

THE ELIZABETHAN



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SALUS POPULI SUPREMA EST LEX

(The welfare of the people is the supreme law)

IN five consecutive advertisements in *The Elizabethan* we have tried to explain who it is the G.B.I. tries to help, why such help is needed, and how it is given. There is nothing new in Christian charity, and in 1949 we have no new message to give. It is the old old story of goodwill and kindness to one's fellow creatures, though, as will have been seen, the methods employed have changed and will continue to change with the times. It is right that each one of us should be given the opportunity of providing against old age, sickness and unemployment; but the welfare of those who are now too old adequately to provide for themselves must be our concern. In his book *Voluntary Action* Lord Beveridge says "The general public are apt to regard family misfortunes as the fault of the people who suffer them, and not a case for charitable giving." May we remind readers of *The Elizabethan* that though some of those who depend on the G.B.I. may have been careless or thoughtless in the past, the great majority have reached their present state through ill-health, the care of dependent relatives, or by sheer misfortune.

Will you not join with us in helping to make the year 1949 a happier one for many who have given of their best to youth, and who now deserve to be well cared for in their old age?

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THIS YEAR WE FACE A LARGE GENERAL FUND DEFICIT

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A SCHOOL CHAPEL

IF Westminster was provided by a would-be benefactor with a private school chapel built on an unspecified site to a design which would suit all tastes, the whole scheme would be cried down by indignant hordes of Old Westminsters, all of whom would be proclaiming the advantages of worship in the Abbey. "Here," they would exclaim, "is the traditional place of worship"—a tradition started by Dean Bradley in 1884. "It asserts our claim to attend the Coronation": there have been fifteen in the last 388 years, all of them attended by Westminsters. Or else "It is a fine place in which to worship:" disregarding the drawbacks that the organ is badly placed for our purposes, the overflow into the transepts is disadvantageous and that there is no satisfactory central position for the minister, this may be true.

Finally it may be said that "it is a great honour to be allowed the use of the Abbey at all." This is certainly true, and would bear with it conviction if the value of worship increased in proportion to the greatness of the privileges granted the worshippers. In fact the reverse is truer.

But those who so ardently proclaim the Abbey's advantages disregard the possibility that another

chapel would have similar advantages and greater amenities. In the first place there would be no curious crowds of onlookers to stare at or disturb the proceedings. The school could be more adequately seated as one congregation with the organ and pulpit situated in the most advantageous positions. Thirdly there might be a small chapel in which arrangements for mid-week communion services could be more conveniently made.

Most important of all however would be the atmosphere maintained inside. It is very difficult when entering or leaving the Abbey to remember that it is our school chapel since the atmosphere of a house of prayer has been largely replaced by that of a museum. Westminster would profit by possessing at least a small and quiet chapel of its own to which it would be possible to retire at any time of day for a few minutes of private prayer.

It may be a Westminster's boast that the Abbey is his school chapel, but he should remember nevertheless that there is always room for improvement in it.

THE POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

MR. John Strachey, Minister of Food, visited the Society on 29th November to give a talk on Britain's Economic Future. He adapted his way of speaking for the benefit of those unversed in economics, but lost none of his lucidity and fairness to points of view other than his own. He said that the basis of all economics was the problem of adequate food, clothes, and housing. Money and our intricate system of interchange are the superstructure on this simple foundation. It is here that the capitalist and socialist ways diverge; he ended an extremely interesting talk by his own view of what was to come and how the Government would cope with it.

A week later we heard Mr. John Betjeman on Rhythm and Metre, with especial reference to and quotation from Moore, Tennyson, Swinburne, and other favourites. He showed us how easily English verse, which is merely a matter of stress,

can be turned to the banality of *Hiawatha*, or the effective syncopated rhythm of Vachel Lindsay's *The Congo*, of which he gave a superb rendering from memory. Edith Sitwell practised the art of rhythm in the degenerate twenties, but it led nowhere—like the interior of the Café Royal. He concluded with a study of Tennyson and his method of writing.

Our last guest of the term was Mr. Christopher Hollis, M.P., who spoke on G. K. Chesterton. Mr. Hollis traced briefly the political background from which Chesterton, and his great friend Hilaire Belloc, stood out, and went on to read passages of his poetry. As the speaker occupied most of his time reading extracts from the *Ballad of the White Horse* and *Lepanto*, we did not hear much of Chesterton himself; however, we much enjoyed "Chuck it, Smith!"

