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WESTMINSTER IN EXILE

As most of our readers have probably learnt, Westminster has recently had the pleasure of a visit to Sussex. On Wednesday, September the twenty-eighth, the Head Master decided that in view of the seriousness of the International situation the School must move out of London at once, and so at half-past three that afternoon College and the boarding houses were evacuated by Motor Coach and taken to Lancing and Hurstpierpoint, where the Woodard foundations of St. Mary and St. Nicholas and of St. John had made hurried arrangements to receive them. Some of the half-boarders followed them on the twenty-ninth, while a few remained at home.

Evacuation is something which has not happened to Westminster for a very long period. In the seventeenth century there was a house at Chiswick to which the School used to proceed in time of Plague, but when the area in the immediate vicinity of the School became habitable throughout the year, this house was given up. Its site later became the home of the Chiswick Press, who print the Record of Old Westminsters. During the last war the position was never considered serious

enough for a general move out of London, and so the experience at the end of September was something new for everyone. Preparations to meet such an emergency had gone on for some time beforehand, and the smoothness of the actual evacuation was a tribute to all concerned.

It must be confessed that on that Black Wednesday most of us thought that we were leaving Westminster for the last time. It was hard to leave the buildings and the books which one had known so well with the almost certain knowledge that we should never see them quite the same again—perhaps never again. But the Head Master's courageous decision to keep the School or at least part of it together whatever happened, gave courage to us all. Little did we think that within a week we would be back here again with the cloud of war lifted from us. It was indeed with rejoicing that we sang Latin Prayers up School on the following Wednesday morning.

Lancing welcomed us in a way which we shall never forget. First we were told the latest news—about the four power conference in Munich—and then they proceeded to show us our really magnificent accommodation. How they managed

to prepare for us in so short a time we shall never know. What we did know was that seldom have good news, good food, and good beds been more welcome.

The week at Lancing taught us much. To begin with, it made us appreciate Westminster so much more than we had ever done before, for in spite of Lancing's many attractions—and there were many—we began to realize that Dean's Yard possesses something unique—an atmosphere which no other school can give and which no amount of modernization can destroy. But Lancing impressed us in many ways: its lovely Chapel with its services—many of them voluntary—of an informal nature which can never be quite captured in the Abbey. Lancing was so up-to-date—spacious rooms, constant running water, and a cleanliness which contrasted greatly with College Dormitory and School with its “dust of ages.” And the position of the College is inspiring and invigorating, and this perfect environment was reflected in the many creative pursuits in which the school was engaged. And what is true of Lancing is true of her sister school—Hurstpierpoint—as well.

We left Sussex on the Tuesday following our arrival with gratitude in our hearts: gratitude for a return to old haunts, gratitude for the efficiency displayed by the Westminster Authorities, and, most of all, gratitude to Lancing and Hurstpierpoint for their hospitality. They have aided Westminster in her hour of need; perhaps in time we shall be able to do something to repay them. Meanwhile the bond of friendship between the schools has been drawn even closer, and our visit will go down to history not only as something unique in Public School Annals, but as an event which provided an example of true Chivalry—an example of all that is best in the English Public School spirit. It is for this most of all that Westminster sends out her heartfelt thanks to the two schools which thus aided her in her necessity.

THE SCHOOL MISSION

It is just 50 years since the Mission Club was founded, and the meeting which was held on the 22nd of October marked the completion of the first phase of a varied but valuable existence. The Club's original home was in Charing Cross Road, and it was not until 1904 that the present Napier Hall was built. At one time it was seriously proposed that the Club should be closed down; at another it had a membership of no less than one hundred and eighty. Its activities have ranged from metal work to boxing, from Bible classes to a Cadet Corps. Throughout its history it has

been served by men who have worked with courage and with devotion.

It is not our intention to outline the history of the mission, but rather to comment upon its present position. Its history has been ably dealt with by Sir Arthur Knapp, whose connection with the Club has come to be regarded as one of the most valuable of its many blessings. Sir Arthur was Captain of the School in the year in which the Mission was founded, and as such played a leading part in its foundation. To-day he occupies the position of Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, and, by his constant support and his friendly visits, has been responsible for much of the Mission's success.

The Mission to-day is something rather different from what it was fifty years ago. The conditions under which it works are nothing like so bad as they were then—no one could say to-day that Westminster presented a more insoluble problem than Central Africa. But there are other changes which many will regard as not so good. Lord Stalbridge at the inaugural meeting described the would-be mission as “an organisation for spreading Christianity” and Canon Prothero similarly described it as “representing the Abbey to the masses”; but to-day the Mission is little more than a Social Club, and any attempt to encourage its members to entertain any of the religious ideals which are upheld so strenuously in the School and the Abbey meets with little sympathy. One wonders what Dean Bradley would think were he to see the Club to-day.

Again, the interest of the School has decreased. The Club was formed for “the School to undertake some Mission work with the assistance of Old Westminsters.” To-day the position is different: the Old Westminsters do most of the work—and well they do it too—while the School assists in a very small degree. Surely the bringing together of boys from the School and those in less fortunate circumstances should be one of the cardinal purposes of a club of this kind? But unfortunately a billiard table is not the best place for increasing this kind of fellowship. Something more is needed if a real feeling of co-operation and understanding is to be born. A camp suggests itself as the ideal way, and is it really outside the capabilities of the School to provide one in which boys from the Club and boys from the School can live under canvas together?

The activities of the mission's present camp are hampered by the custom whereby the boys, through the courtesy of their hosts, stay in the barrack room of a military encampment, while

those who conduct it meet them on the footing of officers and not of equals. Many of the valuable elements of a camp in the open are necessarily missing, as is that comradeship which might be there if representatives of the School were present too. We must be grateful to the officers at Shorncliffe, but is it quite enough?

The original club features included wood and metal work; to-day, unfortunately, nothing of this sort takes place. A carpenter's bench is a far better place than a dart board for Public School and working boys to meet, and here there is the additional feeling that one is doing something really valuable. Perhaps one day this sort of thing will be revived, and boys from school and mission will combine to help each other in creative works. It is under circumstances such as these that such meetings are most valuable, for it is here that all that is best in a modern youth comes out. Self disappears most when there is a definite end to work for, and it is not until self disappears that it is possible to enter on true co-operation.

Meanwhile let us be grateful for 50 years' effort to brighten the lives of the boys of this neighbourhood and for the many willing workers who have directed and assisted this effort. Perhaps the future will bring a closer co-operation between the Mission and the Chapter and the Mission and the School. And perhaps when there is something more than mere games, and a camp which is run on a more sound basis, those who are asked for financial aid will feel more ready to give. If we have been harsh in our criticism, it is only in the interest of the future. It is at a time like this that genuine views are most valuable, and this editorial can claim to represent the views of at least a portion of the School to-day.

FAREWELL

During the past month the Collegiate body of Westminster has lost one who has been connected with it for the last nineteen years. First as Head Master, and later as a Canon at the Abbey Church, Dr. Costley White has served the Abbey and the School as few have had the opportunity to do. His great merits as a Head Master have been referred to more than once in the columns of THE ELIZABETHAN, and now, on his departure to take over the Deanery of Gloucester, we should like once more to thank him for all he has done for Westminster, to wish him good fortune and happiness in his new surroundings, and to welcome to Westminster his successor, the Rev. W. Thompson Elliot.

A NEW GAME

"Lancing," to quote its Head Master's words, "was glad to put up with the loss of a few of its luxuries for the sake of its guests from Westminster." He might also have added that the one thing they grudged was the only part of the school that we took over in its entirety—the squash courts. Squash as a game has much which can be criticized, but if squash fever once grips you, it takes about an hour-and-a-half's continuous play each day to bring you back to normal. Westminster, a school without courts of its own, succumbed as one boy. Never a half-hour passed without one relay of Westminsters emerging worn and weary from their exertions, what time another would be entering the courts wearing optimistic grins and spotless white shorts, to take their place.

Of course, this must have been just a trifle aggravating to the normal frequenters of the courts; but where we have that jolly camaraderie that characterizes our British Youth, these petty differences are soon forgotten. To quote a small Lancing boy in the last stages of squash fever: "Why, these — — Westminsters play at all if they can't even hit the ball, I dunno." Which only goes to show, doesn't it, the spirit of friendship that existed between our two great foundations, though perhaps just a little bit concealed by the keen sense of boyish rivalry that is to be found in every community.

It has been suggested that we should be better squash players if we could play squash. That is, of course, true. Unfortunately, misguided generations of School Benefactors have omitted to provide facilities for the game, being too much occupied in building odd places like College Dormitory and the Busby Library to spare a thought for the crying need which could have been remedied in their place. Poor Dean Buckland! Eternal fame could have been his if only he had had that extra little forethought that divides a dean from a genius. To have built squash courts under College Dormitory in 1847 would have been worthy of all praise and remembrance. But it was not to be: instead, he goes down to history merely as the man who "filled in the lower parts."

To take another example: we are all very grateful to the Pilgrim Trust: they have enabled people to come in much greater numbers to stare at the mouth of College, where they fondly believe that the choir school lives and has its being. But how much nicer it would have been if they had knocked down such useless impedimenta as the School gateway and the Busby Library, in favour

of a nice bright red-brick building with the inscription : " Westminster School Squash Courts, Presented by the Pilgrim Trust " in carved letters over the doorway.

I fear that this will never come to pass. Some people seem to be fond of the queer gateway that

THE CRISIS AT WESTMINSTER

Westminster returned on September 21st in an atmosphere which was already tense. The Head Master had met many parents up School on the afternoon of the previous day, and had taken the opportunity of outlining to them his emergency proposals, and the School was similarly told on the first day of the new term that arrangements were well in hand for complete evacuation should the necessity for this arise.

Two days later came the news of the sudden ending of the Godesberg talks, and at 3.20 that afternoon an emergency meeting of the whole School was called, at which it was announced that as many as possible would be fitted for Gas Masks before they went home that evening and that the remainder would be similarly fitted on the following morning. The fitting was done by members of the staff who had taken the Special Air-raid Wardens' Course.

The week-end brought slightly better news, but at 9.40 on the Monday morning another meeting was held up School. It was announced that Rossall School had some time previously generously offered 240 boys accommodation in case of emergency, and that all parents would be informed of this at once. The rest of Monday was spent in preparations for departure. A large part of the School Library was packed up in crates by the Scouts and kit bags were distributed to all. The roofs of the boarding houses were protected with sandbags and each house carried into action plans for making one room gasproof. Windows were protected with wire and tape, and each boarder packed a trunk and many sent valuables home by rail. That evening Busby's rehearsed a complete evacuation, and the time taken from the first alarm to the actual moving off of the buses was only 16 minutes. Throughout the week-end Fields had been converted by government workmen into a series of trenches capable of holding 8,000 people. These trenches are now being completed, and will be covered over with concrete, 18 inches of earth being laid on top to enable games to continue. The actual

stands in the way, with its untidy carved letters : BARNES 1831—SMITH 1837—JONES 1824. Why, the Editor actually received a letter from an Old Westminster named Barnes who was here in 1831, on the subject. He wrote : " It would be a most scandalous thing if it were to be pulled down. "—I wonder why !

cricket pitch was not dug up, but was covered by a mobile truck to which was attached a large balloon.

At mid-day on Tuesday information came through that the Rossall Plan would have to be scrapped in its entirety. An alternative plan, involving transfer to Lancing and Hurstpierpoint, was then pushed forward, and one of the staff visited these schools during the afternoon.

Further rehearsals took place on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday it was announced that the boarders would leave that afternoon by motor coach. Those day boys whose parents wished them to do so would follow on the next day.

Punctually at 3.30 p.m. five bus loads of boys and Masters, complete with trunks, kit-bags, gas-masks, food, cutlery, and mattresses, moved off from Gt. College Street. College, Grant's and Busby's went to Lancing College, and Rigaud's to Hurstpierpoint. The buses returned later and brought down a second load of luggage. The efficiency with which the whole manœuvre had been conducted was astounding, and the speed with which Masters, Boys, and, most of all, the staff of the Work's Department had rendered the buildings as proof against bombs and gas as was possible, was a revelation to all.

On reaching Lancing the 120 boarders found accommodation awaiting them in the Lancing Dormitories. By a judicious squeezing of twenty boys into rooms built to hold ten, all were accommodated magnificently. The Westminster House Monitors were given the status of School Prefects, and allowed to use the House Captains' Rooms. The School fed at one end of the Lancing Hall, and were given seats in the visitors' portion of the School Chapel.

On the following day 60 half-boarders arrived, and a large uninhabited private house near the school was made very comfortable for them. The History and Modern Language Seventh and Sixth were given places in the corresponding Lancing forms, and the rest of the School were allotted class rooms where they were taught by Westminster Masters.

Evening Preparation was done in class rooms, and College held their usual evening prayers every

night. Shag suits were worn every day except Sunday, when all who had brought it wore School dress. King's Scholars wore their gowns at all times. Games of football, fives, and squash rackets were arranged for the School during its stay.

On Saturday evening, after Setting up had taken place in a Biology Laboratory, Latin Prayers were sung in a class room by the Master of the King's Scholars and College. The seniors occupied the place usually taken by the Monitorial Council, and the Prayers were read by the Captain of the School. Two Masters were present. On Monday afternoon a Squash Rackets match was played against a Lancing team, and an Aeronautical Society outing visited Shoreham Aerodrome. The Head Master paid several visits to the school during its stay in Sussex.

On Monday evening an informal concert was arranged by the Lancing authorities in which members of each school's staff sang. Those from Westminster taking part were: Mr. Troutbeck (at one time a House Master at Lancing), Mr. Rowe and Mr. Peebles. At the conclusion of the performance, which was conducted throughout in a delightfully hearty and informal manner, the Head Masters of the two schools made speeches in which they laid stress on the historic importance of the visit.

Throughout the stay the Lancing Masters and boys had proved most kind and most helpful, and had most generously placed all their facilities at the disposal of Westminster, regardless of the inconvenience caused to themselves. Many friendships were formed between members of the two schools and their staffs, and everyone on both sides appeared genuinely sorry when the time came to leave Sussex once more.

