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A CONFERENCE HELD AT WESTMINSTER CONCERNING THE BEAUTIFYING OF LITTLE DEANS HIS YARD

For want of a less sordid spot within the School precincts, the scene is laid in Little Dean's Yard. Enter severally Lusor, as from Fields, and Scholasticus, bearing a pile of books and a telescope.

LUSOR : Sir, I perceive you marvellously laden with the material of scholarship, and vexed as it appears by the problems thereof. But I crave leave to break into your reverie, and to enquire whether your perspective be truly in keeping with the scholarly habit you affect ?

SCHOLASTICUS : My good Scholar, I am fresh from a visit to our new temple of learning, the Busby Library. I went thither to scan the proportions of the edifice, and to determine the quality of the tomes contained therein. The four books which you have observed are all those which I deemed might broaden the compass of a mean learning. The glass I had by me to observe the ceiling withal, as I was eo temporis without a ladder.

LUSOR : Most graciously replied, great Master. The Library is then at last revealed to the public view ?

SCHOLASTICUS : Nay, nor will be this many a day. But the elect have entrance.

LUSOR : Or that it be by now made ready, how is it that it remains unopened ?

SCHOLASTICUS : 'Tis the word of a noble prince that keeps it so, dear Scholar. But peace ! I see him approach even now.

Enter Lunaticus, as a School John, daubed with pink paint.

LUSOR : Fellow !

SCHOLASTICUS (*aside to Lusor*) : Hush ! Know you not that this is the Lord of Westminster ?

LUSOR (*aloud*) : If he be so, why bears he paint on his villainous countenance ?

LUNATICUS : Know you not, ill-favoured youth, that this pink is the distilled quintessence of Westminster's being ? Hast never seen thy nobler forebears wearing a pink carnation or a pink cravat as signifying their eminence ?

SCHOLASTICUS : Indeed he speaks sooth, my good friend.

LUSOR : I care not. I detest pink.

Lunaticus makes to strike him.

Scholasticus stays his hand, crying :

SCHOLASTICUS : Peace, peace, good Lunaticus ! Know that this youth is but an infant in these matters. Though he be in the Eleven, I misdoubt me if he be more than fifteen years of age.

LUNATICUS : Am I, then, to endure his prattle ? Why am I to paint the whole of Yard with pink if none be moved by it ?

LUSOR : Disturb not thyself, Lunaticus, on that score. All have seen, and all have been profoundly moved withal.

Exit Lunaticus, content.

LUSOR : I could wish, good master, that you had made no mention of my place in the Eleven.

SCHOLASTICUS : Why ? Is thy place not secure ?

LUSOR : Indeed it is. I made ten in the last match.

SCHOLASTICUS : But learn that our great Mentor will be but half-satisfied with such a score. I hear that he intends to improve his School.

LUSOR : What can he think might need improvement ? I know of nothing.

SCHOLASTICUS : Ah ! Dulce est desipere in loco. But I doubt not that you will soon be informed. The pinkness of Yard is but a quarter of what he will accomplish, make sure of that.

LUSOR : I trust at least that he will destroy the southerly face of Yard. Alas, that we cannot rely on the barbarous tartar to do as much for us !

SCHOLASTICUS : Your wish is misplaced, good Scholar. The buildings you mention are of respectable antiquity. Improvement there is, I trust, no part of our Mentor's plan. It would result only in the degeneration of the noblest inmates of the School to cozen them with bath-rooms and like luxuries.

LUSOR : I thank you for your discourse, learned Master, but by your leave to depart, as I am pressed with production of some prose for the School's periodical. Your opinions, I doubt not, will furnish excellent store of material for my task.

SCHOLASTICUS : Then look well that you repeat not anything untoward I may have said.

LUSOR : Rely on me, good Master.

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THE WORLD TOMORROW

BEING THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED AT WESTMINSTER
DURING MAY 1951

YOUR reporter must confess that he felt more than a little dismayed when he found out that he was to be responsible for the conduct of a Gallup Poll designed to discover what careers were favoured by the present generation of Westminsters. If the truth were known, his thoughts immediately flew to Harry S. Truman and the American Presidential Election of 1948. The idea that all his labour might be to no purpose was worrying enough; but his second thought was far more disconcerting even than this. He remembered, only too vividly, that if there was one question which he dreaded above all others it was the eternal one of "And what are you going to be when you grow up?" When he was asked it, he recollected, it was all he could do to be icily polite. He felt convinced that he would receive nothing but insults and abuse if he dared to ask such a question to members of the school. Needless to say, he was—as usual—quite wrong. In all two hundred boys were subjected to the Inquisition and in every case your reporter met with co-operation and civility. His first duty must therefore be to express his gratitude to all those whom he aggravated and irritated for the forbearance which they showed under what must have been exceedingly trying conditions.

Your reporter's second task must necessarily be to announce the results of his investigations and to pass what comment he can upon them. To his mind at least the most striking fact revealed by his enquiry was that 99 per cent of those questioned were resigned to earning their living in some form or another. To the two "gentlemen of leisure" (their own phrase) we the prospective toiling masses can but offer our unrestrained envy. Almost equally remarkable was the serious way in which the investigation was treated. Nobody wished to be an engine driver and the one boy who offered dustman as his choice of vocation soon thought better of it. There was, it is true, a bookmaker, and indeed a spiv, but there is no reason to believe that the two gentlemen who chose these two lucrative callings were not acting in all sincerity. As was only to be expected there was a certain amount of cynical comment on the lines of "Gallup Poll—99 per cent don't know." In view of this it is especially gratifying to be able to report that the percentage of "don't knows" was equalled by a single profession—that of medicine. The actual figures were as follows:—

Don't Know : 12%
Medicine : 12%

Barristers : 7%
Solicitors : 7%

Business : 6%	Stage : 2%
Chartered Accountants : 5%	Journalists : 1%
Schoolmasters : 5%	Music : 1%
Agriculture : 4½%	Psychologists : 1%
Diplomatic Corps : 4½%	Geologists : 1%
Engineers : 4%	Income Tax Inspectors : 1%
Holy Orders : 3%	Veterinary Surgeons : 1%
Scientists : 3%	Royal Air Force : 1%
Architects : 3%	Civil Servants : 1%
Royal Navy : 2%	Gentlemen of Leisure : 1%
County Cricketers : 2%	Others—½% each—: 7%
Publishing : 2%	

The fact that medicine topped the list will come as no surprise to the assiduous reader of that great organ of public opinion, *The College Street Clarion*; for in the last census, on the subject of "Fathers' Professions," that our distinguished contemporary organized Doctor's Sons easily won the day. As a sideline your reporter asked all those who gave medicine as their choice of profession whether their fathers were doctors; and in the vast majority of cases he got the answer "Yes." The same applied to business. Scarcely anyone wished to go into business unless it was a case of the family firm. On the other hand, no boy who gave Orders as his choice of profession was a parson's son.

