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THE CORONATION

THE Abbey will be shut early in the New Year to enable work to start in preparation for the Coronation.

It is good news that the Sunday services will be continued until after Christmas, although certain preliminary work in the Nave will have to be begun in December. In 1937, when the Abbey was closed for the Coronation, the School went on alternate Sundays to St. Margaret's and St. John's, Smith Square, and the daily morning service was held up School. Next year, in spite of the fact that St. John's was severely damaged during the war and is no longer usable, it is hoped to make arrangements whereby all school services are held in a neighbouring church. A preliminary rehearsal of the "Vivat's" was held in College during October.

STAFF CHANGES

MR. G. F. Eastman left last term after some six years in charge of Physical Training. He takes with him the good wishes of very many footballers and cricketers and their gratitude for his tireless and enthusiastic coaching.

Mr. G. E. Foxcroft, who has joined the Staff this term to teach Physics and as form master of the Science VI, comes to Westminster from Hume Grammar School, Manchester. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. A. D. Cunningham, who has come instead of Mr. Eastman, as Master-in-charge of Physical Training, was at Durham University, and before that at Durham School, where his Head Master was Mr. H. K. Luce, Master of the King's Scholars from 1922 to 1929.

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

THE SMITH URN



[Photo: L. H. Burd

This fine example of eighteenth-century silverware, which has recently been acquired for the school, was presented to Dr. Samuel Smith, Head Master, 1764-88. The donors were Warren Hastings, Sir Elijah Impey, and the twenty other Westminsters who gave the "Hastings Cup" to the King's Scholars. It has remained in the family of the original owner until the present time.

THE School has been inspired during Latin Prayers and hymn practices this term by the sight of a large and expensive new piano. This handsome instrument was paid for with the

assistance of considerable contributions from the Elizabethan Club and the Westminster School Society.

THE School is lucky in having as its new organist the Rev. H. C. Hollis, who is an expert musician as well as being a Minor Canon of the Abbey. Not only does he provide the accompaniment at the morning services, but he also devotes a considerable amount of his time on Monday mornings to improving the standard of singing. He has already obtained encouraging results at these sessions.

AT Westminster for the coming school year is Bruce A. Agnew from the Choate School, Connecticut, U.S.A., on an English-Speaking Union Fellowship. Next year he intends to go up to Yale, but until then he is anxious to learn all he can about school life in England. With the ultimate aim of becoming a journalist, or even a novelist, he will be studying English at "college", though for his time at Westminster he has found himself a place on the History side. Living as he does in College, he has ample opportunity to compare the latest in English school accommodation with that in the United States. He was, surprisingly, an experienced Soccer player before he arrived, and is now learning fives. As well as exploring English literature and character, he hopes to make attendance at School Societies one of his principal interests.

THE first meeting of the Political and Literary Society this term, on October 17th, heard Miss Patricia Hornsby-Smith, M.P., talk on "the Health of the Nation". She gave, in the short time, a most informative description of the Health Service and of the people's response to it. She told us both of the new methods to counteract once very widespread diseases, of the new re-organization, and of the long-term result, a great problem, of the much higher proportion of old people whom we would have to care for in the future. She dealt with the questions which followed in a way which showed us what an able and satisfying Parliamentarian she is, and the general impression she made was to demonstrate again what a wealth of ability and individuality there is in the ministers of both parties, so many of whom we have been fortunate enough to welcome to the Society.

IT has been found necessary to bring the School playing fields at Grove Park back into use, as the pitches up Fields were over-used last year and the groundsman found it difficult to bring them back into good condition in time for the cricket season. Footballers who are not in club games now play up Groves in the competition for the House League Cup.



[Photo : P. R. J. Vickers

Fencing in the gymnasium

THE Gym., after being out of use for over a year, is now looking much the better for its renewal. Apart from the construction of a new floor, the roof has been repaired, making the place much lighter and getting rid of the once familiar leaks. The Fencers now have much improved facilities for station days and matches, and it is also encouraging to see that quite a number of boys are taking up Gym. as a part-time station.

THE UNDER SCHOOL

SINCE July 1951, the date of the last *Elizabethan* containing news of the Under School, nearly thirty boys have gone on to Westminster. As there has been no relaxation in the pressure for places, the numbers in the School have remained in the neighbourhood of 75. It has so happened that during these past four terms nearly half the leavers had one term or more as a monitor and there were three school captains among them—G. H. D. Martin, C. S. Martin (unrelated to the former), and J. P. C. Fry. M. J. Hall is to be congratulated on gaining an award in the recent Challenge examination during his first year at Westminster. The new captain is R. G. M. Spry.

