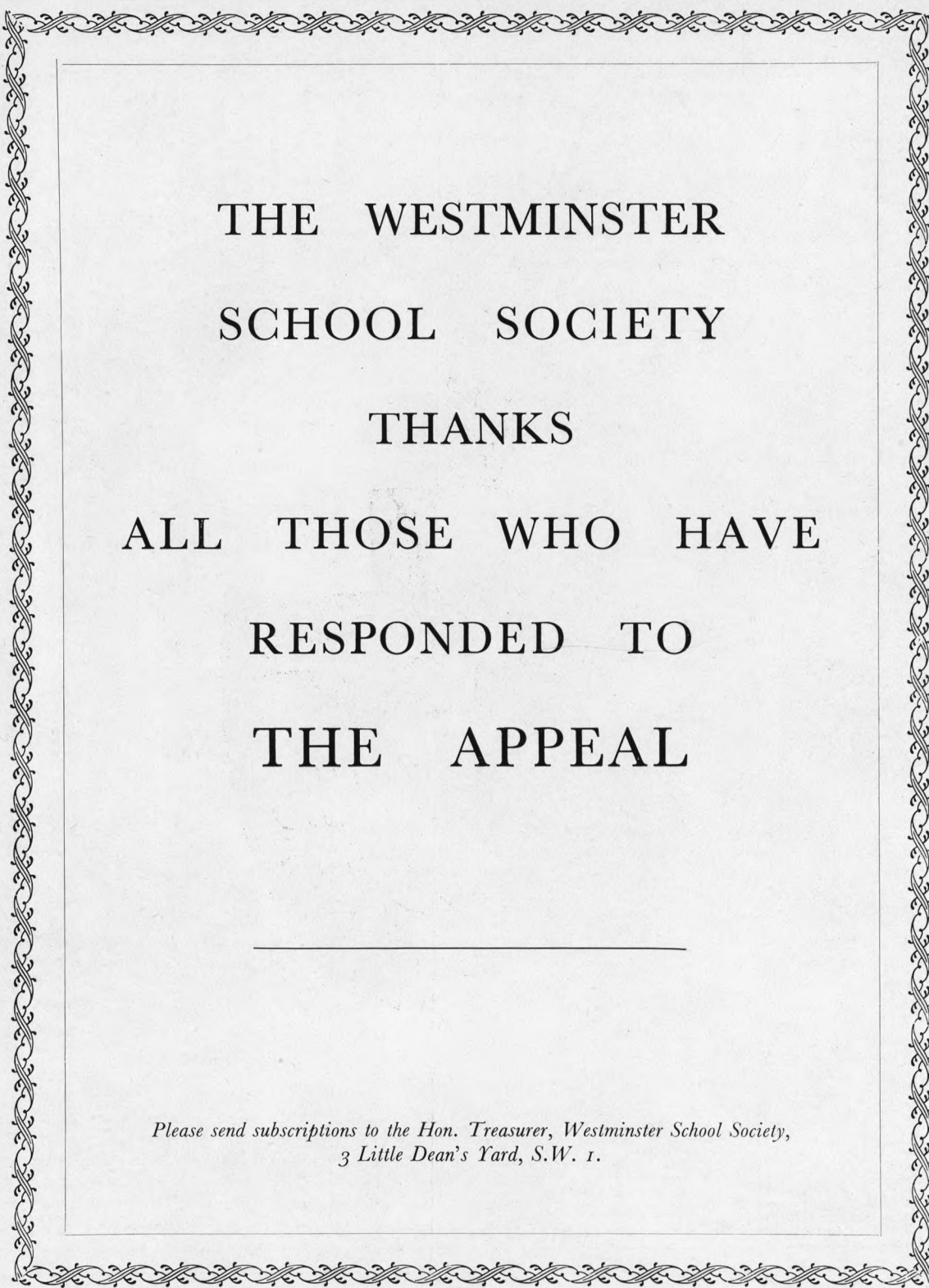


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OWING to a sudden and alarming fall of stone in the lantern the School Services are being held in the nave. The opportunity is being taken of doing the whole lantern now and it does not look as though we will return to our normal positions for a good while.

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The usual outings and excursions were planned for Ascension Day and Mr. Moylan led a party to Woburn Abbey and Park—the seat of the Duke of Bedford.

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A new house is to be formed next term to accommodate a superfluity of would-be boarders. It will draw a large part of its intake from the new boys and some from those at present at the school. Mr. Lushington who is at present Housemaster of Wrens and D. B. Wilkins, Head of Grants, are to become Housemaster and Head of House respectively. It is to be named Liddell's, and will centre round No. 19 Dean's Yard.

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The music competitions were held on Wednesday June 6th. College again retained the Erskine Cup and Rigauds gained the Exeter after a close struggle with Grants. The Adjudicators were Guy Warrack Esq. and John Churchill Esq. In his brief talk at the end Mr. Warrack pointed out the advantages and pleasures to be had from learning an instrument—in addition to the piano.

Any Old Westminsters who would like a copy of "The Trifler" should write to:

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enclosing a postal order for 2/6 and any more that would be required to cover postage.

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The School Concert will be held at 7.45 on Friday July 27th. Applications for tickets should be made to The Business Manager at the above address.

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Plautus' *Miles Gloriosus* will be performed in Yard on July 19th and 20th. Production will be on the same lines as in 1954.

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Rigauds' interior has been radically altered. The dining hall is now in the basement and the old one has been transformed into studies. The kitchen is now conveniently placed and refitted.