It was intriguing to notice that there were certain definite tendencies in the various houses. Busby's was little more than an agricultural college; Rigaud's was a breeding ground for chartered accountants. Nowhere—shameful fact—were the "don't knows" stronger than in College. Significantly enough the 5 per cent schoolmasters were yielded almost entirely by the two day-boy houses. Grant's was perhaps the best-balanced house, but even here there was a marked bias in favour of business—nearly always with the all-important qualification "successful."

A Gallup Poll such as this has, of course, a tremendous advantage over the Gallup Poll of the political variety in that the latter can only too easily be proved hopelessly and utterly wrong. To prove your reporter's conclusions wrong, on the other hand, would be almost as impossible as to prove them right. He would, however, like to express the hope that no elaborate constructions will be built on the figures he provides if only because the question he asked was not "What are you going to be?" but "What do you think you are going to be?" It is probably unnecessary to say that every effort has been taken to ensure accuracy and it is trusted that the information given will, even if it does not change the face of the earth, at least cause some slight amusement.

TWELFTH NIGHT

TWELFTH NIGHT is a play especially suited to a school production. It has a variety of parts which at least amuse the actor, if not necessarily his audience; a consideration which is most important, for the main point of school plays is to encourage and develop histrionic talent, even at the expense of a sometimes unsatisfied house.

But this year's audience did not appear disappointed, even by an arid first act, in which we saw practically nothing of the actors who were later to please us most. Punctuation for the continual scene-shifting was provided by a succession of minor characters, who spent so long preparing us for the main action that they succeeded only in keeping us from it.

When, however, one was at last able to see the stage graced by the presence of some excellent actors, one could settle down to enjoy their performance, not that of some overworked but highly efficient stage hands. J. F. Town's Olivia and M. G. Drake's Maria were widely and deservedly thought the best presentations. The dignity of the mistress was in strange contrast with the frivolity of the maid, and this helped the audience to savour the merit of both performances. Town was handicapped for the first part of the play by a very badly cut gown, which almost destroyed the stately effect of his carriage, but he overcame this disadvantage by some fine acting, and his clear and dignified speaking of a beautiful part. Viola was another successful woman, without coming really to life. R. F. Wilding spoke his lines with a fine poetic feeling, but could not lend enough movement and humanity to the part. His was therefore a statuesque performance, but one strangely moving in its serenity.

From Viola it is a far leap to Sir Toby in any production, but in this one it was farther than usual. G. G. F. Wordsworth was a superb Silenus, who secured our immediate devotion by his genial bantering of Sir Andrew. We must see Wordsworth as Falstaff some day. He has just the rollicking amiability for the part.

His friend, Sir Andrew, was by contrast, a little disappointing. His first scene was on such a high level of inanity that J. F. Ormond was never really able to startle us again. He seemed to have all the makings of a Sir Andrew, but his imbecility was rather too consistent for a genuine imbecile.

The other butt of the play suffered from the same limitation. A. M. Howard's Malvolio was drawn with a line too simplified for absolute satisfaction. As a caricature of what is already a caricature he did not entirely convince. The trouble with him and with Ormond may have been



that their parts are so well known that Malvolio and Sir Andrew have become types. It is sometimes harder to act a part of that sort with sympathy, when the highlights need toning down, than to make something of a part which seems less promising at first sight.

In this latter category we had good performances from C. C. P. Williams as Orsino, D. J. C. Davies as Antonio and C. Lewsen as Fabian. They all lent a touch of individuality to their parts, and helped to bring the play together by so doing. Orsino was quite as melancholy and shallow as I remember seeing him elsewhere, which Antonio's righteous indignation was well brought out in a straightforward manner.

Feste ends the play, and so he shall have the privilege of ending this review. In the whole cast, Feste is the one character in whom one can project oneself on to the stage, and the one link with reality. R. A. C. Norrington fulfilled these duties admirably. If memories of an uncomfortable first act lingered on in the recollection of the audience, and if some of them felt inclined to paraphrase Feste's words as "A great while ago the play begun," it was certainly not Norrington's fault. He amused us consistently, and rounded off triumphantly what had been a fairly good production.

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

WESTMINSTER AND THE FESTIVAL

IT is a complacent Westminster that looks out on the brilliance of London in Festival. We feel ourselves attached to the Abbey, which is, after all, one of the main features of London for the tourist, and we find ourselves all ready to receive the many visitors who pass out of the Abbey, along the Cloisters and straight into Yard. It is rumoured that there are going to be placed near the notice-boards several unobtrusive-looking Juniors, to show visitors round the School, collect tips in dollars, francs and lire, and turn them in at the Bursary, thus adding yet another contribution to the School's income. Another genius has thought of having a turnstile at the entrance into Yard, with the usual attendant notice such as "Adults 3/-, Children 1/6," and so make a regular profit without relying on the generosity of the visitors.

But that, of course, is reducing the whole scheme to a very mercenary level. We feel, however, that we are doing our bit, and we are receiving due attention from our visitors. The Abbey certainly deserves congratulations on the way they have handled their floodlighting effects. The West end is particularly impressive. If one goes on to the roof of the Under-Master's house, or on to the roof of Grant's, one can see an almost unparalleled view of London by night, with the Abbey floodlight and Big Ben and other lights beyond.

But day brings as many attractions as night to the Festival entertainment seeker. Just across the river on the South Bank, the Festival Exhibition extends its welcome, and many Westminsters, both young and old, have been seen visiting the Telecinema, and the Dome of Discovery. Impressions have been favourable—the general opinion being "it's good—much better than I thought it would be." In fact, Mr. Morrison may take heart at the thought that he has the wholehearted support and approval of the School. The Funfair, at Battersea, is another attraction worth a visit, and the 39 bus has been full of day boys going "home via the Funfair," or boarders at week-ends investigating the thrills of the Big Dipper.