The 1951-52 football season was not at all good, though results and the standard of play began to improve in the Lent term. It is too early to say much about the coming year. The likely side is keen and energetic but in both size and age is below average.

The 1952 cricket XI depended rather too much on Spry (captain) and Fry, who did well both in batting and bowling. Apart from rather heavy defeats by a Westminster Under 14 XI, and by the Fathers' XI, the matches were keenly contested and there were several most exciting finishes with both scores and wickets taken very level.

The Greaze on Shrove Tuesday afternoon was this year won by C. S. Martin. An Elizabethan crown piece is now in the possession of the School and this is being suitably mounted, space being provided for the inscription of each year's winner's name.

To turn to the future, it now seems probable that the Under School, before reaching its tenth birthday in September of next year, will be leaving the immediate precincts of Westminster School and Abbey. After starting in No. 2 during the war years, spending a short time in Bromyard during the flying bomb period, moving to No. 3 on the return to Westminster from evacuation, and moving again to its present home on the completion of the rebuilding of College, it is now to move to premises in Eccleston Square. Alterations are necessary to the two adjacent houses which have been acquired and the change will take place when these have been completed. The existing Under School premises are needed by Westminster in view of the expansion of the School and of the reconstruction and restoration work to be taken in hand. It is too early at this stage to try to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of the move.

THE ABBEY AND ITS SERVICES

DR. PERKINS' SURVEY

IN the preface to his authoritative book on the worship and ornaments of Westminster Abbey, the first volume of which was published in 1938, Dr. Perkins explained the scope of the work. The architecture and monuments of the Abbey were to find no place in it, but on the other hand everything remotely connected with worship was to be included. Thus the successive changes which have taken place in the appearance of the High Altar, the Presbytery, and the Choir were dealt with in the first volume. The second volume, published in 1940, was mainly devoted to the Chapels of St. Edward and King Henry VII. The third and final volume, now published, contains an account of the eleven eastern chapels in the transepts and ambulatory, together with descriptions of the furniture—the pulpits, lecterns, and so forth—and of the sixteenth and seventeenth century plate. But the greater part of the book is taken up with an account of the way in which the services have been conducted from the sixteenth century to the present day; and this is the subject which the author has made peculiarly his own and which will perhaps be of the greatest interest to the ordinary reader.

Dr. Perkins has gathered innumerable scraps of information from the abbey muniments and from contemporary guide books and memoirs, with the result that now for the first time it is possible to form a fairly clear picture of the way in which the services were conducted at any given period since the Reformation. We get a glimpse of the Elizabethan Chapter cutting up "the best copes remaining in the vestry" to make a canopy for the Queen when she came to the Abbey, and (a little later) embarking on a lottery to raise funds for the purchase of communion plate. There is evidence that copes were in regular use up till the time of the Long Parliament, and it was "the feare of copes and wafer cakes" which produced the historic protest of the House of Commons in 1614 followed by their migration to St. Margaret's Church, as more suitable for their corporate worship.

Within a few years there was no need for the Commons—or what was left of them—to be ruffled by what they found in the Abbey. In March 1649 a writer noted "the most rare and strange alteration of things in the *Cathedral Church of Westminster*. Namely, that whereas

there was wont to be heard nothing almost but *Roaring*—Boyes, tooting and squeaking *Organ Pipes*, and the *Cathedral catches of Morley*, and I know not what trash; now the Popish Altar is quite taken away, the *bellowing Organs* are demolisht and pull'd down, the *treble* or rather *trouble* and base singers, Chanters or Inchanters driven out; and instead thereof there is now a most blessed Orthodox Preaching Ministry".

With an abundance of illustrations and in his own forthright style Dr. Perkins traces the worship of the Abbey through the lean days of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries to its revival under the influence of the Oxford Movement. He pays tribute to the influence of successive Deans, notably Dean Bradley, who contributed to this renewed interest in liturgical matters, and he continues the story of the enrichment of the Abbey and its services in the half century which has elapsed since Bradley's death. What he omits to say is that almost every detail of enrichment during the last half century has been due to himself. All that we now take for granted in a great Abbey service—the splendour and dignity of a State ceremony such as a Royal Wedding or of a local anniversary such as St. Edward's Day—all that we now accept as normal ceremonial practice has been slowly and painfully built up by Dr. Perkins. With single-minded pertinacity he has bullied or cajoled successive Deans and Chapters into spending money and time in making their corporate worship worthy of the place which the Abbey holds in the life of the nation, and he has persuaded many private individuals to make gifts to the sacristy.