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The only really wet morning of the year coincided with the day of the Inspection of the Corps. After various time-gaining manoeuvres the original schemes were abandoned and the Parade was held in Yard. The inspecting officer, Major-General J. M. Kirkman, C.B., C.B.E., O.W., was forced to make a hurried round of the ranks and to give his short address Up School, by further torrential cloudbursts.

Messrs. A. H. and D. H. Waterfield, whose father, Frederick Waterfield, was Captain of the School in 1897, and later Assistant Commissioner in the Punjab, have founded in memory of their parents a fund which is to be known as the "Frederick and Barbara Waterfield Gift". The income is to be used to enable two boys each year to visit Glyndebourne at the nomination of the Headmaster, and the first beneficiaries will do so on June 27th. Our warmest thanks are due to the founders for so original and welcome benefaction by which two boys each year will enjoy one of the most enviable artistic experiences of our time.

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A new section has been formed in the Corps. It consists of selected members of the Air Force,

Army and Navy and is intended to study the inter-relation of these separate branches. It has been addressed by some outside experts on the matter.

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On June 20th an Informal Concert was held in College Library. The standard of performance was considerably higher than usual, despite the unco-operative nature of the piano. This was chiefly owing to the practice that had gone into the pieces before the Music Competitions, and it is a pity that such trouble is not taken every time. The Weber Trio was the best instrumental ensemble that has played at the School for some time.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

THE feelings that a school production can arouse are always mixed, but when the play is by Chekhov they are subdued by a foreboding that the audiences will not understand the meaning, and will go home with a nod of the head and the thought that perhaps next year they will enjoy themselves. This was the atmosphere that surrounded the first night of the School Play, *The Cherry Orchard*, and most of the comments indicated just that lack of confidence in the cast to put the piece over, and lack of intelligence in the audiences to appreciate. In the first place there is the difficulty of producing a play that is a translation, for inevitably some sentence or speech will have an outmoded or incongruous turn of language (as for instance Lopahin's comment, "One tells you in plain Russian your estate is going to be sold, and you seem not to understand it."). Secondly, modern English audiences cannot be expected to see the comedy in a play that has all the outward signs of tragedy unless they are fully versed both in the play itself and in the Russian interpretation of comedy.

However, the cynics had reckoned without the experience of the producer and the fact that the cast had, by the time of the production, become so familiar with the play that it was easier for

them to act for the benefit of the audience. The producer, Mr. Lushington, ignoring the conventional representation of *The Cherry Orchard* as a tragedy, went back to the original intention of Chekhov and aimed deliberately at an emphasis on the comic side of the play. This did not, of course, eliminate the touches of pathos and the pervading sense of unreality and disbelief in the members of the old family of the cherry orchard's owners, the sudden grim realization on the part of Luybov Andreyevna that her world had collapsed, but these recurring moments of tragedy serve only to lay stress on the lighter side of the play. The Russian dramatists realized that the emotional division between comic and tragic is only slight, and for that reason their books and plays show a cunning union of the two, making the modern understanding of their final emotional value more complex.

The story of *The Cherry Orchard* is one of a formerly rich family who are compelled to auction their orchard, the finest in the district, to pay off their debts. The realization that they are faced with poverty does not seem to affect the older members of the family, and to the last Luyba displays her long accustomed largesse, at a time when reason demands the utmost thrift. The man who does eventually buy the orchard is



C. W. Redgrave as Lopahin
(Photo : P. Forbes)

Lopahin, a rich merchant neighbour whose father and grandfather were slaves on the estate. He buys it not in order to preserve it, but to cut the cherry trees down and build a bungalow estate instead; the last act of the play has as its accompaniment the thud of the axes which are already at work. Lopahin is a business man from first to last, and prosaic at that, for his only comment at the strange and mournful sound of a breaking harp string is "Somewhere far away a bucket fallen and broken in the pits."

This merchant Lopahin was ably played by C. W. Redgrave, who gave the audience just the right clue to his type by the added trace of a Yorkshire accent. He showed well the merchant's two moods, one of exultant ostentation, and the other of wistful economics. Luybov Andreyevna, the owner of the Cherry Orchard, was also very well acted by A. B. Salter, who promises to be a mainstay of the School's productions for some years. The two preserved a delicate atmosphere, he grateful and bewildered, she kindly yet bitterly disappointed in his action. D. Dewar and P. Forbes as Luybov's brother, the well-meaning but very eccentric Gaev, and Firs the old butler, both suited their parts well and were convincing in the rather unusual mannerisms that both had to adopt. All the other supporting members of the cast were correspondingly good, and showed that the producer had spent a great deal of time on working the cast as an artistic whole and had not, as could so easily have been the case, concentrated solely on the leading characters. The bluff Pishtchik, Trofimov the eternal student with his ideal of individual liberty and Charlotta the governess, conjuror and ventriloquist were characters in themselves, but were also subjected to the idea of unity in the production.

Once again the set was well managed (there were three changes of scene), and the drawing-room set in the third act was particularly admired on each night for its striking effect. Mr. Spaul was responsible for the designing of the sets and for a lot of the actual painting and decoration, and the scenes were of his usual high standard. The make-up was also good, especially in the case of the female parts.

The play, however, received a mixed reception on all three nights, a fact which tends to belie its merits. Some people did not enjoy the play because it was not handed to them in a form to which they are accustomed, but demanded some thought before it could be appreciated. Nevertheless, those who were prepared to spend some time trying to understand it considered that it was one of the best School productions for a long time.



*M. P. Scorer and K. G. Wakely as
Charlotta and Pishtchik*
(Photo : P. Forbes)

ATHLETICS

THIS has been by far our most successful season since the war. Records in nearly all events both on the track and in the field have been broken and we have won our first School match.