In fact, Westminster is taking its part in the Festival both as performer and onlooker. In honour of the occasion, the Under-Master's house is having its windows repainted by the maintenance staff, who are getting extremely efficient at handling the scaffolding recently bought by the School. Amongst other feats of reconstruction and renovation has been the completion of the Busby Library, and it is now expected that the Seventh Form will move in just after the Exeat. There is a detailed article on the Library elsewhere in this issue.

The Service of the Installation of the Knights of the Bath in the Abbey is something else that has been claiming our attention. It was held on May 24th, and King's Scholars were asked to help the Stewards show people to their places. This they did with efficiency, and the whole service passed off well. Sir Henry Tizard was among the new G.C.Bs.

One of the most frequently debated topics among those who write in the various magazines produced at Westminster is the question, how far the growth of loyalty for one's House should be allowed to compete for the pride of place traditionally allotted in every Public Schoolboy's breast to his School as a whole. It is perhaps partly for his reason that the Old Grantite Club, which recently celebrated its twenty-first birthday, has as yet had no serious rivalry from the other boarding houses at Westminster. It has now been suggested, however, that there be formed a club for past members of Ashburnham House, designed to meet about once a year, and a preliminary small meeting has raised hopes of its success, without interfering with any higher loyalties. It is expected that the first official meeting will take place in about the first week of October, and it will be appreciated if any Old Ashburnhamites who feel they may be interested will communicate with R. Plant, 17 Dean's Yard, London, S.W.1.

This term we welcome J. D. Newbury from Milton Academy, Massachusetts, who has come here in exchange for B. R. Cuzner, who is staying the same amount of time in America. He is in the History VI, and is, we gather, an enthusiastic organist. We wish him the best of luck, and perhaps put forward a plaintive suggestion that he might take our daily organist in hand and give him a lesson or two. It might improve it, mightn't it?

GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

BEFORE his death last December, the Revd. B. F. M. Yglesias gave to the School some interesting diaries which he kept during his time at Westminster from 1881 to 1886 and a series of letters which he had written home while he was a schoolboy.

Now, through the kindness of Canon Smyth, the School has acquired some of his school photographs and an attractive water-colour of School which he painted.

THE BUSBY LIBRARY RESTORED

NEARLY eleven years ago the Busby Library was destroyed by a high-explosive bomb. It must have been a lightweight bomb which fell on that October night in 1940, or several of the staff, who were sleeping in the vault beneath, would not be here to-day; but it was sufficient to destroy the elaborate plaster ceiling and to damage severely the fine seventeenth-century bookcases. It also blasted a way through the eleventh-century sub-structure of the Rere-dorter into the monastic drain below and the writer descended into the drain one afternoon with the help of a ladder and walked westwards under Little Dean's Yard through the great conduit until the thud of falling bombs compelled a hasty retreat.

When the catastrophe came, the Busby Library was well on the way to completing its third century. Mr. Lawrence Tanner has made it clear that Busby, in creating the Library, had rebuilt an earlier room which stood upon the site and which had been set aside for the use of the School by Dean Williams between 1631 and 1637. One of the first acts of the Chapter after Williams had been sent to the Tower in 1637 had been to take away the room, but on April 14th, 1648, the Committee appointed by Parliament "for the government of the College and Collegiate Church of Westminster," ordered that "the room adjoining the entrance of the Free School at the top of the stairs anciently used for keeping the School books and for the scholars to study in, which of late years has been taken away by some of the Prebendaries and laid unto the house late belonging to Dr. Moore, be restored again to the School."

The exact date when Busby rebuilt the room is in doubt, but from 1650 to 1659 the accounts show that he was doing repairs to the School. In the latter year money was paid for bricklayers' work "done in the Litell Liberare goeing into the Great Schoole house dore" and in 1659 again Busby paid Adam Osgood £18 "for the Presses and Seats for Books in the Library of the Schoole." In 1804 the south front of the "Museum," as the room was called in the eighteenth century, "being in a very ruinous state," was taken down and rebuilt, and in 1816 the floor was re-laid and the bookcases altered. The latter, as has been mentioned, had been made to Busby's order, and in his will he directed that "a great part" of his books should be placed in the Library. These books, with a few unimportant exceptions, had fortunately been removed before the Library was destroyed in 1940, and to-day are one of the School's most treasured possessions. They include seven incunabula, the earliest being the *Epistolae*

ad Familiares of Cicero, printed in Venice in 1477, and amongst other books of interest are a first edition of *Paradise Lost*, a copy of the rare bible translated by John Eliot for the Indians of Massachusetts and printed in New England in 1663, and books with the autographs of Roger Ascham, John Evelyn, John Locke and Warren Hastings.

Busby left the rest of his books to the Vicarage of Willen in Buckinghamshire (the living is still in the gift of the Busby Trustees), where they remained until they were destroyed by a fire during the war.

The remnants of the bookcases, which after the destruction of the Library had been carried up School, perished in the great fire of May 10th, 1941, and until this year the room has remained a ruin, bare, gaunt and unvisited. In the summer of 1943, however, two rare visitors to Westminster appeared—a pair of black redstarts, and they are likely, in one sense, to remain in the Busby Library for ever. When the new plaster ceiling was in course of construction it was suggested that it would be appropriate to make some small addition to the original design to mark the occasion. Symbolic bombs, planes and tanks were proposed and rejected as unsuitable, but at last the happy suggestion was made that two redstarts should be incorporated in the ceiling decoration, and they may be seen nestling in the foliage which surrounds the central dome.

The new work has been carried out under the direction of Sir Hubert Worthington and Mr. A. L. N. Russell, and the ceiling has been made at the Rathbone works of Messrs. G. Jackson, whose craftsmen worked skilfully from photographs taken by *Country Life* some years before the war for Mr. Lawrence Tanner's book on the School. A party of boys visited Messrs. Jackson's last autumn and were shown the intricate processes of moulding in clay and casting in plaster the elaborate detail of the ceiling. The bookcases, made of fine English oak, follow the old pattern, but advantage has been taken of the reconstruction of the room to alter the arrangement of the seating. Instead of the long tables and the master's desk facing the door, with which pre-war generations of Westminsters were familiar, the desk will now be placed just inside the door, protected from draughts by a light screen, and the architects have designed new tables, semi-circular in shape, on which the light from the great south window will fall evenly. At night the room will be lit by shaded table-lamps and by a crystal chandelier hanging from the central dome.