THE ESSAY SOCIETY

J. W. R. Cox enjoyed the literary criticisms in G. M. Young's *Today and Yesterday*; what he did not like was the ponderous attitude of a Victorian Old Boy towards politics and international affairs—particularly as it did not seem genuine. Mr. Young deplored the passing of the family culture and liberal institutions. Through such economic upheavals as the two World Wars, and the influence of such authors as Lytton Strachey and Aldous Huxley, the younger generations have been allowed to drift into a rootless and premature responsibility. Mr. Young is probably right about the family; but he forgets that liberal institutions (as has been shown by their failure as exports) are a luxury that only a rich and balanced nation can afford. Cox's criticisms were interesting and at times lyrical; but he fluttered rather too rapidly from one thing to another. His review

was engaging but did not really enlighten. However we will not buy the book.

B. S. Green was interested in *War and Peace* primarily because it was the first great psychological novel. Tolstoy, he thought, had moved away from the brilliant but neurotic satire of Dostoyevsky; for though his penetration was of the same order, it applied not to the eccentric but to the ordinary and homely. Green made a most fascinating assessment of the influence he had on later writers, from Proust to Joyce. Tolstoy's punning symbolisms, though not developed to the high and incomprehensible pitch of *Finnigan's Wake*, are mysterious enough for those who like mystery, and clear enough for those who appreciate convention. Green's essay was the best of the term.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

ON December 15th the debate with the Old Westminsters was held in the Scott Library on the motion "that loyalty to truth must conflict with the modern State." R. E. Nagle, Proposer, considered that compromise, generally between evils, was not truth. In reply, the Secretary, S. J. Barrett, argued that the only standard of truth to which we were loyal was expressed in the modern state. Mr. Aubrey Herbert, proposing, pointed to the clash between the spirit of free enquiry and the state. The Hon. A. N. Wedgwood Benn, opposing, preferred the existing regime to any abstract truth and believed the ordinary man felt the same.

From the floor, Mr. A. P. Graham-Dixon deprecated the nationalistic identification of truth with the state. Mr. W. H. Allchin called upon us to resist the state by non-violence. Mr. O. Kerensky thought the party line the most practical expression of truth. Mr. A. M. Allchin believed the motion was misleading, while Mr. D. C. Feasey introduced a note of humour.

Summing up, Mr. Wedgwood Benn attacked his anarchistic opponents. Responsibility could restrain the conflict in large organisations like the state. Mr. Herbert pleaded for originality and uncompromising loyalty to our ideals.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried 17-12.

THE CONCERT

Bach's Cantata *Christians, grave ye this glad day* was sung with vigour, and it was much enjoyed. Next came a light and pleasant work, a Corelli Concerto for Oboe and Strings, with the solo by D. L. Almond, O.W.

Next and most ambitious were three unaccompanied motets, two by Byrd and one by Weelkes. Despite their difficult rhythms Mr. Foster had trained the choir to an admirable unity.

There followed two orchestral pieces of very different characters, Haydn's *Oxford Symphony* and *The Dance of The Tumblers* by Rimsky Korsakov. The counterpoint in the trio of the Haydn was especially enjoyable. The concert ended with *Three Carols* by Peter Warlock. They are a study in curious rhythms, with many surprising discords, but the whole effect is pleasing.

THE NEXT CONCERT

Dvorak's setting of *Stabat Mater* will be performed at the School Concert up School at 7.45 on Friday April 1st. Any who wish to come should apply to the Concert Secretary, 19 Dean's Yard before Thursday March 24th, as this is the only notice that will be given.

EVENTS

Mar. 22nd. Long distance match v. Felsted.

Mar. 26th. *Tobias and the Angel*.

Apr. 1st School Concert.

The Head Master preached a sermon in Abbey on January 25th, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

The preacher on February 2nd, the feast of the Purification, was the Bishop of Willesden, who made an appeal on behalf of the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund.



