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A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

J. D. NOAKES, Head of Grant's, A. SEDGWICK, Head of Busby's, and D. G. DEARMAN, Captain of Tennis, have been appointed school monitors.

A. J. N. W. PRAG was awarded a Exhibition at Brasenose College.

Flying Scholarships have been awarded to:-H. C. L. BAKER-DULY J. A. H. CHADWICK

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The re-sowing of Green has now been completed and, apart from adding substantially to the attraction of Dean's Yard, it is again being used by Westminster and the Choir School.

An Early Play was held on Corpus Christi day this term, and among other things, parties visited Hatfield House and Broughton Castle, the home of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele. A small group of boys displayed a somewhat unusual enthusiasm by rock-climbing at Tunbridge Wells.

The Inspection, held on Friday, June 5th, was taken by Colonel W. D. Raeburn, D.S.O., M.B.E., of the Scots Guards. A number of parents attended and stayed behind to watch the demonstrations which followed. These included a First-Aid and Civil Defence demonstration, as well as a colourful exhibition by the R.A.F. Section of their activities during the

Her Majesty the Queen Mother, passing through the Cloisters after a W.V.S. service in the Abbey, stopped to talk to the Captain of the School, and a few other scholars.

The Music Competitions, which took place Up School on Wednesday, June 10th, were judged by Sir Ernest Bullock, C.V.O., D.Mus., and Anthony Baines, Esq., B.A. O.W. This is the first time an official function has taken place Up School since the re-building started. The Erskine Cup was this year won by Wren's, whilst the Exter Cup for house choirs, was regained by Grant's.

A collection of original papers and books on scientific subjects by Old Westminsters is to be started in the Science Library. The considerable contribution to science by Westminsters is seldom appreciated and it is hoped that this collection besides being of historic interest will stimulate an interest in research among present Westminsters. Old Westminsters who have published books or papers are asked to send copies to Mr. Rogers at 20 Great College Street. It is hoped that a complete record of publications by past Westminsters will eventually be built up. Any information about them or actual papers or books will be very valuable to the collection.

The School Concert is being held Up School this term on Friday, July 24th. Tickets may be obtained from the Concert Secretary, 3 Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

A performance of the first part of Mr. Zinn's Requiem was given on Sunday, May 31st, in the drawing-room of Ashburnham House.

THE DEAN OF WESTMINSTER RESIGNS

The news of the Dean of Westmirster's resignation, which took effect on June 30th, has been received with regret by Westminsters of every generation. When he was appointed in 1946 to fill the gap left by the sudden death of Dean de Labilliere, he was already no stranger to the precincts for he had been a Canon and Rector of St. Margaret's since 1941, and he was

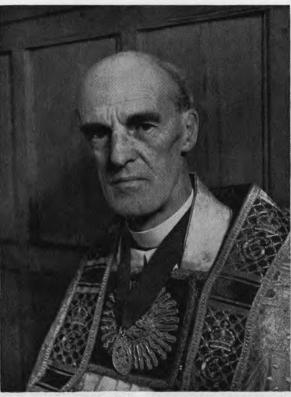
here on the memorable night of May 10th 1941 when the Lantern tower of the Abbey, together with School and College, burnt like giant torches, and it seemed as if nothing could save the rest of the buildings. Even before the war, as Chaplain and Secretary to the Speaker of the House Commons before that as Chaplain and Secretary to Archbishop Lang, he had been brought into contact with Westmister affairs. from across Old Palace Yard, or from over the river at Lambeth he had ample opportunities of surveying the scene from the touch-lire before he took the field himself.

The scene, as he surveyed it in 1946, may well have dismayed him. Blasted and battered by war, the precincts presented a dismal sight, and it was hard to say whether school or Abbey buildirgs, suffered more. The Deanery itself which had been one of the finest houses in London, was reduced to ruins, and the Dean and Mrs. Don were forced to make their home within the narrow confines of the Islip rooms. Little by little the work of restoration went on, and so far as the Abbey was concerned it was crowned by the completion of the £1 million Appeal initiated by the Dean in 1953.

At Westminster, and at no other school except Eton, the Chairman of the Governing Body is not a remote figure who appears at speech days and on other ceremonial occasions, but who otherwise plays little part in the life of the school. He cannot go out of his front door without meeting boys and masters; he is no figure-head; but a familiar figure to all. It is a situation

which is as satisfactory as it is singular -provided only that the right man holds the job. To say that the choice of Alan Don for the position was fortunate is an understatement. For thirteen years he has gone out of his way to make himself acquainted with the school and those who live in it, omitting no duty which he considered necessary and touching nothing that he did not grace. He has lent dignity of official occasions and gaiety informal oneslunching frequently in College Hall, going round the dormitories in College saying goodnight to the niors, watching cricmatches ket Fields, stepping precar-

iously into launches to follow races at Putney. In Abbey he was every inch the Dear, and no one now at Westminster will be likely to forget the dignified, red-robed figure, spare and athletic and without a trace of pomposity, or that magnificent voice ringing out from end to end of the buildirg. But those who have come into contact with him will remember equally his never-failing kindness. He leaves with the gratitude and affection of many and with the good wishes of all. It must be rare for any school to have a Chairman of the Governing Body who will be missed by masters and boys alike.



As usual this term, musicians have so far been occupied with the competitions. These we were able once again to hold up School, where quite apart from the changed appearance the immense improvement in the acoustics was instantly noticeable.

Sir Ernest Bullock and Mr. Anothony Baines judged the individual events, which were somewhat marred by the distressingly large number of last-minute scratchings, particularly from the senior piano and broken voice solos. These were finally won by J. N. S. Murray and N. M. Broadbridge respectively: Murray is an extremely versatile musician who proved his ability in all capacities by his success in any event he entered for. The wind solo was won by J. A. Holmes with a very able rendering of the slow movement of Brahms' F minor clarinet sonata, and the string solo by J. G. M. Caulton

Wren's made a clean sweep of the junior events, with Birt winning the unbroken voice solo, Levi the piano solo and Levi and Corbett the piano duet. The result was that they succeeded at last in wresting the Erskine Cup from the Oueen's Scholars, who have led this

playing Beethoven's Romance in F major.

field for many years past.