The concluding pages of the volume contain a moving description of the Abbey during the war, when with its windows shattered, its precincts largely destroyed, and with (for a period) the actual fabric of the church laid open to the sky, the services were never suspended for a single day. And here again he characteristically omits to mention what those who were here remember well—that the Sacrist was as familiar a figure among those scenes of desolation as he had been among so many scenes of splendour in the past.

Westminster Abbey; its Worship and Ornaments, by Dr. Jocelyn Perkins. For the Alcuin Club: O.U.P., 1952. 35s.

THE MODERN LINGUISTS AT MAYRHOFEN

WORK AND PLAY IN THE TYROL

THE Modern Languages Seventh, having recently returned after a month in France, left at the end of last term for Austria, once again under the leadership of Dr. Sanger. The journey included a voyage up the most beautiful part of the Rhine, between Bonn and Rudesheim, and a day in Heidelberg before we arrived at Mayrhofen, in the Tyrol, an attractive little town nestling between mountains, often plunged in cloud.

At Mayrhofen, the University of Innsbruck was holding its Summer Course, a programme which, apart from lectures in German language, literature and arts, included excursions, mountain climbing and folk singing and dancing. Dr. Sanger managed to be everywhere at once, now chasing sleepy

Modern Linguists into early morning lectures, now striding up a perpendicular mountain-side, now representing Great Britain in an international tennis tournament. After three most enjoyable weeks, the party moved on to Salzburg for the Festival there, seeing the town as well as going to performances of "Jedermann", produced most impressively in front of the Cathedral, and a new opera, "Die Lieben der Danae".

Dr. Sanger's unlimited energy and genius for organization showed themselves in his determined handling of all officials, from Bank of England directors to Austrian station-masters, and everyone who went with him is very grateful for a valuable and enjoyable experience.

THE ELECTION TERM CONCERT

VARIED QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE

THIS concert was a great success, owing mainly to the performances of the Choir and Orchestra. Winners of events in the Music Competitions played well on the whole; but in most cases did not reach the standard of which we knew they were capable.

The first item was the Busby's House Choir singing Stanford's "The Old Superb". Busby's suffered from the disadvantage of having been too good in the Competitions, and the rest of the School were rather disappointed at the second hearing. Visitors were, however, suitably impressed.

The bassoon trio, T. E. V. Pearce, D. J. D. Miller, and W. E. A. Phillips, suffered from a similar handicap in that the markedly humorous quality of their piece survived only the first, or maybe the second, playing. Even the skilful interpretation it received failed to make of it a real concert piece. The piano duet, played by C. P. Smith and C. K. H. Davison, was a French composition: clever and neat, having a five-finger exercise in the treble part, the full effect of which was brought out by an understanding lightness of touch. S. A. Cang's song was very pleasant and strongly rendered, though the four short verses did not do him justice.

M. M. Aufenast gave a fine performance of a Tartini violin sonata. At moments his assurance faltered a little, but his playing was thoroughly satisfying in general effect and was well received. C. P. Smith, piano, J. L. Lee, 'cello, and C. A. Gane, clarinet, brought the first half to a conclusion with Beethoven's Trio in B flat, Op. 11. An otherwise able rendering, this was marred at times by noticeable roughness.

The second half began with a performance of Sibelius' "Karelia" Overture by the orchestra. This was followed by Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music", and here the choir excelled themselves, combining a sureness of timing with a true appreciation of the mood of this work. Norrington's contribution as soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto in A was most creditable, and gained him a good round of applause. The evening concluded with the very rousing "Cortège" from the Opera-Ballet "Mlada" by Rimsky-Korsakoff, assisted with choruses written by Mr. Foster, and the result was excellent.

The programme was brought to an end by the singing of the School Song followed by the National Anthem.

MR. J. S. RUDWICK

NEWS of the death of Mr. J. S. Rudwick, who retired from the staff in 1950 after 36 years' service, will have come as a shock to many generations of Old Westminsters.

