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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Much has lately been said and thought about the future of the Public Schools. So much has been said, and so much has been thought, that the only excuse available to an Editor in supplementing two articles on the subject which have already appeared in *THE ELIZABETHAN*, is that the problem does need very careful consideration, particularly by the Public Schools themselves. Clearly the question of education after the war will require the most skilful and sympathetic solution. Apart from its actual importance in itself, which, though very great, can be overstressed, it may easily become the factor that decides the main supports of our political structure. It may easily decide, or at any rate bring before debate, the relations of the State to the individual, the relations of the Church to the State, and the whole system of class distinction. Against this background, the future of the Public Schools, sometimes ignored because it concerns so small a section of the people, is obviously extremely relevant and important.

There will be three main ways open to the men in charge of reconstruction. They can incorporate the Public Schools as a higher education within the State system; by doing this they will raise a structure of classes based entirely on brains or character; such a structure would be infinitely

more relentless than the present one, which is based on a mixture of enterprise and accident. Men who had been given the Higher Education would fill all positions of importance, while those outside would feel a real, and not just a snobbish, inferiority. How dangerous and inflexible such a system might become is easy to realise. As a second alternative they can abolish the Public Schools altogether. By so doing they would almost liquidate the traditional ruling class, and would sever another vein of private enterprise. To a country becoming more and more impatient of interference with ideal democracy, more and more tolerant of state control, this may seem the obvious course. But the genius of this country has always been shown in compromise and adaptation; in education especially, adaptation is the wisest course. We believe that it would be very wrong to destroy the independence of a system that has preserved a continuous tradition of service and responsibility; that has often been at fault, but has never entirely lost sight of the good life; that has been, and still is, a source of strength, both hidden and open, to the nation. We believe—and this is the third course—that the State schools should be improved, that the Public Schools should be more open to boys of talent without means; but

we also believe that the Public Schools should survive, and should preserve their variety and independence; their purpose still being to fit men for the ruling of their country. Of the actual efficiency and rich variety of the best Public School education we have no doubt; the critics on this point are usually ill-informed and behind the times.

It will soon be seen whether such a system still has a part to play. We are certain that it has, that without it the country would be very much the poorer. Its pupils will come from a class of which the limits are already supple, and will be even more so; as at the present time the rulers of this country will frequently be drawn from other sources. But it will continue to provide the country with able servants; it will continue to preserve standards of more than temporal value; it will continue to teach lessons that have been taught in many ways for many years, and have not lost their truth.

THE SCHOOL

A new School year has opened, with the country still at war, and the valleys of Herefordshire full of the browns and golds of Autumn. Beyond the limits of the roads on which we bicycle Britain begins to move onto the offensive; meanwhile, secure in the framework of school life, we wait till our turn comes, and concentrate on the present. There has been little change since last term; only now, in the third year of our evacuation to Bromyard, we feel a sense of increased stability; we feel ourselves rooted more firmly in the Herefordshire soil, which we accept with less desire to criticise or admire. There is no revolution in the life of the School to report, and no new situation to describe. Work on the farms and gardens continues alongside football; pigs flourish together with playreading; the Home Guard practises Battle Drill, and the prospect of Election draws nearer to those whom it concerns.

Reports from the Houses are predominantly agricultural. College still has no pig; but is proud of her poultry and potatoes; Grant's have two new pigs, some temperamental hens, some rabbits, and large quantities of fruit and vegetables; Buckenhill has all the usual things, including a Rabbit Club, and a pony as well; Rigaud's have rabbits but have said goodbye to their pig; their vegetable crop was unhappily stricken by caterpillar. Almost all the houses have "Spotters Clubs" or "Aero Societies"; College has no official society for this purpose, but parts of it smell permanently of the curiously penetrating "dope" that is used for building aeroplanes. At Buckenhill boxing classes once a week have been revived, and a Literary Society meets on Sunday evening to read plays; Ashburnham and Homeboarders have now been definitely united under one Head of House, although hesita-

tion is still felt in using the name "Homeburnham." The Buckenhill houses are also rehearsing for a production of Hamlet at the end of the term. Grant's have given up Tiblands, which has been slept in regularly since we first came here, in favour of a cottage which is nearer and much more accessible. The Grant's Literary and Gramophone Societies still continue, and a new "Opera Society" has been founded to meet on Thursday evenings. Rigaud's and College collaborate in a good many activities, particularly in music, and the weekly gym classes; also one or two debates between the two houses are being arranged. College Literary Society reads plays on Saturdays; its printers still print, and its bookbinders still take books to pieces. The Gramophone Society meets on Fridays, and weekly musical recitals are given over the week-end.

The various house papers have been especially vigorous since our evacuation. *The Grantite Review* comes out once a term, and is always efficient, sober and well-written; the standard is rarely lowered, and it preserves a good balance between information and literary matter. *The Rigaudite Review* produced an excellent and lively number at the beginning of the year, which we hope will be repeated; similarly we would like to see another number of *The Homeburnhamite*, a printed production which appeared at the end of last term; clearly a great deal of trouble had been taken over it, and it was almost consistently worth reading; this can rarely be said with any truth of a house magazine. *The King's Scholars' Chronicle* appeared every week last year, but is now appearing once a fortnight only; its typewritten form limits its public to College, which facilitates its task; on the whole its achievement has been high for such a regular appearance. *The College Street Clarion* is the most public, the most enterprising, of the house papers; it appears once a fortnight, and is never lacking in editorial energy; the standard is not always maintained, but the paper as a whole is vigorous and compels admiration.

These are the House activities, or some of them. There is, of course, always a danger that down here, in our concentration on the House, we should lose our unity as a school, but it is safe to say that the danger is much further away than it was two years, or even a year ago. We approach another Commemoration Day, and as we do so it is right that we should remember our past, and right that we should think on our future. We are always conscious that we are a London School, that this evacuation is only a prolonged visit to our Chiswick Estate. When the plague is over, we shall return; meanwhile, as we see the browns and golds of Autumn in the valleys of Herefordshire, we determine to make the most of our enforced stay in the country.

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- J. R. B. HODGES. Head of Grant's. Captain of Football. Flight Sergeant in the A.T.C.
- C. A. BARNES. Head of Ashburnham and Homeboarders.
- C. H. CHRISTIE. Head of the Water. Head of Music. Leader of the Scout Troop.

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VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The following have visited the School at Westminster since last June :

C. J. Lees-Smith, W. B. Young, H. P. Straker, M. Kinchin-Smith, J. W. Coleman, The Rev. R. W. A. Coleman, Lieutenant H. B. Cockin, R. W. Hare, R. G. Whiskard, G. C. Castellain, D. C. Watherston, F. L. Greenland, H. Lloyd-Jones, R. J. Borradaile, A. V. Adams, J. A. Staynes, D. D. Grewcock, W. S. G. Macmillan, C. J. Carey, M. S. de Mowbray, M. W. O'Brien, T. J. Brown, C. P. Ward, I. J. Abrahams, G. L. Evans, G. D. Everington, H. H. C. Batten, R. A. Kaye, K. J. Saunders, G. E. Tunnicliffe, G. A. Renny, M. Thoresby, R. Richmond, W. R. Van Straubenzee, P. N. Ray, J. P. Willsher, E. M. H. Wilkinson, D. L. Rees, H. W. R. Lillie, M. L. Patterson, D. R. Archer, A. G. Arnold, L. O. B. D. Featherstone, W. G. Macfarlane, J. R. Russ, D. R. Mullis, R. R. Campbell, R. Clark, J. D. Lever, Spence, W. E. C. Bensley, J. M. Whiskard, D. Davison, P. Hacker, E. M. V. Bratt, J. Bell, D. G. Browne, A. C. P. Casper, W. E. H. Fuller, H. L. Patterson, R. G. Whittington, K. McGregor, M. A. Robinson, P. H. Grévé, F. V. Hughes, S. D. Charles, L. G. Kirpatrick, E. R. B. Graham.

SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Howe has joined the staff as Form Master of the VII.

There were no Election ceremonies at the end of last term, but a large part of the School was present at a service in Whitbourne Church on Election Sunday, when a sermon was preached by the Bishop of Hereford.

Ashburnham and Homeboarders have now been officially united under one Head of House.

The Mure Scholarship has been awarded to D. C. Feasey, K.S.; the Mure Prize to J. D. Priestman, K.S.

The Westminster School and Whitbourne Choral Society and Orchestra are giving a concert in a School Hall in Worcester, on December 6th. The programme will include a Bach Cantata, some Tudor music, the first movement of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, an overture by Handel, an orchestral suite by Liadov, and three Carols by Peter Warlock.

Members of the School at Buckenhill hope to perform Hamlet at the end of the term.

Full Election results for last year appeared in our March number. Triplet Exhibitions were awarded to D. S. Greaves, J. M. Erde and J. A. Kirbyshire.

It is hoped that the Dean of Westminster will attend a Commemoration Service and admit three Elections of King's Scholars into College on November 17th.

Hall Epigrams were heard at Election Breakfast last term. The theses were: (1) "hinc illae lacrimae," (2)

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The Editors acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries up to date, and apologise for any inadvertent omission :

School Magazine, Cliftonian, Boy's Magazine, Mill Hill Magazine, Dunelmian, Taylorian, Gordonstoun Record, Lancing College Magazine, Fettesian, Marlburian, Cantuarian, Haileyburian, Rossallian, Limit, Collegiate School of St. Peter, Magus, Glenalmond Chronicle, Stonyhurst Magazine, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Blundellian, Wycombe Abbey Gazette, Carthusian, Milton Bulletin, Radleian, Crimson Comet, Log, El Nopal, Christ's Church Register, Brightonian, Eton College Chronicle, Ardingly Annals, Aldenhamian, Harrovian, Meteor, Wellingtonian Sedberghian, Alleynian, Tonbridgian, Malvernian, Ousel, Felstedian, Cholmelian, School Record, Salopian, St. Edwards School Chronicle, Wykehamist, Sotoniensis, City of London School Magazine, Reptonian, Trinity University Review, E.S.A. Journal, Leys Fortnightly, Cheltonian.