The afternoon events showed a great improvement on last year, largely owing to the efforts of Mr. Byrt to make something of the House Choirs. The vocal ensemble was won by Grant's, whose rendering of Fair and Ugly, False and True showed a high degree of musicianship. The Queen's Scholars, who came second, gave a spirited performance of Schubert's Spectre's Dance, thrown off balance by the uneasiness of the first tenor, who was forced to sing fortissimo the whole time. Grant's were also successful in the House Choirs, mainly as a result of their accomplished singing of Le Fleming's Smuggler's Song, which put them just ahead of Liddell's and the Queen's Scholars, who tied for second place. Ashburnham sang the Miller's Song by Schubert with vigour and variety.

There was a large entry for the chamber music this year, which was perhaps unfortunate in that it consisted of a small number of boys playing in several pieces; consequently, only the occasional piece was satisfactorily rehearsed. The winners were R. A. Birt (treble), P. A. B. Prag and S. W. Mollison (flutes) and J. N. S. Murray (continuo) with Sheep may safely graze.

Music after the competitions tends unfortunately to fade out, so that another great revival is needed in a year's time. This keeps the standard down every year to the same level, while a more consistent approach would create the sense of progress which is most important to keep music in the school alive.

Now it is regrettably true at the moment that one can divide the school into two over this subject-those who are interested enough to act and those who are not. The interesteds keep to themselves, and the uninteresteds are, mistakenly but hardly surprisingly, left with the impression that the interesteds are snobbish about their ability. The duty of those in charge of school music is twofold-to keep the interesteds active, and to teach the uninteresteds and bring them into the active circle. For the players, more opportunities and encouragement for collective effort is needed; heads of house music should make positive efforts to promote chamber-music and ensemble in their own houses, which do not necessarily always play with a view to performing. Informal concerts should not be made up of scratchings round by Head of School Music to persuade a few people to play for the occasion. He should have a large selection from existing groups continually at his disposal. Nor should informal concerts be the only public performances; they should occur at regular intervals, but in between anyone is at liberty to produce something privately.

For the uninteresteds, there should be programmes of more immediate interest. One of the advantages of being in Central London is that people can reach concert halls easily, but this is a disadvantage to the extent that to go to a concert hall requires the effort which the uninterested person is not prepared to make. Talks and recitals by eminent musicians on the spot are more immediately appealing. Above all, what is wanted is that the uninterested boys should join those who are actively interested.

For all this an organization more well-founded than the present one is required. Up to now the Music Society has been dormant: it should be used as the patron of all these activities, which do go on to a considerable extent as things are, but with the organization which should be provided by the Society could be co-ordinated into something continuous and flourishing.

WESTMINSTER IN PARIS

The siren moaned, the gangways were lifted off, the gap of murky water widened as the ship's engines pushed us out to sea. A faint splash—then, "My Kwells!" cried an agonised voice. Our month's stay in France was

beginning.

When the idea of taking the two top Modern Languages Forms to France had first been proposed in the Play Term of 1958, it had all seemed rather unreal and had even been treated with some scepticism: "Gallivanting around Paris is all right," said one, "but I want to pass my 'S' Level." Now that we are back from Paris, the stay still seems almost unreal—can we have been there for a whole month?—but that it has been a great success there can be no doubt. Indeed the success of the whole project is due in no small way to Dr. Sanger, whose guiding hands kept things rolling smoothly and whose gallant battles with Red Tape made the trip at all possible. Some years previously it had been the custom to take these two forms each year to the Ecole des Roches, but this was discontinued; so, after an interval of some years, an exchange between Westminster and the Lycée Janson de Sailly was arranged, whereby 20 boys from the Lycée came here to board at the school, while we went to Paris to have lessons at the Lycée, but to live in French families.

He who had lost his Kwells overboard had in fact nothing to fear, for it was a smooth crossing and the rest of the journey, too, went without a hitch. We were met at the Gare du Nord at 6 p.m. by a chartered bus, which took us to the Lycée itself, where we were given an official welcome, laced with champagne. The Proviseur—or headmaster—explained in his opening speech that the Lycée, which incidentally takes up a whole street-block, has 4,000 pupils, co-ed in the higher forms, of whom half were boarders; the other 2,000 poured through the main entrance every morning in the space of a quarter of an hour before the first lesson of the day at 8.30 a.m. The large number of pupils meant that there were many duplicate forms, so each of us could be placed in a separate class for the duration of the four weeks. After the Proviseur's speech we were introduced to our respective families, who took us home to supper, bath and bed.

The next morning we arrived at 10.30 a.m. at the Lycée, where Dr. Sanger dispensed in-

formation, pocket-money and the individual time-tables for that day. Exactly how that day's time-table was worked out will always be a mystery, for some of us had no lessons at all, while others received the most bizarre mixture of instruction, ranging from the geology of the Haute-Savire to "well he poured it into the flask and it all went purple." Some had lunch at the Lycée—which was of an exceptionally high standard—while others walked, bus-ed, or commuted back to the family déjeuner, where one learnt a new etiquette, and where bread and wine were absorbed in equally extraordinary quantities.

The next three days were the Lycée's Ascension holiday, and this gave the members of the party a chance to do some sightseeing and to become acclimatized to Paris-in-the-Springtime in general. Some of us were taken out by our families, while others arranged visits among themselves, or investigated the Paris Transport System, with its 30 franc brown ticket for travelling anywhere on the system; its portillons automatiques which stopped one from going onto the platform when a train was in; its advertising campaign against alcoholic drinks in the carriages and the advertisements for wine on the stairs leading to the exits.