THE ROYAL MAUNDY SERVICE 1951

Our photograph shows H.M. The Queen talking to the Master of the King's Scholars while H.M. The King converses with the Captain of the School. Coming down the steps of the Deanery are the Lord High Almoner (the Bishop of Lichfield), the Sub-Almoner (the Rev. M. F. Foxell), and H.R.H. Princess Margaret. The King's Scholars had attended the Service.

ELECTION 1950

THE following provisional awards have been made in Election to Christ Church.

To Scholarships :—

- N. Lawson (Mathematics).
- M. Miller (Classics).
- R. Plant (History).

To Exhibitions :—

- J. Caines (Modern Languages).
- J. King-Farlow (Classics).
- C. C. P. Williams (Classics).

The following have been provisionally elected to Westminster Exhibitions at Trinity College, Cambridge :—

- R. P. Harben (Classics).
- E. D. Ruppel (Mathematics).
- E. J. W. Oyler (Science).

At Oxford :

- L. J. Herrmann was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at New College.
- M. G. Kullmann was awarded an Open Scholarship in Modern Subjects at University College.
- T. E. V. Pearce was awarded an Open Scholarship in Classics at Balliol College.
- T. R. Ware was awarded a Demyship in Classics at Magdalen College.

At Cambridge :

- S. Doniach was awarded an Open Scholarship in Science at Christ's College.
- R. P. Harben was awarded an Open Exhibition in Classics at Trinity College.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1951

THE large number of entries from schools for this year's Championships gave a good indication of the popularity of fencing as a school sport. The gymnasium at Dulwich College was barely able to accommodate all the pools, particularly on the first of the three days when the Junior Foil Championships were fought off at the same time as the Senior Foil.

It is becoming an axiom that it is harder to get through the first round than the second or third. This is partly due to the fact that a good fencer often finds it harder to beat a very bad one as compared with a mediocre one. The wildness of the former often enables him to batter his way into the second round. Happily this state of affairs does not last for long and the bad fencer is rarely found in the final pools.

In the Junior Foil, J. K. Oliver, M. S. Makower and N. D. Deakin did well to get to the third round, but none of them got through to the semi-final.

There were 106 entries for the Senior Foil. A. Plummer, J. L. Lee, E. A. Bower and M. J. Green reached the third round. Of these, only Green got through to the semi-final. His semi-final pool of six was a strong one and he failed to get one of the first three places which would have taken him to the final.

In the *Epée*, Westminster had four out of the twelve semi-finalists—M. Miller, Plummer, Lee and Bower. Of these Miller and Lee got through

to the final. Luck enters into *Epée* competitions more than in the other two weapons and the School had its fair share of both good and bad. Lee, fighting extremely coolly, did well to come second and Miller made up for his unfortunate early defeat in the foil of the day before by coming fifth.

Eighty boys entered for the Sabre. Plummer, whose fighting has improved immensely during the season, just failed to get into the semi-final from the third round. Miller and Lee, however, went up and both went through to the final six. Miller came third and Lee came fifth. Both these two are to be congratulated on their fencing not only in the Public Schools Championships, but throughout last season as well. Miller—animated, excitable, dominating the fight; Lee—quiet and calculating, with a bundle of surprises in his right hand; add Plummer to these with his style and his left-handed fighting and the result is a formidable all-round team.

The aggregate points for the three weapons enabled St. Paul's School to retain the Graham-Bartlett Cup and Westminster came second again.

The standard of fighting in the competitions was high, particularly in the Sabre. Mr. E. B. Christie (O.W.) is to be congratulated on the efficient organization of the Championships whereby the best fencers from so many schools are able to compete against one another.

BOXING

DURING the last three years boxing at Westminster has been on the down-grade, but last season the downward trend was checked. Last term there was a good attendance at most of the practices, and there are signs that next season we will be able to put a good team into any competitions we go in for. Early in the season we had to find a gym in which to train, as the School gym is being reconstructed. Luckily the Belsize Boxing Club came to the rescue and gave us the use of their gym for one evening a week. This was a great help to us, as we had the opportunity of using good apparatus, and extra coaches were available. The Headmaster of the Under School allowed us to use a room in the school for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately several major sports fixtures clashed with the date of the Quad-

rangular and the School had to withdraw. However, we will return to it next year.

The first match took place against Mercers on February 24th. The result was satisfactory, standing at four bouts to three in our favour, but on the whole a better result would have been obtained had the team as a whole been fitter.

The second and last match took place against Aldenham, who were runners up in the Quadrangular. Aldenham began well by winning the first three bouts, but their run was stopped by T. J. B. Mackeown, who boxed with great determination to beat a heavier opponent. Westminster were one up after seven fights, but Aldenham managed to win the last bout, so the match ended in a draw of four bouts each.

TENNIS

WHEN the season began, five boys who played in the team last year were still at School. There was, and still is, strong competition for the last places. As the standard of play is very even, various combinations have been tried in an attempt to produce the strongest third pair. The first match of the season was away against Queenswood Girls' School, on Saturday, May 12th. Their team was, if anything, stronger than last year and they produced in their tennis, not only the long deep shots typical of good girls' tennis, but also strong smashes if given the chance. After an enjoyable match, Westminster won 8—1. The team in this match was A. J. Levi and N. B. R. C. Peroni, J. Kay-Mouat and T. J. Davies, B. R. Green and K. Harrison.

On Sunday, May 13th, the 1st VI played the Masters in a friendly match. Both they and the O.W.W. on the following Sunday, produced their strongest teams since the War. In this match Harrison and J. I. Hyam were tried as third pair. The Masters were represented by Mr. Lushington and Dr. Sanger, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wigram, Mr. Zinn and Mr. Moyes. This match was good practice, as the styles of the pairs were so varied. The Masters' first pair was wily and careful, their second pair was fast, subtle and seemed to recover almost anything, while their third pair was hard hitting. After a good match the Masters won 5—4.