THE FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There are those who exclaim that the public schools give a bad education, are the abodes of privilege, monopolise the higher positions, and should be abolished in the name of democracy. Equally passionate are those who demand, also in the name of democracy, that all boys should have an opportunity to share the bad education, to partake of the privilege, and to have a finger in the monopolies. Few stop to ask, What are the public schools, and are they all the same? "The editors of *THE ELIZABETHAN* acknowledge the receipt of the Aldenhamian, Alleynian. . . . Wellingtonian, Wykehamist" (order strictly alphabetical!), about fifty of them, say a quarter of the total. Not all these schools are the same, not all are boarding schools, not all for the sons of the rich, not all abodes of privilege.

It is true that O.E.'s rather rally round each other—and who will grudge them this privilege?—that in some quarters a number of O.E. ties appear together. But that is because they like wearing them, just as an American detective confirms his authority by displaying the neat badge behind his coat-lapel. It is true that a Wykehamist in a position, through his own ability, to influence an appointment, may find latent talent in another Wykehamist, that Harrovian Prime Ministers tend to make their Cabinets look like a Harrow XI, that Old Carthusian colours are usually good for a dry sherry on the Stock Exchange, that Rugby runs a safe line in Bishops, even that Westminster. . . . But even a slight study of the facts reveals what flat nonsense it is to speak of monopoly. These are not the only public schools!

Is a public school much more than a school which will give an education to boys from 12 to about 18, in return for fees—of a very wide range—which may have a proportion of boys who go on to a University, often with a scholarship, which entrusts to Prefects, Praepostors, Monitors, the Sixth, some limited responsibility for discipline and leadership, which encourages the sense of a corporate life and a corporate loyalty, and does not discourage a display of coloured blazers for distinction in athletics? Not all these will die. In the ironic calm which follows a heated controversy most of the public schools will be found standing. Some may suffer change, some may go under, but those which have the most distinctive gifts to offer to the future will endure.

What of Westminster; has it a place in the post-war world? Can any one doubt it who knows the school—if the post-war world has a place in Westminster? It offers to the future the unique

gifts drawn from its storied past. Not only its Royal and ancient foundation, its long tradition, its own ways. An essential Westminster air may blow about the lanes and orchards of Worcester (or Hereford), and wherever it is transplanted something called Westminster School would continue. But Westminster is a London School—a School which takes day-boys and gives them the same standing as its boarders. Not just a school in London, for its home is in the sacred heart of London and can be nowhere else; while London stands Westminster must be there. The true, variegated and mellow spirit of Westminster is metropolitan. It has its habitation near where stood the walls of the old Palace of Westminster; it is free of royal and sacred precincts, with the Abbey for its School Chapel; it has its familiar ceremonies and ritual handed down jealously—and jealously to be preserved; for only a fool despises ritual—and a pronunciation of Latin, with a disregard of quantities, which is surely its own and no one else's. But that is not its chief fortune. It faces Parliament and can claim to hear debate and to take its part in the greatest ceremony of State. A few steps from Dean's Yard and every boy—and every master—is in the main stream of the daily life of the Capital City, and the School has always allowed that stream to flow through it. Some ancient schools may be criticised because they stand aloof, shut away, disregarding events, unaffected by change. Westminster has been wiser. In a hundred ways the contact with the life of London, enriched by the day boys, shows itself: to give one example only, the records of the Political and Literary Society will confirm how much the School has gained through not forsaking the world. This mingling of influences, perhaps also the good mannered scepticism of the Londoner, have given it exceptional tolerance; it honours scholastic success, admires athletic prowess, but the undistinguished boy—(always the majority—a goodly fellowship) brings out from his time almost as much as those who have made their mark, and brings back to it his affection, for it let him go his own way. Perhaps that too is education. It had no need of the moral fervour which attacked some schools in the earnest Victorian days and has left them subject to cramps; an older and more robust breeding taught it a saner guide to life, that privilege is no freehold, but pays a perpetual rent of duty, and pays it punctually, and as a matter of course, without fuss.

No school can face with more equanimity any developments in the relations of the State with the

Public Schools. No school can more safely make experiments or be more willing to open its gates ; it will impose no conformity, but will remain content to offer life more abundantly.

But that is not all that Westminster can give. Here is a judgment quoted in the delightful history of the School by Mr. Carleton : " There can have been no regiment in the Army, hardly a ship in the Navy, which sons of the School did not at some time command ; no battle in which they did not fight ; there is no sport in which they have not been conspicuous, no science which their discoveries have not enriched. They have furnished incumbents apparently to every living in England, Bishops to every diocese, and Heads and Fellows to every College. If the dead Old Westminsters could live again they would crowd every Bench and fill all the Courts with pleaders. Under their seven Prime Ministers their Statesmen would furnish all the Offices of Government, throng to overflowing both the Chambers. . . . "

This is coming near the secret of the School.

Quanta seges militum
Quanta poetarum . . .
Quantam vim Ecclesiae
Quantam Civitati

The words are familiar—and they happen to be true—and they contain the gift of the School to the future. The world in which Westminster has lived is broken—and a new world must be made. In the Colonies, in the Dominions, in Europe, in Church, in State, there will be old things to do again, old things to mend, and new things to make, and the service of the State will be wider and more exacting than ever before. To State and Church Westminster is very close ; to State and Church Westminster owes much : she has paid much, but there will be a chance to pay more, to increase the rent due for privilege. Consciously and deliberately the School can link itself with all these duties that the State will take up, and when the time arrives to come back to the old familiar home again, the Head Master, the Masters, and the boys of the School, are to be envied for their opportunities.

AN OXFORD LETTER

Sir,

In July last my predecessor put it on record that an elephant was observed at Carfax. May I counter that by saying that on one day this term a " jeep " was *not* observed at Carfax. I hope I am not destroying your good relations with the censor when I say that Oxford is still trying to make up its mind whether it is Yale or Harvard.

But the fact that the cinemas need no longer show " A Yank at Oxford " cannot deter Westminster from going up in force. In fact with eighteen O.W.W. in residence in at least seven different colleges we must be approaching a war-time record. As soon as Mr. Walker-Brash saw your correspondent coming up at the beginning of term he immediately departed for St. Bartholomews with the assurance that Mr. Brown would carry on the medical tradition at the Radcliffe. The latter has a habit of visiting people at 7.30 in the morning and his popularity decreases in inverse proportion to the length of his pipe.

Rumour has it that Mr. de Mowbray is up at Worcester but no-one has ever seen him. On the other hand Mr. Leslie and Mr. Roland have been seen but that is all anyone knows about them. Your Correspondent has likewise been unable to locate Mr. Featherstone.

But what of the people who have been seen ? In the House Mr. Ray is the most obvious O.W., Mr. Bridbury the least. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Honour—now, happily, recovered from his pneumonia—are the mainstays of the Union. Mr. Willsher on the other hand is a member of the Democratic Socialists—a Society which meets at St. Hilda's. Mr. Whitelegge and Mr. Whiskard, from Corpus, now that the time of issuing draws nigh are wondering whether bell bottoms will suit them after all, or whether they hadn't better turn to Science and do their National Service on trailer pumps. The fleeting glimpse of Mr. Ferrers-Guy of Malta and Murmansk put them entirely at their ease. From Trinity come Mr. Sleightholm and Mr. Mitchell, recently arrived from Bradfield. The " Clarion " may often be seen in Oxford being devoured during lectures by Messrs. Hurdis-Jones and Turnbull from Magdalen and Mr. MacMahon from New. Rigaudites numbers three and four are Lord Monck-Bretton from New and Mr. Cotter from St. Catherine's Society.

This letter, sir, does not abound in the rather overpowering wit of former letters. It is designed, rather, to show that there are still some O.W.W. at Oxford. This surely should be the main function of your

OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

A CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sir,

When this appears in print the beauties of Autumn will be a fireside memory and, as such, strictly rationed: but this October the weather has been unusually kind, Cambridge correspondingly more delightful. As we wander down the Backs we are entranced by the weeping willows, by the prospect of King's College Chapel, or merely fascinated by the bicycles bobbing over the little bridges; everywhere the sun is discovering new colours, picking out the individual leaves that fall like new pennies from the heavenly plane trees; they roll away down the paths in ever larger armies; and though the time for such philandering is limited, we realise how lucky we are to be among the few O.W.W. still at Cambridge.

But it is the cackling world of undergraduates rather than the sun's latest palette that is our concern and, we hope, your interest; we must ignore the sunbeams and train an imaginary spotlight on the personalities.

Mr. Adams still presides with benign geniality over the O.W. colony at Trinity and is occasionally to be found doing useful work on the tow-path. His energy no whit decreased by the loss of his moustache, Mr. Lever combines the office of President of the Mummers with that of President of the Trinity Boat Club; landing-stage and buskin boards are the theatres of his bluff good humour. Also reflecting credit on Westminster in the world of sport are Mr. Wilson and Mr. Whitehead; the former is a fencer of high reputation, while Mr. Whitehead has distinguished himself by becoming President of Trinity College Football

Club in his first term. In the Union one may find the immaculate and Disraelian, or perhaps Disneyan, figure of Mr. Sandelson, an ardent Socialist. Also to be met hurrying across Great Court are Mr. Hogg and Mr. Erde, while finally Mr. MacNamara has just arrived in time to be included in the list of O.W.W. at Trinity.