Undoubtedly this change of fortune has been brought about by the new attitude which the School as a whole has adopted towards athletics. The introduction of a Standards competition was designed to maintain this interest even among the less able. And in a keen struggle, A.H.H. beat R.R. by a decimal place after the latter had led most of the way.

The long distance races were run in appalling snowy conditions early in the season but nevertheless, the favourites Myring and Givan registered victories—the latter in a record time. The state of the Bringsty relay course was more favourable and B.B. showed what stamina can do in beating highly trained A.H.H. who later were to be seen gesturing threateningly at a tiny little Under 14½ whom they insisted had lost them the race.

The team for the St. Paul's match was difficult to choose since we had only the form of the heats to go on. However, we realized that for the first time we were competing against a London school with equal training facilities and were fairly confident.

From the start, though perturbed by the pastureland appearance of the uneven track, we took the lead. Cohen winning the 100 yds. in 10.4 secs. Saunders the weight and later the discus with a record throw of 121 ft. 5¼ ins., Myring the mile, Rowland the 880 yds. and Carr the high-jump. The 440 yds. proved our downfall due to our opponents dangerous habit of "cutting in" with spikes and elbows flying on the first bend—but our level was unbeatable. In the Junior match, though Givan won both his events we could not quite make up for the poorness of our high and long jumping.

The result against Eastbourne was unfortunate since we were handicapped by not having available our two best sprinters. However, Taylor deputized ably in winning the 100 yds., though his defeat in the 220 might have tipped the scales. Again our half-mile combination of Rowland and Roope proved most effective and Myring gave us the mile. The only surprise was the poor form of Saunders and Wilkins in the discus. They gave the usual athletes explanation—the coach had been trying to change their style.

The most promising outcome of the Eastbourne

match was that it revealed the strength of our Juniors, who in winning 37-17, gave a clear indication of what we can expect from them. It seems needless to remark that Givan won both his races and broke yet another record. But this time he was ably supported by Alexander in the Long Jump and Bailey in the High Jump who cleared 4 ft. 9½ ins.—an Under 14½ record.

The finals day managed to pass without any climatic catastrophe and consequently in good conditions seven records were equalled or broken, rendering the printers' job for next year's record sheet well nigh impossible. Bailey jumped 4 ft. 10 ins. in the Under 14½ High Jump, beating his own record. A remarkable performance for one so young and all the more so since he used the out-dated scissors style. Unless Westminster once and for all decides to adopt the straddle or roll I cannot see us ever bettering our standard in this event.

Our field events specialists again failed to find their true form so the main interest centred on the track, and the last race of all, the mile, following shortly after the Old Westminster's Handicap (won by L. G. Marks W.W.) proved the climax of the afternoon. Myring and Givan were to clash for the first time. From the start Myring took the lead followed by Givan and Rowland and that was how they stayed till the middle of the last lap. Rowland then dropped back and Givan's speed proved too much in a final sprint. The first three competitors all broke the existing record, the winners time being

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4 mins. 42 secs. Fittingly, considering that he had already broken school records for the 440 and 880 yds. Givan was awarded the By Henderson trophy for the most outstanding athlete of the year.

The future then looks bright for next year, but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels (however hard-won they may have been). Competition in such Open events as the L.A.C. Schools

meeting at White City still reveals how comparatively low is our standard. We must endeavour to raise it and the only way to do that is to get full time coaches and train harder. Athletics has passed the stage of running round Green; it must be organized on more scientific lines; the track must be prepared earlier. Unless all these things can be done, further improvement will be difficult.

CRICKET

WITH half the fixtures left the 1st XI's performance has been a good deal better than appears when the results are considered. For though the side has not had a victory so far it has acquitted itself well on most occasions, often showing a fighting ability from awkward situations as against Radley and Sherborne, the two school matches so far played. Against Radley, D. J. A. Delmotte, won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket that appeared to be as easy as Vincent Square usually is during a fine spell. Before play started, however, the rain came and thoroughly wetted the wicket so that play could not start till after lunch. When we did eventually bat the wicket had changed to a tricky, sometimes treacherous wicket.

Within half an hour the score was 11 runs for 5 wickets. Radley must therefore have been very surprised when Delmotte and the lower numbers of the batting order began to score runs. Delmotte's innings cannot be too highly praised, it displayed a complete mastery of an accurate attack on a difficult wicket. A. G. Gordon, N. C. Roope and M. J. Hyam all batted well, maintaining an end while Delmotte pushed the score along. When eventually the side was all out the total of 112 was not unreasonable when the start and the state of the wicket were taken into consideration.

When Radley batted the wicket was certainly easier yet Radley struggled for the runs and lost

5 wickets in passing the Westminster score. Had our bowlers utilized the wicket better the result must surely have been very close.

Against Sherborne we again started badly losing the first four wickets for 20 runs. We rallied well with Delmotte showing the way with an excellent 49. R. Brown picking the right balls hit 41 in 25 minutes and A. G. Gordon supported Delmotte with an excellent 23. By the time that everyone was out the total was 143 admittedly not a good score on an easy wicket. Sherborne however were to fare no better. Hyam bowled throughout the innings taking 6-58 while J. F. Mortimer bowled very well, his figures of 1-22 off 20 overs hardly doing him justice. Sherborne were all out for 133.

In the second innings Westminster batted well scoring 235-7 declared. Delmotte played yet another magnificent innings of 68. Gordon hit 42 when runs were most valuable, while Roope scored 51 without giving a chance. When it rained—making the ball difficult to hold, and Sherborne did not make any effort to score the runs the game petered out in a draw. Westminster had done satisfactorily and nearly very well.