BURLINGTON'S PIAZZA AS NOW REVEALED

THE WESTMINSTER PLAY

From *THE TIMES*, December 19, 1848

In the Epilogue, which is always the grand novelty of the "Westminster Play," the School has been exceedingly fortunate this year. It is full of bustle and incident, and the jokes about the Chartists and their leader Phormio, who is terribly armed with a spit and a coalskuttle (the latter as a helmet) tell with side-splitting effect. We have heard that it is based on an English production by one of the young gentlemen of the school, and if the foundation is at all represented by the edifice, we can only say that it does him a great deal of credit.

Prince Metternich was one of the numerous visitors to the Westminster Play last night. The theatre was crammed by an enthusiastic audience, the very appearance of which augured destruction to the frightful heresy that hints at the abolition of the Westminster Play. The immorality of Terence is a humbug; he is less immoral than most of the authors taught at any classical school and the production of his comedies, while it affords a stimulus to the study of the purest conversational

Latinity, is a harmless recreation that give annoyance to no living soul.

**The Epilogue contained a reference to *Taggus, Raggus, Bobtailusque* in the ranks of the free with others equally unfamiliar to antiquity, such as *Snobnosius* and *Crooknosius*. The presence of Metternich gave point to a question whether Windischgrätz had yet fled to England. A more daring flight had been made in confining his name in a hexameter line.

CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following, and apologise for any omissions:—

Alleynian, Ardingly Annals, Arrow, Brightonian, Bryanston Saga, Cantuarian, Carthusian, Cholmelian, City of London School Magazine, Crimson Comet, Deerfield Scroll, Delphian, El Nopal, Eton College Chronicle, Fettesian, Forum, Gordonstoun Record, Gower, Grotonian, Haileyburian and I.S.C. Chronicle, Impala, Lancing College Magazine, Magus, Marlburian, Meteor, Mill Hill Magazine, Milton Bulletin, Malay College Magazine, Ousel, Portcullis, Radleian, Roedean School Magazine, Rossallian, Royal College Magazine, St. Edward's School Chronicle, St. Peter's College Magazine, Sedberghian, Shirburnian, Sotoniensis, Tonbridgian, Wellingtonian, Wish Stream, Wykehamist.

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

A RECONSTRUCTION HONOUR

The knighthood conferred on Mr. J. Hubert Worthington, who is in charge of the reconstruction of College Dormitory, in the New Year Honours has given pleasure to all his Westminster friends. Under Mr. Worthington's direction, the rebuilding operations are going on fast. The cornice on the garden front, badly calcined by the fire of 1941, has been renewed and has been extended round to the Little Dean's Yard side of the building. The first floor and about three-quarters of the second floor are already completed and some of the roof trusses are in position. From the antiquarian point of view the most interesting developments are those on the ground floor, where the partitions put in for the Election Rooms a century ago have been cleared away and it is possible again for a brief period to see Burlington's original open "piazza."

AMBASSADORIAL VISIT

It was a bold and successful touch to sing the Marseillaise immediately after Latin Prayers on the occasion of the French Ambassador's visit last term. M. Massigli was evidently moved, and added a few words to the speech of thanks which he had made (partly in French and partly in English) in reply to D. F. Whitton's French oration. Before Prayers, the Ambassador had been entertained to tea in College Hall, and he was afterwards present at an informal sherry party given by the Head Master and Mrs. Christie in the Jerusalem Chamber. He was probably the first Ambassador from France, as Whitton pointed out in his speech, to be entertained in that historic room since his predecessor in the 17th century who came over to arrange the marriage between Charles I and Henrietta Maria and was entertained to dinner there after hearing service in the Abbey, where "the organ was touched by the best finger of that age—Mr. Orlando Gibbons."

CHURCH HOUSE

The Church has had little use out of Church House, whose foundation stone was laid by Queen Mary in 1935. In 1940-41, when the bombs were falling, it was used for those historic sessions of Parliament which were commemorated last year by a plaque unveiled by Mr. Churchill. In December 1945 the first meetings of U.N.O. were held there; and Green, as yet unfenced, was used as a car-park, and stentorian loudspeakers in the trees demanded the delegates' cars into the small hours.

Last term Dean's Yard was again in the news and the camera flashes in the dusk as the Lynskey

Tribunal was ending gave the impression of a miniature thunderstorm. Westminsters attended, as their predecessors attended that other famous trial in the 18th century which acquitted Warren Hastings. Outside, in the words of the *Liverpool Daily Post*, "the voice of the prefect of Westminster School who was drilling a squad of cadets, almost vied in timbre with the voice of the chairman calling for silence within."