But the Monday after the Ascension holiday soon came round, and we all assembled at 8.30 a.m. in the Parloir Wallon—their nearest equivalent to a common room, which we used for subsequent meetings—where Dr. Sanger handed out the first of many "final" time-tables. The main trouble was that the different classes into which we were put did not specialize: specialization is, in fact, unknown until the second part of the Bachot has been passed at seventeen. The two members of the expedition not troubled by the prospect of exams, Martin and Richardson, were fortunate enough to be placed in a class of Lettres Supérieures and attended lessons in French, history and "philo" philosophy, at which lessons, however, French attendance fluctuated considerably. There was also a bonus attraction of a strong female contingent, comprising two-thirds of the form of thirty. Rumour has it that all Westminsters will be put in this grade on the next

The rest of us found a number of lessons either beyond our ken, notably maths, physics and chemistry, which also demanded an unpos-



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sessed technical vocabulary, or unsuitable: as English, German (whose standard was too low) and Latin (whose standard most found too high and which was eliminated from the time-table after a week). This finally left us with seven or so unfilled periods, spent in visiting other forms: usually somewhat unsatisfactory because our spasmodic attendances of these forms made it difficult to follow the general trend of the work. It was frequently quite hard to hear what the masters were saving, in any case.

masters were saying, in any case.

Many of us found it a little difficult to adapt ourselves to a school which is not only a day school but whose system of lessons is more like a series of university lectures. In particular, the

masters dictated notes to their forms to an extent unknown at Westminster. Nor were the French boys so prepared to ask questions. On the other hand, lectures by boys in the course of the lessons were quite frequent, at least in the higher forms, and this probably compensated. At the end of each class the buzzers created an inferno of noise which usually drowned the masters for a good minute. Then came the stampede into the open, the queues for the sweet, biscuit and drink slot-machines, which stood all round the courtyards and a medley of games of handball and football. Occasionally crocodiles could be seen marching to their gym periods.



The Lycee from the Rue de la Pompe.

With such a vast number of boys, it was, of course, difficult to make any real contacts. For those who stayed to lunch at school there was a spare hour afterwards, but the five-minute break in between classes was otherwise not enough. At 8.25 the street outside the Lycée was packed with bicycles, motor-scooters and the like, and after lunch many amused themselves by gently rocking the bonnets of any unsuspecting car that happened to pass that way. Outside interests of the French boys were hard to discover, and the main example of their getting together during our stay was to give a very good performance of Moliere's Le Misanthrope. But swimming and football notices could be seen at the main entrance. With more of that there might have been less of those

interminable games of handball.

As we had no sport, scouts or C.C.F. to distract us—we thought lovingly of the Old School on Inspection morning—we had a considerable amount of free time, which was often spent by sightseeing in a group. One could go on for ever about this, and about the countless and almost daily private expeditions, which were made also. The Quartier Latin with Dr. Sanger and the Guide Michelin: the Louvre in two hours flat (though most of us revisited it): Notre Dame and the Sainte Chappelle, with glorious stained glass windows: Versailles, seen by ourselves as that week Dr. Sanger was unfortunately indisposed: Chartres Cathedral: and the Lycée's kind invitation of a trip up the Seine by night on board a bateau-mouche. Then, of course, there were always plenty of sights still to be seen—De Gaulle in the Liberation parade up the Champs-Elysées, the cafés of Montmartre, the refreshingly old Ile Saint-Louis, and so on. Final mention might be made of our visits to the Comédie Française, marred only by our first one to see Corneille's Le Cid, at which both seats and acting were excruciatingly bad: "Ye Gods, are we in the Gods!", as someone remarked. On subsequent evenings throughout the month, at the company's main theatre, the Salle Richelieu, we saw and enjoyed plays by Racine, Molière, Musset, Montherlant and Cocteau.

There was, however, one visit in which we played a purely passive role—that is, the Head Master's and Louis Sherwood's visit to Paris. After encountering little local difficulties traversing the Chelsea Flower Show, they arrived at 12.30, and we walked straight into the official dining room of the Lycée. It was a never-to-be-forgotten lunch. Course followed

dizzily upon course until at 3 o'clock we retired and discussed the trip with the Head Master, who was later shown around the Lycée before flying home that same day. A memorable meal, a memorable day.

It is hard to compare Westminster with Janson, even if it were desirable. As already said, there did not seem to be any school life as we understand it. There was no assemblyhall, and very few societies, though the gramophone one was particularly flourishing. There were no "houses": indeed, the whole building contained only classrooms, dormitories and offices. There was no school library. The school itself was not an architectural triumph. Yet somehow the French seemed to manage as well as we do. They were as intellectually alert, if not more, and in practically every case extremely obliging and helpful. Their life did not revolve round the Lycée, but then there was no great reason why it should. It is certain that future pilgrims from Westminster will enjoy the exchange as much as we did. (In passing, the food at Janson was really excellent.) A few days will be required for acclimatization, of course; one does not normally encounter girls smoking cigars inside Westminster formrooms. That the visit passed off so smoothly was due mainly to Dr. Sanger, whose efficiency both before and after it not only made it at all possible but also ensured, for instance, that we should get to the maximum amount of theatres with minimum amount of inconvenience to ourselves. We should also like to thank the Proviseur and M. Labau for being such good hosts, and, finally, only feel sorry that Mr. Shepherd should have to take such a lot of trouble in London while we were enjoying ourselves in Paris.

N. BROOKE

THE TRIFLER, 1959

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UN MOIS A WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Lorsque notre taxi déboucha dans Dean's Yard, nous fûmes agréablement surpris par l'aspect féodal de l'école. Nous passâmes sous une voûte, traversâmes la cour, et pénétrâmes dans le "College". Là, nous fûmes pris en charge par un garçon très sympathique, Maclennan, qui nous montra nos chambres, tâche assez difficile vu nos déficiences linguistiques. Aussitôt après un grand gaillard blord, le "Capitaine" de l'école, vint nous annoncer le règlement, l'horaire et les habitudes de Westminster School.

Personellement je fus enchanté de ma chambre; un "box" pour moi seul avec bureau et radio. Après un dîner assez frugal, Pierron, Torresi et moi fûmes invités à prendre le café chez Maclennan.

