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PLAY TERM NOTES

SCHOOL MONITORS

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A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

DESPITE the fact that there are no other reports on them in this number the School Societies are more than flourishing. A Science Society has been formed and has swallowed up all but the hierarchy of the Natural History Society. The Debating Society in an effort to make itself more exclusive, has created a large subscription. The Political and Literary Society, though not obviously so, is still alive, and the Gramophone Society continues to meet regularly to listen to unknown "moderns" and Beethoven. Only the once volcanic Modern Languages Society seems really silent, but it remains as unpredictable as ever. Since this was first written it has erupted.

The Choral and Orchestral Societies are in full swing practising for the December Concert. Mr. Foster, as always, is presiding despite his pre-occupation with an opera which he has written. The Concert will be on Friday 16th at 7.45 p.m. Tickets from the Concert Secretary, 3 Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

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The *Elizabethan* is under new management. It still lives under ground and does most of its work by night. The new management has neither startlingly new theories nor brilliant interpretations of the old. Perhaps it is just as well.

The School Monitors have once more changed their room. This time they are in Mr. Lushington's old one. Much of their time is spent in brewing undrinkable tea.

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The Service in Commemoration of the School Benefactors will be held in Westminster Abbey on Thursday, November 17th. There will be a Reception up School for the visitors after the service.

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During the summer holidays the old boilers of Busby's, Rigaud's and Ashburnham were replaced by a new oil boiler. The only visible alteration is the addition of a tall chimney stack on the roof of the Head Master's house.

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Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D., will speak to the Natural History Society on Friday, December 2nd, and not on Friday, November 11th as advertised in the Almanack.

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Much of the woodwork in College Hall has been attacked by the Death Watch Beetle. Consequently, a new concrete floor, at least six inches lower, has been built in.

Six German Headmasters have been inspecting the school, so that they may compare the relative merits of the German and English systems of education. They attended Latin Prayers and many of the periods including one in Advanced Maths—none of them was a Mathematician—some on History and several in Modern Languages. After the first day they ceased to travel *en masse*, except for an exhausting and enquiring tour of the Abbey, and a state visit to the School Monitors Room. They lunched on a rotary system with various houses and talked fairly easily in English, but they only came into their own at a round-table meeting arranged on the eve of their departure between themselves, certain members of the Staff, the leading Modern Linguists and one or two ornamental senior boys. Here they spoke non-stop for an hour and forty minutes in expansive German on every topic under the sun in a way that dismissed any lingering feelings of paternal care that are apt to lurk in the hearts of Englishmen confronted with linguistically handicapped foreigners.

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Besides Busby's Play, preparations are about to begin for the School Play for March next year. It will probably be *The Cherry Orchard* if there is sufficient acting talent in the School to cope with it. A Latin Play is also rumoured to be in the offing.

CAMPS

THE War Office is perpetually torn between the two conflicting claims of Security and Publicity, but fortunately it is only the latter that the Summer C.C.F. Camps see. It is daft about demonstrations of any sort on any scale, and consequently, even the most confirmed "conscientious objector" in the C.C.F. can look forward to some entertainment at Camp. The Army Section—80 boys—went to Windmill Hill Camp, Wiltshire, and watched the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers. The Navy split into two parties, one to inspect submarines and to see exhibitions in Navy Days at Chatham, the other to watch mining and gunnery demonstrations and then to steam round the South Coast. The R.A.F. went to Germany by plane and stayed at

Ahlhorn. Unfortunately the traditional lack of available aircraft stopped them flying, but they paid visits to Strohen and Oldenburg where they saw field firing from Meteors and Venoms, the latest type of cannon and the Hawker Hunter Mk. V.

Scout Camp was a comparatively peaceful affair. The site was to the south-west of Taynuilt in Argyll, and the weather was as good as it was all over the country. Several expeditions were made, including one long one by senior boys to Glencoe and back over the hills by foot. Despite the location cricket was played often—Lampromatics was usually won by College owing to Mr. Moor's assistance—and the Head Master paid a visit in his native costume.

WESTMINSTER IN THE 1840's

LIFE IN COLLEGE

by J. D. Carleton

THE period 1800-50 has been neglected by the historians of Westminster. When John Sargeant wrote his *Annals* in 1898 its memories were too recent and too painful for more than cursory mention, and Mr. Lawrence Tanner and I have been reticent in telling the story of the school's meteoric decline from the pre-eminent position which it had held in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

In 1818 there were 332 boys in the school ; in 1831 there were 202 ; four years later the number had dropped to 100. In 1841 there were 67, of whom 40 were in College. Only 27 Town Boys could be found who were willing to pay for the doubtful privilege of being at Westminster, and it was becoming increasingly difficult even to keep College up to its full strength. A glance through the pages of *The Record of Old Westminsters* reveals frequent instances of Queen's Scholars being taken away before they had completed their school career, and for a number of years there were rarely 40 boys on the Foundation.