OLDEST OLD WESTMINSTER

There have been several notable losses in the ranks of Old Westminsters during the last three months. Since the death of Dr. W. T. S. Stallybrass was recorded in the last issue of *The Elizabethan*, Mr. F. J. Varley, a generous benefactor of the Westminster School Society, has died, and more recently, the Ven. E. N. Sharpe who was Archdeacon of London from 1930 to 1947 and was for many years a well-known and much-loved figure at all Westminster gatherings. Mr. E. H. Holthouse, who died in January at the age of 93, was almost certainly the senior Old Westminster and his death raises the question of his successor in that honourable position. Records seem to indicate that it is Dr. Bertram Rogers, who was at the school from 1873 to 1877. But perhaps there are other claimants?

SCHOOL COLOUR

Now that the end of clothes rationing seems to be in sight, is it not time to consider whether some improvement cannot be introduced into the dress of the school? I am not one of those who regret the pre-war top hat and tail coat, which by 1939 had already been discarded by the outside world except on ceremonial occasions. But the top hat and tail coat did at least enable the school when gathered together to present a homogeneous appearance. The present array of flannel suits of assorted shades and designs looks casual and haphazard, and although no one wants to see a dull and deadening uniformity enforced, it would be worth while trying to establish gradually an agreed shade of "Westminster grey."

T O B I A S

The School Play, *Tobias and the Angel*, by James Bridie, will be performed up School in the evening of Saturday March 26th. Applications for tickets should be made to the Play Secretary, 17 Dean's Yard, before Thursday March 17th.

FOOTBALL

AFTER only two defeats against clubs we awaited the school matches with sober confidence. During the first half of the Aldenham match we were clearly the better side though neither forward line evinced any great combination. Westminster was steadier in defence and should have scored on several occasions but the forwards finished weakly. Towards half-time however the Westminster wing halves seemed to be asserting themselves. This became more apparent after half-time when some clever constructive work by G. R. Smith opened up the Aldenham defence for G. V. Chapman to score a good goal. Aldenham fought back magnificently, but our defence responded, and our one-goal victory finished appropriately a game dominated by the defences. For Westminster, C. C. P. Williams, G. N. P. Lee and G. R. Smith stood out in a sound defence which kept a tight hold throughout the game on the opposing forward line.

At Lancing our optimism was shattered. With Lee away we had to move C. S. Cullimore to centre half while J. J. Potter took over at left back. Playing uphill and upwind, the defence was again good, and it seemed that we might, against continued pressure from a lively Lancing forward line, reach half-time on level terms; but during one of their frequent raids Lancing scored. By half-time they had added another goal, and after that we proved unable to take advantage of our more favourable conditions. Lancing, with a comfortable lead to sustain them, gained a complete grip on the game. Their wing halves came right through with the ball and provided many openings for their forwards, who added five more goals. Their convincing victory was the reward of their determination to play scientific football all the time.

The Highgate match had to be abandoned after half-time because of fog. The replay on February 8th was drawn 2—2.

Against Charterhouse we were without Smith whose place was taken by A. J. Membrey. The first half was an even game, for both defences contained their opposing forward lines, and there was close marking and quick tackling on both sides. The Westminster forwards at times showed effective combination and just before half-time a perfectly placed long pass from the left put F. D. Hornsby away for a fine run down the right wing, completed with a shot which gave the Charterhouse goalkeeper no chance. Play continued even until half-time. Throughout the second half Charterhouse made strenuous efforts to equalise, putting everything into attack and so forcing the Westminster wing halves on to the defensive. Only by conceding corners could the

Westminster defence save its goal, and from one of their corners Charterhouse scored easily. Encouraged by this first reward the Charterhouse forwards took over complete control and added two further goals. Westminster, a lighter and younger side, tired visibly in the later stages. Smith's absence was felt especially in the second half, though Membrey played a plucky game in his stead. For Westminster all the defence played well, especially Williams and Lee, but were overwhelmed in the closing stages. R. K. Pitamber was a tireless worker in a forward line which lacked support from the wing halves.