On the following Tuesday, May 15th, at 5 p.m., against Haberdashers Aske's, the third combination of Green and Hyam was tried. Haberdashers produced a very hard-hitting first pair who, though at times inaccurate, were accurate enough to beat Westminster's first pair. Haberdashers' other two pairs, though quite steady,

were beaten by their opponents, so Westminster won the match 2—1.

Our welcome guests on Saturday, May 19th, were Aldenham. Westminster were very unfortunate in that Peroni was ill. His place in the first pair was taken by Hyam. So Green and Harrison played in the third pair. The standard of tennis in this match was high. The match of the opposing first pairs attracted the attention of the cricket crowd who stayed to watch Westminster win in an extremely good game. All the matches were very close, especially against their steady second pair, the games often going to 9—7 or 10—8 before the set was won. Westminster's third pair played well, but only managed to beat their third pair. Westminster's second pair have their own characteristic method of play which was almost successful against their second pair and was successful against their third pair. All were long, hard-fought matches, many taking well over an hour and a half. When the last match had been played it was seen that Aldenham had won 5—4, after a most enjoyable afternoon's tennis.

On May 20th, Westminster lost 1—6 to a strong O.W.W. side. Two of their players—Mr. Klewson and Mr. O'Brien—had a very successful season, as a pair, when they represented the School some time before the War. We were very pleased to see the young O.W.W. represented by Graham Smith, last year's Captain.

For the first time this year some 2nd VI matches have been arranged. In the first match against City of London School, Westminster won 6—0. Westminster played a young team and they were definitely the steadier side.

THE WATER

AT the beginning of the term the first crew, coached by Mr. Hamerton, rowed up to Molesey and had outings from Molesey Rowing Club for a week, before rowing back to Putney. The good water undoubtedly helped the crew to gain confidence and timing, and the boat was moving quite well before the first race, which was rowed against U.C.S. at Putney on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 23rd. The conditions were extremely difficult, high water made rough by the wash of tugs, but Westminster got away to a good start, rowing thirty-nine strokes in the first minute, and gaining an early lead. This gradually increased over the rest of the course, though

U.C.S. fought back with spirited spurts. The verdict was that Westminster had won easily; no time was recorded.

In the evening of the same day, three Westminster scullers, J. F. G. Pigott, T. M. P. Bendixson, and J. W. L. Croft competed in the Vesta Junior Sculling Dashes. Pigott was beaten by R. G. Taylor (O.W.), after a collision, but Croft won his heat and went on to defeat Taylor in the final by a quarter of a length. The next evening the eight also competed in the Junior-Senior event; in the first round Westminster defeated King's College, London, and Vesta Rowing Club, who dead-heated by one length. In the final, Lensbury,

who had won the other heat, were about a canvas down and losing ground when they hit a pleasure steamer on the course. Westminster completed the course and since we were up and had given Lensbury enough room to clear the steamer, which had been visible over the whole course, the umpire awarded the race to us.

The crew is rowing in this order:—

- G. C. Ross (bow)
 2. E. K. V. Redfern
 3. M. D. Birt
 4. R. P. Harben
 5. T. M. P. Bendixson
 6. R. D. Pope
 7. J. F. Pigott
- J. W. L. Croft (stroke)
N. J. Barton (cox)

The other six School eights all competed on Saturday, May 26th. The second eight lost to Latymer Upper first eight by three lengths in 8 mins. 46 secs.; they had a good start, but Latymer were too powerful for them. The third eight raced U.C.S. third eight and did well to lose by only three-quarters of a length against a crew which was together and fast. Both these crews are being coached by Mr. Moyes.

The fourth eight, coached by Mr. Fisher, had a very exciting race against Latymer Upper third eight, who had come second in the clinker division of the Schools Head of the River Race. Latymer led at the start, but Westminster went ahead by about a canvas after the first minute. Then Latymer slowly went up again, and seemed certain to win by about half a length, but Westminster put in a great spurt and just managed to make it a dead heat. Strangely enough, the seventh eight also rowed a dead heat, this time against Latymer fourth eight; once again it was a final spurt that averted defeat.

The fifth eight, coached by Mr. Carleton, rowed well against Emanuel second eight, but was beaten by two lengths after a hard race. Mr. Sturley's eight, the sixth, disposed of their opponents, Quintin second eight, without much difficulty, and won by a "distance".

The opening of the season has, therefore, been reasonably successful. The first boat, as yet undefeated, will meet with stronger opposition in their race against St. Paul's on June 20th; they should have some racing experience by Marlow Regatta on June 23rd. The second will also, it is hoped, go to Marlow, and the third and fourth eights might enter for the Public Schools Third Eights' and Colts' Regatta at Eton on June 26th.

ATHLETICS

As usual there was little time for athletics, which were held on the 27th of March. The Junior and Senior events were well entered for. America, once more, gave welcomed support in Bell and Baker, two promising sprinters. Undoubtedly their beef steak makes all the difference in the short run. Gasper, S. J. H. Gray, Sandford and Crook are promising juniors and did well to win their events. But the juniors and seniors alike suffer from lack of experienced coaching. This is something which must be overcome if Westminster wishes to excel at athletics. The Seniors: Davies (T.), Carmichael, Watkin, Hayes and Lowe, in spite of little time to train, succeeded in winning their events. Mrs. Hilary kindly gave away the Cups.

On the following evening the House Relays were held, and the spirit of the races made the meeting very popular. The Relay Cup went to Rigaud's and the Medley Cup once more to Grant's. The firsts and seconds of the finals were asked to go on the last Saturday of term, to run against a strong and experienced Eastbourne team.

It was noticeable that the expedition to Eastbourne was treated with rather more frivolity than

was warranted. No one expected a victory. How could they, with such little coaching and training? Our chances were also spoiled by the enforced absence of Williams from the sprints and Hunt from the middle distances. But, even so, more hard training should have been done. The result was a win for Eastbourne by 59 points to 22 points, a nasty gap. Undoubtedly the best team won.

S. J. H. Gray, still under 14½, gave a great performance in the Long Jump and cleared 17 ft. to win easily. In the other field events, Crook and Lowe both won the high jumps. Davies (T.) and Watkin, both able field competitors, showed great promise. Houston, Bell and Carmichael showed their best sprinting form. In the middle distances, Gasper and Sandford in the junior, and Hayes and Jeeves in the senior, showed that with more training they would do very well. Gasper came second in the junior half-mile and Hayes came second, with a damaged knee, in the open mile.