The causes of this decline are complex. One of them was undoubtedly the rapid and uncontrolled growth of London, which in a few years converted the open country to the south of Dean's Yard into sordid and festering slums. Another was the supine attitude of the Dean and Chapter, who were still nominally the governors of the school. "Of our three most celebrated schools," wrote the anonymous annotator of *The Dirge of Westminster*, published in 1841, "Winchester has its own warden, Eton its own provost, and both have their own fellows ; but Westminster, less fortunate, has been left to the guardianship of aliens and the natural neglect of step-parents. . . Let anyone compare the courts of Eton and Winchester with the yards of Westminster, and a single glance will show him the difference of management."

But a third and no less powerful factor in the school's decline was the absence of elementary qualities of leadership in the head masters and masters of the time. Additional evidence of this is forthcoming in two letters recently presented to the school by Mr. J. Chambers. Both were written

by Allen Cooper, who left Westminster in 1805, and later became Perpetual Curate of St. Mark's, North Audley Street. The first, which is undated but appears from internal evidence to have been written in 1840, is endorsed in another hand. "To the Head Master of Westminster School" (then Richard Williamson), but it might equally well have been addressed to the Under Master, George Preston. Cooper had already drawn attention to the bullying in College, but ineffectually. He now wrote : "I am going to make no complaint, and to mention no names, but simply to assure you that what is feared by the world in regard to that year [a boy's first year in College] and what deters many parents from sending their sons to Westminster with the view of entering College, is founded on just grounds. There is great hardship and there is constant tyranny. But I think a good deal might be prevented, if the Masters in whose forms the juniors are, and the Dames of their respective boarding-houses [where they breakfasted] were to look at the countenances of the boys a little more minutely than they do. You will grant, I am sure, that a parent has some little ground of complaint when he sees the face of his son disfigured, or his hand mutilated, or it may be his legs lamed, and that no notice of the circumstances has been taken either by the Master of the form or the Dame of the house. Such cases have happened during the last year, and we who live at a distance from the scene of action often know more of the causes of these things than those who are upon the spot."

In his other letter Cooper makes a practical suggestion for improving life in College. The letter is written to a fellow Old Westminster, Dr. William Frederick Chambers, who was Physician in Ordinary to William IV and to Queen Victoria, and is dated "Brighton, Sept. 15, 1840". "I have been revolving plans about Westminster in my mind, and have submitted one to Williamson which I think would be feasible. Don't you know that there is a house next door to Williamson's in Little Dean's Yard, belonging to the Dean and Chap : untenanted, with all the windows broken ? There was some intention of

fitting it up as an infirmary for sick Queen's Scholars. Why not have that house fitted up for the two junior elections, and have it called the "Junior Dormitory", while old College might remain untouched, and would be far more wholesome with only 20 boys than with 40. I would have a *house* for every boy, not only the seniors but third elections, and I would have every boy supplied, in such house, with his chest of drawers and his basin and with all the *et cetera* of a gentleman's wardrobe in a plain way. Thus each boy in the Senior Dormitory would be private in his toilet, and might sit in his house by day if he chose. I would further propose that College John should sleep at the further end; I mean the entrance by the staircase, to be ready to attend upon any boy if unwell, and perhaps as a check upon riot. . . Unfortunately the Committee of Old Westminster

in their wisdom determined that nothing could be done while the present Masters were there, meanwhile they let the school go to the Dogs. If you approve of my plan I wish you would write to Williamson and tell him so. I really think if we could get rid of Preston, Hodgson and Bentall,* and give Williamson some masters who would work with him and pull together, that we might retrieve lost ground. . . ."

These are only extracts from the letters, and there is no space here to give more. But they deserve to be quoted; and indeed the whole history of nineteenth-century Westminster is worth intensive study, for it is only against that background that the present achievements of the school, such as they are, can be judged.

* Housemasters of Grant's and Rigaud's respectively.

VICTORY ON THE SERPENTINE

WESTMINSTER EIGHTS IN HOLIDAY REGATTAS

IN previous years members of the boat club have frequently taken part in the post-Henley regattas, in crews raised by the leading rowing clubs. This year, for the first time, the school entered an eight of its own, under the name of Westminster Watermen.

We had the good fortune to have, with only one change, the crew which rowed at Henley, and also to have as coach Brigadier Devereux, who had done much for the school's rowing in coaching the Junior Colts throughout the term. Without his help we could never have had so enjoyable a week, finishing as it did with a victory at the Serpentine.

After four days' practice on the tideway, we entered the Junior-Senior Eights Maidenhead Regatta with some confidence. Our first race proved to be easy, and in winning it we achieved the fastest time in the event. Winchester was much harder, and they were able to lead us by three-quarters of a length at the beginning of the last minute. However, from then on we went up very fast and failed only by four feet to close the gap. Winchester reached the final where they lost by half a length.

On the following Monday, at the Henley Town Regatta we had another chance of meeting them. By beating Maidenhead R.C. and Henley R.C. we were in a heat with Winchester and with R.R.C.