Le lendemain matin, nous fîmes la connaissance de Mr. Shepherd, professeur qui allait s'occuper de nous et qui s'est donné du mal pour que nous ayons un séjour agréable. Dans sa classe, il rous donna notre emploi du temps, puis demanda à chacun ses matières de prédilection.

L'après-midi nous fûmes libres: ce fut le rongement, les premiers cotracts avec les élèves anglais, la visite de l'école.

Quelque garçons ont, en outre, été invités par la B.B.C. et par l' "Evening News". A la radio, ils ont vu les studios et ont servi à faire le bruit et à rendre l'atmosphère d'une classe bruyante (française). Ils ont parfaitement réussi dans ce rôle. Au journal on leur a offert un excellent goûter et on les a pris en photo, qui d'ailleurs paru dans l'Evening News en première page. Cette apparition a eu pour résultat de dévaliser le marchand du coin de tous ses Evening News bien que les bêtes des garçons sur la photo ne soient pas particulièrement intelligentes. Nous avons, avec Mr. Hervy, visité et admiré la National Gallery, plus pour perspective deux invitations très mondaines, l'ure a l'ambassade de Françe, l'autre a une sherry party, dornée par le Headmaster.

Une autre chose qui m'a beaucoup plu, c'est le "breakfast" anglais: oeufs, porridge, toast. etc.... Le porridge n'a pas été apprécié de tous les Jansoniens, mais certains y ont pris goût, à la longue. Nous n'étions peut-être pas adapté a la cuisine anglaise et une école, et fûmes peut-être gêré au début, mait nous nous sommes habitués aux pommes de terres quotidiennes. A part cela, la nourriture est irréprochable au point de vue qualité et présentation.

En outre, l'horaire de l'école assure le temps de faire ce qu'on a à faire: "breaks" de temps en temps, temps libre, etc.... Les classes sont très à l'heure. Cependant je n'ai pas compris avec Big Ben et son carillon berceux à proximité? Cependant je n'ai pas compris pourquoi il y avait un espace entre le breakfast et le service. Mais ce n'est pas à moi de modifier l'horaire de l'école.

Nous regrettons et regrettons toujours que notre séjour ne se soit pas prolongé, mais espérons garder des rapports au moins épistulaires avec Westminster. Nous remercions le Headmaster qui a permis cet écharge, les professeurs qui nous ort enseignés, le service culinaire et ménager, et les élèves qui nous ont accueillis très amicalement.



Photo. N. Brooke

THE ARDUOUS TRAINING CAMP

Feeling that some experience had been gained from last summer's camp at Eskadale, the C.C.F. organized a more ambitious training programme this Easter among the mountains of North Wales. At almost any time last term Mr. French could have been seen in the Orderly Room sitting amid sheaves of correspondence with the War Office and producing formidable lists of all the necessary equipment. Finally, on April 19th, he and Mr. Brock, with a small advance party consisting of Devereux, Brough and Housden drove the two Land Rovers up the base camp site, a few miles south of Corwen: and there, aided by Sedgwick and Lodge who appeared separately, they prepared the camp for the remaining cadets, due to arrive by train under Mr. Shepherd two days later.

At 7.30 on Tuesday morning an officer and seven bleary-eyed cadets, Pavry, Roy, Dearman, Orr, Freeman, Richardson and Martin, disentrained on to Corwen station, were greeted by Mr. French and Mr. Brock and walked the mile to breakfast. Cockburn was unfortunately ill and could not come, whilst McLardy overslept and accidentally visited Chester.

The training programme got under way. To recover from its sleepless rain journey, the contingent strolled the twelve-odd miles to camp before lunch, unpacked and set up tents. In the afternoon weighty rucksacks were donned; and Mr. Brock gave a conducted tour of a local ridge before returning to supper. A few of the hardy, led by Brough, bathed in the icy river, and a small party of fanatics, dissatisfied with the day's mileage, went off to conquer the two highest peaks in the vicinity.

Early the next morning Mr. Rawes arrived; and the contingent was thus ready. A hare-and-hounds exercise, organized the previous evening, was then put into operation. In the course of this exercise neither hares nor hounds glimpsed each other, and it transpired that the Naval Section's semaphore, though admirable across Yard, was slightly overwhelmed by mountain conditions. The hares, Martin, Roy and Orr, were greatly annoyed that their elaborate decoy went unnoticed, arriving very late and tired; Devereux stalked a group of sheep for some way, convinced that they were carrying rucksacks whilst other, less conscientious hounds sunbathed. That evening, after dark and

supper, the contingent set off in four groups for a night-compass exercise. The results were varied and interesting: two groups finished the course and returned to camp towards 1 a.m.; all felt that they had gained great experience in bogmanship.

The three-day scheme was to start on Friday. On Thursday morning, therefore, base camp was struck and everything except scheme equipment loaded into the Land Rovers, which were driven off and left at Bala and Dinas Mawddy respectively. Everyone moved into the C.C.F's new Tinker tents, and cooking was de-centralized. In the afternoon, Mr. Rawes organized a small exercise involving map-reading, a knowledge of Welsh and sufficient poetic inspiration to construct a limerick around "Llan Rhaeadr", in which competition McLardy's group of yonug bards won a tin of cheese. An early bed in anticipation of the scheme the next day.

Friday morning dawned bright and clear, and the five groups, each containing two or three cadets and an instructor, enjoyed a luxurious breakfast in bed, then struck tents and moved of in their own time towards the first night's camping site, about 14 miles away. The day was uneventful and all groups arrived easily, though in various stages of weariness. That night, the excellent weather of the past few days broke. Many unfortunates sleeping on the windward side of the tent got very wet, especially Dearman, whose tent would have made an excellent mosquito net.