The journey home commenced at 3.15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th, the luggage having gone on in advance. London seemed strangely pleasant now that the tension was removed, and it was with thankfulness and relief that the School settled down to normal work again on the following day.

The writer had not the pleasure of discovering at first hand how Rigaud's were faring at Hurstpierpoint, but a letter received from their Head of House showed that they were enjoying themselves quite as much as their friends at Lancing, and had met with equal kindness and comfort. Points from the letter were:—

" . . . we are having a marvellous time, and have a magnificently palatial study with easy chairs and sofas. The boys are frightfully pleasant, and fairly swarm round to help carry things about.

When we arrived about fifty of them rushed up and whisked our baggage up to our dormitory before we could do anything! . . . we get up incredibly early; breakfast is at 7.25, then Chapel, then two hours of work with P.T. in the break. Then we have two more hours of work, and lunch at 12.45. There are games every afternoon, and tea in studies after them. Then we do some Prep., followed by two more hours of work, Chapel, more Prep., and then bed. We are a bit cramped—there are eight of us in a study meant to hold two—but we are enjoying ourselves terrifically . . ."

Lancing's impressions of the visit are contained in the following article, for which we are indebted to the Editor of the *Lancing College Magazine*:—

"Although all of us knew that the International Situation was extremely grave and that peace and war hung in the balance, yet few of us who returned on that first Friday of the term ever thought that within five days over one hundred and fifty boys from a great Public School would be seeking shelter with us. Yet so it was.

"On that memorable Wednesday afternoon, when a gloom had seemingly settled on the School and the most pessimistic foretold war within forty-eight hours, the Head Master spoke to the assembled school on what A.R.P. measures were to be taken in the event of war. Then suddenly he announced that he had offered to take a hundred boys from his old school—Westminster—and to provide them with a temporary home. All that afternoon the prospect of the forthcoming visit hurried on those who were quickly erecting beds, collecting linen, and generally preparing for the visit.

"And then fifty minutes before the first bus was due to arrive, the hardly credible news was heard that the Prime Minister was to make one last desperate attempt to save the peace of Europe and of the world.

"Within a surprisingly short time of the arrival of the buses, Westminster and Lancing men were fraternizing and generally enjoying themselves hugely. The suggestion that the two schools should in some cases work together was indeed a happy idea, for it allowed the exchanging of different points of view, and the interchanging of details of school life and discipline. Then there were the new boys of Westminster to whom was granted an experience not shared by many public school men—that of having spent time at two separate schools within the first fortnight of their public school life. But what are perhaps the most pleasant of the memories of this historic visit, were the informal talks outside school hours, when

Westminster and Lancing men could get to know details of the organization and running of their respective schools and could exchange views over a cup of tea or coffee.

"Then there was the concert on the last evening of Westminster's stay, and even if this did not contain any items of strikingly academic brilliance, yet the cheerful atmosphere completely free from anything but friendly rivalry over the merits of the performers from each school, was a sign not likely to be disregarded. For it meant that

SCHOOL NOTES

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Garnet, who, after two years at Westminster, during which he was Master i/c Fives and in charge of the Cricket XI, has left Westminster to take up an appointment at his old school—Charterhouse. Herr Kranzlin has returned to Germany after a year at Westminster, during which he performed much useful work in form and in coaching our Athletes in "field events."

We welcome this term Mr. MacInnes who has come from Balliol to take a Shell form, Mr. Rawes, and Mr. E. C. N. Edwards. Mr. Francis has been teaching Science in the absence of Dr. Burch.

The continued growth of the Modern side has necessitated the creation of a second Modern Shell which will specialize in Biology. Mr. J. D. Carleton will be in charge of the new form.

The School was evacuated from London on Wednesday, September 28th, and did not return until the following Tuesday. Full details of the period of exile will be found in this issue of THE ELIZABETHAN.

The Captain of the King's Scholars announces that all Old Westminsters desiring play tickets for their friends must apply to him by November 20th at the latest. This year's play is the PHORMIO of Terence.

The amount contributed to date to the Westminster School Society is £47,300.

Juniors' race round College Garden on Election Monday was won by P. F. Alcock, K.S. Dormitory race was not held this year.

S. R. Asquith played lawn tennis for the London Public Schools team against other schools during August.

Westminster had found a place where necessarily different views on Scholastic and Athletic topics were listened to with tolerance and good feeling. If in the unhappy, and let us hope unlikely, event that Westminsters should again have to leave their demesne and the King's Scholars be unable to fulfil the hope of Mr. Doherty that they should have another three hundred and seventy years unbroken tenure in their ancient surroundings, they will find that those at Lancing will again be ready to receive them with open arms."

Rev. R. C. Llewellyn was ordained Priest in St. Paul's Cathedral on October 2nd.

The Mure Scholarship has been won by P. H. Lloyd Jones. A. T. P. Harrison *proxime accessit*.

The number in the School this term is 339.

Both the Senior and the Junior Debating Societies condemned the Foreign Policy of the present Government in debates on Monday, October 10th. Reports will be published in the next issue.

The newly formed ESSAY SOCIETY met for the first time on Thursday, October 6th. V. G. H. Hallett read an Essay on "Archæology."

Criticism of this issue will be welcomed by the Editor.

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A contribution to the Mission's Re-endowment fund has been received from Hurstpierpoint College.

The statue of Dr. Busby was taken to Lancing College by Busby's during the evacuation.

A Squash Rackets Club has been formed at Westminster which will use the courts at Thames House.

A collection in Abbey on Thursday, October 13th, realized £40. The collection was taken by members of the Monitorial Council.

This term's Exeat has been cancelled.

All contributions to the December issue of THE ELIZABETHAN must reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1, by Saturday, November 12th.

THE CONCERT

There was a crowded audience up School on July 22nd for the School Concert. The evening went with a swing and fully maintained the School's reputation for musical proficiency. The programme had been admirably planned, and the individual performances in the first half, ending as they did with the delightful rendering by Frederick Ranalow, O.W., of a series of Sea Songs, accompanied by the Orchestra and the School Choir, led naturally on to the collective singing of the House teams in the second half. There were some really good individual performances. The playing of J. E. Hare (Ashburnham), who gave us one of his own compositions, *Dance Intermezzo*, was spirited. The piece was reminiscent of the Eighteenth Century, and one could almost see the sedan chairs, hooped skirts, ruffles, and full-bottomed wigs. R. D. Rich (Grant's) performed melodiously on the pipes, and especially impressive was the rendering of the Andante and Presto of Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor by D. L. B. Farley (Grant's), accompanied by the Orchestra. The first movement was played with delicacy of touch and feeling, and the second with great skill.

The House Choirs gave an excellent account of themselves, and Sir Adrian Boult, O.W., must have had a hard task to award the palm. The team work between the conductor, the accompanist and the choir was in each case admirable, and the audience nearly took the roof off School in the chorus of "John Peel," sung by the Ashburnham Choir.

Frederick Ranalow is a master of his craft, and what an example to every budding singer he is in the art of enunciation! His rendering of the Sea Songs was made the more effective by the harmony of the orchestra and the well modulated accompaniment of the Madrigal Society, under the polished direction of Dr. Lofthouse. In response to the audience's enthusiasm, which would not be denied, Ranalow sang a delightful ditty about the Sea Captain and a crocodile of gigantic proportions, which a little bird whispered to me he had sung, standing almost on the same spot, at the School Concert nearly half a century ago, in a piping treble voice.

After we had buried "John Peel," we all stood up and sang the "Carmen Feriale" as one man and one woman. Those Old Westminsterers who are of the pre-Carmen vintage, but who knew and loved both the author of the words and the writer of the music, must be more convinced each time they hear it that it supplies something that was

lacking in their day, for surely every school requires its own song, and Westminster may well be proud of hers.

The audience dispersed slowly after a really jolly evening, and conscious that the musical traditions of the School are growing year by year thanks to the infectious enthusiasm of Dr. Lofthouse.

PROGRAMME:—

1. King's Scholars' Orchestra. *Marche Militaire.*
Schubert.
2. Violin Solo. M. S. de Mowbray, *Adagio and Allegro* from Sonata in F. *Handel.*
3. Original Composition for Piano. J. E. Hare.
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4. Pipe Tunes. R. D. Rich. *Lullaby* *Brahms.*
Drocketty's March
Irish Tune.
5. Concerto in G Minor for Piano and Orchestra.
D. L. B. Farley *Mendelssohn.*
6. Songs of the Sea. Madrigal and Orchestral Societies *Stanford.*
Soloist—Frederick Ranalow, O.W.
(1) Drake's Drum.
(2) Outward Bound.
(3) Devon, O Devon, in Wind and Rain.
(4) Homeward Bound.
(5) The "Old Superb."
7. House Choirs : Homeboarders : Song of the Volga Boatmen *arr. Williams.*
Rigaud's : The Joy of the Hunter *Weber.*
8. Piano Duet. "Ballet." D. I. Swann, K.S., and D. C. Hampton Smith, K.S. *Debussy.*
9. Grant's Vocal Quartet. "Strange Adventure."
Sullivan.
10. King's Scholars' Chamber Music. T. B. Nicholas, K.S., H. C. Garner, K.S., D.I. Swann, K.S. Trio in G Major for Violin, 'Cello and Piano *Mozart.*
11. House Choirs : Ashburnham.
The Bay of Biscay *Davy.*
John Peel *North Country Song*
12. Carmen Feriale Westmonasteriense *Bridge.*
National Anthem.

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

College won the Music Cup again this year and by quite a comfortable margin. Their lead, however, was gained largely on the Individual events, for the competition put up by the houses was very much stronger in those events which were decided up School in the afternoon. The Individual events were judged by Mr. Dykes Bower, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and by Mr. R. G. Carritt and Mr. J. R. C. Engleheart, O.W. The number of entries was very large, and the judges remarked

on the high standard attained, particularly in the instrumental solos.

In the afternoon we were fortunate in having Sir Adrian Boult, O.W., to judge the combined events. The house choirs competition proved that this year the day boys were superior to the boarders, who had always won in recent years. Ashburnham were the winners, singing the set-piece "The Bay of Biscay" with fire and rhythm. For their own choice they gave an excellent rendering of "John Peel" with I. R. Clout as a fine soloist. Rigaud's chose "The Joy of the Hunter"—a happy song which they performed with a pleasing variety of tone and colour. Homeboarders were third, singing "The Song of the Volga Boatman" with great feeling.

The vocal quartets seemed to get lost in the great expanse of School, and difficulty was experienced in starting. Grant's—the winners—improved as they gained confidence. At Dr. Lofthouse's suggestion, Sir Adrian conducted the massed quartets who then sang far more happily.

There were four House Orchestras this year, as against six last year, but the standard was high on a harder piece. College came first, with Grant's a worthy second. Rigaud's made history with an orchestra composed of four pianos and a Saxophone.

College also won the Chamber Music, playing a delightful Mozart trio. It was a pity that Homeboarders could not compete owing to the loss of their violin.

Finally it may be said that the standard of performance throughout the competitions was unquestionably high, due to the great keenness of all concerned and especially of the conductors. And we must express our heartiest thanks to Sir Adrian Boult for his adjudication and valuable criticism.

The Winners were :—

Piano Solo—	
Senior—Farley.	Junior—Swann, K.S.
String Solo—	
Senior—de Mowbray.	Junior—Bunting.
Wind Solo—	
Senior—Adams, K.S.	Junior—Swann, K.S.
Piano Duet—	
Senior—Sharrard, K.S. and Hampton-Smith, K.S.	Junior—Swann, K.S. and Hampton-Smith, K.S.
Vocal Solo—	
Senior—Jagger.	Junior—Cooper.
Piano Sight Reading—Hunt.	
Instrumental Sight Reading—Rowland.	

Vocal Sight Reading—Nicholas, K.S.

Organ Solo—N. Brown, K.S.

Original Composition—Hare.

Vocal Ensemble—Grant's.

The Final positions were :—

College (A. V. Adams) 335.

Grant's (R. D. Rich) 215.

Ashburnham (C. S. Jagger) 190.

Homeboarders (M. V. Harrison) 166.

Rigaud's (J. H. McBliss) 75.

Busby's (R. E. Nye) 35.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION 1888-1938

(This account is taken from a booklet written by Sir Arthur Knapp, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.B.E., Chairman of the Committee, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Mission.)

The Mission Club first opened its doors on October 22nd, 1888, in St. Mary's Schools, Charing Cross Road. This was the outcome of a meeting held up School in the previous March in which the Dean, Dr. Bradley, presided.

One hundred and eighty boys drawn largely from the Seven Dials, then one of the worst slums in London, were soon catered for under the energetic Secretary, Rev. W. Failes, a master at the School. Gymnastics, Chess, Draughts, training in Wood and Metal Work, and Bible Classes, were some of the Club's activities.

In 1892 these premises ceased to be available, and the Club was moved to Regency Street, Westminster, where under John Sargeant and the Clergy of St. Mary's Church the Mission flourished for eight years. Shorthand and a Musical Society were some of the new activities.

In 1900 troubles began to arise, and a proposal was made suggesting that the Mission be closed down. A determined effort was made to resist this, and the Club was handed over to the Vicar of St. Mary's to administer as one of his Parish activities. The technical classes were given up, and a company of the Church Lad's Brigade formed.

After two years in New Street, the Napier Hall was opened, and cricket and football were started. E. W. Pole, O.W., began a violin class which he conducted weekly for over ten years, and a half company of the 1st Cadet Battalion, The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, formed under H. G. C. Pedler, O.W. During the War the

Company provided over 150 disciplined and instructed young men for the Army.

After the War the Cadets moved to Chelsea and then to their present Headquarters, Lammas Hall, Battersea. The Church Lad's Brigade company was given up, but the 1st Westminster Scout Troop came to Napier Hall, and remained there until 1930.