The Westminster Watermen on the Serpentine

[Photo : Roger Bates]

De Hoop, of Amsterdam, a crew of Dutch boys who had won the Junior event at Maidenhead. This time we did not allow Winchester to get ahead of us, and beat them by three-quarters of a length, but De Hoop were even better and won by a length and a half. They went on to win the event. R. H. B. de Vere Green won the Schools Sculls, and G. Francis in Junior-Senior Sculls lost in the final to the Captain of Leander, after leading most of the way.

On Thursday, at the Serpentine, G. Francis beat the record for the Schools Sculls, when winning a heat against a previous winner of the event. On Friday the eight raced De Hoop again. It was a shorter course, on dead water, and we felt we had small chance of beating them. However, by rowing a high and firm stroke, and by answering their spurts every time, we drew away to win by three-quarters of a length.

We felt then that we should have little difficulty in winning the event. However, we had very good races with London R.C. 'B' and Lensbury R.C. whom we also beat by three-quarters of a length in the semi-final and with Thames Tradesmen and Thames "A" in the final. Since two Westminsterers had been rowing in the London crew which won the Junior Eights, and G. Francis had won the School Sculls, it was a most successful end to an enjoyable week. Our gratitude is due to Mr. Hamerton who, though he could not be present, lent us the Henley boat, and to Brigadier Devereux, whose coaching did so much to help us to victory.

The crew : C. L. Fisher (bow), P. P. G. B. Bateson, D. O. Lloyd-Jacob, G. L. Stemp, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, G. Francis, D. L. Biscoe, R. H. B. de Vere Green (stroke), and M. P. M. Richards (cox).

LAWN TENNIS

FOUR years ago I wrote that among the 36 Public Schools in for the Youll Cup, Westminster was near the top of the middle dozen. This year 62 schools competed and for the second year running we reached the semi-final—so our standard has advanced with the advancing popularity of the game. In the earlier rounds our first pair had no difficulty and were well backed up by Richter and Farquhar-Smith, who fought hard and successfully when well down against Marlborough and Stowe; unfortunately they failed to produce their best form against St. Paul's, this year's winners. Gordon and Clarke played splendidly to take a set off Prenn and Archdale, but could not maintain the pressure. Our Juniors were weak this year, but tried as hard and played as well as they could in their matches for the Thomas Bowl.

In the school competitions Gordon won the Barnes Cup for the third year, and Wrens (Gordon and Richter) regained the House Doubles Cup. Edwards won the Junior Singles, and Ashburnham (Edwards and Steen) the Junior Doubles.

In school matches we have now completed two unbeaten seasons. The Old Westminsterers brought a strong side and it was a pity that both Gordon and Clarke were injured on that day. It is pleasant to record that the Old Westminsterers got through several rounds of the d'Abernon Cup.

In the holidays Gordon retained the Junior championship of Middlesex and, with Clarke, won the doubles. Clarke got through to the

fourth round of the singles at Junior Wimbledon, and Gordon to the fifth—but his greatest success was in the boys' doubles, where he and his partner won a most exciting and closely-fought final against Prenn and his partner—Westminster's last word to St. Paul's for 1955. It speaks much for the increasing progress and prestige of tennis that the Prime Minister came to present the cups at the Junior Championships.

Four pinks and one other regular member of the first VI remain next year to give us what may be our last chance of winning both the Glanvill and the Youll Cup in the same year—something that no school has yet achieved; here's hoping.

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CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologize for any errors and omissions:—

The Aldenhamian, The Brentwoodian, The Brightonian, The Britannia Magazine, The Cantuarian, The Carthusian, The City of London School Magazine, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Elizabethan (magazine of Elizabeth College, Guernsey), The Eton College Chronicle, Gordonstoun Record, The Gower, The Haileybury and I.S.C. Chronicle, The Harrovian, The Hurst-Johnian, The Kearnsey College Chronicle, The Leys Fortnightly, The Malvernian, The Malburian, The Malburian, The Ousel, The Radleian, The St. Edward's School Chronicle, The Sedberghian, The Shirburnian, The Tonbridgian, The Wykehamist.

CRICKET

THROUGHOUT the season the performance of the team was completely unpredictable. At their best the team was certainly strong. Against Tonbridge the batting was attacking and effective and the bowling penetrating and accurate, while the fielding was very safe. This, however, was not the form that dominated throughout the season. In batting the burden fell upon J. W. Myring. He consistently opened the innings with success, and on occasions he was well backed up by others, but he was the only bat on the side to be relied on.

The bowling rested almost exclusively on M. J. Hyam and J. F. Mortimer. They were usually accurate, always bowling for long spells, but only occasionally were they penetrating enough to dismiss a good batting side.

The fielding was better than it has been for several years and was consistently good. J. A. Lauder was the outstanding figure. At his best he was of a class not often seen in school cricket, and when not at his best he was always above the average. P. T. was a keynote of the team's training and it is certain that it paid dividends, for the fielding looked alert and active as well as enthusiastic.