Saturday was overcast, and the sporadic showers developed into a steady hard drizzle. The twin peaks of the Arans were the day's check points en route to Dinas Mawddy, but after various adventures only three groups conguered the summits. At this height, neary 3,000 feet, conditions were very bad indeed, with thick cloud, high wind and torrential rain. Mr. Rawes' and Martin's groups were blown off course into the wrong valley, where they dried out and lay up for the night in a railway ganger's hut and a luxurious farmhouse respectively. Mr. Brock alone battled through to the correct camping site with Brough and Richardson, where he was joined by Mr. Shepherd and Mr. French, who had completed a remarkable route march by the road. The idea of pitching tents was unanimously rejected and a small poky barn cleared of dead sheep and made habitable.

Drying out was practically impossible, but the thick warm bracken gave a good night's sleep.

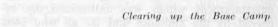
On Sunday conditions were much the same as before. The barn-bound groups, therefore, stayed where they were and tried to dry out. Mr. Rawes joined them at about midday and in the afternoon the Land Rovers went out in search of Martin's group, which was blithely finishing the course. It was picked up at last near the final R.V. and brought back to Dinas Mawddy, where a great reunion took place.

On Monday morning everyone felt lethargic, but the officers eventually lashed up sufficient enthusiasm to conquer Cader Idris; two parties were driven over and walked up the ridge to the summit. Here, the view was magnificent, snow sporadic and the remains of the celebrated army cheese offered up to the gods on the summit

cairn. That evening, as much as possible was packed for an early departure the next day, while Freeman and Martin went off at a run to conquer two peaks and four miles, returning an hour and a half later to find the camp conference waiting.

The camp was unanimously declared a great success. Everyone had enjoyed it, and morale had been consistently high. Certainly we owe Mr. French and the officers a great debt of gratitude for organizing and administering so well; and it was generally hoped that this type of camp will come, in the future, to supersede the conventional army affair, as it combines a valuable experience with a most enjoyable holiday.

R. J. A. MARTIN







The idea of pitching tents was unanimously rejected

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Production by J. S. Woodhouse, Esq. and D. O. Byrt, Esq., of a shortened version.

It is encouraging that a group of boys from the junior forms of the school should combine with the choir in a highly entertaining if abridged version of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was evident that primarily the actors enjoyed themselves, and this ensured the success of the production, whis was performed in the delightful and appropriate sur-

roundings of Ashburnham Garden.

Unfortunately, however, the scene had to be rapidly transferred, on the first night, up School at the last minute, owing to a heavy downpour of rain. Though the play was acted without any evident hazards, the atmosphere was hot and the audience unresponsive: this was far from the case the second night when outdoors. Amongst the cast there were a number of very promising young actors. Bottom the weaver (R. G. H. Hinton), was suitably inane and played his part with ebullience. W. Cran as Flute, the bellowsmender, acted delightfully when playing Thisbe. and his assumed voice and almost belaboured sentimentality was destined to cause mirth. C. W. Garnett acted Quince the carpenter, but though he acted well his voice was perhaps unsuited to the part. Puck (R. Jones-Parry) created 'e prescribed lightness and fleetness of foot:

and P. W. Semple as Duke Theseus of Athens acted with dignity and some feeling for the words, though at the opening of the play his voice had to compete with incidental music that was far too loud.

Five fairies from the Under School deserve high praise for the spritely way in which they danced about the garden, one minute behind a giant hollyhock, the next popping out from obscure corners of the garden. Four of them also sung a pleasant little song which should

be credited for its rendering.

During the evening the choir sang four madrigals by sixteenth century song writers. The first group of two was performed at the opening of the play and were Gibbons' The Silver Swan and Morley's It was a lover and his lass. These were sung well and were lively, though a little heavy, there being some fifty voices altogether. The other madrigals came at the end of the play. The first of these was Fair Phyllis by Farmer, followed by Campion's words and music Never Weather-beaten Sail. This last song made a very suitable ending to an evening's entertainment which was enthusiastically received by the audience and by all who took part in Mr. Woodhouse's excellent production.



Photo: R. V. Aston



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SPORTS NEWS

The close of the Lent Term

FENCING

Easter is the climax of the fencing season: house and individual cups are competed for. while a week after the end of the Lent Term come the Public Schools Fencing Championships. In addition, this year a number of outside non-school competitions were entered, notably the International Easter Tournament at Learnington Spa. The school competitions were keenly contested, enthusiasm, no doubt, due in part to the generous offer of Mr. B. E. Petitpierre, a former Captain of fencing, of individual prizes for the best fencers in each weapon. Borg was the first to win one of these prizes, in the sabre, which he won very closely from Eden, Pavett and Baddeley. Eden won easely in foil, with only four hits received, followed by Baddeley, Borg and Halsted. The épée competition, for which electric equipment was used, was won by Baddeley, followed by Pavett and Eden. From a purist's point of view, the Junior Foil was an unsatisfactory affair, a quadruple barrage between Halsted, Hale, Lushington and Scorer being necessary to decide placing in the final, in which Halsted came first. Busby's won the Foil Cup narrowly from College (9-8) point), and Baddeley and Borg between them also won the House Seniors Cup by 24 points to College's 15. Eden retained his Épée-Sabre Cup, however, after a prolonged triple barrage in both weapons with Baddeley and Pavett.

The results of the International Tournament at Leamington, where Westminster was competing with some of the best fencers in the country, were most gratifying: the épée team of Eden, Baddeley and Pavett defeated Birmingham F.C. and then proceeded to give the eventual winners Grosvenor F.C., their closest fight (3-5). The sabre team lost 3-5 to the Scottish Universities, who came second in the final, and might have done better if tiredness and nerves had not played their part. These two results against the strongest and second-strongest teams in the competition cannot be too highly praised. Eden and Baddeley both reached the semifinals in the Individual Foil, Baddeley only missing promotion to the finals by losing 2-3 to the Scottish Universities' captain in the barrage. Everybody reached the quarter-finals in the weapons they had entered for, with the

exception of Eden in the épée who at times missed promotion by the odd hit. In all, it was with a new confidence as a team that the Public School Competition, held this year from the 15th to the 17 of April, was contested.