In 1933 it was decided that in future the Committee should itself take over the control of the club and employ a Lay Superintendent to manage it. The present Secretary is Captain B. Stuart Horner.

O.T.C. CAMP

This year we went to a new camp at Oxney.

Whether because it was new or whether because the Army as a whole has improved under its new Minister, there were many ways in which the camp was better than those of the last few years. The food, in particular, was far above the usual standard, and although the accommodation was rather cramped and the sing-song lacked a considerable amount of sparkle, the weather made up for it all by its never failing warmth and sunshine.

The organization of the training could do with a little improvement. There were many times when one marched long distances only to sit down behind a bush and wait for the cease-fire signal. Again, the "Night-Ops." were an unfortunate failure because the enemy failed to send out any patrols. But despite all that, the morale of the Westminster contingent was very high, and interest and good humour was sustained by such things as the visit of the Head Master, the sports and innumerable fire-alarms—some real and some false—the false ones usually taking place at about 3 a.m.

E. P. H.

SCOUT CAMP

This site of this year's camp was at Kinlochewe, a village at the South-eastern end of Loch Maree, about level with the Island of Skye. The situation was superb; a little stream flowed past the camp and emptied itself into the loch which is surrounded by an exciting variety of wooded hills, high peaks, and moorland deer forests, intersected by little valleys and streams which often end in tall slender waterfalls. Slioch, the highest mountain in the district, was ringed with vast belts of deer, and therefore climbing on it was forbidden.

The journey to Kinlochewe was by rail as far as Achnasheen and thence by Highland bus; here the Troop was treated to a skilful demonstration

of dangerous driving along the narrow precipitous lanes, but arrived safe though tired. Camp was pitched in record time and some of the amenities of the neighbourhood explored before night. These consisted of a "fishin'-and-shootin'" hotel and Cameron. This latter was a Scot of good intentions but surprising vocabulary who ran a well-stocked house of business. He would guarantee to produce any goods under the sun provided he was given seven days' notice.

During most of the camp there was a strong representation of Old Westminster Rovers, including that monument of toughness, Ted Bindloss, last year's Troop Leader Harry Budgett, and Archie Winkworth, whose car proved invaluable for the transport of a mump-ridden Scout to his home at Watford. The presence of the Rovers was especially valuable, both in view of their capacity for hard work and their greater experience of camps and scouting.

The weather during most of camp was excellent, but the first three days were wet. These days were mostly devoted to jobs about the camp, which included the fitting out of the new store tent as a larder, the manufacture of benches for the dining-tent, and the erection of a flagpole from which a Union Jack was flown; it was even rumoured that a full-size camp-bed had been seen, in a time of distress, fluttering from the top.

The site was soon found to be admirably situated as a starting point for walks and climbs, though most of these were rather long. This, however, maintained the camp's standard of mileage, and most Scouts did a fifteen-mile walk or climb on three days out of four. The nearest mountain, Meall a Chubhais, took about three hours to climb, but even from its relatively low summit, 2,000 feet high, a superb panorama of surrounding peaks, lochs and wooded islands, and in the Western distance the sea and the mountains of Skye could be seen.

The defects of a Scottish camp were few; the most important proved to be the insects. For about two hours every morning and evening the midges took control of the camp. Neither rain nor sun discouraged their rapacity and the only thing to do was to whistle for the wind or to get above the midge-line, which turned out to be distressingly high. Towards the end of the camp, each patrol was treated to an entirely midge-free day, which consisted of an excursion in one of the cars round the coastal lochs up to Ullapool, some fifty miles away. These trips were thoroughly successful and gave the Troop a much more complete idea of the Highlands than could be got from walks nearer to Kinlochewe.

ORATIONS

Oration took place on Election Tuesday, and a fair entry competed for the Henry Troutbeck prizes which are awarded each term. The Seniors had been set four stanzas from the "Scholar Gipsy," and F. E. Noel Baker proved the winner in spite of strong competition from Carlyle, K.S., and Bernacchi. The juniors' piece—"The last fight of the *Revenge*"—provided a great contrast to Arnold's placid lines, and here the orators, rather than the poets, were victorious. Honour and Lloyd Jones were judged equal firsts.

The Clifton Gordon Reading Prizes were won by I. R. Clout (Senior) and Lloyd Jones (Junior). The pieces set were Shirley's "The Levelling Dust" and a speech of Lord Chatham's in the House of Lords. The standard was high in both sections.

Election Tuesday Orations are the lineal descendant of the speeches which Major Candidates were required to make at Election and which Forshall so vividly describes. Perhaps one day Major Candidates will revive that excellent custom, but meanwhile let us hope that increasing numbers will enter for the Henry Troutbeck Prizes each term, and so improve both their own ability to get up in Public and also the School's acquaintance with the best of the Poetry and Prose in our language.

SCHOOL EPIGRAMS

Election Tuesday brought forth a good crop of Epigrams which were recited by their authors with confidence and enthusiasm. The thesis this year—*Exceptio probat regulam*—gave opportunities for compositions on almost any subject, and in the nine of these which were produced we were given recitations on subjects ranging from the Westminster School Society to the tanning of boys.

Five of the epigrams were written in Latin or Greek, and consequently the extreme wit contained in them was lost on all save a few. We were more at home with Whiskard's delightful plea on behalf of the Society, with Kinchin Smith's cynicism about P.T., and with Batten's superb effort which dealt with certain little habits which are usually associated with a certain member of the staff. But it was splendid to get an epigram from the Captain of the School, and those who wrote in the learned languages must not be put off by lack of applause. And perhaps next year some Town Boys will join the select band who are still carrying on this old and much neglected custom? We hope so.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

In spite of the fact that the holiday season is notoriously the worst from the point of view of those whose business it is to collect money for any cause, however deserving, the Westminster School Society is able to announce that subscriptions and donations received since the last issue of *THE ELIZABETHAN* bring the total so far subscribed to approximately £47,300. In other words, very nearly half the required minimum amount has already been forthcoming.

It will be unnecessary to remind past and present Westminsters that the sooner that the full sum is subscribed, the sooner the organizers will be able to push forward their plans for improving Westminster. Either by life subscriptions in the form of seven year covenants or by becoming an Associate member (£1 1s. a year), it is possible for every Westminster past and present to do his share in building up this much needed fund; and it is earnestly hoped that by the time our next issue is published we shall be able to report that the half way mark has been passed. Donations and enquiries should be addressed to—

The Hon. Secretary,
Westminster School Society,
The Bursary,
Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

ELECTION, 1938

ELECTED TO CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

J. O. L. Dick (History).
G. C. Castellain, K.S. (Classics).
R. V. C. Cleveland-Stevens (History)
S. A. R. Asquith (Hinchliffe Scholarship in Modern History).

TO EXHIBITIONS—

C. G. F. Hayes (History).
M. L. Patterson (Science).

ELECTED TO TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

W. P. W. Barnes, K.S. (Classics).
I. R. Clout (Natural Science).
E. N. Skrender, K.S. (Mathematics).

ELECTED TO TRIPLETT EXHIBITIONS FOR THREE YEARS.

M. T. Cherniavsky, K.S. (History).
W. P. W. Barnes, K.S. (Classics).
C. G. F. Hayes (History).

HALL EPIGRAMS

If the historian of the next century has not yet developed some mechanical means of palaeoscopy, he could learn a good deal about the popular interests of any year by consulting the Westminster epigrams. And it is certain that he would consider that the most embracing subject in 1938 was the Defence of the Realm—in capital letters. As one of the best epigrams of all (and the best spoken as well) put it :

“ We give the morning to P.T.,
The afternoon to O.T.C.,
And soon the night to A.R.P.,
And all the rest of the time is free.
What happy little boys are we ! ”

After the bureaucratic letters, for some reason dentists were popular and each thesis was used to give them a dig.

“ Certain of heaven and scorning Caesar’s laws,
The martyrs bravely faced the lion’s jaws,
But bravelier still I ring my dentist’s bell,
For I’m quite certain that he’ll give me hell ! ”

Suo sibi gladio hunc iugulo.

“ I wrose in wrath from out the chair,
And bound the wretched dentist there :
Then, as with unrelenting will
I savagely applied the drill,
I smiled and said : ‘ Hunc iugulo
Suo sibi gladio.’ ”

There was no French and German and alas!
no Russian, but the dead languages rose and
danced nimbly enough.

A SCHOOLMASTER

“ Terribili pueros praedixerat ore magister,
‘ Si quis serus adest, virga, cavete, manet.’
Hora sonat : iam tum pueri subsellia complent ;
Ecce ! minax pendet virga, Magister, ubi es ? ”

And even Mr. Punch, who like dictators, is not
much of a linguist, might have recognized this :—

“ Non cupimus bellum : bellumne mehercle requiris ?
Arma, viri nec non suppeditantur opes. ”

Though it was Latin which said good-bye to
Dr. Costley-White :

“ Quo pueri in templo tua vox arguta sonabat,
Huc senior laeta sorte, Decane, redi. ”

it was Greek which greeted the oldest Old Westminster (was it because *ἐκατονταετής* is such a lovely word for elegiacs ?) and the new Dean, and lamented the old in lines which he himself would surely have appreciated :

ἡγήραος μὲν ἔων ἔτεσιν πραπίδεςσι δ' ἀγήρωσ
οἴχεται, ἀρνίμενος μισθὸν ἐνσεβίης
οἴχεται, ἀλλ' ὅτε μυθολογεῖ μακάρεσσι παρ' οἴνῳ,
ὄρνυται ἀσβεστος κἂν Ἄϊδαο γέλωσ.

Was there ever a time when epigrams were actually composed during dinner ? Was there a race to finish one between the fish and the entrée as there is now to finish the *Times* Crossword between the porridge and the toast ? If such artifices existed, I doubt if they ever wrote anything as neat and as polished as this :

‘ Odiosa est meorum
Tota gens didascalorum :
Sed debentur grates verae
Illi quod me docuere,
Infinitos per discursus,
Scribere Latinos versus :
Ut nunc possim hoc scholare
Genus omne condemnare,
Inter gratulationes,
Ad infernas regiones,
Sine damno, sed Latinis
Contumeliis et minis
Elegantioribus
Coram Electoribus. ’

T. R. G.

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1937-8

SCHOLASTIC

In addition to Election, nine members of the School took open Scholarships. The following successes were recorded :—

One Brackenbury Scholarship at Balliol College.

Two Exhibitions at Trinity College, Cambridge.

In July 19 members of the School took the Higher Certificate Examination as candidates ; 16 passed. 61 members of the School took the School Certificate ; 48 passed.

THE WATER

The eight rowed two races against other schools. Both were won.

Five clubs were met during the season. Two were beaten.

FOOTBALL

Six School matches were played. One was won, two were drawn, and three were lost.

Ten Club matches were played. One was won, three were drawn, and six were lost.

CRICKET

Five School Matches were played. One was won and four lost. Eight Clubs were met. Three were beaten.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

R. W. Parkinson Smith, Esq. (O.W.), very kindly consented to judge the entries in the competition on "School Life and School Buildings," which was held last term. In order that the competition should be a real test of ability, competitors had to produce at least four prints. The first prize of 15/- went to D. R. Halsall, K.S., for an animated and very interesting set of pictures. The second prize of 10/6 went to B. V. I. Greenish, for a set which was outstanding in technical quality and contained the best print entered, but was spoilt by the fact that the other three were not much more than postcard views. The third prize of 5/6 went to E. P. Hawthorne, for a set which contained a good picture, the remainder being merely average news-shots. C. R. Strother-Stewart and P. M. Shearman also produced two quite interesting sets. After the competition an exhibition was held in the Scott Library, by permission of the Librarian. In addition to the pictures mentioned above, Mr. Burd exhibited a very fine set of pictures taken with a Leica, and Mr. Carleton and Mr. Rowe showed some intriguing new angle shots.

This term we have obtained from the *Amateur Photographer* a set of prize slides entered in their Lantern-slide competition: these will be shown on December 5th. We are also forming a portfolio to which members will contribute one print every month.
E. P. H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has been re-formed this term under the following officials:—

- Hon. President F. F. Calway
- Hon. Vice-President..... M. Kinchin Smith,
K.S.
- Hon. Secretary B. A. Giles
- Hon. Treasurer D. F. Pears

Other Members of the Committee—E. S. Meyer, K.S.; F. E. Noel Baker.

Membership of the Society is open to all those in the Seventh and Sixth Forms. The first Debate was held on Monday, October 10th, on the Motion that "This house approves the policy of the present Government regarding Czechoslovakia." The motion was lost by 7 votes to 15. A full report will appear in the next issue of THE ELIZABETHAN.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. Oct. 28th.* St. Simon and St. Jude. Service in Abbey, 9.15 a.m.
 - Tues. Nov. 1st.* All Saints' Day. Service in Abbey, 9 a.m.
 - Wed. Nov. 2nd.* O.T.C. Field Day with Aldenham School.
 - Fri. Nov. 11th.* Armistice Day. Service up School, 10.45 a.m.
 - Thurs. Nov. 17th.* FOUNDATION DAY. Accession of Queen Elizabeth, 1558.
 - Sat. Nov. 26th.* THE CHARTERHOUSE MATCH. Vincent Square, 2.30 p.m.
 - Wed. Nov. 30th.* St. Andrew. Service in Abbey, 9.15 a.m.
 - Sat. Dec. 10th.* OLD WESTMINSTERS MATCHES. Vincent Square, 2.30 p.m.
 - Sat. Dec. 17th.* FIRST PLAY.
 - Mon. Dec. 19th.* SECOND PLAY.
 - Tues. Dec. 20th.* THE WESTMINSTER DINNER, Dorchester Hotel.
 - Wed. Dec. 21st.* THIRD PLAY.
 - Tues. Jan. 17th.* Lent term begins; ends April 4th.
- (A list of the Principal Football Fixtures will be found under that heading.)