Next door, at St. John's, Mr. Woodwark seems to be leading a remarkably quiet and secluded life, even for these days when most of us are kept busy by more intensive courses. Mr. Whitehead is the one brave exception to be reading an Arts course; otherwise we are all reading engineering or medicine; no not quite all, for though Messrs. Adams, Lever, Woodwark and Linder are all medical students, and Messrs. Wilson, Hicks, Hogg, Cooper, Erde and MacNamara all read engineering, and even Messrs. Power and Moller are on an R.E. short course, the intrepid Mr. Sinclair of Peterhouse is reading pure Mathematics in one short term, and the imperturbable Mr. Macmillan of King's is ploughing a steady furrow through Agriculture.

Mr. D. H. R. Archer, though no longer *in statu pupillari*, is still occasionally to be seen floating through the black-out on some nocturnal jaunt: someone claims to have caught a glimpse of Mr. Batten; otherwise our only visitor, and a welcome one, has been Mr. Lovett, who came up for a week-end.

Your victim is now faced with the awful problem of a neat conclusion; but this, after the labour of the above, is really too much for a very shame-faced

CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

DRAMA AT WESTMINSTER

The statutes of 1561 provided that an annual play in Latin should be acted by the King's Scholars. The boys would thus acquire a greater intimacy with the Latin tongue, and would derive benefit in elocution and deportment. It seems probable that plays by Terence had already been acted during Nowell's Head Mastership; indeed the custom was common to most old schools. The Queen herself attended in 1563, and left twenty-five marks behind her to be divided among the excited actors. Thus the tradition of the Play was started; at first one or two modern comedies in Latin were acted, but Plautus and Terence were the actors most called upon, and soon held the field alone. Under Busby, who had himself played with great success before Charles I at Oxford, there are no records of plays acted, but some undoubtedly

were; at any rate since 1704 the Play has only been neglected under the most exceptional circumstances. College Dormitory became the stage instead of College Hall; eventually appropriate dresses and scenery were introduced; the Prologue and Epilogue gradually assumed their traditional importance, and in 1793 for the first time ladies were grudgingly admitted into the Auditorium.

The circumstances at the moment are exceptional; no Play is being performed. On the other hand at least five plays have been acted by different houses since our evacuation. Another is being acted this term. None of them have been in Latin, and none of them have been acted at Westminster. For this there is definite precedent. In 1567 the Play was acted at Putney before the

Bishop of London, owing to fear of the Plague. Plays in English have been performed at Westminster since the seventeenth century, when the Town Boy Play came into being. This was usually acted in the holidays in a hired hall, frequently before distinguished audiences; modern English comedies were usually chosen; but even Shakespeare apparently was not performed by Westminster for the first time in the Whitbourne Ex-Servicemen's Hut. In 1790 King John was acted, and at the beginning of the century there was a performance of Henry IV. The Prologue on this occasion refers to Marlborough's victories.

"Your Winter Evening talk is now of Mines, Of pushing Enemies and Forcing Lines," it declares, with curious relevance to-day. Sometimes the Prologues contained scarcely veiled references to August, and even royal personages, which the Head Master was not usually present to restrain. The Town Boy Play seems to have been

dropped during the nineteenth century. The early "ELIZABETHANS" were much concerned with the differing merits of the various Latin plays, but we can find no mention of English plays until the present century. In 1930 the Homeboarders' Dramatic Society produced a very successful performance of "The Importance of Being Ernest," and in the same year a Westminster Ballet was presented up School. Dramatic activity was revived, and suggestions were made for a performance of "Midsummer Night's Dream" in College Garden; in 1939 a School Dramatic Society was founded.

A letter which recently appeared in THE ELIZABETHAN drew attention to Westminster's fine histrionic tradition. When, at Westminster, the Latin Play is once more enshrined in sombre magnificence, we hope that English plays will continue to be produced.

MACBETH

A Performance at Bromyard by "Westminster-at-Buckenhill" on Election Monday.

THE CAST

Duncan	H. J. Myhill
Malcolm	A. N. Wedgewood Benn
Donalbain	R. Bannerman
Macbeth	L. G. Hunt
Banquo	J. A. W. Van Praagh
Macduff	A. R. Bridbury
Lennox	V. R. Southworth
Ross	R. S. Langrish
Menteith	F. C. A. Herrmann
Angus	J. C. Pite
Caithness	M. P. Pulman
Fleance	D. S. Whitelegge
Siward	J. A. W. Van Praagh
Young Siward	H. K. Morris
Seyton	P. R. Thomas

A Scottish Doctor	H. K. Morris
A Sergeant	P. R. Thomas
A Porter	M. B. Geidt
An Old Man	B. D. Naylor
A Scottish Lord	W. W. S. Broom
Three Murderers	P. L. Bunting
		W. W. S. Broom
		M. P. Pulman
A Messenger	G. R. H. Schneiders
Lady Macbeth	J. W. Sinclair
Gentlewoman	J. S. Potter
Three Witches	D. M. Morris
		P. H. Simmons
		B. E. J. Garmeson

The character of Macbeth presents certain special difficulties to the actor. This is axiomatic; you may substitute Hamlet, or Shylock, or what you will, for it is true of all Shakespeare's greater characters; true in fact of all the great characters of drama. This robs the remark of much of its point, but it is still safe, and worth making. L. G. Hunt, in presenting Macbeth, had to show us a man of action who yet spends most of his time in talking and in being influenced by others. It is rarely that the man of action shakes himself free of Lady Macbeth and the Witches, and when he does, another problem arises. The beauty of Macbeth's verse hardly seems to square with his character as reported by others; the brilliant, brave general, the harsh, ambitious murderer seems to have an

excessive allowance of poetic sensibility; and for an unscrupulous and sudden-acting man, Macbeth seems to share too much with Hamlet a tendency to "unpack his heart with words." This is not, of course, a contradiction; it is an integral part of Macbeth's tragedy, but as the synthesis is very difficult, actors have usually to choose which aspect they will show us. To-day we are commonly shown the sensitive Macbeth, Macbeth the poet; Hunt showed us Macbeth the man of action. This is a less sympathetic rendering, but it is probably nearer to Shakespeare's conception; if we think of what Macbeth *does*, we see him, after all, as a villain. Perhaps here we did not get full value out of "To-morrow and to-morrow and to-morrow . . ."; but we had a character whose

murder of the king was not incredible, whose desperate energy at the end of the play was of a piece with his behaviour all through. The keynote of the performance was ambition, rising to heights which destroyed not only Macbeth but also all those who served him or loved him ; and this is as it should be. It was a pity that we could not have the sensitivity as well, but very few actors can show both, and the performance as it stood was original and striking.

In support (Macbeth is nearly as much as Hamlet a one-man play), J. W. Sinclair as Lady Macbeth worked very well at a difficult task, showing both the superficial strength and the essential underlying weakness of the character ; particularly to the sleep-walking scene, which has tripped up some of the Great, he brought restraint together with deep emotion, and his performance was most successful.

J. A. W. Van Praagh gave us a nicely controlled rendering of Banquo ; we felt that this was the only character in the play capable of normal happiness, the only honest, unwarped mind in Duncan's Scotland. Macduff was acted by A. R. Bridbury as a fanatic, a man with one idea in his mind—to avenge himself on Macbeth. The text justifies this and though it rather ties the actors hands, lack of

variety is the only way to make the character impressive enough to stand up against Macbeth.

Among minor characters, we noticed particularly M. B. Geidt's porter, an excellent piece of heavy comic relief ; P. R. Thomas as the Sergeant ; the Witches, who croaked and screamed impressively (their cauldron was good, too) ; and the Murderers whose performance was properly brutal and sinister. All the other players filled their parts efficiently ; there were very few of those hitches which can crop up in even the best amateur performances. For this, the producer's energy and enthusiasm are much to be thanked ; without his hard work there could have been no play. Technicians, too, working with makeshift contrivances under the most unprofessional conditions, overcame all difficulties most creditably. In fact, both production and performance reflect credit on all those who took part, and it is to be hoped that we have seen the beginning of another Westminster tradition. In days to come, when Buckenhill is itself no more than a tradition, let us hope that a company still calling itself " Westminster-at-Buckenhill " may continue to perform plays ; if all the performances are as good as this one, then no audience will ever have cause to complain.

A. S.

THE WORCESTER CONCERT

The fifth concert given by the Westminster School and Whitbourne Choral Society and Orchestra at the Perrin's Hall, Worcester, on Sunday, 26th July, under the baton of Mr. Arnold Foster, was a great artistic success, and probably the best it has yet performed.

The general interest of the Russian programme was enhanced by the topical interest of the localities involved, the mise-en-scene of Rimsky-Korsakov's " Sadko," comprising Lake Ilman, Novgorod, the River Volkov, Lake Ladoga and the Baltic Sea, while Borodin's " Prince Igor " described the capture of beautiful maidens from the Caucasus, led away from that land of roses and fruit, snow mountains, blue seas and blue skies, to the arid wildernesses of Central Asia.

The concert opened with the 100-year-old Glinka overture " Russlan and Ludmilla," which was played brilliantly by the orchestra, and which established the character of the concert at the outset—Russian, but straightforward and not dependent on cacophony for its appeal. The orchestra was well balanced and one could concentrate on the music without any anxiety as to the performance of it.

The Choral Suite from " Sadko " followed. The introduction " The Blue Ocean " follows the smooth water technique, similar to that employed in the " Rheingold," but with that Russian strain characteristic of the Russian Nationalist Composers.

The church procession type march of the festive merchants was equally characteristic. Here, obviously, was an annual reunion of Elks or Buffaloes or even Ancient Foresters, and the importance of the occasion inspired them, after dinner, to noble thoughts touching liberty, civic patriotism, and service to God and man.

No. 3, the dance and song of the buffoons, really called for the gymnastic skill and red leather boots which one generally associates with Russian male dancers ; the music was apparently inspired, the dance from folk song, and the ballad from Russian church music. It was excellently sung and—just as important—the words were clearly enunciated by the tenors and basses.