After the Charterhouse match a reaction and a period of inactivity produced a decline in form. This showed itself in the last match of the term against Corinthian Casuals, which was lost by one goal to five. The XI were noticeably slower on the ball than their experienced opponents and never settled down to any effective combination.

The Colts had a mediocre term, winning only one match, but the side has improved steadily and has developed a sound defence, even if of a somewhat negative character. Tackling hard and quickly, they have kept good opposing forward lines in control for most of the game and should be strengthened this term by P. S. Houston's return. L. E. Lowe has proved a vigorous and effective centre half, and P. Makower at left back has set a real captain's example in untiring work, though his kicking is often erratic.

The forwards have never quite come up to expectations, partly because they have not been getting the ball comfortably from the defence, and partly because the shooting has been lamentably weak. The whole side has a lot to learn in ball control and positional play, but there has been a refreshing determination in the general performance.

FIVES

Despite our lack of experience, fives has now reached a very encouraging standard; and the result of the last match, against the Old Aldenhamians, lost 3—2, 3—1, 3—2, was very good for a team which was not the best possible. This term we play Seniors and Juniors and four outside fixtures, notably against the City of London School and the Old Carthusians.

Unfortunately, owing to the interference of major sports, several matches have been spoilt because two or more of our best players have been unable to attend. It is hoped however that means will soon be found to remove this obstacle, so that the school should have by next year a team quite capable of competing with other fives-playing schools.



ABBAY AND SCHOOL FROM COLLEGE

THE GOLDSMITHS' FUND

THE Goldsmiths' Fund has now reached £1,747. 18s. 0d. and elsewhere in this issue are recorded the names of those who have so far helped Westminster to take advantage of the Goldsmiths' generous offer to double up to a total of £10,000 all donations towards the school's heavy wartime expenditure.

Many of those whose names appear have already subscribed to the War Memorial Fund, and many others have at one time or another contributed to the Westminster School Society. A cursory glance at the subscription lists, indeed, brings out the fact that out of a total of the 4,000 or so Old Westminsters now living there are about 1,000 who are always ready to come forward generously according to their means, whenever an opportunity occurs of helping the school.

What of the other 3,000? They would probably be the first to agree that no appeal can be called successful when three-quarters of the potential subscribers have not subscribed, but equally probably they would disown the obvious charge of apathy. They feel very possibly that a public school should be able to manage its affairs without

bringing its old boys into the picture except at social functions, and that to issue three separate appeals within the space of a few years means either that it has mismanaged them or that it is trying to enrich itself by an unjustifiable appeal to sentiment.

This point of view can be maintained only by a total disregard for facts. Any Old Westminster whose home was destroyed by bombs, or who was forced to evacuate his business, and is now faced with the problem of re-building and re-habilitation, will be able, by multiplying his experiences a hundredfold, to imagine what the war has meant to Westminster. The school cannot properly accept the princely gifts of outside bodies such as the Goldsmiths' Company and the Pilgrim Trust, which are under no obligation to it, so long as there is a single Old Westminster who has not done his part.

Cheques should be made payable to Westminster School Goldsmiths' Fund and should be sent to the Bursar, 17 Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1.



KING'S SCHOLARS SKATING IN FRONT OF THE FIVE CHIMNIES,
THE PEST HOUSES UPFIELDS

FENCING

Our three matches at the end of last term brought the first half of the season to a very satisfactory close. The defeat of Eton by 18 fights to 8 perhaps underrates what was certainly the best school team we have met this year, but it is an encouraging proof of the value of careful training. The wins against Haileybury and I.S.C., 15—3, and the Polytechnic F.C., 14—3, showed the same.

At the moment the team is an extremely young one and still needs a great deal of experience, but as all the present colours will be at the school for another year and a half there is plenty of time for development. Sabre is still our weakest weapon, because in the earlier stages it seems to lack all finesse, and our foil is not always as stylistic as could be wished, but both are improving. In the meantime the team have already done well and stand a far greater chance of success in the Public Schools' Championship this April than appeared six months ago.

We are very fortunate this term in having on the staff an O.W. fencer, Mr. D. S. Brock, Captain of Fencing 1939-40, who has offered to help instruct, and will provide us with what we need most, an experienced fencer to practise with at school.