PHORMIO 1938

CRITO	.....	.....	R. L. Batten
CRATINUS	.....	.....	T. B. Nicholas
HEGIO	.....	.....	D. R. Halsall
NAUSISTRATA	.....	.....	A. V. Adams
DORIO	.....	.....	R. A. Wollheim
SOPHRONA	.....	.....	R. H. F. Carlyle
DAVUS	.....	.....	T. J. Brown
PHAEDRIA	.....	.....	J. A. Staynes
ANTIPHO	.....	.....	J. O. Blaksley
CHREMES	.....	.....	E. M. H. Wilkinson
PHORMIO	.....	.....	M. W. O'Brien
DEMIPHO	.....	.....	E. S. Meyer
GETA	.....	.....	M. Kinchin Smith

ESSAY SOCIETY

At a meeting held in the Scott Library on Monday, September 26th, it was decided to form an Essay Society open to members of the Seventh forms. Officials were elected as follows:—

- Hon. President M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.
- Hon. Secretary R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S.

The first meeting of the Society was held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th, when V. G. H. Hallett read a paper on "Archæology." It is hoped to continue fortnightly meetings throughout the term.

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLEMENT

A VISIT TO MILTON

BY ONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE
CUSTOMARY SUMMER TERM
EXCHANGE

My arrival in America proved more eventful than I at first imagined. Since I was a minor it was necessary for someone to come and claim me before I was allowed to land. Not knowing anything about this, I asked the Steward what would happen. He very cheerfully told me that Ellis Island was quite comfortable! However, in due course my American relative found me. While checking my baggage I was handed a telegram and found it was from Lawrence Brown who, of course, was one of the Milton exchange students at Westminster last year. He and another Milton boy, Jack Ballantine, were waiting for me outside. This just serves to illustrate how very hospitable and friendly the Americans are. Although I hadn't even announced my arrival they just met the *Queen Mary* on the off chance that I would be there. Everywhere in America I met this friendly spirit. After a hectic week in New York, I boarded the train on Monday, April 12th, for Boston and ultimately Milton. I was once more taken care of by a train load of Milton boys and girls. I don't know whether it is generally known at Westminster that Milton Academy has a girls school more or less attached. For what it's worth I pass the information on to you. If the editor cuts this out it's not my fault, as he told me to make Milton attractive. Anyway, we eventually arrived in Boston and three of us set off by taxi for the school which is about eight miles distant. In spite of mountains of luggage "we made it." We drove right past the school buildings, which are laid out in a most attractive and practical manner amongst large areas of sloping lawn. This I was informed was the campus. Then the taxi turned into a drive entrance and I was at Upton House, known as the country club, owing partly to the friendly atmosphere therein and partly to its remoteness from the other school buildings.

The first person I saw was none other than George Hurd, Jr. George, who is taller than ever, introduced me all round and showed me my room. Unlike the system at Westminster, everyone either has a room to himself with a bed and writing desk,

or else two people share a room. In Upton House everybody shared a room. Then I met my housemaster, Mr. Sturgess, and his very charming wife, and my housemaster, Mr. Abel. You see, Upton House had two of them. Remembering that America was democratic, I assumed quite rightly that there was no fagging system. I paid five cents a time to have my shoes cleaned by an enterprising youthful member of the house and I had to ask politely for them and always accept them instead of growling at someone to "put on some more polish." The school is divided into upper and lower. The upper school assembles every morning at 8.30 for a short address and a hymn in Wigg Hall, and the lower school in another hall. In these Halls there is a desk for every boy and it is here or in the library that he sits when he has a private study period. The whole school sits in a large dining hall for lunch, in a similar fashion to College Hall, and the food is really grand. It is served extremely well and I hesitate to think of Milton boys' impressions of College Hall. Anybody in College or up Busby's will understand what I mean. Sports take place after school—at the latest 3 o'clock—and continue until, in some cases, a few minutes before the evening meal. Although in the daytime one can wear practically anything, at supper it is compulsory to wear a stiff white collar and a suit. The inside of the school took my breath away. In every room there was a beautifully polished floor and extremely fine and very comfortable chairs. No bare lamp bulbs here but extremely pleasant indirect lighting and air conditioning. Home must seem awful after Milton.

Baseball matches are held every Wednesday afternoon and I found that it was a game that I could watch all afternoon without being bored for one moment. Just imagine a cricket match in which the batsman shouts at the bowler telling him he can't bowl, and the remainder of his team supports him.

I was very sorry indeed when the term ended, and I should like to express my sincerest thanks to all those at Milton, masters and boys, who made my short stay so very enjoyable. A word of advice to those who may be going to Milton some day. Take a camera and get Father to provide you with enough money to enable you to see the rest of the U.S.A. I found that this can be done quite easily with two other boys and a second-hand car.

A. H. F.

'JUG-JUG' SAID THE OWL

'Jug-Jug,' said the owl
 Sitting on the moon.
 What does an owl
 Know about the moon?

Would it be a bore
 To sit on the moon?
 No, for there's no law
 About sitting on the moon.

The man in the moon
 Looked down on the world;
 He thought it to be a loon,
 Smug, neat and curled.

'Does the one,' Alice said,
 'Win the world that's sane?'
 'Dear me, no,' the King said;
 For, you know, as one would, he thought Alice insane.

R. A. W.

I LOVE TO LIVE

I love to live where the moon may shake me
 To watch the stars at their play,
 And in the morn where the sun may wake me
 To greet the break of the day,
 I love to roam where the wind may take me
 And gather me warm to its heart,
 And then, laughing madly, sadly forsake me
 And cruelly force us to part.

R. H. F. C.

THE PRAYER OF A YOUTH DURING THE CRISIS

Lord, give us peace that we may live
 to do Thy will and make this land
 into a better place, before
 destruction comes with deathly hand.

Lord, give us grace that we may see
 how much remains for us to do:
 how we can help in little ways
 to bring goodwill on earth anew.

Lord, give us strength to keep our heads
 and let our minds unbiassed be;
 and we will try to make this world
 a finer, better place for thee.

M. K. S.

HISTORICAL

WILLIAM JUNION RUTHERFORD

A perusal of Mr. Carleton's admirable little volume in the Public Schools Series (Blackie & Sons Ltd., 1938) prompts the writer to question whether his summary of Dr. Rutherford's Headmastership is altogether a fair one. For a wider public the only other summary is John Sargeant's in the D.N.B., which is primarily concerned with him as a scholar, and it would seem that there is room for a biography by some impartial hand.

Nowadays the appointment of young Head Masters is almost common form, and has become the theme of playwrights and novelists, generally to the detriment of the young Head Master: moreover, the present-day Head Master is largely set free from the duty of teaching and can concentrate on the multifarious problems and duties of administration. Half a century and more ago such an appointment was quite an innovation, and such a separation of duties unknown, consequently a young Head Master even in normal times had serious responsibilities to be faced in an atmosphere probably none too friendly—for most innovations are unpopular—with colleagues some of which may have spent a life-time in the service of the School.

But when Rutherford was appointed the times were far from normal, and anyone acquainted with the condition of affairs in the School in the final period of Scott's régime would agree that the time was ripe for drastic reform, and a reform which could not fail to antagonise certain interests, however conciliatory the manner in which it was carried out.

Having had personal experience of the old régime, the writer can only assume that the Governing Body was well aware of some of its most serious defects, and that the new Head Master was appointed with a definite mandate to end them. If this assumption is incorrect, no "short breathing space" would have improved matters, and Rutherford did his duty in tackling the thankless job at once.

The old régime with its licence and indiscipline was no doubt a pleasant enough time for the boys, but it could not be maintained that it was profitable for their future careers, or enhanced the reputation of the School.

It is a testimony to his courage and sense of duty that hostile opposition and pungent criticism never deflected him from his purpose, when he might so easily have won "popularity" by taking the path of compromise.

Curiously enough the essential nature of some of his reforms escaped notice, and criticism has fastened on such externals as the suspension of Water, the Pancake Greaze, the abolition of the Horseshoe Forms, and alleged flouting of old traditions. As to Water, no one regretted the decision more than the writer, but the circumstances which rendered it inevitable existed before Rutherford came to the School. The Pancake Greaze, in its old *melée* of most of the School among the horrible old forms and on boarded floor, was productive of some damage to the person, and the writer's recollection is that some small boy was rather seriously hurt. It is strange that the scrapping of the mid-Victorian abominations in School should have provoked such lamentations, and on most questions of historical tradition the Head Master was much better informed than his critics.

It required a firm disciplinarian to deal with some of the situations which arose when authority was openly defied, but Rutherford knew well how to quell young "rebels" with a look, and the birch was always in reserve: one incident was most unfairly exploited in the Press when the Head Master "handed" a boy for sneezing—and richly he deserved it!

The boys, except a small coterie of irreconcilables, soon realized that their young Head Master was not a man to be trifled with. Except with a small minority he was never unpopular, and the great majority of the School soon learnt to appreciate his great qualities of heart and mind.

A great man he certainly was, and why not a great Head Master?

He spent himself, and was spent in the service of Westminster, cut off in the prime of life.

It is tragic to realize that he died so young, for it is difficult to conjecture what he might not have accomplished, had his health been spared.

To those who knew him in private life how charming he could be, when the cares of office left him free to wander over the Downs with them. Many an O.W. must know the little Saxon Church at Bishopstone, and the great flat stone in the churchyard, on which was cut just his name and the date—at his own request.

THE RECORD OF OLD WESTMINSTERS

TEN YEARS' WORK

It is now ten years since the *Record of Old Westminsters* was published. That work, as the preface to the recently published *Supplement* remarks, "may justly be claimed to have set an entirely new standard for works of its kind," and although no one who has not attempted a similar enterprise can possibly realize the immense labour of collecting and identifying all those who have been educated at the School since the sixteenth century, even the layman must have been impressed by the *Record's* reception in genealogical and learned journals. It was immediately recognized as being in a class by itself so far as School Registers were concerned, and its accuracy, its range, and its compression, were acclaimed with something like enthusiasm.

Its editors, the late G. F. Russell Barker and the late A. H. Stenning, each devoted a lifetime to it, and it was a bitter fate that carried off the former only a few months before it was published. On Stenning's death in 1932 Mr. J. B. Whitmore and Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, both of whom had contributed substantially to the original work, undertook the task of keeping it up to date and of further identification and research.

The results of their labour, the first instalment of which has now been published, are arranged in two divisions, the first containing addenda and corrigenda to the original work and the second the names of all those admitted to the School since Play Term, 1919. It is not an ideal arrangement, as the editors are the first to admit, but in a work of this kind, commanding a limited public, to have republished the *Record* as a continuous whole would have been impossible, and as it is, the burden of financial responsibility, generously shouldered by the Elizabethan Club, is a heavy one. The Club's action is one which will have the approbation, and it is to be hoped, the practical support, of the general body of Old Westminsters. The time will come, in five, ten or fifteen years' time, when "the stream of addenda and corrigenda to the original work may be expected to have diminished to a mere trickle," and when it will be possible to publish a definitive edition. In the meantime the *Supplement*, which must be used in conjunction with the original *Record*, is a worthy addition to the bibliography of Westminster, and its well-produced illustrations, the

first of John Sargeant in a characteristic attitude, and the second of the King and Queen at the Play last December, is an original and attractive feature in a work of this kind.

During the past ten years research has added a number of new names to the list of those known to have been educated at the School. Three, William Culverden, Gilles Spenser, and John Spencer, belong to boys known to have been at Westminster under the monastery, an interesting addition to our scanty knowledge of the School during that period. Some note books and accounts kept by Alexander Nowell (Head Master, 1543-50) and now in the Bodleian have produced several new names of boys who were on Henry VIII's foundation, and Mr. L. E. Tanner, ever on the alert for new information regarding the School, has produced a new list of names from such an unlikely source as an early seventeenth century Chapter Lease Book. New lists have also come to light which enable us to fill in the often considerable gaps in the later Admission Books. Several of these lists, apart from their value for record purposes, have interesting associations of their own. One, for October, 1803, was compiled by Lord John Russell when a boy at Westminster, and amongst others, five were in the possession of Stephen Prescott White (a kinsman of the Charles Best White whose bold effrontery resulted in William IV's attendance at the Play), whose portrait as a King's Scholar in Ackerman's *Public Schools* will be familiar to many.

Of new names perhaps the most interesting is that of Humphrey Henchman, the friend and contemporary of George Herbert, who was rewarded at the Restoration for the part he had played in the escape of Charles II after the Battle of Worcester with the bishopric of Salisbury, and who, on his translation to London, won general approval by remaining at his post during the great plague. Of entries which appeared in the earlier work, and appear again with additional details, some, like Edward Upton Eddis, victor of the last fight in Milling Green, are interesting for the associations of their school days. Others, like Charles Cibber or Sloper, as his name is given in the Abbey registers, had acquired an interest for posterity even before they entered the School. Pierce Meyrick and his brother Richard, who while still at school, married in the Fleet two girls whom they had met casually in Hyde Park, were no credit to Westminster; yet their youthful escapade led to the passing of Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act, and thus indirectly they might be said to have been of some service to the nation.

These neat, condensed biographies, affording sidelights on celebrities or throwing limelight on nonentities, give an impressive picture of Westminster talent (sometimes misplaced) through successive generations. In the rogue's gallery Charles Clutterbuck (admitted 1770) gets a high place. A clerk in the Bank of England, he forged the signature of a cashier to the blank notes in his charge to the tune of some £6,000, and when discovery was imminent, absconded to France, where he thought he would be safe. But the French authorities decided to take the matter up. He was tried, and sentence of death, afterwards reduced to service in the galleys for life, was passed upon him. On August 31st, 1785, he left Arras to carry out his sentence, and that was the last that was heard of him. Even the indefatigable editors of the *Supplement* have failed to keep track of his subsequent fortunes.

More orthodox careers were those of Humphrey Hughes, one of the original officers of Monck's Coldstream Regiment, now the Coldstream Guards, and of George, second Earl of Cholmondeley, who was appointed Colonel of the 1st Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards on its formation in 1693. Among naval officers appear Thomas Corbett, who was present at the capture of Gibraltar, and John Hallett, midshipman in the *Bounty* at the time of the famous mutiny, and on the same page as the latter is to be found the late Mr. D. M. Hannay, naval historian and one of the founders of the Navy Records Society.