The side is full of runs batting down to number eleven while the bowling is accurate though not penetrating. If the fielding is good the bowling is good, when the fielding is poor then the bowling loses much of its sting.

THE WATER

THE main rowing event of the Lent Term that concerns the Boathouse as a whole is the Schools' Head of the River Race. The conditions this year were most unfortunate as the cross wind at the start blew all but the most determined coxes into the North shore and after Harrods blew directly against the tide. This made the water extremely rough and the winning times rather

slow. The A crew went off fast, as it had done last year, but once again began to lose its rhythm at Harrods and never really settled down again. It started 10th and finished 7th—its highest position since 1950. When the B crew left at 24th conditions were appalling and they had a rough passage coming into collision with two crews after Hammersmith Bridge. Nevertheless they rowed

well and finished 13th. C Crew hit Hammersmith Pier just after the start which put them down to 58th despite the high standard of their rowing. The Colts came in at 42nd and the Colts B and C crews at 51st and 59th.

The position of the A crew was slightly disappointing as it had previously done very well at Reading Head. This was the second year they had gone in for it and they were joined by the B crew. The A, which had finished 30th the year before, was starting 25th owing to the retirement of several crews and it managed to hold on to this position. The B crew started 60th—being a new entry—and finished 34th only nine seconds behind the other. Both crews beat the only other schools—Beaumont and Clifton—which were represented.

This term all the eights have been decidedly encouraging. At the time of going to press no league race has been lost and there have been

many very good races. The third eight in particular has come to the fore and the first eight has once again distinguished itself in the Vesta Dashes. Unfortunately it did not manage to win in the final though it had done the fastest time in both the previous races beating Chiswick by three-quarters of a length in a rather scrappy row and Imperial College by half a length. However the final came very shortly after these two heats and they were unable to produce the same form losing by half a length. At Chiswick the second eight reached the final where they lost to Vesta R.C. by a length after an exciting semi-final in which they had won by three feet. The first eight were less fortunate as they met Vesta after beating Bedford Modern and though leading for two minutes were unable to hold them off. Again the school had the satisfaction of doing the fastest time in the event.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

DESPITE the inappropriateness of having a meeting in a term traditionally monopolized by the claims of athletic pursuits and examinations, the lecture given by Mr. Peter Scott on Wednesday, May 16th was attended by more than a hundred members and non-members. It was owing to the speaker's generosity that he came to speak to us because he has had to cancel nearly all his lectures and excursions from Slimbridge, except his visits to the television studios in Bristol, in order to complete the second volume of "The Wildfowl of the World". We were therefore particularly honoured that the distinguished artist and naturalist should have made time to come and encourage a young Natural History Society. This was the reason he expressed for coming and this he did enormously with the combination of a most beautiful colour film, some masterly extemporary charcoal drawings and a very interesting talk.

After the Headmaster had welcomed him and Mr. Scott had introduced his lecture with some interesting diversions, he passed on to his subject of catching Wild Geese. The species in question was Britain's most numerous goose in winter, the Pink-foot, which for the most part occurs in Scotland and east England. The Severn valley birds are mainly White-fronts.

Pink-feet have been the subject of a special study by the Wildfowl Trust of which Mr. Scott is founder and Director, and the film followed the Trust's second expedition to central Iceland in 1953. The world population of this bird can be roughly divided into those which breed in Spitz-

bergen and those which breed in Iceland and Greenland. The former winter in Germany and the Low countries, with a few exceptions, and the latter group, which is the greater, come to the British Islands. It is the object of the Trust for population estimates and migration investigations to mark as many of these birds as possible. This expedition to this end succeeded in ringing 9,000 birds out of the Icelandic colony of, at the time, about 8,200 adults and 10,200 goslings.

Mr. Scott's intention was not to involve his audience in the detailed purpose of ringing or even in the results his efforts have recorded so far. That has been recorded in a book by James Fisher and himself and by a number of reports and papers on the expedition. His talk was rather an account of the methods used, the obstacles encountered and a description of the countryside in which they worked. The latter was vividly illustrated in some lovely colour photography of a country which is known more for its mosquitoes and dreary climate than its fine mountains and rivers.

Shortly after nesting, which begins in May, the adult Pink-footed Goose loses the power of flight because of its wing moult and so it was found to be possible to gather several flocks together on top of hillocks, to herd them into pens and then to ring them. The standard rings used were of light aluminium and each had on it a number and the address of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington. With some difficulty this method was perfected and it was only the suddenness of the ability of the birds to

fly again that prevented them from marking even greater numbers. As it is the recoveries that only are of significance, the new method, recently evolved, of catching birds that can fly by using rocket nets has increased the samples of flocks in Britain and consequently knowledge of the movements and mortality rate of Pink-feet.

This was the last lecture of the school year. The present joint-secretaries, who are retiring

shortly, hope that the system followed during the year of having but one lecture a term where other societies have as many as four, attended by a large membership who have a very general interest in the subject will continue

If in the future the members rise to the occasion in the way they have in the last year then the society will continue to thrive.

.303 SHOOTING

THE open range shooting season started early this year with a camp at Bisley during the last week of the holidays. This camp has now become an annual event, and in past years has shown its effect in an overall increase in the standard of shooting at school. This year, however, although the attendance was by no means small, the results were not as encouraging as they have been in the past. Westminster teams as a whole seem to show a great deal of nervousness in matches, but in shooting this symptom can be disastrous, and the more it can be eliminated from practices the more chance there is of a decrease of nervous tension under match conditions.