No. 4, the song of the Princess Volkova and chorus of the water-nymphs, called for a more mysterious rendering than it received from the choir. The composer certainly did his best to emphasise the supernatural, and the orchestra were not lacking in giving the effect.

No. 5, misleadingly called " Wedding Chorus," was an apparently straightforward ballad in strict time, but the subtle changes of intention at the end of each verse, while the orchestra continues its monotonous octaves, give it a great appeal. It was very beautifully sung by the choir.

No. 6, the " Princess' Lullaby," is perhaps the most beautiful of all this suite ; it calls for quiet, childlike and pathetic singing. As for the choir,

only a suggestion of their presence was necessary. Miss Mary Lake was the soloist in the "Sadko" suite.

No. 7, the Finale, is developed from some Russian folk song-like themes. It was a recapitulation of Sadko's services to his countrymen, and praise for them.

The first movement of the Schumann Piano Concerto, which followed, was played very competently by the pianist, C. K. Smith, K.S., though perhaps he used the pedal a little too much in the interests of a smooth performance.

The large audience, representative of the City in general, were delighted with the pianist and applauded him long and loud.

The "Matra Pictures," by Kodaly, were piquant and fascinating, and the choir (unaccompanied) gave a very crisp and well-timed rendering. The sentiments, and Hungarian village atmosphere are those familiarised by Korbay's songs. There is much clever musical painting, very conspicuous being the suggestion of heat in the drone on two vocal parts on the word "summer." The last song "Stealing Chickens," was a wonderful exhibition of timing by the choir; very effective.

The Polovtsi dances for Chorus and Orchestra from Borpdin's "Prince Igor" are always popular and deservedly so. They were very brilliantly rendered; perhaps the second movement (the first dance movement) was played too slow, while in the Presto the throb accompaniment should have been more sharply staccato to imitate the tomtom, as is intended by the composer. Actually no European instrument can quite give a tomtom throb.

So ended the most interesting concert we have heard for a long time. Praise is certainly due to the conductor, who so cleverly welded together choir and orchestra from many heterogeneous elements, and no little praise to the choir who dealt brilliantly with a very ambitious programme.

S. A. BUNTING.

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

It is becoming a tradition, and one of those Westminster traditions that are so hard to get rid of, that College always wins the Music Cup. This situation was improved, in theory, by the award of a second cup, the Exeter Music Cup, for House Unison Songs; and although when first awarded it went the way of its fellow Music Cup, Busby's have now succeeded in wresting it away. This not only reflects credit on Busby's but is also indicative, I hope, that music at Westminster will no longer be confined almost exclusively to College. For a state of affairs in which one House provides more musicians than all the others put together, cannot mean there is no ability in the other

Houses but rather that that ability has not been exploited to its full extent. We may hope, then, for better things in the future.

The organisation of the Music Competitions was the same as last year. By the kindness of the Vicar of Bromyard we were allowed to use the Parish Church for the House unison songs and chamber music events in the morning, which were judged by Dr. W. K. Stanton. The standard was much the same as the year before. Busbys won the unison songs with a spirited performance of both their own choice, "The Poet's Hymn" and the set piece "The Seekers," both of which are by George Dyson. College, the runners-up, though better in the set piece, were unfortunate in their own choice, an Elizabethan madrigal, which, while excellent when sung in five parts, does not succeed as a unison song.

The Chamber Music was not perhaps up to the usual high standard. The Beethoven trio, while excellently played by the individual performers, needed all the pianist could put into it to keep it together. Of the other two the Loeillet needed much more practice and the Mozart did not achieve quite the depth of feeling required by the music.

Of the events at Buckenhill in the afternoon not much need be said. Smith and Bunting excelled themselves on the piano and violin respectively, Smith playing Chopin's Ballade in A flat and Bunting a movement from a Bach Partita in E major for unaccompanied violin. Both these, and Longford's rendering of Sarastro's aria "In diesem heiligen Hallen," from the "Magic Flute," were really excellent performances. Other good performances were by College's Vocal Ensemble, Denniston's Junior Piano Solo, Bradley in the Unbroken Voice Solo and Davidson on the clarinet.

So ended another music competition more satisfactorily than most, for College have another cup to win, and the Town Boys have at last deprived them of one cup. Our thanks are due to all who helped to organise the competitions, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Young, who very kindly provided tea for the adjudicators and the director.

The results are as follows:

<i>Vocal Ensemble</i>	..	1. K.SS. 2. A.HH. and H.BB. 3. GG.
<i>House Choirs</i>	..	1. BB. 2. K.SS. 3. A.HH. and H.BB.
<i>Piano Solo—Senior</i>		1. C. K. Smith 2. D. A. Hewitt Jones 3. P. E. Lazarus
<i>Piano Solo—Junior</i>		1. R. A. Denniston 2. A. Potter 3. G. R. H. Schneiders; S. J. G. Semple
<i>Wind Solo</i>	1. A. Davidson 2. A. T. S. Sampson 3. C. K. Smith; J. M. Whiskard

- String Solo* 1. P. L. Bunting
2. J. D. Priestman
3. R. S. Faber
- Broken Voice Solo* .. 1. E. W. Longford
2. W. J. Reed
3. H. T. Lofthouse ; R. S. Faber
- Unbroken Voice Solo* 1. J. Bradley
2. R. M. Sweet-Escott
3. I. A. Petherick
- Piano Duet—Senior* 1. C. K. Smith ; D. A. Hewitt Jones
2. C. A. Murray ; P. E. Lazarus
3. C. M. Turnbull ; C. R. D. Walter
- Piano Duet—Junior* 1. R. A. Denniston ; A. T. S. Sampson
2. G. A. W. Sharrard ; P. H. L. Willsher
3. G. R. H. Schneiders ; S. J. G. Semple
- Original Compositions* 1. Smith
2. Bunting
- Chamber Music* 1. C. K. Smith, P. L. Bunting and J. D. Priestman playing Beethoven's Trio Op. 1, No. 3.
2. D. A. Hewitt Jones, J. M. Whiskard and C. H. Christie playing a trio by Loeliet.
3. R. A. Denniston, C. H. Christie and A. M. Davidson playing a trio by Mozart (K. 498).
- Exeter House Choirs Cup*—Busby's
Erskine Music Cup—King's Scholars

C. H. C.

THE LIBRARY

The removal to the new premises at 3, Broad Street, Bromyard, took place in the middle of August. The work of preparing the new abode had been proceeding since January. The Library has now two ground floor rooms, adjoining the Book Shop, and we have more shelf accommodation than we had in the old premises. Nevertheless, the shelf space is not adequate for the larger number of books we have here, as we are only now unpacking books which were sent from London months ago. In due course, we shall have an additional store room fitted up, so that many books less frequently required can be stacked there, and yet be available for those who want them. The sorting of thousands of books after our removal has been an enormous task, which is now on its way to completion, thanks to some very valuable voluntary assistance. Any boy can now visit the Library and borrow what he requires, only he may still have difficulty in finding a book, as the sorting and cataloguing are not yet completed.

The building in which the Library is now housed is said to have been built in 1560, but I have not yet been able to verify this. The old oak beams are visible in some of the rooms, but in war-time it is impossible to restore the old "Black and White" front of the building, which is what every one would like to do.

G. C. C.

THE ART COMPETITION

Last term an inter-house Art Competition was held on the same lines as the year before. The pictures were sent to Mr. Shaw of Worcester Royal Grammar School, who very kindly consented to judge, and later exhibited at Buckenhill. The entries were fairly satisfactory, though rather unimaginative and lacking in brilliance. Ashburnham and Homeboarders came first with a large and competent entry; Busby's, with some neat architectural drawing by Holmes-Walker, and some promising work by Bannerman, came second; King's Scholars were third. The results were extremely close, and the places were only divided by a fraction.

THE HOLIDAYS

During the holidays every boy who was able to do so undertook some form of National Service. A Scout Camp was held in Carmarthenshire for forestry work, and a Buckenhill harvest camp was held near Ross-on-Wye. The majority, however, did work on farms near their own homes, in shops, or in munition factories. At least one boy worked as a full-time munitions worker for a month. Reports on the two camps will be found below.

THE BUCKENHILL HARVEST CAMP

For the third year in succession we held our harvest camp at Mr. Jones' farm at Treworgan, near Ross-on-Wye. We had planned to make it a three-weeks camp this year from August 18th, and from the harvest point of view the date was admirably chosen as farms had just started cutting. From the weather point we were not so lucky, and during our first fortnight harvest work was often interrupted by rain. During the third week the weather still further deteriorated and became so bad that harvest work was impossible and we broke up three or four days before our time.

Our numbers, which included C. H. Christie from College, were larger than before and at one time we were able to send twenty workers into the fields; on the average we worked between nine and ten hours a day.

Our visitors included the Head Master and Mrs. Christie, whom we were very pleased to see one evening, and deputations from the Hereford Agricultural Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the *Hereford Times*.

C. H. F.

SCOUT CAMP

Scout Camp this year was at Llanybre in Carmarthenshire, where forestry work had been discovered of a very similar kind to that at Kerry the year before. The forest we worked on was on the steep side of a valley at the bottom of which we pitched camp. The problems of food and transport which had been so difficult last year were considerably eased by the helpfulness of local farmers and shopkeepers with the result that the standard of cooking was high though not very enterprising. The work was fairly heavy and tedious to most, though we picked up a certain amount of Welsh from the men we worked with, which helped to relieve the monotony. We managed to get in one or two good walks at the week-ends, and three patrols got a night or two out in hike tents which gave them a wider scope for exploration. Taken as a whole it was a successful camp, though, as might have been expected, we missed the S.M. very much.

This term we have started the usual badgework and have enrolled six new scouts—Berkinshaw-Smith, Charlesworth, Havers, Law, Steel, and Warburg. The S.M. hopes to come down at the end of term to test the Signallers, and Mr. Simpson will take the Ambulance test at the same time. By then we also hope that everyone in the Troop will have passed their First Class.