He joined the staff of the School in 1914 after taking his degree at London University. For many their first memory of him will be that of an efficient, young and rather fierce Second Lieutenant in the O.T.C. during the early days of the 1914-18 war, before they were privileged to discover that beneath a somewhat brusque manner lay a highly sensitive nature ready to bestow sympathy and almost anxiously seeking it. For a short time from 1918 to 1919 he was absent on war service, and returned to take charge of the Science Seventh. The numerous changes on the staff during the years following the war meant many posts to fill. Rudwick not only took his turn as Commanding Officer of the O.T.C., but in 1925 was appointed School Librarian and Housemaster of Homeboarders. His marriage took place in 1927, and two years later he accepted the housemastership of Rigaud's on the retirement of B. F. Hardy. He resigned the Library in 1929, and from that time devoted himself to the management of his House, with only the additional responsibility of the School section of the Air Training Corps during the last war.

To all these tasks he brought the quick apprehension, the clear brain and the well-ordered mind of the trained scientist. Schoolmasters are not always conspicuous for business-like methods, but he took a pleasure in reducing things to order and keeping his records up to date, so that his successors found their task so much the easier. But he brought far more than merely good management to his work. He had travelled abroad both in Europe and across the Atlantic; his reading was wide and his interests varied. For games of any kind he had no enthusiasm, and he used to say that listening to music was physical torture, but he had found time to study law and finance, and he had a considerable knowledge of such unrelated subjects as horticulture and furniture. All this enriched his teaching and conversation, and his original views, his racy imitations and his shrewd judgment added a spice which was always enjoyable.

He took an immense pride in his House, and effected many improvements in the internal arrangements of Rigaud's. The close interest which he showed in the progress of his boys through the School was continued after they had left to take up a career, and the large number of

contacts which he was able to maintain with his old boys testifies to the affection with which they regarded him and to their appreciation of the influence which he exerted. Nor must it be thought any disparagement of his work as a housemaster to say that his best work was surely done in the classroom among the senior boys. The appreciation by a former pupil, printed below, is eloquent testimony to the inspiration of his teaching, even if there were not an impressive list of scholarships to support it.

Rudwick was one of the little band of masters who were with the School throughout its exile in Herefordshire. Those were hard days, and imposed a heavy strain, but all who shared them felt themselves united in a common experience which others can never fully understand. To some it was a time to look back on with a sense of enjoyment, but to Rudwick those years brought much sorrow. His health was not good, and he deeply felt the loneliness of an enforced separation from his family. His was a nature which at the best of times did not easily find happiness, and perhaps he could only do so in the intimacy of the family circle. To his wife and children he was utterly devoted. He loved to talk of his family, and he always talked of them with love. The loss of his eldest daughter soon after the School's return to Westminster was a grievous blow, from which, however courageously borne, he never recovered.

He resigned his House in 1947, but remained on the staff for three years longer, coming in daily from his home at Gerrard's Cross. After his retirement he moved to Old Heathfield, where, as always, his friends enjoyed his hospitality and the knowledge that he and Mrs. Rudwick never spared themselves in their consideration for their guests. It seemed that here at last he was entering on the peace of real happiness which he had desired but never quite attained, and as he was laid to rest in the sunshine of an October afternoon those who looked on felt that indeed it was so.

A correspondent writes :

It is as a teacher that Joseph Spencer Rudwick will be chiefly remembered, and especially for his teaching of Physics. This was, quite literally, superb. His accuracy of thought and clarity of expression enabled him to plunge you head first into the complex differentials of electromagnetic theory as painlessly as if they were your multiplication tables. All he asked was the will to learn. Given that, you could not fail to be made to understand the subject, however dull you may

have been. And how dull-witted we must have seemed to him ! Yet, he never showed impatience at our stupidity. On the contrary, I think he loved us for our weaknesses, rather than for whatever abilities we might possibly have possessed.

He was a master of the art of making difficult things come easily, throwing all the resources of his energy into the task. "Is that clear? Do you follow that?" he would say, hurling the duster to the floor with one hand and vigorously rubbing his chin with the other. How well we remember

those delightful gestures of his, and how much we missed his teaching when, later, we became subjected to the impersonal tedium of the University lecture.

In the sixth, he taught you how to tackle problems in Physics; in the seventh, how to tackle the wider problems of life. Thus, he was a philosopher as well as a physicist and he took great pains to steer his senior form clear of the rigid materialism that a scientific education is apt to inculcate.