At the beginning of this term an anonymous donor presented a Land Rover to the C.C.F., and the shooting parties that went down to Bisley each Saturday soon had cause to be grateful for his generosity. The Land Rover will seat a whole VIII and carry all the rifles and cleaning gear (with a little discomfort, admittedly) and has already saved the School a large sum that would

otherwise have been spent on fares. Equipped with this transport it has been considerably easier to organize practice parties, and Mr. Brock, who has taken over the practical side of the management of shooting from Mr. Kilvington, made use of every possible occasion.

The results of the practices during the term have been more encouraging than those of the Bisley camp, but the standard in most cases is not nearly high enough to make up a team with winning potentialities. The VIII has shot in two competitions so far this term, and has finished low down in the results on both occasions. The lack of success can partly be attributed to the fact that C. B. M. Hunt, the Captain, is a regular cricket player, and his leadership and skill are both missed. But even with a regular captain the team seems to lack an above-the-average look which is essential if results are to be improved. Perhaps with the opportunities that the Land Rover will provide, a steadier and higher score can be achieved during the second half of the term.

POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

IN the Election Term the school's time is so filled that it is seldom possible to have an ambitious programme for the Society. It was thus perhaps rather unwise to arrange four meetings for the term. The success of the first two, however, has shown that it is certainly worth while not to confine the society's activities solely to the winter terms.

In some respects our first two speakers were very much alike. Both were avowedly putting forward a forceful point of view, both did so with great wit and with extreme clarity. Mr. George Schwartz spoke on the glories of our past history, Sir Albert Richardson on the horrors of modern architecture, yet both of them gave talks extremely relevant to present situations.

Mr. George Schwartz was well-known to us

from his articles in the *Sunday Times* and he had visited the society before, in 1950. Mr. Schwartz's thesis was that for her present position and magnitude Britain's part in world affairs has been miraculous. For that reason he set out to persuade us not to accept the modern and socialist view of past history as "the mess of centuries". While certainly conditions had been bad, they were infinitely better than those obtaining even today in so much of the world. The talk was well received by a good audience, and some intelligent questions were asked. We learnt that though now our world influence was waning, we had only to congratulate ourselves for holding our own for so long. Best of all, we heard that we had very little to be ashamed of in our past history, that probably our worst blunder was

the Tolpuddle Martyrs, and as there were only seven of them, and as they were not even hanged, we had not done too badly.

Professor Sir Albert Richardson is not the first P.R.A. to come to the Society, nor the first architect, but he is certainly the first of our visitors to combine the two qualities. He came to speak on "What London really needs", but his talk was necessarily divided into two parts, the first being an exposition of what was wrong at the moment. This explanation, a cutting attack on modern architectural design, brilliantly illustrated by impromptu drawings, was probably

the most arousing thing the society has ever heard. Sir Albert went on to explain the present drawbacks of the site round St. Paul's, how much had been done to avert a worse catastrophe, and what he proposed to do if given a free hand. His drawings showed clearly the extreme elegance of his piazza, and his delicacy of approach to the whole problem. At the end of an excellent meeting he was kind enough to invite the Society to Burlington House, where he would himself show us some of the Academy treasures.

We look forward to hearing Lord Goddard on June 25th, and Hon. Ewen Montagu on July 11th.

THE CONCERT

IT has always been the Director of Music's policy to have a religious work for the Lent Term. In the last few years various Masses have been performed but nothing on a really large scale has been done for some time. It was with this in mind and with the memory of its popularity with the choir in previous years, that Dvorak's *Stabat Mater* was chosen. A performance of this nature is as much for the education of the choir as for the audience but respect for the hardness of the seats Up School necessitated an otherwise unfortunate break in the middle.

The magnificent opening chorus was, together with the final one, the choir's best achievement. The majestic, slow and at times melancholy sweep of the music, often extremely reminiscent of Brahms, lent itself to the full treatment which the choir gave it and if it ever lacked cohesion in other parts of the work the orchestra made up for it, excelling itself in the "Eja, mater fons amoris." The soloists were competent enough, N. N.

G. Maw O.W. having gained considerably in volume without sacrifice to tone since his part in the Haydn *Imperial* Mass, and R. J. H. Williams O.W., showing himself to be master of a very considerable technique. What perhaps says most for the whole performance was that one left at the end conscious predominately of what had been performed rather than of the fact that one had just attended a concert. Whether it is desirable or not, there is little doubt that the School concert is looked on often as a social event or as a termly institution with music provided which can easily be heard better played elsewhere, but which owes its attraction to interest in the performers and to its status as a regular function. This time the interest rested primarily with Dvorak which at any rate is a pleasant if not permanent change.

The orchestra played the first movement of Mozart's G Minor Symphony, *K.550*, before the *Stabat Mater*.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB

The following have been elected Members of The Elizabethan Club:

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The Annual Dinner of the Club will be held on Monday, October 15th, 1956, and Members are asked to note the date. Further details will appear in the next issue of The Elizabethan.