After the Tonbridge match, which marked the apogee in the teams fortunes, three matches remained. The Surrey Colts brought a team more than ordinarily strong, determined to avenge the crushing defeat administered to them last season. Avenge it they did, but not before N. C. Roope had made 40 runs of quality in a time of crisis, thus displaying a fighting quality which the team acquired as the season progressed.

The O.W.W. sent a team singularly strong in batting. The School batted first, and an opening partnership between Lauder and Myring of 142 paved the way to a total of 242 for 6 dec. Myring scored his maiden century, while Lauder demonstrated only too clearly that he should have opened throughout the season by scoring 70. P. G. K. Saunders played a bold and effective innings of 50. At 242 for 6, D. J. A. Delmotte declared. K. Gardiner and D. G. Higgins, for the O.W.W., belaboured the bowling both passing fifty at a run a minute. This left the way open for the later batsmen who managed to hit the runs required for victory with a few minutes to spare.

The final encounter of the season was with our ancient rivals Charterhouse. For the first time in three years the day was fine and sunny. On a good wicket we batted first. After a solid opening stand between Lauder and Myring, runs came easily all down the order, and it was fitting that the team totalled the highest score of the season, 261 for 8 dec. The main contributors were Myring 71 and W. D. J. Turner 43.

Delmotte's declaration forced Charterhouse to hurry if they intended to win. They did, of course, aim at victory, and as they hastened wickets tumbled, the game trembled in the balance, a burst of runs or a tottering wicket always seemed imminent, and though the game ended in a draw the final outcome was always in doubt even to the last over. This team had moments of glory but there were days when it was not so glorious.

The team for the Charterhouse match was as follows :—D. J. A. Delmotte, A. D. C. Stout, J. A. Lauder, M. J. Hyam, W. D. J. Turner, P. G. K. Saunders, J. W. Myring, J. F. Mortimer, N. C. Roope, A. G. Gordon and C. B. M. Hunt.

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SHOOTING

SINCE the war the performance of the .303 team has been pathetic : it has finished almost last in the Ashburton every year. Last term, however, it improved out of all recognition. In the absence of C. B. M. Hunt, C. D. Gorman captained them with considerable success throughout the early matches against Lancing, the O.W.W. and in the London and Middlesex Competition. The results of these, though not outstanding, were considerably better than our efforts in the previous years.

The obvious possibilities of the VIII, however, were not fulfilled until the Eastern Command Competition, the last practice for the Ashburton. In this we scored 497 out of a possible 540, the first time a Westminster team had exceeded 490. Outstanding in this were C. B. M. Hunt, who scored 65 ; J. P. C. Fry, 54 ; and C. D. Gorman, A. Griffin and J. Craig, 62, out of 70. It was also the first time the team had all scored over 60.

This could not be expected to be repeated in

the Ashburton, but again everyone shot really well, and all exceeded 60 for the second time, for a score of 493—an average of nearly 6 points more per person than last year. In this Gorman, Craig and C. De Peyer all got over 62, but Griffin and A. Cheyne were disappointing with 61 and 60 respectively. Hunt scored 65 to get a place in the School hundred, the first person from the school to do so since Westminster restarted shooting after the war.

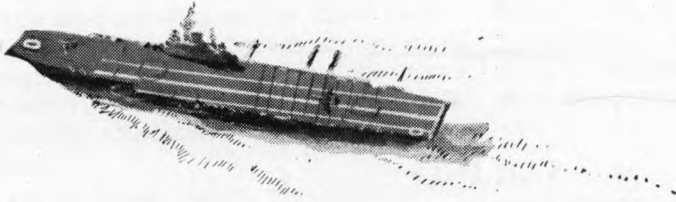
Tribute must be paid to all those who helped us to such excellent results—particularly to Mr. Kilvington, who was untiring in his efforts, and to the R.S.M., Mr. French and Mr. Brock ; without their invaluable aid we would not have achieved what we did. With their help again next year, and with the five remaining members of the team reinforced by J. M. Goldman, who was unable to shoot last term, our prospects are indeed bright.

SAILING

PROGRESS MADE DESPITE DIFFICULTIES

SAILING at Westminster will probably always remain an occupation of the few. Placed as they are in the middle of London, those who sail find that they are subject to the whim of time, tide and weather to a degree that would daunt less enthusiastic dinghy sailors. The School owns one twelve-foot national which is kept and raced at the Ranelagh Sailing Club at Putney, and although restricted space prevents the purchase of another boat, the frequent use of the one that the Club possesses indicates that a second would be welcome. A group associate membership to Ranelagh has been obtained, but covers only ten of the School Club, and so there is always the danger that the non-sailing members will so outnumber those who can use the School boat that a feeling of resentment will be present. It has therefore been necessary to limit the School Club to about twenty, of whom those who have longest at Westminster are denied membership at Putney until others have

left. It is hoped to arrange some more matches this year, perhaps at home, although the lack of boats makes this difficult, and so give more people the chance of sailing more often ; also there is the possibility of some lectures on subjects of general interest to dinghy sailors during the winter. At the moment the School boat is being re-varnished, and activities are at a standstill until it is finished, but hopes are high of gaining some valuable racing experience during the coming winter season at Ranelagh. It must be obvious that all members should sail as often as possible, and get to know the feel of one boat, even if they are racing in a different class in a match. The Club's racing record so far is not too discouraging considering the team's lack of practice, but it ought to be possible to put out a team which is well-balanced and will provide stiff opposition to all comers.