As predicted in a previous Elizabethan, our principal rivals were Dulwich and Merchant Taylors., both of which had teams of considerablt strength and experience. The foil results were somewhat disappointing: Pavett, Coulson and Borg were eliminated in the second round: Lushington, after fighting well, in the third: and though Halsted, Baddeley and Eden all reached the fifth round, the quarter-finals, only Eden went up to the finals, where he gained fourth place. In the épée results were again a trifle below expectations. Halstead did well to reach the semi-finals, where Baddeley was also eliminated in a triple barrage for one finals place. Eden alone went up to the final pool and looked very much like winning it with his accurate forearm stop hit until in his last fight with Higginson (M.T.S.) his opponent's foilguard position frustrated this tactic: unable to adapt himself to this, he lost first the fight and then the barrage for first place, though coming second. Although Baddeley and Borg fought very well to reach the semi-finals of the sabre competition, they were, unfortunately, both eliminated by a small margin with two wins each, leaving no Westminster representative in the finals. The final order was:-(1) Merchant Taylors: (2) Dulwich College: (3) Westminster.

FIVES

The culmination of the fives season, the traditional match with the Old Westminsters, provided an exciting struggle in which the more polished team-work of the older players ultimately won the day. Martin and Richardson, for whom this was a farewell to competitive fives at Westminster, were playing to their usual standard; Richardson especially was retrieving well with his left hand, while Martin's smashes on the top step frequently dominated the game. Evans and Bailey, an energetic 2nd pair, lost narrowly to their more controlled opponents; it is in their capable hands that the game's future at Westminster remains.

SHOOTING

The "Contry Life" competition, held at the close of the ·22 match season last term, was not, on the whole, a success. Patrick did well to score 96, but the rest of the team was mediocre, far too many points being lost on the groups. This was all the more infuriating because the landscape went well and would have placed us quite high if accompanied by an average shoot. At it was we took 47th place with a score of 718. McKinlay, unfortunately, was not on his usual form and lowered his total match average to 96·3—a very creditable average, none the less, and amply sufficient to win the Bulgin Cup.

The house competition of the last fortnight of term provided, by contrast, variety, excitement and a generally high standard of shooting. In the final the Queen's Scholars faced Rigaud's, whose hopes were based on the principle of "third time lucky". But after a very tense shoot, in which both captains distinguished themselves, the Queen's Scholars just won the cup by 359

points to 354.

At the end of the holidays the 303 season started with the usual Bisley camp; in the course of this two of the beginners, Pooley and Snelling, made a remarkable début, one with a 45, the other with a possible. The R.A.F. unfortunately claimed Snelling this term, but after two weeks' practice Pooley established the ultimate record of a double possible and continues to shoot consistently well. Two of the early practices produced a really remarkable succession of high scores from the rest of the VIII as well, notably Brough, Bevan and Sutton, so that despite the absence of Martin and Gill in Paris it was with confidence that the team entered the London and Middlesex meeting. As always happens, however, the luck changed, and apart from a 65 from Pooley, the performances were undistinguished, the School being placed 15th with a score of 481.

The return of the two experts from Paris made depressingly little difference for, despite a brilliant if hasty practice on their first afternoon, the scores in the Sussex meeting the next day were not good. Patrick did well to get 64, but conditions were bad; and it was decided to revert to the system of shooting in pairs, for time became very short. The prospects for the remainder of the season are, however, hopeful, in that the whole VIII has proved itself capable of good scores and needs now only the ability to coincide them with the right time and place.

ATHLETICS

The past year has been one of experiments in athletics. The main change took place in the standards competition, where two new standards, a gold and an Omega, were introduced. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to say whether the new form has been a success or not as the track this season has more often than not been unfit.

The Eastbourne match, the second of the two school ones, took place away this year, and several changes vere made in the team that had beaten St. Paul. As in previous years Eastbourne were again a fairly strong team: Westminster, on the other hand, were disappointing, Machray being our only winner of an event. However, both Housden's high jumping (5'6") and Medawar's shot putting (41') were notable perfomances.

With the matches over, there were still several station days left before the School finals. These were taken up by the standards competition, which was organized most efficiently by Mr. Moylan and was eventually won for the third year in succession by Rigaud's. Although the Eastbourne match had been somewhat disappointing, the finals, held for the most part on Saturday April 4th, amply compensated for it. Three records were broken, that for the 220 by Makin and for the junior hurdles and long jump by Cooper, whose distance in the latter of 18'5" was especially worthy of note. Finally, and some time previous to this, the Bringsty Relay was this year won by Busby's who narrowly beat Wren's in the last lap.

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The Westminster Ball will be a part of the Quater-centenary celebrations. It has therefore been postponed from what would have been the normal date in the Autumn of 1959.

E. R. B. Graham,

Hon. Secretary.

THE SCOUTS

Scouting at Westminster inevitably tends to centre upon the summer camp, for this is virtually the only occasion we get to put into practice, albeit often in a not too serious manner, what we have learnt over the past year. The popularity of camp is testified by the number of "outsiders" who regularly join us there from the corps, and of Old Westminsters who return after they have left the troop and the school. The importance of camp is naturally most pressingly felt during the Election Term, which till now has been spent in preparation, with such occupations as tent repair—a very essential part of the scout's life.

But the other side has not been forgotten. The programme for Friday afternoons has been revised in the course of the year; half the afternoon is spent in working for tests, while the other is devoted to projects, some working for a particular badge, and some of a wider nature. The more senior members of the troop pass this time working on their own for the Queen's Scout badge; we hope to produce a small but steady flow of Queen's Scouts.

However, the greatest advance this term has been the acquisition of a new store-room, in the basement of the old science block. Ever since our old site, underneath No. 14, Barton Street, was suddenly split into two sectors by the fireescape of the new science buildings, we had been hard put to it to find suitable storage space for all the equipment. Now this difficulty has at last been overcome, and it is again possible to find an axe or a billy without having to fight through piles of tents and teachests. What remains of the old basement has been converted into an office, from where the administrative work can be done: Mr. Keeley observed that it looked like the headquarters of an underground Resistance movement. Perhaps it is! But for parades we must now always follow the example of our omnipresent brother, the corps, and take to the open air, in Ashburnham Garden.