The School XI play the Old Westminster at Vincent

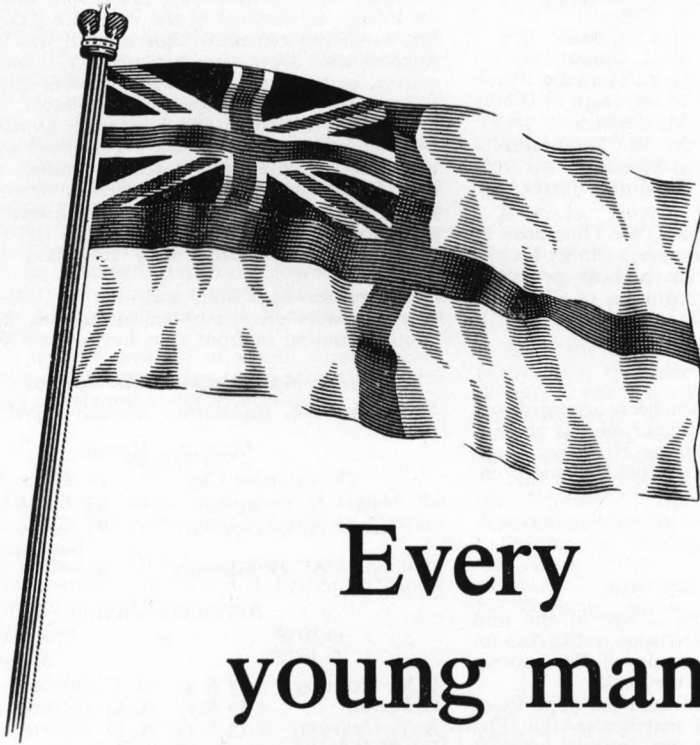
Square on Saturday, July 14th, and Charterhouse at Godalming on the following Saturday, July 21st. Members of the Club are asked to support both these matches.

GAMES COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of those interested in the Games of the Club will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 19th, 1956, at No. 4, Whitehall Court, S.W.1.

FOOTBALL

At the Annual General Meeting held at the end of the season the following were elected as Officers and Committee for the season 1956/57 :—



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F. D. Hornsby has succeeded M. W. Thompson as Hon. Secretary. The Committee gave a dinner for the retiring Hon. Secretary, at which he was presented with a print of the School in recognition of all he has done for the Club since the war.

CRICKET

A full list of Fixtures has again been arranged and it is hoped that any Old Westminster who is anxious to play for the Club will contact the Hon. Secretary, J. D. Stocker, 232 Stanley Park Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

GOLF

Halford Hewitt Cup 1956

We were fortunate in drawing a bye in the first round and were, therefore, not called upon until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, April 13th, when we played Eastbourne. The weather was wet, gusty, and very cold.

We were clearly a stronger side than the opposition, as was shown by our win by 3½ matches to 1½. The contest was interesting although not exciting, since it always seemed that we had a sufficient lead in three of our matches to ensure victory. Such excitement as arose was confined to an incident involving our top couple at the first hole. Tudor Davies cut his drive almost into the Club House and Pitamber was obliged to play three from the tee, which he topped about 100 yards. Davies then played for the green whereupon a dog indicated his opinion of the proceedings by picking up the ball and making off. This was an ominous start from which the first pair never really recovered, and they finished all square.

Slark and Petherick playing second, Barley and Christopher Davies third, and Grover and Robinson fourth, all won comfortably and our fifth pair, Spencer and Scott, only lost on the seventeenth green.

In the afternoon, against Malvern, we won our first four matches, our op couple—unimpeded by canine distractions—finding their form. This was most encouraging for the sterner test to come.

On Saturday morning, against Winchester in the quarter final, with a bitterly cold north-east wind blowing off the sea, in the opposite direction to that of Friday, we set off full of enthusiasm and optimism. At the first hole Davies gave a repeat performance of the previous morning, this time with the aid of the wind reaching the car park. From a wide selection of cars he chose that of the Hon. Secretary of the Elizabethan Club who appeared less depressed than his car pedal. This couple, no doubt affected by our second unfortunate start, lost three of the first six holes and against opposition of the class of G. H. Micklem and Colonel Mackenzie, this position never looked like being retrieved and they lost by 4 and 3.

Slark and Petherick, on the other hand never looked like losing their unbeaten record and by playing extremely well won by a similar margin.

Barley and Christopher Davies, who had won twice on Friday, succumbed at the cost of a "dog licence", but our hopes remained high when it was learned that Spencer and Scott were two up at the far end of the course, and our fourth couple—Grover and Robinson—came to the thirteenth only one down. The event around the thirteenth and fourteenth greens, however, were such as so incompetent a performer as the writer would feel it improper to relate. Suffice to say that both holes were lost and we were 3 down with 4 to play. Grover's second shot to the fifteenth was unaccountably lost in the long grass on the right of the green and this match was, therefore, ingloriously conceded.

Winchester had won, and this was the more sad when we were greeted by an enthusiastic Spencer and Scott, tramping in from afar, having won by 6 and 4.

Match against the School

Sudbrook Park, Richmond. Monday April 30th, 1956

MORNING ROUND

		<i>The Pitamber Cup</i>	<i>18 Holes Medal</i>
1st	N. C. Roope	90 — 20 — 70	
2nd	A. G. Gordon	87 — 16 — 71	(Best Scratch Score)
3rd	M. G. Hornsby	97 — 24 — 73	

AFTERNOON MATCH

O.W.W.		<i>v</i>	The School
O.W.W.			<i>School</i>
J. M. Hornsby	1 (5 & 4)	N. C. Roope	0
B. Peroni	1 (7 & 6)	A. G. Gordon	0
A. F. Davison	1 (3 & 1)	R. H. Brown	0
Dr. Hallett	0	J. B. Smith	1 (1 up)
S. Barnes	0	J. S. R. Benson	1 (8 & 6)
J. Jacomb Hood	0	M. G. Hornsby	1 (6 & 5)
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Afternoon Competition

Medal Round for boys (not playing in match) for a prize presented by the President, Mr. R. S. Barnes, was won by A. C. E. Pleasance. 90 — 20 — 75.

SQUASH RACKETS

A keen interest has again been shown during the last season in the matches that are annually arranged against the various Metropolitan Clubs and Old Boys' sides. Of the seventeen matches played, ten have been won, which is a higher proportion than usual. In the first round of the Londonderry Cup against K.C.S. Wimbledon, the O.W.W. were defeated 4-1, the match being closer than the score suggests. Those representing the O.W.W.'s were D. M. Paterson, P. O. Bodley, C. M. O'Brien, A. F. Taylor, and S. Mangeot.