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THE CONCERT

THE Election Term Concert can always be relied upon to provide entertainment as well as music and the one of July 22nd, though by no means without the latter, is probably best remembered for the variety of interest throughout its considerable length. Of the first half of the programme the two House Choir events and the Unbroken Voice Solo at once spring to mind, though the efficiency of the Piano Duet and the Vocal Ensemble are also noteworthy. The Beethoven Trio and the Lalo String Solo come in a rather different category. It has always been a pleasure to listen to Danin's playing—what he lacks in technique he makes up in vivacity—but the piano and 'cello were a bit timid and held themselves in, so that the Trio was rather unbalanced. On the other hand, Aufenast performed the Lalo Andante with exquisite tone backed by his formidable technique, though it was a pity that he should play such havoc with the tempo in a way that must have disturbed even the most

unmusical of the audience and come as a shock to those who knew the work.

The other half of the programme was characterized by the same diversity of styles and moods. The main item, Dyson's setting of a poem by Dunbar, was perhaps, too much for the choir, and the composer's violent key changing and use of dissonance lost much of their effect through clumsy and uncertain handling. However, it was never dull, and if some of the words were inaudible this was amply made up for by the recitation of the poem at the beginning. The two Russian pieces, though widely different, were well received, the Glinka being an old favourite and admirably suited to School concerts. The Mozart Piano Concerto was well played, with undoubted feeling and understanding by Flower, but he is, unfortunately, not blessed with the same virtuosity as Aufenast. The concert ended with a magnificent chorus from Haydn's Seasons which consisted of a fine fugue well sung, and obviously much enjoyed by the choir.

FOOTBALL

ALTHOUGH five Pinks remain from last season there was some doubt as to who should fill the vacant positions particularly those of the full-backs and the goalkeeper. The latter problem was soon solved, A. G. Gordon showing himself to be superior to any other contestant for the position. The backs presented a more serious problem with only Poole approaching the required standard. Consequently for the first six matches the defence was subject to constant reshuffling. With Derek Saunders the Chelsea professional once again helping Mr. Lowcock in the difficult task of preparing the team for the first match in the short time available, the outlook was promising. Westminster Hospital provided us with the first game of the season proving little obstacle to the co-ordinated attacks of the forwards, and though the shooting was not consistently accurate the resulting score, 4-1, was satisfactory.

A new fixture arranged by Derek Saunders

against a Chelsea Juniors side produced an exceedingly high standard of football on both sides and one goal to two is an accurate indication of the relative merits of the sides. Our yearly fixture against the Old Bradfieldians was not of the same class as the previous match and the three goals we scored might easily have been many more. We went on to meet the Army Crusaders the following Tuesday who, as always, provided very stiff opposition and just managed to beat us by the odd goal.

Thus, at the time of going to press, half of the games played have been won, largely accounted for by the smooth combination of the forward line with D. J. A. Delmotte always outstanding. In defence P. G. K. Saunders, Captain, and J. A. Lauder were reliable, providing efficient support. Gordon, in goal, fulfilled early expectations, and if he improves his anticipation and kicking, will surely prove a firm last line of defence.

SWIMMING

THE team remained essentially unaltered from the previous year. Raw, Danin and Himsworth continued to be outstanding in their individual events, but unfortunately there were few swimmers

capable of supporting them. This dearth of support was chiefly due to the lack of adequate facilities for consistent and continuous training.

At the beginning of the season training imme-

diately began for the team at Dolphin Square. In this they were helped and encouraged by the presence of Mr. M. M. Wingate (O.W.) whose aid and advice has been constantly sought and appreciated by all members of the team. The Swimming Club and the School are greatly indebted to him.

The first match of the season was against Allyn's. The School won every individual event and one of the relays. The match, however, was drawn on points. Against Mercers' the team fared better; the match and five of the events being won.

This year an innovation was introduced and the

School entered a team for the Public Schools Invitation Relay that takes place during the annual Oxford and Cambridge swimming match. Despite the disqualification of the team, it was instructive as it provided an excellent opportunity to assess the standard of swimming at other schools.

The last match of the season against Forest was disappointing, largely owing to "absenteeism". The match was lost but not by as large a margin as had been expected.