CHESS

Chess at Westminster at last has a chance of results more commensurate with the intellectual level of the school than has been usual in the past. The body of the team has been the same for the last three years, and the team as a whole will be unchanged next term. With practice, the top boards could take on anyone at any school in Westminster's experience. And, what is more, the difference between the best and the worst in the team is hardly detectable. An order of merit would be almost impossible to make out. But two things prevent prospects being as good as they might be. Outside the half-dozen people who play for the school, there seem few seriously interested in the game. And new equipment such as books, boards and chess clocks is much needed. Of the five schools Westminster has played in the past year, there is not one that does not spend five times as much on chess.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Club will be held at the House of Commons on Friday, October 23rd, 1959. Full details will appear in the next issue of The Elizabethan, but in the meantime members who hope to attend the Dinner are asked to note the date, and those members who have not attended the Dinner during the last two years, and who wish in due course to receive a copy of the full particulars when these are available, are asked to send a note to the Hon. Secretary, Ray Plummer, 55/61 Moorgate, London E.C.2.

GAMES COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of those interested in the Games of the Club will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28th, 1959, at No. 4 Whitehall Court, S.W.1, by kind permission of F. N. Hornsby, Esq. P. G. Whipp, Hon. Secretary,

22 Boileau Road, Ealing, W.5.

AGENDA

1. Chairman.

Minutes

3. Matters arising.

4. Correspondence.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report for the year to May 1st,

Accounts for the year to May 1st, 1959.

To receive the names of the Section Hon. Secretaries

8. Election of Officers and Members for the year 1959/60. (A list of those recommended for election by the retiring Committee is given below.) 9. Any other business.

NOTES:-

1. Any alternative or additional names for election to the Committee should reach the Hon. Secretary at least three days before the Meeting and such names should be supported by the names of a proposer and seconder.

2. Any member wishing to dine after the Meeting should notify the Hon. Secretary by Thursday, July 23rd, 1959.

The retiring Committee recommend that the following be elected Officers and Members of the Games Committee for the year 1959/60. Hon. Secretary P. G. Whipp

Asst. Hon. Secretary		W. J. Gerrish
Hon. Treasurer		N. P. Andrews
University Secretary—a	t Oxford	R. G. M. Spry
—a	t Cambrid	ge M. Crosse
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After the General Meeting the Committee will meet to elect two members as representatives on the Elizabethan Club Committee.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of those interested in the activities of the Entertainments Committee will take place directly after the above meeting.

E. R. B. Graham, Hon. Secretary, The Tower House, Melbury Road, Kensington, W.14.

CRICKET

Would all members make a special effort to make themselves available for at least two matches during the "Fortnight", Thursday, July 30th to Saturday, August 8th. Alls communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, D G. Higgins, Westminster Abbey Choir School, Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

Members are also informed that all future notices of the Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club

will appear in The Elizabethan,

GOLF

The following were the results of the Spring Meeting held at New Zealand Golf Club. West Byfleet, on April 30th. Silver Birch Scratch Challenge Trophy " Dr. H. Gardiner-Hill D. G. Coaten Graham Challange Cup L. G. Marks Circuitt Memorial Salver H V Mabev H. V. Mabey
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MEMBERSHIP

The following new Members have been elected:-1925-28 Gibson, Peter, Pentreath, Iver Heath. Bucks.

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Mudge, Hugh Stephen, Loddon House, Loddon, Norfolk. C 1956-58

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Lord Adrian is to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. at Edinburgh University.

Mr. Howard Ferguson has been given the honorary degree of Mus, Doc. by Queen's University, Belfast.

Prof. R. J. V. Pulvertaft has been appointed John

Mallet Purser Lecturer at Dublin University.

Mr. R. A. Wilson has been appointed Keeper of the Department of Printed Books at the British Museum

Brig. N. L. Foster has been appointed General Officer Commanding Nigeria Military Forces. Wing-Cmdr. A. W. Eyre, R.A.F., has been

appointed Senior Technical Officer of No. 2 Flying Training School.

The Hon, Ivor Montagu, a member of the World Peace Council, has been awarded a Lenin Peace

Mr. R. G. Woodwark has been elected Renter Warden of the Turners' Company,

Mr. G. F. Pitt-Lewis has been elected Master of

the Broderers' Company.

The Very Rev. Cyril Mayne is resigning the Deanery of Carlisle on October 1st.

At the Trinity Ordinations the Rev. M. D. Birt was ordained priest, and Mr. S. H. Baynes and Mr.

C. J. E. Lunn made deacons.

Mr. W. D. Shearly-Saunders was elected as a Conservative Member of the Westminster City Council at the 1959 elections.

Mr. R. H. B. de Vere Green has been chosen to row at bow in the first Oxford representative crew to row at Henley for over a century. He takes the place of Mr. S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, who rowed in the Oxford crew against Cambridge, and who will be rowing in a pair at Herley. He and Mr. J. F. Hewitt rowed in the St. Edmund Hall boat which went head of the river in the Summer Eights at

Oxford. Mr. S. R. M. Price was one of the pair which won the Double Sculls at Cambridge.

Group Capt. H. R. A. Edwards, D.F.C., A.D.C., was the sole coach of the Oxford crew which won

the University Boat Race.

Mr. G. Turberville is retiring from the headmastership of Eltham College after 29 years.

BIRTHS

Blaksley-On April 21st 1959 in London to Mary. wife of John Blaksley, a son.

Bulgin—On April 11th 1959 at Chigwell to Margaret

Eleanor, wife of Ronald Bulgin, a son.

Cranfield—On March 20th 1959 to Margaret, wife of Leslie Cranfield, a son.

Cripps—On May 22nd 1959 at Cambridge to Katharine, wife of Michael Cripps, a daughter.

Edwards—On May 22nd 1959 at Chiswick to Doris, wife of David Edwards, a son.

