cricketer has been placed in a club this year, but the playing strength of each is only about fifteen. No boy may be left out of his club side for two consecutive matches, and any who are so left out combine with volunteers among Seniors and masters to form a side called Nondescripts. This motley band plays the odd club out, and up to date has won two matches and lost a third. Each club has a captain and vice-captain and the success of the scheme will depend largely on them.

Twice a week Relf, who has succeeded Russell as professional and groundsman, and others are available to coach anyone from clubs who may apply, as far as numbers will allow ; so that if he chooses, every cricketer in the school can receive coaching at some time. Matting is being used in some of the nets, which have been set up on the football field ; these may now be used on Saturday afternoons without interfering with any match in the middle, and seem to be popular.

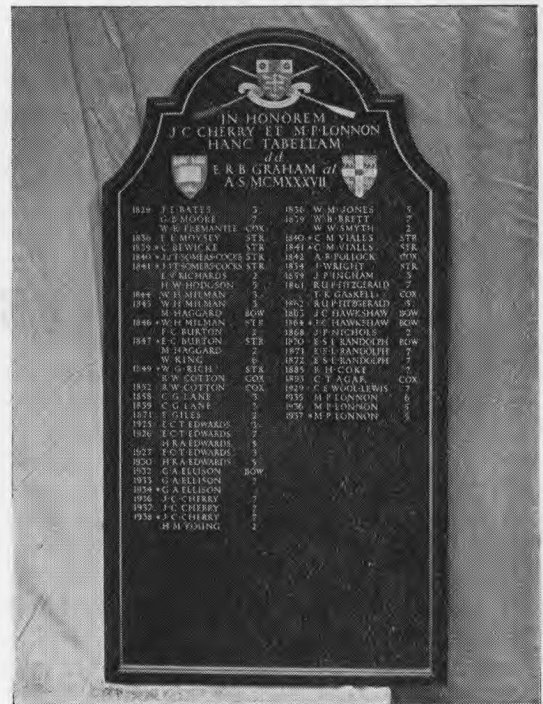
T. R. G.

## THE WATER

An attempt has been made this year to introduce an entirely new event into the rowing programme, the formation of a team of scullers to compete against other schools. Last term a team met and defeated St. Pauls in what we believe to be the first inter-school sculling match, and although there are great difficulties in arranging fixtures of this kind, it is hoped that the event will be repeated and extended to include other schools.

The match took place on Monday, March 28th, over a course from Harrods Wharf to Beverley Brook. There were two classes, senior and

junior-senior—the former competing in best boats, the latter (which excluded members of the first two eights) in sliding seat rum-tums.



The tablet recording O.W.W., who have rowed for Oxford v. Cambridge presented to the Boat Club by Mr. E. R. B. Graham.

The results were as follows :—

### Senior Sculls.

M. Knowles (Westminster) beat S. H. Peploe (St. Pauls) by one length. Time, 4 mins. 43 secs.

C. A. Argyle (Westminster) beat J. M. Burnford (St. Pauls) by 2½ lengths. Time, 4 mins. 50 secs.

### Junior Senior Sculls.

C. R. Strother-Stewart (Westminster) beat L. G. Thirkel (St. Pauls) easily. Time, 5 mins. 25 secs.

P. F. Taylor (Westminster) beat V. K. Aftafief (St. Pauls) by 4 lengths. Time, 5 mins. 15 secs.

The following fixtures have been arranged for the team :—

May 28th—2nd VIII v. Imperial Service College  
1st VIII at Windsor.

June 2nd—2nd and 3rd VIII *v.* St. Pauls 2nd and 3rd VIII, at Putney.

June 3rd—1st VIII *v.* St. Pauls 1st VIII, at Putney.

June 9th—3rd VIII and 4th VIII *v.* University College School 1st and 2nd VIII, at Richmond.

June 18th—1st and 2nd VIII, at Marlow Regatta.

June 21st—3rd VIII *v.* Eton 3rd VIII and Radley 3rd VIII, at Marlow.

4th VIII and 5th VIII *v.* St. Pauls 4th and 5th VIII, at Putney.

June 29th—Henley Regatta.

July 12th—July 23rd—School Regatta at Putney.

## OLD WESTMINSTERS

The Principal of Brasenose College has been elected an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple.

Dr. C. C. J. Webb has been elected an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Mr. F. J. Varley has been elected an Honorary Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford.

Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe has been appointed a member of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Advanced Legal Studies.

Mr. A. C. D. Ensor, Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County of London.

Mr. H. S. Palmer has entered the Colonial Service and been appointed Resident Magistrate in Northern Rhodesia.

Captain J. G. Fisher, Royal Marines, has graduated from the Staff College.

Mr. J. C. Cherry has been elected Captain of Leander Boat Club.

Mr. E. H. Seward has been elected to a Fell Exhibition at Christ Church, Oxford.

Mr. M. W. Humphrey Davies has been elected to a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship.

### BIRTHS

GATTY.—On May 24, the wife of Richard Gatty, a daughter.

GEORGE.—On April 25, the wife of G. O. George, a son.

HOLMES.—On February 13, the wife of Edward T. Holmes, a son.

JAMES.—On May 12, the wife of J. T. James, a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On January 19, the wife of Douglas Johnson, a son.

KNAPP-FISHER.—On April 30, the wife of H. C. Knapp-Fisher, a son.

LONDON.—On April 13, the wife of L. S. London, a son.

MASEFIELD.—On April 18, the wife of Peter G. Masefield, a daughter.

MATHEWS.—On May 4, the wife of E. D. Jefferiss Mathews, a son.

MERE.—On March 29, the wife of Robin Mere, a son.

PAULSON.—On March 18, the wife of Godfrey M. E. Paulson, a son.

PHILLIPS.—On May 22, the wife of Eustace D. Phillips, a son.

RAMBAUT.—On May 8, the wife of Hugh C. Rambaut, a son.

ROBBINS.—On April 11, the wife of Edgar Carmichael Robbins, a son.

STRATFORD.—On April 26, the wife of Dr. Martin Stratford, a son.

WILMOTH.—On March 28, the wife of Victor J. Wilmoth, a son.

## MARRIAGES

ALLEN—ANDREASEN.—On April 5, at Copenhagen, Frederick Willoughby Allen to Merete Inge, daughter of Herr Ingener, C.A. and Fru-Andreasen.

ARNOLD—HALEY.—On April 12th, Arthur Philip Arnold to Betty Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. da Silva Haley.

BELHAVEN AND STENTON—PEARSON.—On March 25th, Lord Belhaven and Stenton to Sheila de Hauteville, only daughter of Captain A. G. Pearson, D.S.O., and Mrs. Pearson, of the Knoll Farm, Aldington, Kent.

BULL—JOHNSON.—On April 20th, Christopher Forman Bull to Ruth Averil, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnson, of Bawtry, Yorks.

CRUFT—McCORMICK.—On April 14th, John Cruft to Margaret, eldest daughter of the Revd. Pat McCormick.

DEVEREUX—WRENCH.—On April 20th, Captain A. C. E. Devereux, R.A., to Jeanne Evelyn, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. D. Wrench, of Delhi and Simla, India.

DUNN—BRUCE PAYNE.—On April 20th, the Revd. Hubert Woodham Dunn to Olivia Cicely, daughter of the late Revd. O. D. Bruce Payne and Mrs. Bruce Payne, of Garth, Broxbourne, Herts.

NUNNS—WILLIAMS.—On April 23, Ernest F. B. Nunns to Brenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S. Williams, of Surbiton.

WOOL-LEWIS—YOUNG.—On April 30th, at Freetown, by the Bishop of Sierra Leone, Cyril Eric Wool-Lewis to Harriet Frances Wright Young.

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 OBITUARY

We regret to announce the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

EDWARD GILES was the son of the Ven. Archdeacon Giles, Canon and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral. Born on June 6th, 1849, he entered the school as a Bishop's Boy in 1863 and was admitted Q.S. in the following year. He soon developed into a good oarsman. He rowed in the Queen Scholars' Eight which beat the Town Boys in 1865 and in the school Eight

in 1866, and in 1871 he rowed in the Oxford boat against Cambridge. He had been elected to Christ Church, and in 1873, after taking a first in Modern History he became Professor of History and Political Economy at the Elphinstone College, Bombay. In 1897 he became Director of Public Instruction in the Bombay Presidency, and later was appointed a Member of Council. In 1903 he was made C.I.E. In 1906 he was made Director-General of Education in India and held the post until his retirement in 1908.

He married in 1878, Rose Ethel Louise, only daughter of General Sir John William Schneider, K.C.B.