THE SCOUTS

Under an experimental scheme which came into force this term for all new boys, at least one year's training in the C.C.F. will introduce all Scouts to that far different discipline. After a year in the Troop, Scouts will spend one in the C.C.F., at the end of which they will take Cert. A., Part 1. They may return to the Troop either then or after a further year, which would take them to Part 2. It will be interesting to see how the experiment works out in practice.

The Scout Basement at No. 14 Barton Street is being completely redecorated, and will soon not be recognised for its former dingy self.

ELECTION

The following results are subject to confirmation by the Electors in July:—

Christ Church : Scholarships : J. C. B. Lowe (Classics), D. F. Whitton (Modern Languages). Hinchliffe Scholarship : C. C. C. Tickell (History). Exhibitions : E. M. Carr-Saunders (Science), N. H. Palmer (Mathematics).

Trinity : Exhibitions : T. R. McKinnon-Wood (with an open scholarship in Science), R. E. Nagle (Science), D. W. Hide (Classics).

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN

SIRS,

Although during the upheaval of the last few years *The Elizabethan* has continued to record with equanimity and fidelity the doings of Westminster, there is one glaring omission in the chronicle which I—and, I am sure, many past and present Westminsters—would like to see repaired. Little or no mention has been made recently of the activities of the School Mission. Notes on the Mission used to be a regular feature of every *Elizabethan*. Now your readers are hardly made aware of its existence and learn nothing of its work.

We all remember the cheerful reluctance with which we handed our sixpences to the diffident house monitor collecting them at the beginning of term. Some of us, after a first conducted visit to Napier Hall, came away so impressed by the congenial atmosphere there that we parted with later sixpences with less reluctance and more cheerfulness.

A few of us have been more closely connected with the Mission at some time or other and can testify to the value and the success of its work. For a short time during 1942 I was myself in touch with the School Mission Old Boys' Club. The *esprit de corps* among the Club's Old Boys convinced me that those sixpences had been well spent. That I had not helped more when at school was a belated regret. Throughout the previous year, deprived of their H.Q. and with little outside encouragement, the Old Boys had been playing regular football as a Westminster School Mission team. They had beaten all-comers. So they kept the name of Westminster alive in Vincent Square while the school itself was in exile. They could raise just eleven men; if one was unemployed, the others would have a "whip round" to defray his expenses for an away match. Their bearing and morale was high. They were admirable fellows.

Even in those days potential recruits for the Club were being swallowed by other organisations under the new national scheme for Youth Service. Perhaps the whole club has been so swallowed after all? If so, we

have not heard of it. If not, let the close contact of the School with the club be preserved and strengthened by publicity in your columns. For personal contact is worth a thousand "tanners" and Westminster has this advantage over nearly every other school supporting a Mission Club. We are "on the spot."

May I appeal to you, sir, to give Westminster and the Old Westminsters the facts.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. T. JAMES.

Summer Fields, Near Oxford.

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN

SIRS,

Regarding the article on the New House of Commons in the December *Elizabethan*, I think it may be of interest to state that until the Suffragettes disturbed the proceedings of Parliament, Town Boys used, occasionally, on Plays, to get leave from housemasters to attend debates in the House. One used to fill up a card addressed to the Serjeant at Arms applying for access to the gallery. Sometimes there was no room.

My outstanding recollections are:—

1. Listening to Keir Hardie's impassioned plea that Czar Nicholas be not received as a visitor to England on the ground that many of his subjects were in prison or Siberia without trial;

2. Seeing an uncle, who was an M.P., dozing during a debate, with his top hat covering the upper half of his face;

3. A policeman ridiculing our desire to hear the debate, "it is only a talking shop; nothing ever gets done!" ; and

4. Talking to Sir — Stone, M.P., an enthusiastic amateur photographer.

My impression is that Town Boys enjoyed these qualified rights by custom and that they were suspended on account of the Suffragettes for fear that they might don Westminster garb.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY D. MYER.

15 Pembroke Place, W.2.

THE GAMES COMMITTEE

FOOTBALL

Results of matches so far played:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Against
1st XI	19	4	2	13	30	66
A XI	12	3	1	8	22	47

The First XI were beaten 2—1 in the Third Qualifying Round of the A.F.A. Senior Cup. Our opponents, the Old Bradfieldians, beat us 2—0 last season in the First Round of the Arthur Dunn Cup. This season we were beaten 6—1 by the Old Reptonians in the Dunn Cup.