Engleheart—On April 17th 1959 to Esmé, wife of

David Engleheart, a daughter.

Green-On December 9th 1958 to Rosita, wife of

Brian Green, a son. Herrmann—On May 22nd 1959 at Woodham, Walter, Essex, to Patricia, wife of Frank Herrmann, a daughter.

Howard-Johnston—On March 24th 1959 at Sandwich. to Euphemia, wife of Michael Howard-Johnston,

Lummis—On March 26th 1959 in London to Cicely, wife of C. J. Lummis, a daughter.

Newman—On May 21st 1959 in London to Maria,

wife of Bryan Newman, a son.

Rosenfeld—On March 23rd 1959 in London to Sara, wife of Frank Rosenfeld, a daughter.

wife of Frank Rosenfeld, a daughter.

Tanner—On May 18th 1959 at Crowborough to
Jean, wife of P. R. E. Tanner, a son.

Tasker—On May 11th 1959 at Nairobi to Juliet,
wife of J. M. Tasker, a son.

Williamson—On April 20th 1959 at Wimbledon to

Diana, wife of F. B. Williamson, a son.

Wordsworth—On April 15th 1959 to Ann, wife of Jonathan Wordsworth, a son.

Rogers On May 31st 1959 to Jane, wife of Martin Rogers, a son.

MARRIAGES

Adams: Beloe-On May 2nd 1959 in London, F. G. Adams to Margaret Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Mr. G. H. Beloe and Mrs. Beloe of Clifton, Bristol,

Nairnsey: Leapman-On March 29th 1959, I. R. B. Nairnsey to Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Leapman of Warnham, Sussex.

DEATHS

Barwell—On May 27th 1959 at Crowthorne, H. S. Barwell, F.R.C.S., aged 83.

Hay Hicks-On January 20th 1959, Rev. E. J. Hay Hicks, aged 51.

Noakes On April 20th 1959 at Derby, C. E. S.

Noakes, aged 65.

Nye—On October 11th 1958 at Reigate, Stanley Nye, aged 83.

Peacock— On February 7th, 1959 in London, A. W. K. Peacock, M.B.E., aged 70. Phillimore—On April 21st 1959 at Ventnor, Rev.

E. G. Phillimore, aged 82.

Tenison—On May 9th 1959 at Oxford, E. H. R.

Tenison, aged 61.

Burch-On March 22nd 1959, Dr. W. J. N. Burch. Harold Shuttleworth Barwell was in his day the leading authority, and writer of the standard treatise on, diseases of the ear and throat. He entered Westminster as an exhibitioner in 1889, and studied medicine at St. George's hospital, where among other prizes he was awarded the William Browne exhibition. He took his F.R.C.S. in 1901, and held appointments at a number of London hospitals, eventually becoming head of the department of diseases of the ear and throat at St. George's. He married Evelyn, daughter of Dr. J. Foster-Palmer. Edmund Johnstone Hay Hicks was up Home-

boarders in the early twenties. From the London College of Divinity he was ordained deacon in 1934, and was curate of St. John, Southall, and later of Illogan, Cornwall. At the time of his death he had been for some years vicar of St. Paul, Barrow-in-

Furness.

Cyril Edward Spencer Noakes was admitted in 1907 and gained a non-resident King's Scholarship in the following year. He went on to Christ Church with a Westminster exhibition, and served in the 1914-18 war in the Dardanelles, Egypt and France. He became a schoolmaster and taught at St. George's College, Buenos Aires. In 1926 he became joint Head Master of Holm Leigh Preparatory School, Buxton.

Stanley Nye was at the School from 1886 to 1892, and was admitted a member of the Stock Exchange in 1899. He married Gertrude ,daughter of W. J.

Baker of Wallington.

Anthony Wadham Knatchbull Peacock was admitted in 1902. In 1909 he became a clerk in the Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, where he rose to be Senior Executive Officer. He retired in 1954 and received the M.B.E. He saw active service with the Artists Rifles in the 1914-18 war. He merried in 1920 Gladys, daughter of H. K. Evans of Upper Norwood.

Edward Granville Phillimore, son of Sir Augustus Phillimore and the last of five brothers who were at Westminster, was admitted in 1890. He went to Keble College, Oxford, and was ordained in 1900 to the parish of St. Saviour, Leeds. After a number of other curacies he went to West Fordington, Dorset, and after serving as a chaplain to the Forces he returned there as vicar in 1916. From 1933 to 1940 he held a curacy in Southsea, after which he was licenced to officiate in the diocese of Winchester, He married first Mabel, daughter of W. M. Moberly. and second, Gertrude, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Greenland, rector of Raithby.

Edward Heron Ryan Tenison came to the School in 1911, and went up to Keble College, Oxford. After serving in the 1914-18 war he entered the Ceylon Civil Service. In 1936 he was appointed Secretary to the Board of Ministers, a post which he held for four years. Later he was appointed Marketing Commissioner, and retired in 1949. He married Ivanah, daughter of A. P. Berthon and had a son at the School.

Many generations of Westminsters will hear with regret of the death of Dr. W. J. N. Burch, who was science master at Westminster from 1918 till his retirement in 1947. During those years he had charge of the chemistry of the school and developed it with quiet efficiency and considerable success. A man of unruffled and retiring disposition, he seemed to spend most of life in the Science Buildings, where as a teacher he had a gift for making others think and work for themselves. In the years of evacuation he worked assiduously and resourcefully to improvise laboratories and equipment in the disused tannery at Bromyard. When he retired, he went to stay with his son in Jamaica, but resented leisure. and soon became involved in the laboratories of the Citrus Co, of Jamaica, where his knowledge of organic chemistry was of great value. He was a member of the O.W. Masonic Lodge, and in that way was enabled to keep in touch with many of his former pupils whose affection he had won in their school-days.

The death took place on April 2nd of Mary Saddleton Failes, widow of Rev. Watson Failes, who was the first housemaster of Ashburnham and later housemaster of Rigaud's till his retirement in 1907.



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