During the season E. Raw was awarded Half-Pinks and D. V. Klein and G. R. L. Metz their Thirds.

ELECTION DINNER

ELECTION DINNER was held in College Hall on Monday, July 25. The guests assembled in the Deanery Courtyard (the Jerusalem Chamber being under repair) and there is no doubt that this innovation was a success, for it was a perfect summer evening and the courtyard provided a cool and spacious place in which to gather.

The Captain's choice of heroic couplets in which to greet the Head Master's guests emphasized the 18th century flavour which seems to hang about this annual function, in spite of its 14th century setting. In the course of a dozen couplets he had no time to greet guests individually, and whether they were peers or whether they were those humbler personages

Who in the name of commoner rejoice
And shun the Lords, like WEDGWOOD BENN,
for choice

they had to be content with an omnibus welcome. Only the Master of Trinity, now Lord Adrian of Cambridge, O.M., P.R.S., came in for special (and affectionate) mention :

One who, ennobl'd by his Sov'reign's word
Remains a kindly Master, tho' a Lord.
Happy the Senate, be it great or small
Where ADRIAN smiles, and beams of science
fall.

Having done his duty, as the Head Master's spokesman, by the guests, the Captain turned his attention to home affairs. Grant's, he reminded his audience, had been re-built, and the School architect, Mr. Andrew Carden, had not only provided 28 excellent boys' studies but had also provided architectural stability for a portion of the house which had long been sustained solely by the devotion and vivacity of Mr. and Mrs. Murray-Rust.

There rises radiant from the builder's dust
(Where stood a Structure long propp'd up by
RUST)

A second Temple, where her sons may chant
And offer incense to the goddess GRANT.
In number twice fourteen the vot'ries dwell,
And youthful rites perform in every cell.
To BURLINGTON a CARDEN adds his skill;
We cry our plaudits. Yet one favour still;
Consult the genius of the place in all,
And e'en restore the mantelpiece to Hall.

The reference in the last line was not lost upon the Old Grantites among the audience.

In conclusion, the Captain drew attention to the fact that the year 1960 will be the fourth centenary of the re-foundation of the College. What more suitable occasion for another Royal visit ?

Then may it be our pride, who boast to trace
From fam'd ELIZA our immortal race,
Once more to greet a Queen with loyal breath
And hail in her our new ELIZABETH.

The Theses provided some epigrams which were neat enough, but hardly of last year's standard. The General Election was a natural target, and on the thesis *Vox populi vox Dei*

Our prayers for guidance give the lie direct
To any theory of God's elect

delivered by R. L. Symmons with sub-acid restraint, raised an answering laugh in the cynics, regardless of political party. On the same thesis, P. W. Lewis's epigram, written and spoken by himself, rallied the Erastians :

Eligitur primus populari voce minister,
nempe ut pontifices eligat ille dei.

A statesman's chosen by the people's voice
To make in turn of God's own bishops choice.

John Sargeant said much the same in speaking of a former Prime Minister who was an inveterate enemy of the school. "Walpole", he remarked, "if he could not stay the progress of Westminster, had at least the power to direct the course of the apostolical succession"; and the Head Master of the day did not get his hoped-for bishopric.

The other thesis, from Plutarch and too long to quote here, signified that it is the man that counts and not the place he occupies. It produced several good epigrams, one of which, topical and only

fully to be understood by those who have seen the Dean and Chapter's new pastel parking beacons in Dean's Yard, deserves to be recorded.

Quis rosea regione hodie conceditur uti,
Scilicet obscuris fert locus ille decus.
Caeruleam zonam cum sanctior illa caterva,
Occupet, extemplo fit sacer ipse locus.

Parking Zones
We're highly honoured, as I think,
To be allowed to use the Pink.
Far otherwise with clerics who,
By using sanctify the Blue.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Balance brought forward from last account	105	4	5	By Hotel Rubens Account	37	8	8
„ Sale of Supper Tickets after the Annual General Meeting, 30/9/54 ..	36	5	0	„ Printing and Stationery	9	5	6
„ Donations	1	3	8	„ Postages	2	15	0
				„ Balance carried forward to next Account, being Cash at Bank	£105	4	5
				Less amount owing	12	0	6
					93	3	11
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Chartered Accountant

28th July, 1955

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Sir Kenneth Barnes resigned his post as Principal of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art at the end of the summer term after forty-six years' service.

Mr. R. M. Robbins has been appointed Public Relations Officer to London Transport.

Mr. Christopher Bunting was the soloist in the first performance of Mr. Gerald Finzi's 'Cello Concerto broadcast from the Cheltenham Festival.

Mr. P. G. Masefield has with the approval of the Minister of Transport resigned his post as chief executive to B.E.A. to become managing director of Bristol Aircraft Ltd.

Colonel Stuart Horner has been elected Master of the Ironmongers' Company, and Mr. G. P. Pick of the Joiners and Ceilers' Company.