The fixture list has been strengthened this year, twelve Old School sides being included.

The Club is still in need of players, and anyone interested is asked to get in touch with the Hon. Sec., M. W. Thompson, Kenmuir, Bickley Park Road, Bickley, Kent.

GOLF

Fixtures so far arranged for 1949 are as follows:—

Feb. 19th v Worplesdon G.C. at Worplesdon.
Mar. 12th v Old Radleian G.S. at Walton Heath.

Mar. 26-27th v Hunstanton G.C. at Hunstanton.

Apr. 8-10th Halford Hewitt Cup at Deal.

May 14th Spring Meeting at Walton Heath.

May 29th v Conservative Club at Woking.

June 26th v Old Malvernian G.S. at West Hill.

July 9th v Middle Temple G.S. at Woking.

The dates for the Summer and Autumn Meetings and the two matches against the school will be announced shortly.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

IN the New Year Honours Sir Henry Tizard was made G.C.B. and Mr. G. G. Williams K.B.E.



Mr. C. H. Gibbs-Smith has been made a Chevalier of the Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog.



Lt.-Col. R. A. J. Eggar has been appointed an Instructor at the Staff College, Camberley; Major G. L. Y. Radcliffe has been appointed Brigade Major of an Infantry Brigade (T.A.); Squadron-Leader J. P. M. Woolley has been promoted Wing-Commander.



Lt.-Col. V. A. G. Cecil has been nominated High Sheriff of Essex.



Mr. R. W. Foxlee has been appointed Engineer-in-Chief to the Crown Agent for the Colonies.



At Oxford Mr. R. A. Wollheim has obtained a First Class in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, and Mr. R. S. Faber a First Class in Litteræ Humaniores. Mr. Faber has also been elected Treasurer of the Union Society.



Mr. D. O'R. Dickey rowed in the Trial Eights at Oxford, and Mr. S. G. B. Underwood at Cambridge.



Sir Cecil Hurst was recently presented with his portrait by the Grotius Society in recognition of his services as its President from 1940 to 1948.



Mr. H. B. Ball, Mr. W. H. C. Cleveland-Stevens, Mr. R. M. O. Havers and Mr. J. D. Stocker have been called to the Bar.



Among the successful candidates in the Law Society's final examination are Mr. J. Corsellis, Mr. J. F. Fryzer, Mr. A. J. Neville, Mr. B. Nordon and Mr. J. M. Tayler.



Mr. Peter Masfield has become assistant managing director of British European Airways.



Mr. J. Waechter, Fellow of the British Institute of Archæology at Ankara, has been engaged in investigating the Neanderthal remains at Gibraltar.

BIRTHS

BORRADAILE—On January 17th 1949 at Wokingham to Jean, wife of R. O. I. Borradaile, a daughter.

CHARRINGTON—On November 14th 1948 to Betty, wife of H. F. Charrington, a daughter.

CLOUT—On January 9th 1949 in Hongkong to Freda Mary, wife of C. H. Clout, a daughter.

COOPER—On December 23rd 1948 at Billingham to Angela, wife of K. H. L. Cooper, a son.

CORRIE—On November 5th 1948 at Blantyre, Nyasaland, to Barbara, wife of J. A. G. Corrie, M.C., a son.

HAWKIN—On January 6th 1949 in London to Maria del Pilar, wife of L. B. Hawkin, a son.

LACE—On January 18th 1949 at Blackheath to Ruth, wife of G. O. Lace, a daughter (stillborn) and a son.

PEARSON—On January 1st 1949 at West Clandon to Diana, wife of M. F. Pearson, a daughter.

SAMUEL—On November 28th 1948 in London to Sheila, wife of D. E. Samuel, a daughter.

SMITH—On November 2nd 1948 at Tain to Mariamne, wife of R. A. Smith, a son.

MARRIAGES

BRADFORD : ANDREWES—On December 11th 1948 at Oxford J. S. P. Bradford to Patience Felicity, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Andrewes of Bude, Cornwall.

ELLISTON : LEVERTON—On December 4th 1948 at St. Pancras, London, J. C. P. Elliston to Nora Joyce, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leverton.