Authors are too numerous to mention individually, though one feels that Walter Adam (admitted 1806), author of *The Osteological Symmetry of the Camel*, should be rescued from oblivion. In the same way, also, news value seems to lurk in the professions of John Dymblebee and Philip Kynnersley, who were Yeoman of the Larder and the Removing Wardrobe respectively, under the first and second James's.

Painters, at any rate of the first rank, appear to be lacking. Westminster seems to have been content to study art at second hand. Thus, we find Dudley Carleton, first Viscount Dorchester, whose diplomatic successes were recorded in the earlier volumes, figuring here in a new role as collector, and exchanging his wonderful collection of marbles for pictures and tapestry with no less a person than Peter Paul Rubens. If painters wanted subjects, of course, Westminster could supply them. Those who saw the recent Reynolds Exhibition will remember two pictures mentioned here—the famous portraits of Master Crewe (admitted 1781) in fancy dress as Henry VIII, and

of the Chinese Boy whom John Bradby Blake (at Westminster under Markham) brought home from one of his eastern voyages. Both these pictures are in private collections, but there have been many Westminsters of all generations whose features the nation has thought fit to preserve for the admiration of the public. These, as another entry records, are now in the safe keeping of a member of their old school, Mr. H. M. Hake, who since 1927 has been Director of the National Portrait Gallery.

Since the original *Record* was published death has taken a heavy toll. It is impossible to enumerate the many losses which the School has suffered in the last ten years, but such names as Walter, Lord Phillimore, Sir George Sutherland, and Philip Webb, cannot be omitted. In the same way, space forbids mention of the honours and distinctions achieved by Westminsters in every sphere. It would be invidious to attempt a selection, but perhaps it is permissible to mention Lord Davidson, governor, friend, and neighbour of the School, who, after gradually extending the long list of letters at one end of his name, lost the familiar J.C.C. at the other in exchange for a viscounty some eighteen months ago.

The second part of the *Supplement*, which contains the names of those admitted from 1919 to 1937, necessarily lacks some of the variety of the first, for the generation which entered the School at the age of 13 in Play Term, 1919, is now aged only 31, and to be distinguished, or even well known, at that age is given to few. But from the genealogist's point of view the completeness of its information with regard to parentage gives Part II a high value, and the review in the current issue of the *Genealogist's Magazine* pays a well-deserved tribute to the energy of Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, on whom the labour of collecting and collating information has chiefly fallen.

It contains in all 1,625 names, spread out over 18 years—an average of some 90 admissions each year. Of these, 122, or one-thirteenth, were the sons of Old Westminsters. It is not as high a proportion as it might be; but quality may make up for quantity. Argyle, Cleveland-Stevens, Edgar, Everington, Fursdon, James, Lush, Moon, Peck, Radcliffe, Tanner, Waterfield, Watherston, Williamson, Winckworth, Woodbridge are names, to mention only a few, which it is pleasant to see appearing again in a school list. R. O. I. Borradaile (admitted 1935) deserves a place to himself as the fourth generation of his family in direct descent from father to son to have been educated at the School; and it is also good to find families which

were names in the past returning to Westminster after a gap of a generation or more. The names of Bosanquet, Cotter, Lygon, and Noel are examples, and, too late to be included in the *Supplement*, there has come a representative (on his mother's side) of the famous Westminster family of Williams Wynn.

The number of families which have sent two or more sons to the School in recent years is remarkable. In the period 1919-37, 47 boys were admitted who had had brothers at Westminster before Dr. Costley-White became Head Master; there have been 155 boys who have had one brother at the School either during or after their own school-days; 19 families have been represented by three sons apiece; and two families have each been represented by no less than four; so that out of a total of 1,625 boys, 422, or more than one-quarter,

have had brothers at the School at one time or another. Statistics notoriously prove nothing, but in an age of economic stress and a diminishing birth rate these figures are not without significance.

From its nature the *Supplement* can hardly be a best seller. But it may well find its way on to the bookshelves of all those to whom Westminster means something more than just the place where they were once at school. Whether it is regarded as a means for genealogical research or whether merely as a peg to hang memories on, it is a book worth possessing and one of which the School, no less than its editors, may justly be proud.

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A PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRIP TO CANADA

Under the auspices of the School Empire Tours Committee, a number of public school boys, accompanied by two masters, paid a month's visit to Canada.

The trip was designed to be instructive as well as enjoyable; a wide selection of interesting places was visited and we were brought into contact with the people, institutions and representative industries of Canada.

We travelled third class on the boat, which enabled the Committee to keep the cost very low, but we were most comfortable, the Cunard White Star Line allowing us the use of the tourist and first-class decks for games.

After an eight days' crossing to Quebec our tour began in earnest. We motored round the historic Isle of Orleans and were entertained by the Quebec Provincial Government at the Montmorency Falls, which are 250 feet high. From there we went by river steamer to Montreal where we were shown over the largest cold storage plant in the world, in the freezing chambers of which was food which had in some cases been stored there for over a year. Later in the day we were taken over a huge grain elevator in which grain is stored and weighed before being shipped.

At Ottawa we inspected a pulp and paper mill where lumber, after being floated down the river, is sawn up and then pulped by huge crushers, and

eventually the paper is wound off at five miles an hour.

The best part of the tour was spent at Camp Kagawong, which is off the beaten track and 100 miles from Toronto. We slept in log huts and spent six days in riding, sailing, canoeing, and swimming. We were all glad of the rest after the somewhat strenuous travelling and sightseeing. Canadian camps in no way resemble our O.T.C. or Scout camps; they are holiday resorts provided with every facility for sport and enjoyment, and in them the Canadian boy spends a great deal of his three months' summer vacation.

On returning to Toronto we visited the Exhibition and the same evening left by the lake steamer for Niagara Falls, which is one of the most awe-inspiring sights in the world. We stayed at the General Brock overlooking the falls and we were specially privileged to see electric power stations supplying thousands of square miles of country.

We travelled by train to New York and toured the city, being taken up the Empire State building, 1,200 feet high, from which we saw the whole city spread out before us. That evening we were shown over Radio City and the broadcasting studios.

On leaving America we saw the Statue of Liberty and the last of the skyscrapers from the decks of the *Queen Mary*. We inspected the whole of this wonderful ship and enjoyed the swimming baths. The trip home on this "floating hotel" made a fitting end to a most enjoyable and unusual holiday.

R. G. W.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP

Four hundred is a pretty large number for a camp. But four hundred of us there were, leaving Buckingham Palace Mews, crowding through London to Liverpool Street, bustling into special trains and changing into double-decker buses, arriving at Southwold.

And four hundred there were at the camp itself, playing games, bathing and sun-bathing, lazing in the heat or eating in the canteen—four hundred to feed and four hundred rushing madly out of the dining tent each evening to get the best places in the entertainments tent for the evening's fun.

Shorts and a shirt or a bathing suit—that's all we wore.

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The camp was divided into sections of twenty, ten of whom came from factories and offices and ten from Public Schools. Over each section was a section leader.

Every morning there were inter-section team games, which included a variety of activities such as hop, step, and jump, putting the weight, tug-of-war, foot and hand netball (a game combining rugby, soccer, and lacrosse on an unbounded field), relay hurdles and relay steeplechase. On the last day there was a two-and-a-half mile cross-country race. In all these items the scores of each section were added up, and finally the winning section was presented with a challenge trophy, in recognition of its achievement.

Bathing took place twice a day on an appallingly pebbly beach. A couple of ancient fishermen rowed moodily to and fro in the water looking out for potential corpses. The sea was often rough and sometimes cold, but the attendance was generally pretty large, chiefly owing to the handful

of biscuits which came one's way after the bathe.

In the evenings nearly three hours were spent in the entertainments tent. There were rigged up a serviceable stage and a first rate film-projector, and the time spent there was extremely popular, watching amateur productions, singing well-known songs, and seeing excellent films such as "Dr. Syn." The entertainments were run entirely by the camp parson and were extremely good.

The climax of the whole week was the day on which the King himself, rowed ashore by the two ancient fishermen, took part for several hours in the life of the camp, before returning once more on board the royal yacht.

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The week at Southwold was most enjoyable, surprisingly energetic, and extremely healthy. Friendships were quickly made in this atmosphere, alike between Public School and working boys. The aim of the camp—the breaking down of class barriers by the closer bond of the team spirit—was clearly most effective in its results. Class was there completely non-existent: one did not consider for one moment whether it was a worker or a scholar with whom one was talking and joking. Perhaps the only criticism one might venture to make is the almost permanent sectional division. Absolutely everything was done in Sections, with the consequent result that one never got to know anyone outside one's own section. Indeed, there was almost a feeling of mock hostility between members of different sections. But no doubt without this division the team spirit would have been impossible.

It was with great reluctance that we decamped on the following Saturday. Everyone had enjoyed their week's holiday, and London seemed strangely busy and hurried after the timeless existence of Southwold Common.

P. H. B.

CHARLES WESLEY'S PRAYER BOOK

Westminster returned from Lancing the richer not only by many pleasant memories of an enjoyable visit but also by a notable gift to the School archives. Some time ago Mr. E. B. Gordon, of Lancing, bought from an Edinburgh bookseller a late seventeenth century Greek prayer book. The book, bound in black morocco, with neat panelled sides and floral corner ornaments, bore the book-plate of James Raphael Stewart, together with an inscription stating that it had once belonged to Thomas Ogilvy, the son of the last Episcopalian minister of Lintrathen. It also bore, on the top right-hand corner of successive pages, a series of single letters which, on being pieced together, proved to be the

following inscription: *E LIBRIS CAROLI WESLEY HUIUSCE ECCLESIAE SANCTI PETRI COLLEGIATI ANNO DOMINI ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE CHARLES WESLEY HIS BOOK WHO IS OF SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE WESTMONSTER AMEN (sic)*. Wesley was admitted to Westminster in 1716.

Mr. Gordon generously expressed a wish that this relic should return to Wesley's old school. There was no formal presentation, but an inscription was inserted as follows:—

Presented to Westminster School by Lancing College as a memento of the visit of Westminster to Lancing.

Sept. 28th—Oct. 4th, 1938.

F. C. DOHERTY. J. T. CHRISTIE, Head Masters.

SCHOOL OFFICERS 1938-9

THE MONITORIAL COUNCIL

E. S. MEYER, K.S.	.....	PRAEFECTUS.	Captain of Gym.
F. F. CALWAY	.....	PRINCEPS OPPIDANORUM.	Head of Busby's. Captain of Cricket. President of the Debating Society.
M. A. PEARS	.....	Head of Homeboarders.	Captain of Fencing. Head P.T. Instructor.
P. GOATLY	.....	Head of Ashburnham.	Captain of Football. Hon. Sec. Cricket. Under Officer in O.T.C.
F. E. NOEL BAKER	.....	Head of Grants'.	Secretary of School L.N.U. Branch.
D. D. BAILEY	.....	Head of Rigaud's.	
E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S.	.....	Captain of Fives.	
M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.	.....	Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN.	President of the Essay Society. Secretary of Political and Literary, and Aeronautical Societies.
B. V. I. Greenish	.....	
D. V. L. Odhams	.....	Head of the Water.	
E. P. Hawthorne	.....	Hon. Sec. Water.	Under Officer in O.T.C. Secretary of the Photographic Society.
R. M. T. Walker Brash, K.S.	.....	Captain of Athletics.	

(Capitals denote School Monitors.)

OTHER OFFICERS

Captain of Lawn Tennis	.....	R. G. Woodwark.
Head of Music	.....	D. L. B. Farley.
Leader of the Scout Troop	.....	R. L. Batten, K.S.
Captain of Chess	.....	M. W. O'Brien, K.S.
Secretary of the Debating Society	.....	B. A. Giles.
Secretary of the Essay Society	.....	R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S.
Captain of Shooting	.....	R. Wakeford.
Representative to the School Mission	.....	R. E. Nye.
Captain of Boxing	.....	I. J. Abrahams.
Captain of Swimming	.....	D. L. Stevenson.
Hon. Sec. Football	.....	K. A. Hinge.
Comptroller of the Boat House	.....	R. Wakeford.
Secretary of the Natural History Society	.....	J. R. A. Stickland.
Assistants to the Librarian	.....	R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S. ; J. A. Staynes, K.S. ; J. O. Blaksley, K.S. ; M. C. Bong ; V. G. H. Hallett ; M. W. O'Brien, K.S.

PREACHERS IN ABBEY

The following list is printed for the benefit of Old Westminsters and others wishing to attend Abbey Services during the term.

- Sun. Oct. 30th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. F. R. Barry, D.S.O., D.D., Canon in Residence.
6.30 p.m., Rev. J. M. Cuningham, M.A., Canon of Ripon.
- Sun. Nov. 6th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. W. Parkes Gascoign, Vicar of St. Paul's, Thornton Heath.
6.30 p.m., Rev. F. West, M.A., Chaplain of Ridley Hall.
- Sun. Nov. 13th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. Oliver S. Tomkins, M.A., Secretary of the Student Christian Movement.
6.30 p.m., Rev. Bernard K. Kissack, M.A., Vicar of Knaresborough.
- Sun. Nov. 20th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. H. Montague Dale, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's, Bournemouth.
6.30 p.m., Rev. Roger B. Lloyd, M.A., Canon of Winchester.
- Sun. Nov. 27th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. V. F. Storr, M.A., Sub-Dean.
6.30 p.m., Right Rev. and Right Hon. F. Winnington Ingram, D.D., Bishop of London.
- Sun. Dec. 4th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Canon in Residence.
6.30 p.m., Ven. C. S. L. Alford, M.A., Archdeacon of Bristol.
- Sun. Dec. 11th.* 10.30 a.m., Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Canon in Residence.
6.30 p.m., The Right Rev. The Dean.
- Sun. Dec. 18th.* 8 a.m., School Communion.
10.30 a.m., Rev. W. Thompson Elliot, M.A., Canon in Residence.
6.30 p.m., Rev. F. E. Murphy, M.A., Prebendary of Wells : Rural Dean of Bath.