C. H. C.

FARMING

Farming is still "a station" on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, if our services are called for. Some good work has already been done this term, especially by College, but on the whole the demands have been less than in the past and with one or two notable exceptions there are signs that the farmers find it easier to leave the odd jobs undone than it is to ask for boys to come and do them. But I am sure that those farmers who do take the trouble to ask are really grateful for the boys' help, and that valuable work is being done.

L. H. B.

THE BUCKENHILL GARDEN

A second season is just drawing to its close; another year of hard work cultivating what we had already tamed, clearing the rest of the garden proper and putting into cultivation another acre of paddock. We have just finished lifting potatoes from the latter and are quite pleased with the yield of close on six tons. Though a few of the crops, owing perhaps to the dry spring, have not done as

well as last year, we have considerably increased our first year's output and have grown over £400 worth of fruit and vegetables.

Our livestock continue to increase and though we had to bid a sorrowful farewell to the goat, the outbuildings instead are now littered with rabbits. Chickens, ducks and geese hold their own—pigs come and go to the benefit of the breakfast table, and the pony is becoming more and more an essential to our life.

Everyone works at least one afternoon in the garden, and as the farmers have not called in our services to a very great extent this year, the garden has very considerably benefited by the extra labour.

C. H. F.

HOME GUARD

WHITBOURNE DETACHMENT

The present organisation of the local platoon includes three sections, together with an H.Q. section of "specialists," from its Westminster group. As a result we have been able to work the group as a self-contained demonstration platoon for platoon battle-drill, which was intended to be shown to the Whitbourne platoon as a whole. But it was unexpectedly seen in rehearsal by the Sector Adjutant and was thereupon "commanded," together with a demonstration of section battle drill by a local section instructed by Mr. Jim Ballard, for the following week, before the sector and battalion commanders and visitors from adjoining platoons, and even from another battalion in the sector. As luck had it, all the demonstrations went without a hitch.

Working up this battle drill has been our main occupation on parades so far, with an outstanding relief in the way of a night of films in the Hut; three admirable training films followed by a "comic" militaristically unorthodox, which were secured from and shown by an Army Kinema unit.

The construction of a thirty yard range near Whitbourne Court has been started but its inauguration had to be cut short rather abruptly owing to an unexpected tendency to ricochets. These whined realistically overhead during a battle drill practice! The fault will be remedied by further excavation; the range will be most valuable to us, and will extend, it is proposed, into a bombing range as well. To have all facilities near at hand will be most welcome.

T. M. R.

BUCKENHILL DETACHMENT

Till the end of the summer term our training made good progress and advantage was taken of

the summer weather to get in as many tactical exercises as possible ; there was a marked improvement in the sections' technique. Mr. Murray Rust gave us, too, a course in bomb throwing and everyone had the experience of throwing or firing the real thing.

On July 4th we held at Buckenhill some H.G. Sports. The assault course gave the spectators plenty of excitement and in some very close racing Trébuq's section beat Naylor's in the final by a very narrow margin.

On Sunday, July 12th, we provided the infantry assault platoon in the demonstration of H.G. weapons given to the rest of the battalion at Buckenhill. Firing live rounds in the attack both from rifle and Sten, assaulting with live grenades and getting covering fire from machine guns made this a valuable experience to the men taking part.

This term, with many of the senior men gone and an influx of younger cadets (our total strength is forty), we have had to return to fundamentals. Battle drill and field firing have so far occupied most of our time.

C. H. F.

JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS

HOUSE SQUAD COMPETITION. The syllabus for this was based on Parts I and II of the Certificate "A" examination, and all sections were tested in Drill, Maps, Weapon Training, Fieldwork and Aircraft Recognition. The test was held towards the end of Election Term and the results were most interesting and very close. The standard of training was high and at the end of the day out of a possible six hundred marks, only ten separated the best squad from the worst. The final order showed Grant's the winners with College second. Busby's and Homeboarders-Ashburnham came equal third and Rigaud's fifth.

CERTIFICATE "A." The results of the first of the Part II examinations under the new conditions were fair. The failures in most cases were unexpected and should do better this term. A Part I examination will take place on November 5th, and Part II on November 26th.

COURSES. It was most unfortunate and rather discouraging that although a number of cadets were anxious to attend courses during the holidays, no vacancies were available.

WHOLE DAY PARADE. The training for the first of these parades in the year was devoted to demonstrations and practice of Section and Platoon Battle Drill together with its tactical application.

M. F. Y.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

With ever increasing scope for its activities, the A.T.C. now has three parades a week. Drill with the Sergeant Major on Monday, the Tuesday afternoon instructional parade in Bromyard, and on Wednesday Physical Training with Mr. Monk at Whitbourne. Besides this there are two more practices each week in houses.

Tuesday afternoon has been taken up with lectures on Aero Engine Mechanics and Morse, but it will also include some Navigation later on in the term. A "kestrel" engine is arriving soon for practical instruction.

All but three of the entrants for Part I Proficiency Certificate examination passed. It is hoped that another examination will be held this term for the rest of the Flight to take. Some of the Flight will be taking Part II Proficiency Certificate examination next term.

Two visits were paid to R.A.F. aerodromes last term. The first was to an aerodrome near Hereford, where we spent the week-end. Here we were given instruction in Aircraft Armament and Aircraft Recognition, and we were all taken up for a flight. A second visit was spent at an aerodrome in the Cotswolds. We were taken up in Ansons for about three-quarters of an hour, and given lectures on the theory of aerial gunnery and bombing, and each carried out an artificial bombing attack.

During the summer holidays some of the Flight attended an A.T.C. camp near Worcester for ten days.

J. R. B. H.

ESSAY SOCIETY

Meetings are being held fortnightly at Whitbourne Court, as membership is confined, owing to the impracticability of meetings at Buckenhill, to Rigaud's, Grant's and College. This term's programme opened on October 4th with an essay by the President on "English Painting." He traced the history of the English tradition (not a major school but a good and interesting minor one), from the art of illumination in the Middle Ages to eighteenth century portraiture and landscape painting, which after a lapse in Victorian times, was firmly established to-day. England now possessed a flourishing school of artists in all branches of painting, and the only reasonable apprehension was if they should be divorced from life and feeling, which would be a negation of their art.

Discussion afterwards turned on the modern school of English painting, and it was felt that the effect of the war was to reconcile artists to their country and leave art in a healthy condition.

On October 18th K. G. Allison, RR., read an essay on "The American Constitution." The essayist explained the circumstance of the Constitution at its foundation, and how the position of the President had developed to the present day, with the potential checks in his power and how they were exercised. He then went on to deal in a series of individual paragraphs with various points of criticism: the most important and fundamental faults lay in the opportunities for sectionalism and the lack of cohesion between the divisions of the Government, in particular the relations between the houses of Congress and the President, and between the Executive and Legislative. The discussion that followed was mainly devoted to technical points, and did not indicate particular partiality towards the Constitution.

Forthcoming essays will be on "Gandhi and India," "Purcell," "Abalard," and "Ants."

D. C. F.

DESIGN SOCIETY

No meetings were held during the Election Term, but members of the Society went on outings to a school near Malvern and a machine-tool maker's at Worcester, where they inspected specimens of interior decoration by our lecturer of the previous term, Mr. Gordon Russell; four out of five entries for a school essay competition on a subject of Design received "special commendation." This term the Society is meeting regularly each week to plan its own town, and the results of its work, from street-planning to design in the house, will form part of an exhibition to be held at a later date. We are receiving assistance from the Design and Industries Association and the Town and Country Planning Association, and we hope to have some more lecturers from outside later during the winter.

D. C. F.

CRICKET

The season ended on a more cheerful note than it had begun, with a victory for the School against a detachment of the R.A.F., who came over to the Worcester ground from Hereford.

The R.A.F. batted first and were all out after making 54 runs. Naylor bowled very well, and succeeded in getting four of the wickets in his five overs. Westminster's batting as usual lacked confidence owing to very little practice during the season, but Rider batted very steadily and saved the side by making a good 24 not out.

As was the case in 1941, it was unfortunately quite impossible to play either Seniors or Juniors, owing to the fact that there was no local ground available and that it was impossible to play at

Worcester because of transport difficulties. This meant that only a very few people managed to get any games. Nets at Buckenhill, Fernie and Whitbourne, however, though a poor substitute, gave people some enjoyment and practice.

WESTMINSTER v. R.A.F. HEREFORD

Played at Worcester on July 18th

Won by 19 runs

R.A.F. HEREFORD

Inkpen, b. Cremer	0
Corporal Wakefield (run out), b. Cremer	0
Edmunds, b. Naylor	1
Sergeant Boome, b. Cremer	4
Cunningham, st. Whitehead	27
Lockwood, c. and b. Naylor	0
Corporal Capes, c. and b. Naylor	9
Corporal Webb, b. Naylor	3
Arnold, b. Sinclair	3
Chesterman, b. Sinclair	0
Barton (not out)	3
Extras	4
TOTAL	54

WESTMINSTER

A. F. Sherrard, c. Arnold, b. Boome	5
R. W. E. Law, b. Arnold	5
E. F. R. Whitehead, b. Wakefield	0
C. A. Barnes, c. wkt., b. Arnold	13
F. A. G. Rider (not out)	24
B. D. Naylor, c. wkt., b. Arnold	15
R. J. Cremer, b. Wakefield	0
E. de T. W. Longford, lbw. Arnold	0
R. E. MacNamara, c. wkt., b. Arnold	0
J. W. Sinclair, b. Arnold	1
D. T. E. Shaw, c. wkt., b. Chesterman	3
Extras	7
TOTAL	73

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Runs	Innings	Not out	Average
F. A. G. Rider ..	50	4	1	16.6
B. D. Naylor ..	40	4	0	10
J. R. Russ ..	18	2	0	9
C. A. Barnes ..	24	4	0	6

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. W. Sinclair	7	0	65	5	13
R. J. Cremer	31	5	140	9	16.5
B. D. Naylor	21.3	1	113	7	16.1
D. T. E. Shaw	11	1	105	5	21

The following colours were awarded at the end of the season:

Pinks: F. A. G. Rider.