Mr. C. E. Lonsdale was ordained deacon by the Archbishop of British Columbia at the Trinity ordinations, and has been appointed incumbent of St. James', Armstrong, B.C.

The Rev. G. G. F. Greig has been appointed vicar of Walton-on-Thames.

Mr. I. L. Hunt was placed in the first class in P.P.E. at Oxford, and Mr. J. F. Wordsworth in English Language and Literature.

Mr. M. G. Baron and Mr. G. L. Law have passed the Final Examination of the Law Society.

The Rev. Dudley Clark bequeathed his holding of £200 of the Westminster School Society's debentures to the Society.

Mr. C. M. O'Brien has been appointed Manager and Actuary of the Royal Pensions Fund for Nurses.

Mr. J. Spedan Lewis has resigned the chairmanship of John Lewis & Co., and its associated companies. Mr. Oswald Lewis succeeds him as chairman of John Lewis Properties, and Mr. Paul May has become deputy chairman of John Lewis Partnership.

Lord Rea has resigned the office of president of the Liberal Party in view of his responsibilities as Leader of the Party in the House of Lords.

Sir John Troutbeck has been appointed British representative on the European Commission on the Saar.

On passing out from Sandhurst, Mr. H. H. M. Rogers has been gazetted to the Royal Engineers, and Mr. N. R. M. Petrie to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Mr. L. R. Barnett-Smith, Commissioner of Customs, North Borneo, has retired and settled in New Zealand.

Mr. J. Hamilton-Jones has been elected to the Council of the Institute of Actuaries.

Mr. J. W. Roxbee Cox and Mr. M. G. Kullmann have been elected to Postgraduate Scholarships at University College, Oxford.

Mr. J. C. B. Lowe has been awarded the Hearne Senior Scholarship at Oxford.

Sqdn.-Ldr. J. R. Burgess, R.A.F., has been posted to the Ministry of Supply with the acting rank of Wing Commander.

BIRTHS

- BAUGHAN—On September 11th 1955 at Weybridge to Daphne, wife of Francis Baughan, a daughter.
- CARTON—On August 31st 1955 in London to Lica, wife of Arthur Carton, a daughter.
- ELLISTON—On July 14th 1955 in London to Nora, wife of J. C. P. Elliston, a daughter.
- EVERINGTON—On September 18th 1955 to Laila, wife of G. D. Everington, a daughter.
- FREEMAN—On September 22nd 1955 in London to Shirley, wife of E. J. A. Freeman, a daughter.
- HOPKYNs—On April 29th 1955 at Edmonton, Alberta, to Joan, wife of Dr. John Hopkyns, M.R.C.P., a son.
- JAMES—On September 11th 1955 at Oxford to Elizabeth, wife of R. C. T. James, a daughter.
- LEVEAUX—On September 22nd 1955 in London to Eve, wife of Michael Leveaux, a son.
- LINES—On July 16th 1955 at Bedford to Joan, wife of David Lines, a son.
- MAGNUS—On September 24th 1955 at Leigh near Tonbridge to Rosemary, wife of Hilary Magnus, a son.
- MOYES—On October 8th 1955 in London to Lyn, wife of A. J. Moyes, a son.
- SWEET-ESCOTT—On July 16th 1955 at Skipton, to Ragnhild, wife of Dr. M. W. Sweet-Escott, a daughter.
- WILSON—On July 29th 1955 in London to Margaret, wife of J. M. Wilson, a daughter.
- YEALLAND—On August 26th 1955 in London to Susan, wife of Dr. Michael Yealland, a son.

MARRIAGES

- BERESFORD : WAUGH—On September 20th 1955 at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh, T. De La Poer Beresford to Mary Thom Leburn, only child of the late John Waugh and Mrs. Waugh of Edinburgh.
- GARDINER : BOOTH—On July 9th 1955 in London, P. L. Gardiner to Kathleen Susan Booth.
- JOHNSON : FRASER—On July 23rd 1955 P. H. F. Johnson to Eleanor Katherine McIntosh, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser of London.
- REDHEAD : RITCHIE—On October 1st 1955 at Christ Church, Chelsea, D. L. G. Redhead to Lorna Grace, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ritchie of Kingston Hill, Surrey.
- ROXBEE COX : ARDAGH—On September 3rd 1955 C. W. Roxbee Cox to Rosemary, daughter of the late Mr. F. D. Ardagh and Mrs. Ardagh of Crowborough, Sussex.
- WILLIAMS : BURRELL—On September 24th 1955 at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, J. K. Williams to Mary Elise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burrell of Blackheath, Kent.

OBITUARY

- ABLETT—On July 18th 1955 in London, C. A. Ablett, aged 74.
- BLAKENEY—On August 1st 1955 at Winchester, E. H. Blakeney, aged 85.
- COUSINS—On July 16th 1955 at Nairobi, Kenya, E. R. J. R. Cousins, aged 67.
- JULIAN—On September 7th 1955 at Minas de Rio Tinto, Spain, C. R. Julian, aged 58.
- SCARFE—On August 15th 1955 at Porlock, Major G. N. Scarfe, aged 82.