The emphasis is certainly on more training and more coaching. This will only succeed if there is more co-operation between the School staff and boys, who badly need their advice.

CRICKET

ONCE more the cricket season has begun in an Orgy of rain and wind. The wickets have been sodden, the outfield rough, and the pavilion is poor comfort for one sitting contemplating the leaden skies. The ground, still recovering after the war, is not yet quite as good as might have been hoped. It still makes progress, and it is expected that it will be back to normal by the end of the season.

The 1st XI have so far been found on rather poor form. In our annual fixture against the Staff, the School won the toss and batted, but were rather unsuccessful against a ball that was swinging a lot in the humid atmosphere. Only Davies distinguished himself, scoring 40. The School's total was 109, Mr. Peebles taking 4 for 24. The Staff, however, fared even worse, and at the close had scored 75 for 9 wickets, with Tester taking 4 for 8. Against the Buccaneers, who brought down a strong side, uncertain batting again let us down. Williams scored an excellent 69, and declared, when wickets were falling fast, at 138 for 7. The Buccaneers easily reached this total; D. Bull made 66 not out.

At Radley on May 29th, the School received a well-deserved beating. Tumbling out of the bus practically on to the field, Williams decided to put Radley in to bat. Radley then proceeded to pile up a big score, aided by numerous dropped catches. Walton, their captain, batted well, if slightly fortunately, for 95, and declared at 254 for 5 wickets. Westminster collapsed completely for

62. In such a match the figures speak for themselves. The extreme youth of the School side (five members had only just turned fifteen) was responsible for a poor show on a wicket that was taking a fair amount of spin.

RADLEY

A. C. Walton b Jones	..	..	95
J. S. Waddilore b Davies	..	..	5
G. E. B. Carr b Jones	..	..	44
E. R. Dexter c Jones b Higgins	..	..	44
P. D. Yates lbw b Davies	..	..	22
L. Cooper not out	..	..	15
E. M. Collinge not out	..	..	19
Extras b—9, leg b—1	..	..	10
Total	..	..	254

for 5 dec.

P. R. Le Cras ; C. M. West ; J. D. Dexter and R. R. Davies did not bat.

WESTMINSTER

C. J. H. Davies c Cooper b Dexter J. D.	1
J. W. Taurlamain c Cooper b Dexter J. D.	9
A. C. Hornsby c Cooper b Dexter J. D.	0
D. G. Higgins lbw b Dexter E. R.	16
D. M. Owen lbw b Dexter J. D.	5
D. M. Renshaw c Davies b Dexter J. D.	2
C. C. P. Williams c and b West	1
R. P. C. Hillyard c and b Dexter E. R.	13
D. M. Jones not out	2
K. J. M. Kemp c Walton b Dexter E. R.	8
M. D. Garcia lbw b Collinge	1
Extras b—2, leg b—2	4
Total	62

GOLF

AT the end of last holidays, Mr. E. R. B. Graham presented a cup to be played for by the School in honour of R. K. Pitamber's golfing successes at Oxford. It is some time since a Westminster was awarded a Blue, and we should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Pitamber on his, and also on his appointment as Secretary of the Oxford Golf Society, on behalf of the Westminster School Golf Society. The meeting was held at Northwood Golf Club and we arrived to find the course under snow. This thawed rapidly, however, and we were able to make a start. Under difficult conditions, none of the School's best golfers really found form. However, C. J. H. Davies recovered from an unfortunate start to scramble round in 82, which proved to be a winning score after a tie with A. C. Hornsby which was decided on the last nine holes.

The leading scores were as follows :—

C. J. H. Davies	..	..	82—6=76
A. C. Hornsby	..	..	84—8=76
R. A. Bulgin	..	..	96—18=78
T. J. Davies	..	..	86—6=80

In the afternoon the School played the O.W.W. and lost by five matches to four in a keen struggle. C. J. H. Davies got into his stride against Mr. Grover, and defeated him by 6 and 5. T. J. Davies played well, but not well enough to beat Mr. Creswick and give him shots. A. C. Hornsby, after a tight struggle, put in a strong finish to beat Mr. Walton by 4 and 2. R. A. Bulgin was playing very well indeed, and won his match comfortably. We were sorry to see so few new faces at this meeting, and if we are to keep up the standard of the School golf, we shall need some new blood. Nobody can be expected to play to scratch the first time they play the game; they are not expected to.



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THE DEBATING SOCIETY

It was in October 1896 that the Society first gave its consideration to a subject which must recur with almost decimal-like regularity in the records of any school debating society—that of “universal education.” Only, of course, in those distant far-off days, when people said what they meant and meant what they said, one did not employ that discreet and inoffensive term. One spoke quite simply and quite brutally of “education for the lower classes.” It was not until well on into the twentieth century that the Society came to realize what a repulsively complacent flavour that phrase had, and substituted for it one which shows at least some respect for other people’s feelings. And it was naturally in its discreet and inoffensive form that the subject was discussed at the annual Staff Debate held on Monday, March 19th. The exact motion was “That this house disapproves of universal education” and it found a most eloquent proposer in Mr. Simpson, whose speech was a model of wisdom, wit and restraint. Leading for the opposition was Mr. Keeley, the President of the Society. He brought to his task all his customary sincerity and earnestness and succeeded in convincing many that to deny to others advantages that we ourselves

had enjoyed was a principle so iniquitous that it could not possibly be justified on any grounds of expediency. His case was further reinforced both by his Seconder, J. King-Farlow, and also by Mr. Sturley who, in a speech of no little charm, pointed out that the last war had been won not on the playing fields of Eton, but rather in the elementary and secondary schools of this country. In the end, “principle” did prevail over “expediency” and the motion was defeated by twenty-nine votes to nineteen. Perhaps the most gratifying aspect of an altogether satisfactory debate was the fact that no less than nine masters attended—which, surely must be a record. The Society is most grateful to them for their interest and encouragement.