Pink and Whites: C. A. Barnes.

Thirds: R. W. E. Law, A. F. Sherrard.

R. J. C.

ATHLETICS

The main Sports were held, as scheduled, on the 25th June at Whitbourne. The standard in the field events was not very high, and even in the running events there was a definite falling off from peace-time standards. But this was only to be expected in view of the difficulties of adequate training, and the practical impossibility of systematic track training. The Sports themselves, however, were very successful, and we had a good day for them. After an afternoon of running, throwing and putting, competitors and spectators alike adjourned to a welcome tea, provided lavishly by Mrs. Simpson, after which the remaining events were run off, and Mrs. Christie presented the Batons. Busby's won after a long and hard-won battle with College, culminating in the last 1,320 yard relay, in which College was unfortunately disqualified. We hope the Sports will be as successful next year, and we have no doubt that they will be, although the problems of obtaining equipment such as javelins and spiked shoes become increasingly difficult.

Here are the full results of the relays :

Nine Miles Cross Country Relay :	1. GG.	2. BB.	3. A.HH. H.BB.	4. RR.	5. K.SS.
	Long Jump :				
Under 15 ...	1. K.SS.	2. A.HH. H.BB.	3. RR.	4. BB.	5. GG.
Under 16½ ..	1. BB.	2. K.SS.	3. GG.	4. A.HH. H.BB.	5. RR.
Open... ..	1. K.SS.	2. BB.	3. RR.	4. GG.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
High Jump :					
Under 15 ..	1. BB.	2. A.HH. H.BB.	3. K.SS.	4. RR.	
Under 16½ ..	1. GG.	2. A.HH. H.BB.	3. BB.	4. GG.	5. K.SS.
Open... ..	1. K.SS.	2. BB.	3. GG.	4. RR.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
Discus :					
Under 16½ ..	1. BB.	2. RR.	3. K.SS.	4. GG.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
Open... ..	1. K.SS.	2. BB.	3. GG.	4. RR.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
Weight ..	1. K.SS.	2. RR.	3. GG.	4. BB.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
Javelin ..	1. BB.	2. RR.	3. GG.	4. K.SS.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
1½ Miles ..	1. BB.	2. GG.	3. K.SS.	4. A.HH. H.BB.	5. RR.
660 Yards :					
Under 15 ..	1. RR.	2. K.SS.	3. GG.	4. A.HH. H.BB.	5. BB.
Under 16½ ..	1. BB.	2. K.SS.	3. GG.	4. RR.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
Open... ..	1. K.SS.	2. GG.	3. RR.	4. BB.	5. A.HH. H.BB.
330 Yards :					
Under 15 ..	1. A.HH. H.BB.	2. RR.	3. GG.	4. BB.	
Under 16½ ..	1. BB.	2. GG.	3. A.HH. H.BB.	4. K.SS.	
Open... ..	1. K.SS.	2. BB.	3. GG.	4. A.HH. H.BB.	
1,320 Yards :					
Under 15 ..	1. K.SS.	2. A.HH. H.BB.	3. GG.	4. BB.	
Under 16½ ..	1. A.HH. H.BB.	2. GG.	3. K.SS.	4. RR.	5. BB.
Open... ..	1. BB.	2. RR.	3. A.HH. H.BB.	4. GG.	
Final Order :	1. BB. (120) ;	2. K.SS. (108) ;	3. GG. (92) ;		
	4. A.HH. (70) ;	5. RR. (69).			

T. O. C.

FOOTBALL

We started this season with four members of last year's 1st XI, three of them being Pinks ; B. D. Naylor in goal and D. A. Trebucq at left half should form a strong foundation for the defence. E. de T. W. Longford and A. N. Hodges are both reliable backs with a powerful kick. G. A. Cannon and R. J. Cremer are hard-working halves and should be a useful addition to the defence. Of the forward line C. A. Barnes and A. F. Sherrard should develop well but they are still a bit slow in front of goal. The insides and wings are D. C. Feasey, R. B. Corcos, H. C. Gayer, S. P. Kennedy and W. W. Breem. Though still young, all are very promising. There is only to be one school match this term against Lancing, owing to the lack of travelling facilities, but several other matches are being arranged as well.

The Colts team should again be strong this year, having five members of last year's team left in the side. Only one match has been arranged so far but it is hoped to get some more.

We have been very fortunate in being able to use the Brockhampton ground this year for big games. Besides one big game each week everyone gets one House game at either Whitbourne, Fernie or Buckenhill.

Owing to the extreme difficulty of arranging matches in the term time, matches are being arranged for the holidays, which are to be played at Vincent Square. Definite fixtures at the time of going to press are matches to be played on January 9th against Highgate, and on January 2nd against Charterhouse.

J. R. B. H.

GYM

A gym competition was held in July, at which the standard of both the Senior and the Junior competitors was very high considering the short time for which some of them had been doing gym. The competition, which was confined to horizontal bar and floor, consisted of two set exercises and one voluntary exercise on each, which were judged in the Senior by Mr. Monk, and in the Junior by Mr. Monk and R. W. Young together. The Senior competition was won by Cary, very closely followed by R. W. Young, and the Junior by P. H. J. Young, followed by Young, and the Junior by P. H. J. Young.

At the end of the term a display was given on the lawn at Whitbourne Court, for which Mrs. Simpson provided a miraculous and sumptuous array of refreshments ; this had the desired effect, for we are pleased to welcome this term a large addition to the class from Rigaud's, some of

large addition to the class from Rigauds, some of whom did gym in peace-time back in London, and have therefore got some basis to work on. Another invaluable acquisition this term is a horse, which Mr. Monk has produced apparently from nothing; this is a marked improvement both in efficiency and safety on the two precarious model stands inherited from the Art School which we used last term for our horse exercises.

With these additions, we can hope for an even more dazzling display next summer, and perhaps even more recruits for next year.

T. O. C.

All contributions for the March number of "The Elizabethan" should reach the Editor, Whitbourne Court, Worcester, by February 12th.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

As is to be expected in wartime and with the School in exile, membership figures show little change from term to term. But the Society's resources have been increased by the Ryde bequest, which has yielded nearly £12,000 if one takes the value of the house that was left the Society at its probate value.

From time to time the Society receives great encouragement from others than Old Westminsters. It has lately been informed that one of its most generous subscribers, a parent who has shown great interest in the School, has provided for the Society in his will to the extent of £200. Only the other day a lady who had had kinsmen at the School years ago signed a seven year contract in favour of the Society, and one of the School servants has given to the Reconstruction Fund what he earned in his spare time in the holidays.

It is part of the work of the secretary of a Society such as this, especially if he is not only an O.W. but also a master at the School, to appeal to all, whether O.W.W. or parents, who have read the previous paragraph, to consider whether they cannot follow suit. Not a few parents and others who have had relations at the School or have had some other link with it, have subscribed generously. May I appeal to all who can, to leave the Society something in their will, to become subscribers by covenant, or to give a donation to the Reconstruction Fund. The numerous visits paid by O.W.W. to the School in London lead me to think that they would gladly support this last fund.

A. T. WILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*,
Little Dean's Yard, London, S.W.1.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION

The Mission has passed through an eventful phase during the last few months. Until recently it has been under the wing of the Y.W.C.A., which had established an emergency Club near Vincent Square. This arrangement permitted the remnant of the Napier Hall Club to keep something of their identity, more particularly in the matter of games, and worked satisfactorily. But when the Y.W.C.A. later decided to convert this undertaking into a mixed Club for girls and boys, and intimated that any further attempt to keep the individuality of the School Mission contingent would be unacceptable, it became evident that the Society must find a new resting place.

Consequently after a period of homelessness, a room was secured for the Old Boys Club at the Wyndham-Ashley Hall through the kindness of Mr. Thomas of the London City Mission, for whose ready hospitality and co-operation the best thanks of the Mission are due.

However, for lack of a regular manager the Mission Club could not be completely restored at once to its pre-war position; for it is not possible, without a manager, to take in boys under 16. For the present, therefore, the Club will be made up of members of the Mission Old Boys Club (over 18), of the few remaining members of the Napier Hall Club who are still under 18, and of as many recruits, between 16 and 18 as the room available will permit.

Although this room is only vacant on Thursdays, meetings have been well attended, and the Football team is again in good form.

O'Connell, as senior member of the Club Committee, was largely responsible for keeping the flag flying when the days looked darkest; unhappily for the Mission he has left to join the Navy. However, it is fortunate that R. C. T. James (O.W.) is as yet able to give us the benefit of his services as general supervisor.

Another change is foreshadowed; the Shaftesbury Society, which actually owns the Hall, is in future to carry on the work there, and the London City Mission is to be withdrawn. Sir Arthur Knapp, who has made untiring efforts on behalf of the Mission, has seen the officials of the Shaftesbury Society and has every hope for another arrangement, at least as advantageous as before.

S. P. L. KENNEDY,
School Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE

OBITUARY NOTICES

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN

Dear Sir,

May I suggest that some discrimination should in future be used in drawing up these Notices, which are, after all, not only for the present generation, but are to all intents and purposes part of the records of Old Westminster for future generations.

When space is so scarce, this is even more important than it was in the days of peace.

The disproportionate amount of space allotted to one notice in the July Elizabethan meant that important details had to be omitted from others.

I should have expected to see John Hare's "mentioned in despatches" referred to in his obituary notice; also the fact that F. C. Ryde left the Westminster School Society the residue of his Estate, estimated at some £10,000.