For the first time since the War two fixtures were arranged against the School. Although the O.W.W. won the first by 5 love, the second was very much closer, the School being defeated 3-2. Two fixtures have already been arranged for next year and it is hoped that this arrangement will continue annually.

It may not be generally known that it is possible for any O.W. whether he takes part in matches or not, to play at the Putney Squash Club without paying a subscription. Anyone interested in so doing should get into touch with R. E. Plummer, 25 Elvaston Place, S.W.

FIVES

The Club has now completed its seventh season since the war. We have had an enjoyable season having played seventeen matches.

The Club has one main concern and that is its playing membership. The main strength of the playing membership at the present time is made up of members who were active players before the war, and it is a disappointment that we are not getting the younger Old Westminsterers who on their return from the Services and University take up residence in London.

The School has Fives as an active sport at the present time and we do hope with the great enjoyment obtained from playing matches against other Old Boys' Clubs and various schools younger Old Westminsterers will come forward.

The Club has the facilities of school courts, where practice takes place every Tuesday during the winter months and a hot shower is always available.

TENNIS

The usual fixtures have again been arranged for the season. A side has been entered for the D'Abnorn Cup.

It is hoped that all Old Westminsterers interested in playing in the matches will contact B. Peroni, 51 Albert Drive, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

THE ELIZABETHAN BOAT CLUB

The Tideway Head of the River Race was rowed on March 24th, taking place this year in the afternoon following the Boat Race. The Club crew once again rowed in a borrowed Clinker VIII, and finished 92nd. There was a strong head wind for almost the whole course and the time of 21 minutes 51 seconds was by no means slow for the conditions.

The crew:—

Bow—L. Hayek, 2—A. Noble, 3—G. Francis, 4—K. J. S. Douglas-Mann, 5—R. N. Edwards, 6—R. P. Harben, 7—M. A. B. Harrison.

Stroke—R. H. B. de Vere Green, Cox—E. S. Chessier.

SHOOTING

From the results of the events in which the Club participated the year was very disappointing. Some difficulty was experienced in raising the necessary teams and only four events took place.

Two matches were held against the School, one at Bisley and the other behind Ashburnham House.

The Club entered for the Veterans' Trophy and the Veterans' Tankard during the National Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley.

During the coming season it is hoped that more Old Westminsterers will be available to shoot. The Secretary is R. R. Davies, Chapel Croft, West Humble, Nr. Dorking, Surrey.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

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

Mr. Roy Harrod is to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Aberdeen.

Mr. P. Sleightholm has been appointed Lecturer in Chemistry at Cambridge Technical College.

Mr. R. M. Bannerman of Christ Church has been elected to a travelling Fellowship on the foundation of Dr. John Radcliffe.

Mr. I. R. Cameron has been elected captain of the Oxford University Fencing Club.

Mr. M. T. Sleightholm has become a chartered librarian.

The Rev. E. J. Townroe has been installed as Warden of St. Boniface College, Warminster.

The Hon. Hugh Dickinson was ordained deacon in Salisbury Cathedral at the Trinity ordination.

Major J. L. Fouracre, Manchester Regiment, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.

Squadron Leader A. W. G. Le Hardy, R.A.F., has been appointed to the R.A.F. Staff College, Andover, with acting rank of Wing Commander.

Major P. W. Lonnon, R.E., has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.

Capt. W. J. Reed, R.E., has passed the qualifying examination for the Staff College.

Mr. G. G. Arnold has passed into the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral R. C. May has been appointed Medical Director General of the Navy and promoted to Surgeon Vice-Admiral.

Mr. Romney Sedgwick contributes an article on "Letters from William Pitt to Lord Bute" to *Essays presented to Sir Lewis Namier*.

Mr. Peter Ustinov is playing the leading part in his comedy *Romanoff and Juliet* at the Piccadilly theatre.

In the Birthday Honours Mr. H. N. Hume was made K.B.E. and Mr. A. E. Howell M.B.E.

Mr. F. M. Bennett, M.P., has been appointed Parliamentary private secretary to the Minister of Supply.

Dr. H. Gardiner-Hill has been nominated as Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

BIRTHS

BROWN—On April 28th 1956 at St. John's, Newfoundland, to Dorothy, wife of N. J. P. Brown, a daughter.

BURGES—On March 22nd 1956 at Watford to Rosalind, wife of Wing Commander J. R. Burges, R.A.F., a son.

CATES—On May 7th 1956 at Bristol to Mary, wife of J. E. Cates, a son.

ENGLEHEART—On March 28th 1956 to Priscilla, wife of John Engleheart, a son.

EYRE—On March 12th 1956 at Aldershot to Jane, wife of Wing Commander A. W. Eyre, R.A.F., a daughter.

FARMAR—On February 27th 1956 at Wrotham Heath to Daphne, wife of Major J. A. Farmar, a son.

GEARE—On December 15th 1955 at Kuala Lumpur to Fern, wife of John Geare, a daughter.

GIMSON—On March 10th 1956 in London to Anne, wife of P. M. Gimson, a daughter.

JAMES—On March 9th 1956 at Taunton to Janet, wife of Major J. T. James, R.A., a son.

LAPAGE—On March 13th 1956 in Montreal to Patricia, wife of R. A. Lapage, a daughter.

LOFTHOUSE—On May 1st 1956 at Manchester to Ailsa, wife of H. Thornton Lofthouse, a daughter.