It has been decided to hold no meetings of the Society this term. This decision has only been taken after careful consideration and is largely a recognition of the obvious fact that on a pleasant warm evening most members of the School are more attracted towards the cricket pitch, the swimming bath or the tennis court than to the Classical Room of the Library. The Society—re-invigorated by the election of a new Secretary—will resume its activities in the Play Term.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

The Reverend Wilfrid Browning has been appointed Rector of Great Naseby and Lecturer at Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford.

On March 11th, Hussein Ala accepted the office of Prime Minister of Persia, but retained it for only a few weeks.

Mr. D. C. Watherston has been appointed Secretary for Defence in the reorganization of the Malayan Government.

Sir Henry Tizard is to receive the degree of D.Sc. at Reading University.

The King has appointed Mr. E. E. S. Montague, K.C., Recorder of Southampton.

Mr. E. H. V. McDougall has been appointed secretary-designate to the new Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Sir John Crisp, Mr. B. J. Newman and Mr. I. D. M. Reid have passed the Law Society’s Final Examination.

Mr. C. M. Harrison has been appointed headmaster of the King’s School, Peterborough.

Mr. T. W. Brown has been appointed headmaster of the King’s School, Gloucester.

Mr. P. Goodwyn has passed into the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Mr. R. N. Heaton has been awarded a Home Civil Service Fellowship for study in the United States.

Mr. O. Kerensky has been elected Librarian of the Oxford Union Society.

Mr. Glen Byam Shaw has resigned from the directorship of the Old Vic.

A production of *The Winter’s Tale* by Mr. Peter Brook with Mr. John Gielgud in the part of Leontes is under rehearsal.

Mr. Peter Ustinov’s play, *The Love of Four Colonels*, is being produced at Wyndham’s Theatre.

Mr. Jack Hulbert is to make his first appearance in straight comedy later in the year in *The White Sheep of the Family*.

Dr. P. M. Turquet has won the Sabre championship of Great Britain, and Mr. E. B. Christie finished sixth in the competition.

OBITUARY

ARCHIBALD EDWARD BALFOUR, the senior partner of the firm of Bircham & Co., died on March 22nd, a few weeks before his eighty-first birthday. The son of a Westminister he was admitted as an exhibitor in 1884. At Cambridge he obtained a First Class in the second part of the Law Tripos and was called to the bar at Lincoln’s Inn. In 1912 he was admitted a solicitor. He was a man of many interests and deep sympathies who gained the devoted affection of a wide circle of friends. In 1909 he married Hylda, daughter of Sir Richard Paget.

ARTHUR WILLIAM BRUCE-JOY was born in 1891 and was at Westminister from 1906 to 1907. In the First World War he held a commission in the Royal Engineers. He is survived by his widow and daughter.

LAURENCE BEAUMONT CHAMBERLAIN, who died in his 76th year, entered the School in 1886. On leaving he joined the Army and received a commission in The Sherwood Foresters. He retired with the rank of Captain in 1904. In 1914 he became Deputy Assistant Director of Railway Transport. He married Dorothy, elder daughter of Major H. R. Worthington of Easton Lys.

RALPH DUNFORD CRAWSHAW was born in 1880 and was at the School from 1894 to 1897. In the First World War he was employed in the Foreign Office and served on the Prime Minister’s Staff at the Peace Conference in 1919. He married Lucy, daughter of Thomas Brooks of East Barnet.

GILBERT HERBERT FRY was admitted in 1883, and went up to Christ Church with an exhibition in 1889. He was 80 years of age.

SIR HENRY MENDELSSOHN HAKE, Director of the National Portrait Gallery since 1927, died on April 4th at the age of 59. During his directorship many important acquisitions were made to the Gallery and a complete re-arrangement of the portraits was carried out. His chief interest was in the historical side of painting, and although he published little he made a valuable contribution to the subject in his lectures at Burlington House and before the British Academy. He had planned, but did not live to see completed, a full catalogue of the National Portrait Gallery. In 1935 he was made F.S.A., and in 1947 he received a knighthood. He married in 1920 Jane Patricia, daughter of the Reverend James Robertson of Glasgow. He came to Westminster in 1905 and went up to Trinity in 1910. From 1914 he was in the Department of Prints and Drawings in the British Museum. He served in the First World War and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre. He was always ready to assist the School with his professional advice, and one of his last acts was to secure for Westminster a portrait of Dr. Liddell.

VICTOR HOLLAND JAMES died on March 31st in his 86th year. He entered the School in 1879. He served both in the South African War and in the 1914-1918 War. He married in 1895 Kate Isabel, daughter of Frederick Everitt of Edgbaston, and secondly in 1934 Dorothy Margaret Goodhart.

WALTER HALLIDAY MORESBY was admitted in 1875. From Cambridge he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in 1888. He served on the Eastern Circuit. In 1914 he was appointed Legal Adviser to the Special Intelligence Department of the War Office, and in 1920 was made C.B.E. He married in 1897 Mary, daughter of Commander O. B. Niven, R.N.

HARRY WINGFIELD WATERFIELD was the son and grandson of Westminsters. He was admitted in 1878 and went into College in the following year. He became Captain of the School and was elected head to Trinity in 1883. He was for some years a master at Bradford, and took holy orders in 1900. Two years later he became headmaster of Temple Grove School, where he remained till his retirement in 1935. In 1896 he married Maria Winifred, daughter of the Reverend George Armitage of Gloucester.

BIRTHS

BRIDGEMAN-WILLIAMS—On April 3rd 1951 in London to Sylvia, wife of H. Bridgeman-Williams, a son.

CARDEW—On May 7th 1951 to Ann, wife of Dr. P. N. Cardew, a son.

CLARKE—On March 12th 1951 at Farnham, to Mollie, wife of R. Clarke, a son.

CRAIG—On April 8th 1951 at Haslemere, to Sue, wife of J. B. Craig, a daughter.

DUNCAN—On April 2nd 1951 in London, to Renée, wife of M. V. A. Duncan, a son.

FARMAR—On March 28th 1951 at Hemel Hempstead, to Daphne, wife of Captain J. A. Farmar, a son.

FEATHERSTONE—On April 6th 1951 at Agha Jari, South Persia, to Nora, wife of David Featherstone, a son.

GLANFIELD—On February 22nd 1951 in London, to Joan, wife of John Glanfield, a son.

HUNT—On March 24th 1951 in London, to Philippa, wife of J. I. P. Hunt, a daughter.