Many would have liked to have seen some reference to the sporting records—while at School—of Norman Winckworth, John Logan, and others.

I see no mention of the death of Cecil Kent, to whose efforts the O.W. Boat Club owes so much in the early days of the revival of Water, and whose book, *The Story of the Tests in England 1880-1894*, with a foreword by A. P. F. Chapman, was well received.

May I suggest that O.W.W. should be asked to send in details about their friends?

Yours faithfully,

E. R. B. GRAHAM.

222, Strand, London, W.C.2.

LISTS OF SERVING O.W.W.

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN

Dear Sirs,

Mr. R. G. Whiskard's letter, published in the July issue of THE ELIZABETHAN, indicates a misconception which it would seem advisable to clear up.

The Roll of Service is the official list of O.W.W. serving in the war, and as such will ultimately be incorporated in the records.

The unofficial list is an attempt to give the present employment of O.W.W. at the time of publication and is compiled from personal contact and by correspondence. It is in no way intended to take the place of the Roll of Service or to be supplementary to it, and in many cases the two lists are, and must be, at variance.

This unofficial list, together with the memoranda published under the auspices of the Entertainments Committee, is supported by private subscription and, judging from information received, the issue of both of

these appears to be appreciated. They have always been at the disposal of everyone.

It is difficult to see how the two lists could be combined without impairing the utility of both.

The Entertainments Committee is making every effort to keep O.W.W. in touch with one another during the years of war. With the school located so far from London, this is not easy, and if this attempt can be assisted by special publications of interest, the Committee feels that such action is justifiable.

Yours faithfully,

H. M. DAVSON.

(Lieut.-Colonel, Chairman of the Entertainments Committee).

4, Herbert Crescent, Knightsbridge, S.W.1.

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN.

Dear Sirs,

You have been good enough to allow me to see the letter from Lt.-Col. Davson regarding the two Rolls of Service, which you are about to publish, I am reluctant to take part in any public discussion of this matter, but I am bound to point out that Lt.-Col. Davson's criticism of Mr. Whiskard's letter is in terms calculated to confirm, rather than to dispel, a misconception of Mr. Whiskard's which, if uncorrected, might lead to the loss of much information now being sent to the Editors of the Official Roll.

Lt.-Col. Davson, if I understand him right, regards the purpose of the Official Roll as being purely what may be called "record," as opposed to "news," and Mr. Whiskard is under the impression that it is exclusively compiled from the *Gazette*, and ignores local, acting, and temporary rank.

With regard to the first point the Editors of the Official Roll, when they obtained the kind permission of the Entertainments Committee to make use of the material contained in its publications, naturally agreed to the arrangement being reciprocal, but it so happens that the Entertainments Committee have not in fact made use of the official material. It is, therefore, possible to estimate accurately the "news" value of the Official Roll. It consists of the names of some 200 O.W.W. who are shown as serving in the Forces in the Official Roll published last December, but who do not figure in the Entertainments Committee's list published the following March.

As to the second point the Editors of the Official Roll are most anxious for information other than that derived from the *Gazette*, and have, I am glad to say, been increasingly successful in obtaining it. For instance I find that of forty-eight entries on the page of the last issue on which Mr. Whiskard's own name appears, eleven are from sources other than the *Gazette*, two of them cases of acting or temporary rank.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE.

Glebe House, Knebworth, Hants.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

A WESTMINSTER GATHERING

The most successful of many successful Westminster Gatherings took place at the Royal Empire Society's Rooms on the 15th September, 1942. It was intended as an opportunity for Old Westminsters and their ladies to meet the Head Master, Mrs. Christie, and the Housemasters, and their ladies. In addition it was a real pleasure to see Dr. Costley White and Mrs. Costley White, and also such a very large gathering of the younger generation of Old Westminsters, particularly those who had only left School in the last twelve months or so. All told about 150 were present.

After assembling, and an opportunity for greeting one another, the Head Master was persuaded to mount the platform and give an account of the School at the beginning of another year. He greeted the very representative gathering which had come together owing to the energies of Mr. Graham, and said that, despite the piano beside him, he had no intention of giving a comic sketch. He welcomed on behalf of the School staff the opportunity of meeting such large bodies of Old Westminsters, and said how much the Dean of Westminster regretted not having been able to attend. He greeted Dr. Costley White most cordially, and then went on to make what he describes as an interim report, first of all extending a very hearty invitation to all Old Westminsters to visit Bromyard and see for themselves how the School was faring. He referred to the necessity for Westminster, present and past, to be one in spirit and imagination, and for the sentiment of Old Westminsters to be with the School. He referred to the advantages derived from Westminster being in the country and the fertility of its present surroundings, and the excellence of its health record as a result, and paid a tribute to the Housemasters' wives, and to Mrs. Burd, the cateress. He said that they were all set fair for the fresh term, with promising new boys, but that they would like still more, though the quality was to some extent making up for quantity. He was pleased at getting sons of Governors and of Old Westminsters, and particularly of four younger brothers of boys at the School, who had never seen Dean's Yard.

He mentioned that term was beginning late owing to harvesting camps and parties, and that nearly every boy had been employed somewhere, for example, on part-time munition work.

He wished the best of luck to all going overseas on service, and paid a well-merited tribute to the Roll of Service, and to Dr. Radcliffe's work upon it. He alluded to the swelling roll of Distinctions, and remembering that the day was the second anniversary of the Air Trafalgar he alluded to Wing Commander Max Aitken, and to his delight in being able to honour, among many, Dr. Adrian, to whom he wished a speedy recovery from his recent accident in the Lakes, and Sir Henry Tizard, the President of Magdalen.

He considered Old Westminsters the best ambassadors and advertisement for the School, especially young Old Westminsters, of whom he was glad to see so many present. He referred to his firm intention to return to London at once at the end of the war without waiting for any rebuilding. He thought the prospects for Westminster in London were better than any other of the older Public Schools, worthy as it was and would be of its great past and traditions. He referred to the present as a time where they had, in the country, made new friendships, though it had been one of trial and testing, but said that Westminsters and Old Westminsters must make every effort, and remember that "Floreat" is not of casual significance.

He concluded with a word of gratitude to Mr. Graham and the Entertainments Committee on behalf of himself and his wife.

Thereafter a buffet supper, which was something much better, and more, than it set out to be, was served, and later both Colonel Davson, the Chairman of the Entertainments Committee, and Doctor Webb, the President of the Elizabethan Club, said a few words, and at a much later hour a most successful party regretfully broke up.

STUART HORNER

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Wing-Commander Hon. J. W. M. Aitken, D.F.C., A.A.F., has been awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of the successes by the night-fighter squadron under his command. He has also been decorated with the Czech War Cross for gallantry in leading the Czech Fighter Squadron station in Britain.

Squadron-Leader H. M. Young has been awarded a bar to the D.F.C. for gallantry in air attacks on

objectives in the Mediterranean. One one occasion, when he was returning to Malta, a stick of bombs burst on the aerodrome where he was landing and set fire to a bomb-loaded aeroplane. He completed his landing, avoiding the obstructions on the runway, and proceeded to have the flare path moved so that the rest of the squadron might land in safety.

Commander M. Richmond, O.B.E., R.N., has been awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished service in convoys to Murmansk.

Sir Henry Tizard has been elected President of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Mr. K. M. Macmorran, K.C., has been appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Newcastle.

Mr. M. T. Tudsbury, C.B.E., has been appointed a governor of the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

The Rev. C. T. H. Dams, Minor Canon of Windsor, has been appointed Rector of Theale, Berks.

Captain N. L. Macassey has the distinction of being Oxford's youngest graduate, at the age of twenty. Owing to the exigencies of the Army service he was unable to comply with the University regulations, and the degree of B.A. was conferred by a special degree of Congregation.

ROLL OF HONOUR

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

- V. M. Bright, Squadron Leader, R.A.F.
 C. P. Buttar, Commander, R.N. (presumed killed).
 J. O. V. Edwards, Captain (believed killed).
 E. B. Graham-Little, Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 D. R. Halsall, Lieutenant, R.E.
 E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, Flying Officer, R.A.F.
 D. Jacobs, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R. (presumed killed).
 P. A. Major, Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.
 J. A. C. Murray, Lieutenant, H.L.I.
 M. W. R. Namias, Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.V.R.
 G. O. Nares, Second Lieutenant, R.A.S.C.
 D. S. Parker, Flight-Lieutenant, R.A.F.V.R.
 J. B. Skreuder, Pilot Officer, R.A.F. (believed killed).
 E. D. Tyler, Flight-Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R. (presumed killed).
 D. S. Wilde, Ordinary Seaman, R.N.V.R.

WOUNDED

- J. C. Morton, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.

PRISONER OF WAR

- B. S. Jacobs, Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.

BIRTHS

- ALDERSON.—On August 10th, at Harpenden, to Diana, wife of Lieutenant J. Alderson, Seaforth Highlanders, a son.
 ALLPRESS.—On August 7th, at Salisbury, to Doris, wife of Major Anthony Allpress, R.E., a son.
 BARRINGTON-WARD.—On July 19th, to Catherine, wife of Sir Lancelot Barrington-Ward, a son.
 BOYCOTT.—On August 10th, at Andover, to Edna, wife of Captain S. J. B. Boycott, a daughter.
 BRAMALL.—On August 2nd, to Margaret, wife of Lieutenant A. Bramall, Reconnaissance Corps, a son.

BRIGHT.—On September 26th, at Fulmer Chase, to Monica, wife of the late Squadron Leader V. M. Bright, R.A.F., a daughter.

DAVIDSON-HOUSTON.—On August 21st, in Jerusalem, to Vernie, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. C. Davidson-Houston, a daughter.

DUNN.—On February 18th, at Henley-on-Thames, to Joyce, wife of P. H. J. Dunn, a daughter.