KEMP-KING : DE COURCY—On November 6th 1948 at St. Saviour's, Walton Street, P. R. Kemp-King to Stella, daughter of the late Group Captain John de Courcy, M.C., and Mrs. de Courcy of Barton, Cambs.

NEAL : PUGH—On December 29th 1948 at Eglwysfach S. Neal to Joy, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. Pugh of Voelas and Glandyfi Castle.

OWEN : STEWARD—On January 19th 1949 R. H. Owen to Kathleen St. John Steward.

SCOTT-BARRETT : MORRIS—On November 24th 1948 at Brompton Oratory D. Scott-Barrett to Marie Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morris of Worpleston Hill.

TYSER : WALLACE—On November 20th 1948 at the Savoy Chapel P. A. Tyser, M.D., to Christine Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wallace of Fernhurst, Surrey.

WAINWRIGHT : SCHLUTER—On December 8th 1948 in London J. A. W. Wainwright to Betty Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr. E. W. Schluter and Mrs. Schluter.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM GEORGE FREDERICK AUGUSTUS CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, died on November 11th at the age of 92. He was admitted to the school in 1867, and from Trinity, Cambridge, he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. At the general election of 1886 he contested Carlisle but was unsuccessful. He was, however, appointed the same year secretary to the Royal Commission on the Education Acts. He was a man of wide tastes and devoted his spare time to promoting the welfare of various institutions in which he was interested, notably the Middlesex Hospital. He was also a Trustee of the British Museum and a member of the standing committee. He married Ruth Mary, daughter of Ferdinand St. Maur.

SIBERT FORREST ANTROBUS COWELL was admitted in 1876 and became a Queen's scholar in 1879. He went up to University College, Oxford, and soon after taking his degree he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Royal College of Surgeons. In 1901 he succeeded to the secretaryship, a post which he held for thirty-three years. He died on January 13th at the age of 85.

BERTRAM STEPHEN ROWSELL CUNNINGHAM, who was at the school from 1898 to 1899, was a solicitor who practised in London and was attached to the Ministry of Pensions. He held a commission in

the first World War, received a mention in despatches and was awarded the D.S.O. He married Margaret, eldest daughter of F. W. Atkinson of Blackheath.

EDWIN HERMUS HOLTHOUSE was the oldest living Westminster. He was born in 1855, admitted in 1868 and elected a Queen's Scholar in 1870. Elected head to Trinity, he read medicine and received his F.R.C.S. in 1884. He practised in London and in 1921 was appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Western Ophthalmic Hospital. He married Harriet Emily, elder daughter of Robert Hesketh.

JAMES DOUGLAS KENDALL RESTLER entered Westminster in 1894. After less than two years at the school he went to King's College, London, and became an engineer. From 1903 he was Chief Engineer to the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company, and since 1918 was Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, R.A.F., with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1919. He married Violet, daughter of H. H. Twining, and is survived by his widow and daughter.

ALAN CHANDOS GUILLUM SCOTT, who died in Florida on December 31st as the result of an accident, was admitted to the school in 1890 and left in 1893. His life was spent in business in Sanford, Florida, where he married in 1907 Jane Crawford.



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FREDERICK JOHN VARLEY, whose death took place recently at the age of 76, was a generous benefactor to the school. When the Westminster School Society was first formed he gave a very substantial sum of money to be invested for the benefit of the school buildings. He entered Westminster in 1882 and in 1885 went into College. From Oxford he entered the Indian Civil Service, and on his retirement twenty-two years later he read for the Bar, and was admitted to Lincoln's Inn, though he practised little. He devoted most of his time to historical research, and especially to the history of his own college of Oriel, of which he became an

honorary fellow. His publications included *Rules and Regulations of the Stock Exchange* and monographs on Oxford and Cambridge during the Civil War. He married in 1902 Mary Myfanwy Thomas. It is understood that the school is one of the residuary legatees under his will.

EDWARD STEPHEN WOOD was born in 1890 and entered the school as a King's Scholar in 1903. He was in the Admiralty in the Department of Naval Stores, of which he became Director, and was made a C.B.

MR. ARTHUR JAMES SHORTER, who for many years taught the oboe at Westminster, died on November 23rd at the age of 85.

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