The School Service is said daily at 9.20 a.m. except on Saints' Days, when it is said at 9 a.m., and on the last day of term, when it is sung at 10 a.m.

EXCHANGES

The Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN acknowledges the receipt of magazines from the following schools:—

Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Charterhouse, Shrewsbury, Mill Hill, Bedford, Blundells, Stonyhurst, Aldenham, Sedburgh, Sherborne, Cheltenham, Christ's Hospital, Felsted, Milton Academy (U.S.A.), St. Peter's (Adelaide), Beaumont, Tonbridge, Malvern, Alleyn's (Dulwich), Radley, Repton, Lancing, Bradfield, Rugby, Panorama (U.S.A.), Marlborough, Haileybury, Wellington, St. Edwards (Oxford), Leys (Cambridge), City of London School, Edinburgh Academy, Fettes, Royal College (Colombo), Milton Academy Girls' School (U.S.A.),

and also of:—

The Portcullis, I.P.C. News Letter (5), Artists Rifles Gazette, Boy Scouts News Sheet (8), Trinity University Review, E.P.S.A. (South Africa), Milton Bulletin (U.S.A.), Britannia Magazine, Sotoniensis, E.P.S.A. (Australia), R.A.F. College, Cranwell, Journal.

SCHOOL PRIZES

The most important School prizes awarded during the School year, 1937-8, were won by the following:—

- Mure Scholarship (Classics)—D. F. Pears.
 Ireland for Greek Verse—R. D. Kidner.
 Ireland for Latin Verse—R. D. Kidner.
 Waterfield for Latin Prose—1st, No Award.
 2nd, W. P. W. Barnes, K.S.
 Phillimore for Latin Translation—A. C. H. Barlow, K.S.
 Rouse Ball for Mathematics—E. N. Skrender, K.S.
 Neale for History—M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.
 Goodenough for Modern Languages—J. A. Staynes, K.S.
 O.W.W. Masonic for Science—I. R. Clout.
 Sykes Memorial for Divinity—M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.
 Vincent for English Literature—M. T. Cherniavsky, K.S.
 P. H. Lloyd Jones, aeq.
 Phillimore for English Essay—R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S.
 Gumbleton for English Verse—M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.
 Knapp-Fisher for Music—R. D. Rich.
 Troutbeck for Orations (Year Prize)—F. E. Noel Baker.

Altogether 71 prizes were awarded during the year, and a full list of their winners will be found in the School Roll published at the end of Election Term.

CORRESPONDENCE

POINTS FROM LETTERS

The Ashburnham House Choir which sang "John Peel" in the music competitions last July, sang "gay" instead of "grey." Apologies are offered to all concerned.

C. S. JAGGER.

D. H. R. Archer was the winner of the Junior Vincent Prize last term, and not R. K. Archer, as was stated in our last issue.

R. K. ARCHER.

To the Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN :

Sir—Though Vincent Square is dug up, I believe that we still have a right to its use. May I suggest, therefore, that the O.T.C. is allowed to use the trenches—on their completion; this would give us valuable experience of the actual conditions of warfare.

I am,

Yours hopefully,

V. G. H. HALLETT.

THE SCHOOL MISSION JUBILEE

OCTOBER 1888—1938

A meeting of the supporters of the School Mission was held at 8.15 p.m. on Saturday, October 22nd, in the School Gymnasium. The Dean of Westminster presided and after making reference to the flourishing history of the Mission, the Agenda for the meeting were considered.

The Annual Report and Accounts for the year were passed and then followed the election of officers for the coming year. Sir Arthur Knapp then reminded us of the original conception of the Mission, "that the School should undertake some special Mission work and that the assistance of Old Westminsters should be invited," laid down at the first meeting on October 22nd, 1888. He hoped that in future some readjustment to this original plan of combined co-operation and responsibility between Masters, the School and Old Westminsters, with the Mission might be achieved.

The Head Master then spoke, welcoming us all in the name of the School and hoping that Sir Arthur's wish would be fulfilled. He thanked Sir Arthur for his untiring work on behalf of the Mission which he had given so cheerfully and unselfconsciously throughout his long connection with the Mission. He then asked the Dean to make the presentation to Sir Arthur of an electric magnifying glass. Sir Arthur, in thanking the Dean for this gift, said how much he had to thank the Mission for providing him with an absorbing and congenial interest after his return from India. He also wished to express his appreciation for the gift that Hurstpierpoint School had made to the Mission. Captain Stuart Horner then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for his presence and help. He pointed out that at the 1888 meeting the Dean was supported by two members of the Chapter and he hoped that once again we might have their valued support.

Entertainment was then provided by the Mission and School.

First we saw a boxing match between J. Graham of Napier Hall and E. Phillips of Lammas Hall. This was followed by a demonstration of Drill by a trained squad and recruit squad of cadets from Lammas Hall.

In view of the fact that it is hoped to start fencing at Napier Hall, M. A. Pears and R. E. Nye of the School, gave an exhibition of Foil and Sabre. Some Table Tennis matches between members of Napier Hall were held with great

success. The entertainment ended with a camp fire scene and songs by the Scout Troop.

Captain Stuart Horner then proposed a vote of thanks to the Head Master for allowing us to come to the gymnasium and for so kindly providing refreshments for the entertainers in College Hall.

THE WATER THE REGATTA

Two records were broken during a fortnight's hard racing at Putney. The record for the Senior Fours, set up by Homeboarders in 1937, was beaten by 10 seconds by Ashburnham; the record for the Junior Sculls, held by C. A. Argyle since 1936, was lowered from 2.43 to 2.41 by both J. D. Lever and P. B. Taylor on the same day. Once again we had an event for Pairs; the new boats were a great success and all the steerers managed to avoid the Black Buoy and other obstacles, though some of them took strange routes in doing so.

On Finals' day we fortunately had the river entirely to ourselves. During the Tea Interval films of the year's activities were shown in the Boathouse, and at 7.30 the prizes were given away by Mrs. Costley-White who came down with Dr. Costley-White.

The points for the Halahan Cup were: Homeboarders 71, Grant's 31, College 31, Rigaud's 23, Ashburnham 23, Busby's 2.

SENIOR FOURS

Grant's Homeboarders	Homeboarders	Ashburnham	} College
	Ashburnham		
	Rigaud's College	College	

College gave two fine displays of how to go off the start as if they were taking her in. In their first race against Rigaud's they led immediately and were never seriously pressed although Rigaud's had shaped well in practice. In the final Ashburnham fought to the end, but were beaten by one length in 4 min. 53 sec. This was the first occasion on which College had won this event.

Rigaud's challenged Ashburnham for the Town Boys' Rudder, and the race was rowed during the morning of the last Monday of term. Ashburnham won by 1½ lengths.

College IV.—R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S. (bow), 9.10; G. C. Castellain, K.S., 11.2; W. P. W. Barnes, K.S.,

11.3; T. B. Nicholas, K.S. (stroke), 10.2; P. Sleight-holm, K.S. (cox), 8.6.

Ashburnham IV.—P. F. Taylor (bow), 10.8; R. H. Namias, 11.8; A. M. Bell, 10.11; J. A. P. Bowen (stroke), 10.8; P. J. D. Lofting (cox), 7.7.

SENIOR SCULLS

Namias Knox	} Namias	} Namias	} Namias
	} Argyle	} Wakeford	
	} Taylor K.S.	} Wakeford	} Nicholas, K.S.
	} Wakeford	} Rich Nicholas, K.S.	
	} Barnes, K.S.	} Batten	} Hawthorne
	} Batten	} Bowen	
	} Bowen Wedgwood Benn	} Bowen	} Shearman
	} Shearman Morton	} Shearman	
	} Hawthorne Knowles	} Hawthorne	} Hawthorne
	} Odhams Bell	} Odhams	

Final: E. P. Hawthorne (H.B.) v. R. H. Namias (A.H.).

Hawthorne led from the start and, sculling strongly and smoothly, he increased his lead to win easily.

THE SILVER SCULLS

Final: C. R. Strother-Stewart (G) v. W. H. Allchin (A.H.).

The veteran, Strother-Stewart, who won this event in 1936 and was in the Final in 1937, regained his honours by beating Allchin easily in 4 min. 57 sec.

JUNIOR SCULLS

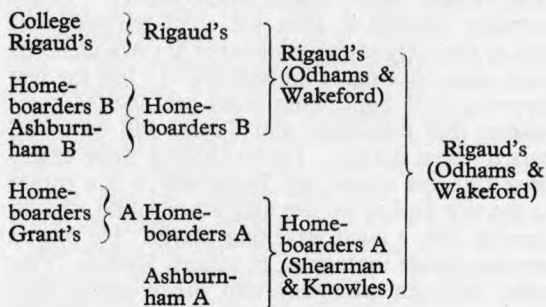
This event attracted a record entry of 43 scullers, and the standard throughout was most encouraging.

Final: P. B. Taylor (H.B.) v. A. J. M. Clark (H.B.).

Taylor had previously equalled the record of 2.41 and beat Clark, who was sculling very well, by 1¾ lengths in 3 min. 1 sec.

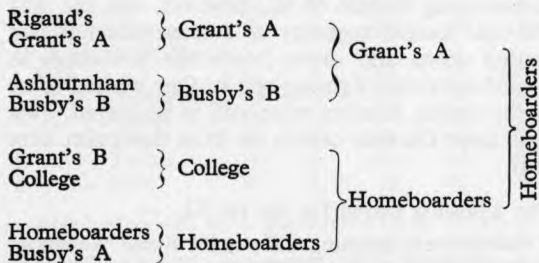
HOUSE PAIRS

Some of us enjoyed practising, all of us enjoyed watching the practice, in the new Pairs. There were varying opinions about the best way to balance and propel these craft but in spite of several experiments, there were no accidents, except when a gate came undone during a race. The course was from the U.B.R. Stone to Harrod's.



The Final was a great race : the boats were almost level after the first mile : then Odhams and Wakeford slowly drew away to win by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 7 min. 21 sec.

JUNIOR FOURS

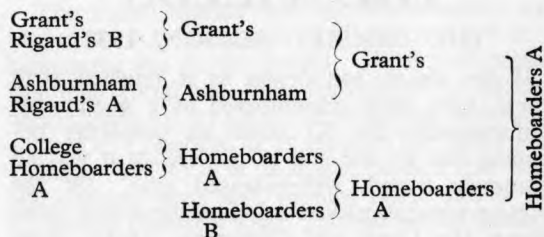


Competition among the Junior Fours was very keen and a large crowd gathered on the bank to follow the Final. The Homeboarders' cox steered, as he had for the Junior-Senior Four, a very good course, and his crew went away to win by 2 lengths in 5 min. 4 sec.

Homeboarders IV.—S. J. G. Neal (bow), 7.2 ; H. A. I. Rowland, 8.7 ; L. O'B. D. Featherstone, 9.0 ; M. C. M. Blackburn (stroke), 8.1 ; P. K. P. Sheldon (cox), 6.13.

Grant's IV.—J. D. B. Andrews (bow), 9.5 ; C. I. A. Beale, 9.0 ; F. G. Overbury, 9.9 ; D. P. Davison (stroke), 9.0 ; I. J. Abrahams (cox), 9.3.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS



Mumps and other troubles upset many of the Junior-Senior Fours, but it was a strong Grant's Four which Homeboarders beat in the Final by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 5 min. 23 sec.

Homeboarders IV.—J. L. Mason (bow), 10.0 ; M. H. Brashier, 9.9 ; A. J. M. Clark, 9.8 ; P. B. Taylor (stroke), 10.6 ; P. K. P. Sheldon (cox), 6.13.

Grant's IV.—M. H. Flanders (bow), 10.8 ; R. D. Rich, 9.2 ; R. K. Archer, 10.6 ; C. R. Strother-Stewart (stroke), 13.0 ; D. S. Wilde (cox), 6.9.

LAMPROBATICS

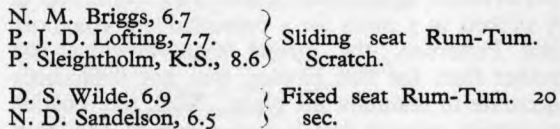
Town Boys' IV.—A. M. Bell (bow), P. M. Shearman, D. V. L. Odhams, M. Knowles (stroke), P. K. P. Sheldon (cox).

College IV.—R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S. (bow), G. C. Castellain, K.S., W. P. W. Barnes, K.S., T. B. Nicholas, K.S. (stroke), P. Sleightholm, K.S. (cox).

Course : U.B.R. Stone to the end of the Fence.

We were prepared for shocks after College's victory in the Final of the Senior Fours, but Town Boys, although they took their time over the first part of the course, eventually won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length in 4 min. 23 sec.

COXSWAINS' HANDICAP SCULLING RACE



Lofting beat Sleightholm, K.S., by a canvas in 5 min. 40 sec., and Wilde was a short distance behind.

W. S. B. C.

THE FIELDS

THE CRICKET SEASON, 1938

If the season had begun as it finished 1938 would have been remembered as a good year. Unfortunately the XI made an unworthy beginning but by the end of the season it was an extremely useful, well-balanced side. Of the thirteen matches played only four were won, those against the Lords and Commons, Radley, Eton Ramblers and O.W.W., one drawn and eight lost, but three of the victories were in the last four matches played, which left us full of hope for next year as a fair number of the side will still be available.

The season began with only three Pinks: Gawthorne, Calway and Eyre. Gawthorne captained the XI and proved himself a sound, energetic and resourceful leader. It was a pity that he did not come off as often as was expected. He is a beautiful stroke player with all the shots at his command. But he could not strike his true form. Eyre bowled exceptionally well throughout the season. It is not often one comes across a bowler of his accuracy and consistency in a school side. With a beautifully easy action he was able to bowl for long spells, always doing something with the ball if the wicket gave him any assistance at all. Calway, too, proved a useful all-round member of the XI, a quick bowler with a fine action, often erratic but often dangerous—in both senses—and an aggressive if slightly over-impetuous batsman. That was the nucleus round which Gawthorne had to build his side.