MAKOWER—On February 29th 1956 to Helena, wife of Charles Makower, a son.
 OATES—On March 9th 1956 in London to Mary, wife of W. G. R. Oates, a daughter.
 SANGUINETTI—On May 14th 1956 to Patricia, wife of J. A. Sanguinetti, a daughter.
 SHELDON—On April 23rd 1956 in London to Joyce, wife of W. B. S. Sheldon, a son.
 TASKER—On February 1st 1956 at Bathurst, Gambia, to Juliet, wife of J. M. Tasker, a daughter.
 USTINOV—On April 30th 1956 to Suzanne, wife of Peter Ustinov, a son.

MARRIAGES

BERKINSHAW-SMITH : NOHEL—On April 3rd 1956 at the church of Christ the King, Wimbledon Park, B. C. Berkinshaw-Smith to Inez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nohel of Cardiff.
 PLUMMER : CORBOULD—On April 4th 1956 at St. Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells, D. C. Plummer to Elisabeth Frances Corbould, of Norwich.
 RAY : BOWEN—On March 24th 1956 P. N. Ray to Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bowen of Tolworth, Surrey.

OBITUARY

HACKFORTH—On March 10th 1956, R. E. Hackforth, L.R.I.B.A., aged 56.
 HARCOURT-SMITH—On March 18th 1956 in London, Lieut.-Commander C. H. Harcourt-Smith, R.N.(ret'd) aged 56.
 LADELL—On November 18th 1955, H. S. Ladell, aged 81.
 WHITMORE—On May 21st 1956, D. H. Whitmore, aged 73.

RICHARD EDGAR HACKFORTH, eldest son of Edgar Hackforth was admitted in 1923. He became a student at the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was recently on the staff of the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority in Lancashire. He married in 1949 Edith Elizabeth Caskin.

CECIL HIGHAT HARCOURT-SMITH was at School from 1914 to 1917 and served in the Navy in the first world war. Two years ago he made a successful crossing of the Atlantic in a converted life-boat. He was twice married.

HARRY SIMPSON LADELL entered Westminster in 1889, and went on to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in 1893. He was for many years an assistant master at Streete Court Preparatory School, and later became a film producer under the name of Harold Simpson. He married in 1902 Ethel, widow of H. C. Jobson and daughter of the Reverend W. R. Cosens, and had a son at Westminster.

DENNETT HERSEE WHITMORE, elder son of F. J. Whitmore was at Westminster from 1896 to 1901. He entered the Colonial Government service and was with Nigerian Railways. He served in East Africa with the Nigerian Regiment in 1917, and returned to England after the war. He joined the Civil Service. In 1921 he married Gertrude Mary, daughter of Richard Chambers.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE

The Old Westminsters' Masonic Lodge, which is the senior Public Schools Lodge, meets at the school on the first Thursday in January, the third Thursdays in April and October, and the Friday of the exeat in June. It is confined to Old Westminsters' and masters at the School. Those interested in joining should communicate with the Secretary, T. M. Tyrrell Esq., 1, Claremont Gardens, Surbiton, Surrey.

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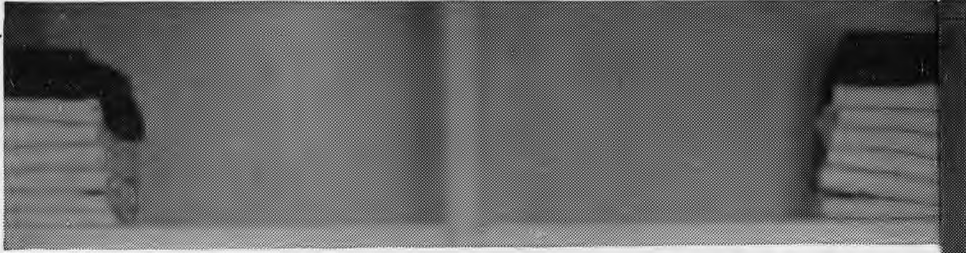
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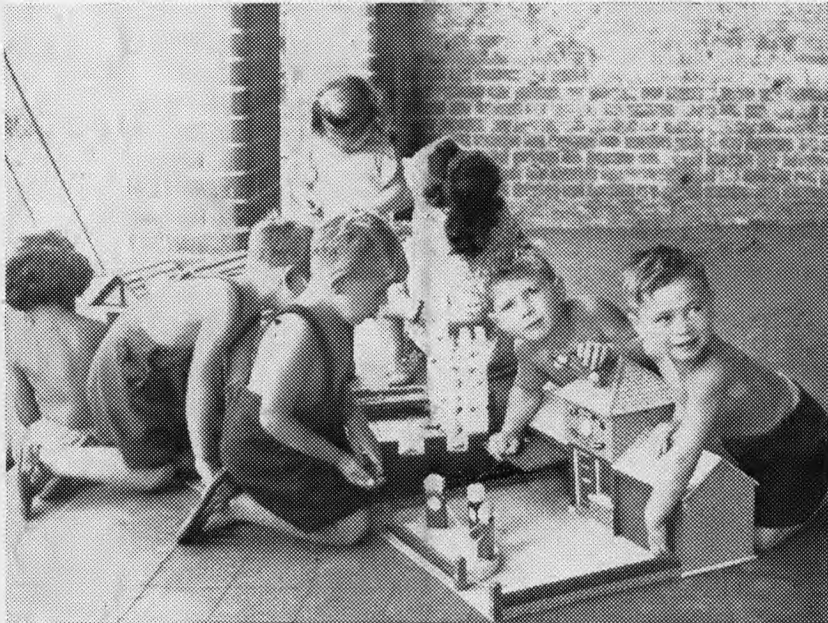
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