GLANVILLE.—On June 15th, at Old Knebworth, to Genista, wife of R. J. B. Glanville, a daughter.

GRIFFITHS.—On June 13th, at Bangor, to Mair Wynn, wife of Captain Louis Griffiths, R.A.M.C., a daughter.

HANCOCK.—On August 12th, at Aylesbury, to Estelle, wife of Dr. F. R. Thomson Hancock, a son.

KNOX.—On August 5th, at Beaconsfield, to Heather, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Knox, Royal Signals, a daughter.

LATEY.—On August 27th, at Marlow, Bucks., to Betty, wife of Second Lieutenant J. B. Latey, a son.

LONGSDON.—On July 10th, at Exeter, to Muriel, wife of Lieutenant S. J. Longsdon, D.S.C., R.N.V.R., a son.

NORTH.—On June 19th, at Teignmouth, to Peggy, wife of Second Lieutenant P. A. North, R.A.S.C., a daughter.

ORANGE.—On June 23rd, at Watford, to Mary Alice, wife of R. B. Orange, twin sons.

RYLAND.—On September 2nd, at Southborough, Kent, to Joanna, wife of Captain D. Ryland, a daughter.

SYMONDS.—On June 18th, at Bowdon, Cheshire, to Anne, wife of Lieutenant-Commander E. K. M. Symonds, R.N., a son.

TATE.—On July 1st, at Putney, to Lorraine, wife of Kenneth Tate, a son.

TITCOMB.—On July 11th, at Grass Valley, California, to Janet, wife of J. A. Titcomb, a daughter.

TURQUET.—On July 11th, to Ellen Clare, wife of Captain P. Turquet, R.A.M.C., a son.

WALTERS.—On August 24th, at Gerrards Cross, to Sylvia, wife of R. C. S. Walters, a son.

MARRIAGES

- ASQUITH—JONES.—On October 11th, Simon A. R. Asquith to Vivien, third daughter of Major L. E. and Lady Evelyn Jones, of Fakenham, Norfolk.
 CHANING-PEARCE—BROWN.—On July 11th, at Pinner, Thomas Channing-Pearce to Pamela Hazel Brown.
 CROCKETT—GOVER.—On August 11th, at Camelford, the Rev. Arthur Crockett to Ellen Rose, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gover, of Plymouth.
 GRAY—WALKER.—On December 11th, 1941, in Szechwan, West China, Dr. Max B. Western Gray to Irene E. Walker.
 HAVERS—GORE.—On August 18th, at Scotby, Second Lieutenant Antony C. O. Havers, R.A.S.C., to Barbara Harrison, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Gore, of Scotby.
 NORDON—MARSHALL.—On June 27th, at Aldeham, P. O. Keith Nordon, to Nesta, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Stanley Marshall.
 ROBEY—WILLIAMS.—On September 9th, at St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, Edward George Robey to Denise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Williams, of Virginia Water.
 YOUNG—RAWSON.—On August 10th, at Kent, Conn., U.S.A., Squadron Leader Henry Melvin Young, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., to Priscilla, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Rawson, of Kent, Conn.
 PEEBLES—ANDERSON.—On September 19th, at Langton Green, Captain J. R. Peebles (formerly an assistant master at the School) to Betty Anna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of the following Old Westminsters :

GERALD RALPH ATTENBOROUGH, who died on June 30th at the age of 31, was at the School for only a little over a year, from 1926-27, since when he has been a permanent invalid.

PETER BOWEN, whose death took place in India in July, 1939, was born in 1919 and followed his brother Rowland to Westminster in 1932. On leaving school he went into the Indian Police.

VERNON MAXWELL BRIGHT was admitted in 1929 and left in 1932. Later he joined the R.A.F. and was gazetted Pilot Officer in October, 1938, Flying Officer in 1940, and Flight Lieutenant in 1941. He was recently promoted Squadron Leader, and lost his life in action during September of this year. He married Monica, elder daughter of A. P. Richards. A son was born on September 26th.

CHARLES PHILIP BUTTAR was, like his father, up Grants. He came to the School in 1915. He became a midshipman in the Navy in 1922 and rose to Engineer-Lieutenant-Commander. He was reported missing and presumed killed in the loss of H.M.S. *Dorsetshire*. He married Margaret Elaine, daughter of Major William Stanford. He was 40 years of age at his death.

REGINALD PERCY JOHN CAMM (Dom Bede Camm) entered Westminster in 1881. He took his degree at Oxford and held a Curacy in Kennington for two years. In 1890 he joined the Roman Catholic Church, and in the following year became a Benedictine. After a long period at Erdington he became novice-master at Caldley, and subsequently master of the Downside School of Studies at Cambridge. During the last war he served as a Chaplain in Egypt. He died at Downside on September 8th, at the age of 77. He was well known as a learned and fascinating historian of Roman Catholic life in England. Among his best-known works are "Forgotten Shrines" and "The Lives of the Blessed English Martyrs."

JOHN OSWALD VALENTINE EDWARDS was the youngest of three brothers who were at Westminster, and who all became distinguished oarsmen. Two of them rowed in the Oxford boat in 1926, and John with E. L. Dams was the winner of the Challenge Pairs at Oxford in 1932. On the outbreak of war he joined the East Surrey Regiment, and met his death in the East on April 10th at the age of 30. His eldest brother, who was in the R.A.F., was killed in August, 1940.

ESMOND BIRCH GRAHAM-LITTLE, only son of Sir Ernest Graham-Little was born in 1915. He was up Busby's from 1928 to 1933, whence he proceeded to Cambridge, and after taking an engineering degree, became a barrister. In May, 1939, he joined the R.A.F.V.R. He was killed in action last June.

DAVID RICHARD HALSALL was admitted as a King's Scholar in 1934. He left Westminster early to go to the R.M.A. at Woolwich. After being gazetted Second Lieutenant in the R.E. he was for a time engaged on bomb disposal in this country, but later went out to the Middle East, where he died in September as the result of an accident, in his 22nd year.

EDWIN CHARLES LONG HEBBLETHWAITE, born in 1915, was up Busby's from 1929-34, and was a member of the First XI. Afterwards he became a journalist. He joined the R.A.F.V.R. and in March, 1942, promoted Flying Officer, serving with No. 78 Bomber Squadron. After operations over Germany last May he was reported missing, and his body was subsequently washed ashore.

WILLIAM EDWARD HORSLEY, who died on May 22nd at the age of 53, was admitted to Westminster in 1902, and went with a Triplett Exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1907. He was ordained to a Curacy of St. Thomas, Exeter, and served with the Y.M.C.A. in France during the latter part of the last war. On his return he was first at Penschurst and then, in succession, Vicar of Hepworth, Foston, and North and South Barrow.

RICHARD ROSS HOWLETT, who died on July 21st, aged 69, was the eldest of three brothers at the School. He was admitted in 1884 and became Head of Homeboarders in his last year. Going up to Christ's College, Cambridge with a scholarship, he obtained a first class in the Classical Tripos, and entered the India Office as a clerk in the first division. He subsequently became Deputy Director of Stores, and retired in 1932. He had a son at the School from 1927-31.

DEREK JACOBS, a brother of B. S. Jacobs, who is now a prisoner of war, came to Westminster in 1931. He joined the R.A.F.V.R., and was missing after an action in December, 1941. He was 23 years of age.

PETER ANTHONY MAJOR, who was reported killed in action in July, aged 24, came to the School in 1931. In 1934 he left to go to Cranwell and obtained his commission in the R.A.F. in December, 1938, when he was posted to a Squadron in Bomber Command.

JOHN ALAN COLIN MURRAY was born in 1920, and assumed the surname of his maternal grandfather, who was Portcullis Pursuivant, shortly before coming to Westminster in 1933. He took a commission in the Highland Light Infantry, but was attached to the Army Film Unit, and was reported missing last June.

MAYER HENRY RICHARD NAMIAS (R. H. Namias at Westminster), was born in 1921, entered the School in 1935, and rowed in the First VIII in 1939. He is now reported killed in action on September 20th, 1941.

GEOFFREY OWEN NARES was the younger of two brothers at Westminster, sons of Mr. Owen Nares, the actor. Born in 1917, he was at the School from 1930-34, after which he went on the stage. He was a promising actor as well as an original designer of scenery. He received a commission in the R.A.S.C. in 1940 and later transferred to the 12th Royal Lancers. His death in action was reported on August 31st.

DAVID SHIRLEY PARKER entered the School in 1930, and left three years later to be articled as a solicitor. He joined the R.A.F.V.R., reached the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and was killed in action in September, at the age of 25. He was recently married.

ARTHUR SAYER, who died on June 1st, in London, was a member of a family which has been connected with

Westminster for over two centuries. The family belongs to Charing, Kent, and Arthur followed his brother to the School in 1869, later becoming a clerk in the Bank of England. He died in his 86th year.

JOHN BROOKE SKRENDER was reported missing from night operations in July, and although his crew were saved, he is now believed to have been killed. He was up Homeboarders from 1931-35 and subsequently obtained his B.Sc. in engineering at the City and Guilds College. At the time of his death he was serving as Pilot Officer in the R.A.F. He was 24 years of age.

ERIC DOUGLAS TYLER was born in 1917 and entered the School in 1931. After leaving in 1934 he was engaged to the dyeing industry. He became a Flight Sergeant in the R.A.F.V.R. and was reported missing in July, 1941. He is now presumed to have been killed.

DAVID SCOTT WILDE was admitted in 1935. He was serving in the Mediterranean as an Ordinary Seaman in the R.N.V.R. He was in his 20th year.

NORMAN WOODWARD, son of B. D. Woodward, of New Jersey, was born in 1912, and was at Westminster from 1925-28. He joined the R.C.A.F. and became a Pilot Officer. He was killed in September, 1941, flying over Holland.

FLOREAT