Undoubtedly the most pleasing feature of the side was the variety given to the attack by two spin bowlers, Greenish and Taylor, both of whom will be here next season. Both are genuine spinners, Greenish liable to be the more deadly on his day but Taylor the more consistent, and both should improve tremendously with further experience. Eyre, Calway, Greenish and Taylor were the chief bowlers. Hanrott and Patterson were also tried as fast bowlers, but Hanrott, except for his startling performance against the Lords and Commons of 5 wickets in 5 overs for 5 runs, did not come off, and Patterson, the strong man bowling fast rather than the fast bowler, was not sufficiently accurate to maintain his place. Neal, too, bowled a certain amount but lacked accuracy and pace off the wicket and was therefore too expensive.

The batting strength of the side varied but it looked like a run-getting side. Gawthorne, one felt, might make a hundred any time. Goatly,

Greenish and Calway all got runs on occasions and were always willing to attack the bowling. The most consistent bat was probably Wilkinson, K.S., and next year, helped by a season's experience and a few more inches, he should make a lot of runs. He possesses, moreover, sufficient of the Yorkshire temperament to make him a valuable player in a crisis. Neale, too, made some runs and with a little more confidence and enterprise might have made many more. Lewis certainly seemed to have the right temperament and by the dogged employment of his own methods more than once made himself useful. For the rest we may well hope from what we saw of their batting that Borradaile and Taylor will be useful bats for next season. Taylor showed more enterprise this last season and Borradaile, a late comer to the side and as yet not altogether sound, should develop into a good attacking player. He played one invaluable innings of 44 against Radley. Two other batsmen who may also prove useful next season are Reed and Meyer. Reed, with his height and easy genial style, is quite likely to upset an irritatingly steady bowler, and Meyer, K.S., although he could not settle down last season, has methods peculiar to himself which may prove disconcerting on occasions.

The fielding was on the whole good, and at times very good—and this applies also to the wicket-keeping of Goatly. Perhaps the most encouraging feature of all, however, was the way the side united together as a team when it had settled down and drove home the advantage in a good confident fighting spirit. One wished some of the earlier fixtures were still to be played. We shall hope the side carries on from that point next year.

The following played for the 1st XI. :—

Gawthorne* (captain), Calway,†* Eyre,* Goatly,†* Greenish,†* Neal,* Wilkinson, K.S.,†* Taylor,†* Lewis,* Meyer, K.S.,† Hanrott, Reed,† Borradaile,† Patterson, de Mowbray,† Hinge,† Hunt.

(* Indicates a Pink. † indicates "will be here next season.")

THE SECOND XI.

The Second XI had quite a good season. Inevitably the composition of the side varied through the demands of the 1st XI and so it was not possible to build up a regular side with a regular captain. The XI contained some promising players, however, and there were some good individual performances. Of the eight matches played two were won, two lost, three drawn, and one ended in a tie.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE

The Charterhouse match was played up Fields on July 9th. By then Charterhouse had proved themselves about the best public school side of the year, but with memories of last year's match at Charterhouse and of our more recent victory over Radley the previous Saturday, we hoped at any rate to see a good game. It is not being presumptuous when we say that had it not been for the weather we might have seen a very good finish. Westminster batted first and made a total of 200. This, certainly, did not seem quite enough for the occasion, but with six Charterhouse wickets down for 152 runs it was anybody's game. The Westminster bowling looked—to borrow one of the B.B.C. commentator's favourite phrases—pretty hostile, and the fielding was good. Just at that point we dared to hope at least for a tight finish. Then came the rain and for some time it continued to pour down mercilessly. Eventually it cleared just sufficiently for the game to go on, but the life had gone out of it. The Charterhouse batsmen took full advantage of a wet ball and soon knocked off the necessary runs without further loss of time or wickets.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL AVERAGES 1938

	Inn.	N.O.	Total	Hgst.	Aver.
1. P. P. Gawthorne	15	0	404	85	26.93
2. P. Goatly	15	0	365	121	24.33
3. F. F. Calway	15	3	288	88	24.00
4. E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S.	14	1	262	40	20.15
5. B. V. I. Greenish	13	0	247	82	19.00
6. K. V. Lewis	15	0	290	75	19.33
7. K. G. Neal	15	1	239	70	17.01
8. A. F. Taylor	12	4	133	32	16.62
9. P. C. Eyre	12	4	73	21	9.12

Also batted.—R. O. I. Borradaile, 18, 3, 11, 44, 6, 1, 35 and 11*; E. S. Meyer, K.S., 0, 6, 28, 4, 1, 7, 2 and 7; R. A. Reed, 8, 13, 13, 6 and 0; M. L. Patterson, 0, 1, 7* and 0; F. G. V. Hanrott, 0, 2 and 0*; K. A. H. Hinge, 0 and 9; J. I. P. Hunt, 3* and 5*; and M. S. de Mowbray, 8.

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
1. A. F. Taylor	70	7	207	14	14.78
2. P. C. Eyre	185.1	37	620	35	17.71
3. F. F. Calway	106.2	16	442	19	23.26
4. K. G. Neal	41.5	1	219	6	36.50
5. B. V. I. Greenish	91	6	518	13	39.15

Also bowled.—F. G. V. Hanrott, 46-4-176-7; M. L. Patterson, 33-1-181-3; J. I. P. Hunt, 11-1-61-1; K. A. H. Hinge, 9-0-46-1; P. P. Gawthorne, 14-0-90-3; R. A. Reed, 6-2-28-1; and E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S., 8.4-1-47-2.

P. Goatly caught 11 and stumped 8.

O.WW. MATCH

The match against the Old Westminsters was played on July 22nd and 23rd and resulted in a substantial win for the School. The School batted first and scored 264. The features of the innings were a lively 121 by Goatly in under two hours and a stand of a hundred in 45 minutes by Goatly and Calway. The O.WW. managed to pass this total and declared their first innings closed at 269 for 10 wickets (twelve a side). In their second innings the School went all out for runs and finally declared at 218 for seven wickets, leaving the O.WW. 214 to make. Gawthorne's 85 was a really good innings and again there was a fine stand, this time Gawthorne and Wilkinson, K.S., putting on 103 in under an hour. The O.WW. made a poor beginning and thanks to some really good bowling by Taylor (5 for 18), Calway (3 for 22), and Eyre (2 for 21), the School won by 133 runs. Gawthorne handled his bowlers extremely well, never letting the batsman settle down. It was a good finish to the season.

LAMPROBATICS

KING'S SCHOLARS

E. S. Meyer, K.S., b Gawthorne	0
E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S., c Goatly, b Gawthorne	19
D. C. H. Smith, K.S., l.b.w. Goatly	1
H. C. Garner, K.S., l.b.w. Borradaile	0
R. W. Young, K.S., c Patterson, b Gawthorne	0
T. J. Brown, K.S., c and b Lewis	25
R. M. Walker Brash, K.S., c Calway, b Borradaile	3
J. M. Erde, K.S., run out	1
G. C. Castellain, K.S., b Lewis	11
J. M. Whiskard, K.S., b Lewis	0
J. M. Allan, K.S., not out	5
Extras	10
	75

Bowling.—Gawthorne, 3 for 14; Lewis, 3 for 19; Borradaile, 2 for 7; Goatly, 1 for 13.

TOWN BOYS

P. C. Eyre, c W. Brash, b Meyer	30
M. L. Patterson, b W. Brash	7
J. I. P. Hunt, c and b W. Brash	1
A. F. Taylor, c Meyer, b W. Brash	8
R. O. I. Borradaile, c Erde, b W. Brash	8
P. Goatly, b W. Brash	8
M. de Mowbray, run out	12
F. F. Calway, c Meyer, b W. Brash	9
B. V. I. Greenish, b W. Brash	9
P. P. Gawthorne, not out	45
K. V. Lewis, not out	11
Extras	14

Total for 9 wkts. 162

Bowling.—Meyer, 1 for 68; W. Brash, 7 for 49; Allan, 0 for 31.

SCHOOL MATCHES

Westminster: 200 (Neal 38).
 Charterhouse: 202 for 6.
 Radley: 118 (Eyre 4 for 26; Calway 3 for 14).
 Westminster: 187 (Borradaile 44; Taylor 32).
 Wellington: 337 for 7 (Gracey 125).
 Westminster: 224 (Gawthorne 79; Goatly 53).
 Stowe: 259 (Eyre 6 for 49; Hastings 68).
 Westminster: 101 and 120 (Scholfield 5 for 28 and 5 for 34).
 Sherborne: (305 for 7).
 Westminster: 83 and 51 (Calway 32*.)
 Seniors were won by Homeboarders.

THE COLTS

The season must be accounted a successful one. The results came very near to achieving the ambition of the "Coltmaster" of an unbroken record—an ambition realized at football but never, within his memory, at cricket. The last match, against Lancing, postponed this achievement for another year, but there was a sense of drama up to the end in that our opponents were also fighting to realize the same ambition.

The first match, *v.* Stowe, was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

The second match, against Aldenham at Grove Park, looked like ruining our ambitions straight off as we were all out for 74. However, by good bowling and good fielding we won the match by 8 runs—Mitchell taking 4 wickets for 6 runs.

Against St. Paul's, at Ealing, we had the perfect match from a sporting point of view. Our opponents made 155 for 7 and gave a well-timed declaration. We just made the runs in time for the same number of wickets, but credit and thanks are due to the opposing captain for ensuring an intensely exciting game up to the very end.

This victory was followed up by a defeat of Eastbourne up Fields by 88 runs, the scores being 199 to 111, and by a rather barren draw, also up Fields, against Harrow, in which they made 203 for 7, leaving us quite insufficient time in which possibly to make the runs. The match ended with the Westminster score at 132 for 6.

Our team were rather too strong for one from the St. Stephen's Boys' Club; our opponents were dismissed for 50 (Whittington taking 5 wickets for 7 runs) and we made 111 for 7, two batsmen retiring voluntarily.

The Lancing match should have been played away but an epidemic of measles there made it necessary for their team to come up Fields. A downpour of rain at lunch time made it out of the question to play on the pitch prepared, but both teams had so much at stake that they would have played under almost any conditions. A previously played-on and unrolled wicket became possible, though distinctly tricky, for play. We batted first and were out for 103. Our opponents, after losing 2 wickets for 1 run and 3 for 17, settled down too comfortably and made the runs for the loss of 5 wickets.

Both bowling and batting successes were distributed more evenly over the team than is often the case, and the fielding and captaincy were of the high standard that Colts' elevens here have often been fortunate to have.

The team was:—C. A. Richardson (captain), K. A. H. Hinge, R. O. I. Borradaile, G. M. Woodwark, J. Mitchell, J. I. Bates, R. G. Whittington, J. R. Russ, I. A. Renny, R. G. Dawson, J. W. Coleman, J. Ferrers-Guy.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES 1938-9

- Sat. Oct. 29th.*—XI *v.* Lancing Old Boys, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Tues. Nov. 8th.—XI *v.* Trinity College, Cambridge, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Nov. 12th.—XI *v.* Christ Church College, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Nov. 19th.—XI *v.* Malvern (away).
Sat. Nov. 26th.—XI *v.* CHARTERHOUSE, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Dec. 3rd.—XI *v.* Aldenham (away). 2nd XI *v.* School Mission, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Dec. 10th.—XI *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Dec. 17th.—Old Westminsters *v.* Old Aldenhamians, (Arthur Dunn Cup), Vincent Square, 2.30.
Tues. Jan. 24th.—XI *v.* Oxford Univ. Centaurs, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Jan. 28th.—XI *v.* Old Malvernians, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Feb. 4th.—XI *v.* Casuals, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Feb. 11th.—XI *v.* Highgate, Vincent Square, 2.30.
Sat. Feb. 16th.—XI *v.* Winchester (away).
Tues. April 4th.—Old Westminsters Football Club Annual General Meeting, up School.

FOOTBALL

With five Pinks available, the prospects for this season seem to be fairly bright, although the half-back line at the moment is a source of weakness. Both of last year's backs are again available, as are the three inside forwards. P. Goatly is Captain and K. W. Hinge, Secretary. Other Pinks who have returned are: J. S. E. Duke, B. V. I. Greenish, and K. V. Lewis.

The first match against the Old Carthusians had to be cancelled, owing to the evacuation. The match against the Old Bradfieldians was lost 1-3. That against the Old Aldenhamians was lost 1-2, but on Saturday, October 22nd, the School beat Lancing after a hard game by the only goal scored. The team was:—

F. F. Calway; B. V. I. Greenish and J. S. E. Duke; C. A. Richardson, R. G. Woodwark and D. A. Trehearne; E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S., P. Goatly (capt.), J. H. Page-Wood, K. A. Hinge, and R. G. Dawson.

SQUASH RACKETS

The week at Lancing was historic in many respects, and not least for a Squash Rackets Match that was played on Monday, October 3rd, between teams representing Westminster and Lancing. It is believed that this is the first Squash Rackets match ever played by the School, although there is a flourishing Old Westminster Club devoted to the game. The School Team was composed almost entirely of novices, and so the margin of the defeat sustained—five matches to nil—must be excused.

The Westminster team was:—

M. W. O'Brien, K.S.
E. S. Meyer, K.S.
E. M. H. Wilkinson, K.S.
R. M. T. Walker-Brash, K.S.
J. O. Blaksley, K.S.

SWIMMING 1937-8

The attendance at the baths for training in the winter months was very bad but improved in the summer owing to a new arrangement by which boys had the option of doing swimming in place of other evening stations.

This year the School had no outstanding exponents of the crawl such as our American friends of previous years. There were, however, six people who could do 44 yds. in under 30 secs.

The breast stroke was admirably swum by L. V. Worthington and I. Clout, this being the

second year the breast stroke team have been unbeaten.