ARTHUR GOODHART PITE, headmaster of Cheltenham College, whose sudden death took place on March 17, was the son of the late Mr. Arthur Beresford Pite, F.R.I.B.A., and brother of Mr. Ion Pite (O.W.), also an architect. Born on February 25th, 1896, he was at Westminster as a non-resident King's Scholar from 1909 to 1914, when he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge with a Samwaies exhibition. In February, 1915, he was commissioned in the R.F.A. (T.F.) and served in Mesopotamia from 1917 to January, 1919, and was awarded the M.C. Returning to Cambridge he obtained a first class in the Historical Tripos, part II, in 1920, and then came to London as organising secretary of the S.C.M. In 1925 he was appointed Head of Cambridge House, in Camberwell, and in 1927 he was chosen head master of Weymouth College where he remained until his appointment to the headmastership of Cheltenham last year.

He married, in 1922, Muriel, daughter of the late Revd. Dr. J. G. Tasker, formerly Principal of Handsworth College, Birmingham, and had two sons, one of whom is due to enter Westminster next term.

MR. WALTER CRANLEY RYDE, K.C., who died on April 27th, at the age of 81, was the third son of the late Mr. Edward Ryde, surveyor, of Poundfield House, Woking. From Westminster where he was an exhibitioner and Queen's Scholar, 1870-5, he went up to Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated in 1879. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1882 and he took silk in 1910. In 1900 he published "The Law and Practice of Rating."

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer. He was the last of his family to be in the Westminster Eleven, and he often had Old Westminsters down to play cricket on the private cricket ground at his father's house at Woking.

He married, in 1898, Eleanor, third daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Shaw, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, solicitor to the Great Northern Railway Company.

SAMUEL VILETT ROLLESTON, who died on March 24th, aged 68, was at Westminster from 1883 to 1888. He went up to Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1894. He joined the Western Circuit.

EDWARD UPTON STRICK, was the son of Mr. Edward Strick of Skelty, Co. Glamorgan,

solicitor. He was at Westminster from 1877 to 1878, and was afterwards an estate agent at Swansea. He married, first, in 1895, May, daughter of Henry Charlton Bastian, M.D., F.R.S., and secondly, in 1914, Mary, daughter of the Revd. J. P. Waldo, Vicar of St. Stephen's, South Kensington.

ALFRED CHENIVIX TRENCH, who died on March 13, at the age of 88, was the son of the Most Revd. Richard Chenevix Trench, Archbishop of Dublin, and Dean of Westminster, 1856-64, by the Hon. Frances Mary Trench, sister of the second Lord Ashtown. He was admitted in 1862. After coming down from Oxford, where he was at Univeristy College, he was for some years in the publishing firm of Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co. He married, in 1873, Isabella, youngest daughter of James Moore, of Dalchoolin, Co. Down.

## FLOREAT

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer. He was the first to get down to the Westminster Cricket Ground, and he often had Old Westminster down to play cricket on the cricket field ground at the latter part of the year.

He married in 1867 Eliza, third daughter of the late Mr. W. E. Shaw of St. Leonard's, and was connected to the Great Northern Railway Company.

SAMUEL VERNER COLLINGS, who died on March 21st 1884, was an eminent Westminister from 1854 to 1884. He was a member of Christ Church, Oxford, and was elected in 1854 to the vacant vacancy in 1854. He joined the Western Circuit.

Edward Henry Stokes was the son of Mr. Edward Stokes of Seely's Co. Liverpool.

subject. He was at Westminster from 1877 to 1887, and was afterwards an active agent at London. He married, first, an illegitimate daughter of Henry Charles Gordon, M.P., F.R.S., and secondly, in 1887, Mary daughter of the Rev. J. P. Wolfe, Vicar of St. Stephen's, South Kensington.

ALBERT CHARLES TRENKLE, who died on March 21st 1884, was the son of the Most Rev. Robert Charles Trevelyan, Archdeacon of Exeter, and Dean of Westminster Abbey, by the Miss Francis Mary Trevelyan, sister of the second Lord Ashurst. He was educated at Eton. After coming down from Eton, where he was at University College, he was for some years in the publishing firm of George Paul Trevelyan, London & Co. He married, in 1877, Isabella, youngest daughter of James Henry Trevelyan, Esq. Devon.

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Regular help from young O.W.W. in the Boys' Club and as officers of the Cadet Company is much needed. Further information will be given by the Hon. Secretary, Captain B. Stuart Horner, 3, Harcourt Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.

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