Charles Antony Ablett was at Westminster from 1894 to 1896, and left to go to Oundle School. He gained a scholarship at the City and Guilds Central Technical College, and became a chartered civil engineer. During the first world war he served in France with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and in 1917 was appointed Director of Munitions in Ireland. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1919. He was managing director of the Unbreakable Pulley and Millgearing Co., and subsequently chairman of Cooper Roller Bearings Co. In 1949 he was made honorary vice-president of the Iron and Steel Institute. He married in 1915 Mary Louise, daughter of George Bean of Melmerby, Yorkshire.

Edward Henry Blakeney was admitted in 1879, at the age of ten, and remained for three years at Westminster. In 1888 he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge. Thence he went to be head master first of Sandwich Grammar School, then of Sir William Borlace's School, Marlow, and in 1904, of King Henry VIII's School, Ely. From 1918 to 1930 he was an assistant master at Winchester. He was a classical scholar of some distinction, and edited a number of texts, including several of the less well-known authors and writers of the early church. He also published some volumes of graceful English verse. Among his other interests were mountaineering and printing and he had his own press on which he printed monographs on classical subjects for private circulation. He married on his 26th birthday Amy Eliza Scott, daughter of the Rev. S. H. Unwin. There were five children.

Edmund Richard John Ratcliffe Cousins, C.S.I., C.I.E., entered the School as an exhibitor in 1901, and two years later gained a non-resident King's Scholarship. He was elected with an exhibition to Christ Church and entered the Indian Civil Service in 1910. He was assistant magistrate and collector first in Bengal and shortly afterwards in Bihar and Orissa. In 1925 he became a district magistrate, and in 1937 he was made district commissioner for the Patna division of Bihar, and was later a member of the Board of Revenue in that province. After his retirement from the I.C.S. he was appointed assistant secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and from 1949 to 1951 he was Special Commissioner of Lands in Kenya. He married Henrietta, widow of Frank Yewdell, I.C.S.

Charles Robert Julian was up Homeboarders from 1910 to 1915. A correspondent writes: "He served with the Royal Garrison Artillery in France from 1915 to 1918, and was awarded the Military Cross. In 1925 he joined the Rio Tinto Company in Spain as a Mining Engineer, and was appointed General Manager in 1951. A great all-round sportsman, he was in the School Football XI of 1913 and 1914 and in the cricket side of 1915. Although above the average at golf, lawn tennis and squash, it was at football that he excelled. Well known in amateur football circles he played in several Arthur Dunn sides and was selected for England in the Olympic Games at Antwerp in 1920. Although his visits to this country could not be frequent, he maintained a keen interest in his old school, playing in Golf Society meetings whenever available. There are several who would wish to refer to his kindly hospitality on their visits to Spain." He married Lilian Constance, daughter of Thomas Morrison of Madrid, and is survived by his widow and daughter.

George Norman Scarfe was admitted in 1888. In the 1914 war he held a commission in the A.S.C. and served in France and Belgium. In 1928 he married Edith, daughter of H. B. Middleton of Bradford Peverell, Dorset.

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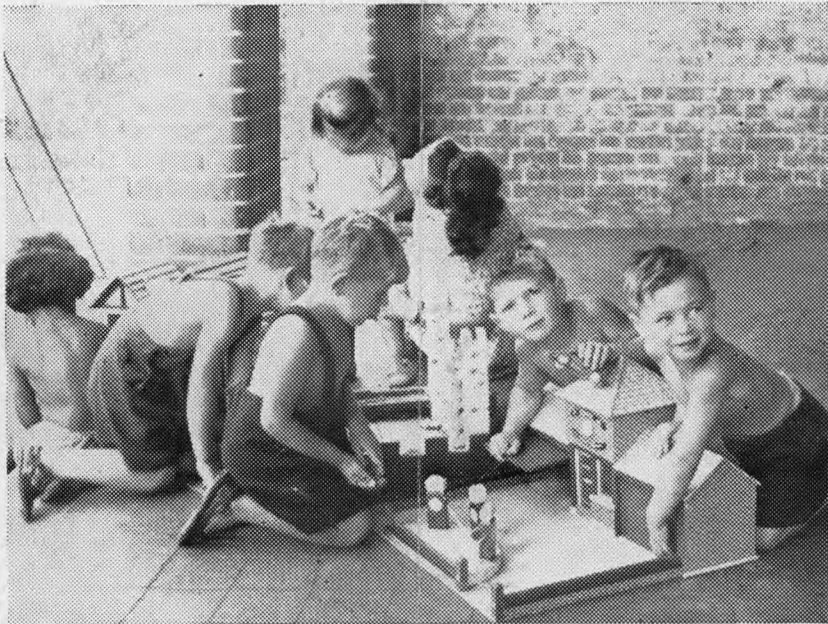
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