NEAL—On April 4th 1951 in London, to Joy, wife of Stewart Neal, a daughter.

SUENSON-TAYLOR—On April 8th 1951 in London, to Betty, wife of K. Suenenson-Taylor, twin sons.

TREBUCQ—On March 24th 1951 at Bromley, to Anne, wife of J. C. Trebucq, a daughter.

WAINWRIGHT—On April 10th 1951 at Weybridge, to Helga, wife of L. E. W. W. Wainwright, a son.

WOODGATE—On March 29th 1951 at Croydon, to Pat, wife of John Woodgate, a daughter.

WOODWARK—On April 29th 1951 in London, to Carol, wife of Dr. George Woodwark, a son.

MARRIAGES

BOSANQUET : BARCLAY—On March 17th 1951 at Langley, Maidstone, P. H. Bosanquet to Mary Catherine, younger daughter of the Reverend G. A. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay of Langley Rectory.

BUCKMASTER : PRIOR—On March 17th 1951 at St. Jude's, Courtfield Gardens, C. C. M. Buckmaster to Margaret, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prior of Chelmsford.

FRAMPTON : DUNN—On March 14th 1951 at Hatch End, Meredith Frampton, R.A., to Hilda Norman, daughter of the late J. B. Dunn, R.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., and Mrs. Dunn of Edinburgh.

MASON : MURRAY—On November 17th 1950, J. L. Mason, D.F.C., and Kathleen Ishbel, daughter of Mr. W. C. Murray of Guernsey and the late Mrs. Murray.

WAKEFORD : CORLSON—On March 31st 1951 at West-cliff-on-Sea, Richard Wakeford, V.C., to Denise Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. S. T. Corlson and Mrs. Corlson of Leigh-on-Sea.

WILLIS : DAWSON—On November 25th 1950, Henry Willis, jnr., to Barbara Joan, daughter of Mr. A. E. Dawson of Stoke-on-Trent.

FIVES

THE second season since the Club's revival after the war was completed on April 12th.

The standard of play has improved, though it is regretted the number of players has not increased, and it is hoped that more younger Old Westminsters will come along.

During the season the School courts were available every Wednesday for practice games, and in addition, 15 matches were completed, with the Club winning six and losing nine.

As stated in the April edition of the ELIZABETHAN, two pairs entered for the Kinnaird Cup. R. Plummer and F. B. Hooper were knocked out in the second round, and C. M. O'Brien and R. O. I. Borradaile drew a bye in the first round. They won their first match but lost the second.

GOLF

THE Spring Meeting was held at Sunningdale on Saturday, May 5th, when the results were:—
Graham Challenge Cup: G. S. Blaker, 82-9=73 net.

"Silver Birch" Scratch Challenge Trophy: A. C. Grover, 79.

Circuit Memorial Challenge Salver (handicap 12 and over): W. E. Gerrish, 98-20=78 net.

Barnes Foursomes Challenge Goblets: A. C. Grover, 4 and I. S. Petherick, 4 (38 points).

CRICKET

THE O.W.W. Cricket Club started the season with a victory over Oatlands Park C.C. The O.W.W. scoring 94 (K. J. Gardiner 62) and Oatlands Park 89. K. Kemp, one of the School opening bowlers, taking 6 wickets.

Fixtures arranged are as follows :

Sunday	June	3rd	Northwood C.C.
"	"	10th	Henley C.C.
"	"	24th	St. George's Hospital
Monday	"	25th	Old Citizens
Sunday	July	1st	Esher C.C.
"	"	22nd	Wimbledon
Saturday	"	28th	School 1st and 2nd XI's
"	August	4th	Lancing Rovers
Monday	"	6th	Old Cholmelians
Tuesday	"	7th	Eton Ramblers
Wednesday	"	8th	Adastrians C.C.
Thursday	"	9th	Dragon Flies
Friday	"	10th	Refreshers C.C.
Tuesday	"	14th	Ashtead
Saturday	Sept.	1st	Crowhurst Park
Sunday	"	2nd	Battle
"	"	9th	Beckenham Wizards

Several wives of O.W.W. have very kindly agreed to provide tea and to act as hostess during "the fortnight" which will once again be held up Fields, and it is hoped that a large number of O.W.W. will be able to partake of their hospitality. Any O.W. who is not playing in the matches, but who will be present for tea on any particular day, is asked to notify the Hon. Secretary, so that some idea of numbers can be ascertained.

LAWN TENNIS

THE O.W.W.L.T.C. were unable to raise a team to play in the D'Abernon Cup, but it is hoped to play a match against the Royal Artillery, Woolwich, on June 28th.

SQUASH RACKETS

FINAL results for the season were :—
Played 15, won 7, lost 8.

In addition a team was entered for the Londonderry Cup, but was defeated by Rugby in the first round.

A similar fixture list is being arranged for next season, and it is hoped that a number of O.W.W. will join the club and young players are urgently required.

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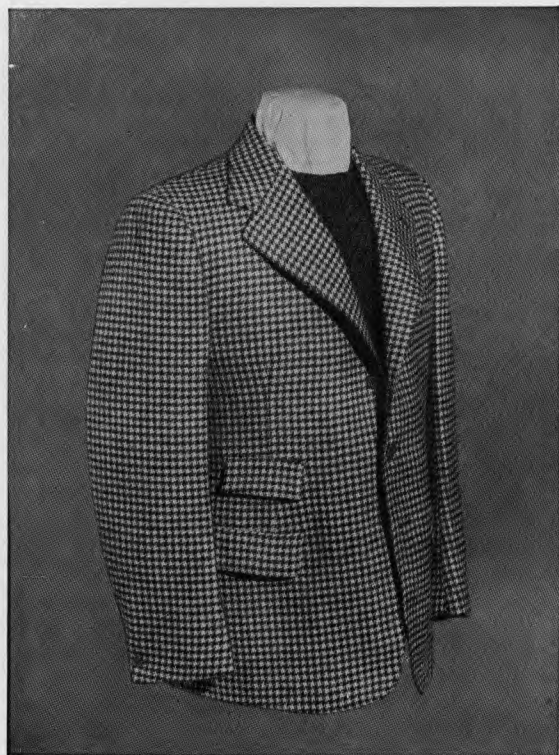
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