In the backstroke P. Leveaux has been consistent as first string, while L. V. Worthington, Clout and Hall, have each swum as second string.

P. Leveaux was unbeaten in the plunge and, since Christie had the same record last year, this is the second unbeaten year. Leveaux's 55 ft. against Stowe is exceptionally praiseworthy.

Both Hall and Stevenson dived well throughout the season and did well to come first and second in three of the matches.

In the matches the School were successful against U.C.S. and Aldenham. They lost to Eastbourne and were also unsuccessful in a triangular match with Harrow and Stowe.

The Swimming sports were won by Homeboarders with a large margin of points. Rigaud's were less fortunate in having three members of the team absent owing to mumps. J. Mason is to be congratulated on this victory.

Of the newcomers, D. Meldrum shows special promise and should be in the team this year.

The team last year was:—

L. V. Worthington (captain), I. R. Clout (secretary), D. Stevenson, P. Leveaux, V. Hall, A. Racic, J. Mason, B. Nordon, P. Zoephel (reserve).

LAWN TENNIS, 1938

The Tennis team last season was not as successful as one could have wished. Of the 12 matches played only one was won. The sole representative of last year's six was S. R. A. Asquith (Captain) who had the misfortune to strain his back early in the term and this, with the inexperience of the rest of the team, gave the season a bad start. Difficulty was at first experienced in the selection of the 2nd and 3rd pairs but once this was overcome the team settled down, although as the six was rather young the standard of play was not as high as in former years. Unfortunately the 2nd and 3rd pairs did not have the same measure of success in their matches as was attained by the 1st pair. Homeboarders won the Inter-house Tennis Cup.

The first six:—

1. S. R. A. Asquith.
R. G. Woodwark.
2. P. C. Koelsh.
V. G. Hallet.
3. M. G. Finn.
J. O. Blaksley, K.S.

R. G. W.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Mr. A. C. D. Ensor has been appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of London.

Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe has been elected President of the Society of Public Teachers of Law.

BIRTHS

BEARD.—On August 14, the wife of Dr. A. J. W. Beard, a son.

CALEY.—On August 10, the wife of Dr. E. S. Caley, a daughter.

FLEMING.—On August 12, the wife of W. H. D. Fleming, a daughter.

GIBSON.—On September 14, the wife of J. A. W. Gibson, a son.

MCGREGOR.—On August 20, the wife of Kenneth McGregor, a son.

RUEGG.—On July 22, the wife of Frederic Ruegg, a daughter.

THOMSON.—On August 29, the wife of H. J. Thomson, a daughter.

TREVOR.—On August 25, the wife of Charles F. Trevor, a son.

MARRIAGES

BAKER-CRESSWELL-CHARRINGTON.—On September 27, Gilfrid Edward Baker-Cresswell, Royal Engineers, to Anne Sylvia, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Charrington, of Broad Oak End, Hertford.

BOMPAS-CATHCART-JONES.—On September 12, Hugh Steele Bompas to Dorothy Cathcart-Jones.

DULLEY-HOLMES-SCOTT.—On July 30, John Herbert Macpherson Dulley to Elizabeth Miranda, daughter of the late Capt. Andrew Holmes-Scott, M.C., R.E., and of Mrs. Beddow, of Mullion, Swanage.

FREEMAN-JOHNSTON.—On August 6, John Horace Freeman to Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Johnston, of Woking.

FROST-REICHWALD.—On September 1, Richard Frost to Alice, eldest daughter of the late Mr. V. B. and Mrs. Reichwald, of Limpsfield, Surrey.

MAITLAND-LA TORCHE.—On August 6, Alfred Sydney Frederick Maitland to Norah Mary La Torche.

MOTTRAM-WADDY.—On August 20, Geoffrey Lionel Mottram to Elizabeth Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. S. G. Waddy, of Chorley Wood.

NARES-THOMPSON.—On July 19, David Owen Nares to June, daughter of Lt.-Col. Sir Thomas Thompson, Bt., and Lady Thompson, of Brockington Grange, Bromyard, Herefordshire.

RANKIN-WATERFIELD.—On September 15, W. S. de G. Rankin, Colonial Service, to Elizabeth Louisa, eldest daughter of the late E. H. Waterfield and Mrs. Waterfield, of Dawlish, Devon.

SHEARMAN-BRADLEY.—On October 1, John Shearman, elder son of John Shearman (O.W.) to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Bradley, of Ormonde Road, Chester.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

THE REV. EDWARD HUGH ALINGTON, who died on September 11, was for many years an assistant master, and later head master, of Summer Fields, Oxford. He was born on April 9, 1857, the son of the Rev. John Alington, Rector of Candlesby, Lincolnshire, and Charlotte Sophia, youngest daughter of Sir Alan Bellingham, Bt. He came to Westminster in 1870 as a Bishop's Boy up Rigaud's. In 1872 he was elected Q.S. and in 1875 he was captain of the School. From 1872 to 1876 he was a member of the football XI, being captain in his last year; and from 1873 to 1876 he was in the cricket XI. He also won the half-mile with hurdles in 1873, 1874, and 1875. From Westminster he went up to Hertford College, Oxford, and obtained his Blue for Association football. He graduated in 1880, and after a short time as an assistant master at Summer Fields, he was ordained and went to St. Mark's Church, Leicester, as curate. In 1887 he returned to Summer Fields, and served there as an assistant master until 1918 when he became head master, a position which he held until his retirement in 1927. He married, in 1885, Margaret, younger daughter of Mrs. Archibald McLaren, who was the founder of Summer Fields School.

LIEUT.-COLONEL GEORGE EDWARD NUSSEY BOOKER, who died suddenly of heart failure on August 27, was the son of the Revd. George Booker, Incumbent of St. John Baptist, Kensington. Born in 1867, he was admitted to Westminster in 1882. He went up to Exeter College, Oxford in 1885, but left without taking his degree, and in 1887 joined the 5th Dragoon Guards as 2nd Lieutenant. He retired in 1894, but served as Staff Captain in the Remount Department in the South African War and as Captain and temporary Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 1st and 4th Reserve Regiments of Cavalry during the Great War. He was made C.B.E. in 1919. He married in 1892, Edith Mary, daughter of Henry Frederic Marks, of Chislehurst, Kent.

HERBERT DEVAS EVERINGTON, who died in a motoring accident on September 23, was the younger son of William Devas Everington, of Castle Acre, Norfolk. He was born on July 1, 1874, and followed his elder brother to Westminster in 1886. He left in 1892, and after studying at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, took his M.B. degree in 1899, becoming M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in the same year. He practised at Sanderstead, Surrey. He married, in 1905, Muriel Frances, only daughter of Edward Mulready Stone, of Sydenham, Kent, and had two sons, both of whom were up Grant's.

The death of Flying-Officer David Llewellyn in an aeroplane crash at Lympne on September 21, has removed one of the best-known airmen in the country and one who, by his record-breaking flights, had made his name familiar in two continents. DAVID WILLIAM LLEWELLYN was the only son of Sir William Llewellyn, K.C.V.O., P.R.A. He was born on August 9, 1904, and was at Westminster from 1919 to 1921. He first aroused interest in his aeronautical career in 1935 when, with Mrs. Doris Jillian Wyndham, he broke Miss Amy Johnson's Cape to England record by 18 hours, 48 min., completing the distance in just over 6½ days. In 1937 he flew both ways on the Cape-London route attempting to break records, but engine trouble and unfavourable weather prevented him from doing so. In the autumn of 1937 he was appointed chief instructor at Lympne, and last July was involved in a remarkable accident, when, while flying at 200 miles an hour, the wind ripped off the entire roof of his cabin. He escaped with a broken rib. During recent weeks he had been very active training a large number of members of the civil air guard.

ROBERT MONTAGU TOWERS, who died on May 10 aged 70, was the eldest son of the Revd. Robert Towers, Perpetual Curate of St. Andrew and St. Philip, Notting Hill, London. He was admitted in 1883, and was elected to Christ Church in 1886. He took his degree in 1890, proceeding M.A. in 1901. He was for a short time an assistant master at Trinity College, Glenalmond, and at Monmouth School. He had been an assistant master at Cheltenham College since 1899.

FREDERICK CHARLES ASHBURNHAM YOUNG was the son of the Revd. Frederick Young, Rector of Pett, Sussex. Born on July 14, 1867, he was at Westminster from 1880 to 1884. He was ordained in 1896, and after holding various curacies he succeeded his father as Rector of Pett, where he had been since 1909. He married, first in 1899 Eva Mary, daughter of Alfred Edgar Moore, of Stamford, Lincs., and secondly, in 1910, Ella Fanny May, daughter of Edward Dawson, of Finchingfield, Essex.

We also record with deep regret the death of ROBERT WARWICK EDGAR, which took place at Port Harcourt, Nigeria, on October 15. A correspondent writes:—

The death in Nigeria, from yellow fever, on October 15, in his twenty-fourth year, of Robert Warwick (Robin) Edgar leaves a gap that will be felt by many O.W.W.

The son of S. C. Edgar, himself an O.W., 1902/7, and an Oxford soccer blue, Robin was up Grant's from 1928/1933. He was a Cricket Pink in his last two years, and centre-half, when he was described as a tower of strength, in the 1932/3 Football XI. About his cricket it was written: "If all our batsmen had had his temperament and powers of concentration we should not have lost a match."

Although not naturally a runner his ability to see things through won him the long distance race.

At Christ Church he played for the "House" at both cricket and football, and was elected to the Authentics and the Centaurs whom he captained in his last year; while no O.W. can forget his heroic efforts at half in Arthur Dunn matches or his throwing in from the distant corners of Vincent Square during cricket fortnights which still seem only too recent.

He was making his presence felt in Nigeria and his letters continued to bear his great interest in anything relating to Westminster. Of Robin it can truly be said that no one heard an ill word spoken of him or by him.

THE WESTMINSTER DINNER

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OLD WESTMINSTER SPORT CRICKET

Many interesting games were played during the season, of which we might mention particularly that with the Eton Ramblers, which was a very high and fast scoring game won by Eton in the last three minutes. (Incidentally the first time Westminster have lost the fixture.) But the most memorable feature of the year's cricket is always those eight or nine days up Fields in August, and this year was no exception. It is quite correct to say that we were again unbeaten on our own ground, but that is probably not what remains in the mind of most of us who played in most of those games. The result of a particular game we may not remember; what we do remember is the pleasure of playing cricket again up Fields, and acquiring tremendous thirsts in the best of all ways. We missed Claude Taylor and Ken Cooper, who have done so much in the past to make this week a success; but in spite of this we managed to make a great many runs and even to take an occasional wicket.

Exciting draws were the feature of the first few days, as it was only last-wicket partnerships which prevented us beating both the Old Rugbeians and the Thespids. The Old Cholmelians were defeated after a most enjoyable game and a very sporting declaration on their part. Disaster then attended our pioneering visit to Marlborough, where our old friends the Marlborough Blues made us chase the ball for miles down their steep slopes and bowled us out far too easily; however, we did make them bat twice—to get two runs in the second innings. We came back full of fight to tackle the Old Rossallians, but owing chiefly to an act of sabotage on the part of the captain, which maimed the spearhead of our attack, we could not get them out twice.

E. R. Smith again played some good innings—including his usual hundred against the Old Cholmelians; P. W. G. Kann added at least one more fifty to the countless number of runs he has scored on O.W. Cricket; and of the new recruits—who turned up in considerable strength this year—P. P. Gawthorne had a very successful week, ending with an eighty and a hundred against the Old Rossallians. P. C. Eyre bowled very well while he was with us, and W. E. Heard was his usual gallant and untiring self. Finally, we cannot avoid thanking Relf and his staff for the way in which they anticipated and provided for all our needs in the most cheerful manner possible.

F. E. P.

Forty-three old Westminsters played for the Club during the season, and the principal averages were:—

	BATTING			Highest Score	Average
	Inns.	Times Not Out	Runs		
P. P. Gawthorne	9	3	404	116*	67·33
Dr. E. R. Smith	11	0	445	123	40·45
P. W. G. Kann	9	1	270	71	33·62
R. H. Angelo	5	0	147	81	29·40
W. E. Gerrish	9	5	114	32*	28·50
J. F. Turner	5	0	133	72	26·60
D. F. Cunliffe	5	1	99	53*	24·75
K. J. Gardiner	9	0	205	71	22·77
L. Clare	6	0	118	41	19·66
J. D. Stocker	9	2	128	45	18·28
Hon. F. R. Rea	9	2	110	47	15·71
P. J. Kirkman	5	0	66	29	13·20
D. E. Samuel	6	0	72	26	12·00
F. E. Pagan	12	0	128	47	10·66

	BOWLING				
	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
P. C. Eyre	58·3	12	163	11	14·82
J. D. Stocker	122·1	20	445	22	20·23
W. E. Heard	89	17	339	13	26·07
W. B. Frampton	64	9	270	10	27·00
E. N. Grace	45	6	220	8	27·50
F. E. Pagan	35	1	196	7	28·00
W. E. Gerrish	102	13	402	13	30·92
D. E. Ryland	47·4	5	207	6	34·50

FOOTBALL

The attention of Old Westminsters is drawn to the activities of the Football Club. Three games are being played every Saturday throughout the season, and in order to carry out this programme, the support of all Old Westminsters playing football is urgently needed. Those wishing to play should write to:—

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The Mansions,

Earls Court, S.W.5.

FLAXman 0163.

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It maintains a Club at Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Square, for working boys of the Westminster district. The Club is managed by a Superintendent who will welcome visits from present or past Westminsters on the nights when the Club is open (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except from July to September, when the Club opens only one night a week). The Mission also assists in the maintenance of the Westminster Company, 1st Cadet Batt. London Regiment, "The Queen's," at Lammas Hall, Battersea, where Westminster visitors are also welcome.

Regular help from young O.W.W. in the Boys' Club and as officers of the Cadet Company is much needed. Further information will be given by the Hon. Secretary, Captain B. Stuart Horner, 3, Harcourt Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.

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