A. V. A.

THE C.C.F. CAMP AT FINGRINGHOE ELABORATE NIGHT-OPERATIONS

SINCE it can hardly be said that C.C.F. camps are recalled by most as enjoyable experiences, it is perhaps all the more surprising (though possibly the reason lies somewhere here) that Fingringhoe Camp, where the organization by the Royal Artillery was very often deficient, has left a more pleasant impression on the minds of those who attended it than many former camps.

Two months after, the most vivid recollections in the minds of most of us are of things only incidental to the corps; perhaps the position of the camp on the edge of the saltings; perhaps, more prosaically, the taste of civilization in Colchester after church parade on Sunday; or perhaps even of man-handling all the contingent's heavy equipment at 4.30 on the final morning after the failure of the baggage lorry to arrive at the appointed place.

On the more official side of camp the most memorable and certainly the most successful event was the night operation. This was the first time that the contingent had tackled anything as ambitious as a scheme which lasted from 5.0 in the evening until 6.0 the following morning. The novelty of midnight patrols and a 3 a.m. attack seemed to infect everyone with enthusiasm and made the experiment a success worth repeating.

Twice we visited the Middlewick ranges; on the second occasion the N.C.O.'s fired bren and sten guns in addition to ordinary .303 shooting. Of our own exercises the most notable perhaps was one staged to demonstrate the uses of smoke in an attack. This year Westminster was again represented in the guard-mounting competition by a guard which had control of the main gate.

THE SCOUTS IN WENSLEYDALE

THE laws of probability and chance lead one to believe that one year the first week in August will be fine.

This year the arrival was on a lovely evening. The Eure was placid and deceptively low. Scouts immediately started exploring the countryside and the many castles and abbeys of the North Riding. On foot with haversack, by bus with packet lunch, or pushing a troop bicycle with muttered curses, they progressed into the neighbouring dales, even as far as Scotland.

After a day of persistent rain the river rose three feet. Aysgarth falls swelled from a waterfall to a giant cascade of foaming brown water.

On the initiative of the local grocer a canteen

selling fizzy lemonade and chocolate cakes was opened by the storekeeper. The camp was further brightened by speedway cycling, the *Manchester Guardian*, fishing, chopping-up trees, the arrival of distinguished visitors, and all the many ways a scout amuses himself.

The showers become more scattered. The river Eure gradually subsided to its former level.

The return journey was by day, making an early start necessary, and by skilful and efficient organization all the tents were packed before the morning rain began.

In a gentle shower, the gear, the bicycles, and most of the troop drove to Redmire Station, piled high on an open lorry.

WESTMINSTERS COMMEMORATED

HAKLUYT AND HENRY MAYHEW



A DINNER AT A CHEAP LODGING HOUSE

This illustration, from Henry Mayhew's "London Labour and the London Poor", is typical of the scenes in many "rookeries", clusters of delapidated ancient houses — such as "Tom All Alone's", under the shadow of the Abbey, scathingly described in "Bleak House".

Two Westminsters of widely separated epochs have recently been commemorated in London. "Those who have had the fortune", wrote a commentator in *The Inquirer* for September 20, "to see the exhibition in the King's Library at the British Museum to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the births of Sir Walter Raleigh and Richard Hakluyt, will have been brought very near to the motive forces that led to one of the most important events in world history—the departure of a little fleet from London in

December, 1606, carrying the founders of Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in what is now the United States. Raleigh, in seamanship and attempts at settlement, and Hakluyt, by the publication of records of voyages and colonization, were the moving spirits that led to the ultimate success of the Virginia enterprise."

Whilst ordinary men hoped by these enterprises to find a new route to the Indies (and incidentally to discover gold mines and to convert the heathen en route) those two men aimed at finding a new

home for English people. Hakluyt, who was admitted Q.S. in 1564, tells us in the "Epistle Dedicatoire" to the first edition of his *Voyages* that when still a boy at Westminster he visited the chambers of a cousin in the Middle Temple, where he found lying open on a table certain "books of Cosmographie, with a universal Map". The cousin explained these, and directed the boy to the Bible, particularly to the 107th Psalm, where in the 23rd and 24th verses he read that "they which go down to the sea in ships and occupy by the great waters, they see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep", which words, "together with my cousin's discourse took in him so deep an impression, that I was constantly resolved that if ever I were preferred to the University, I would by God's assistance prosecute that knowledge and kind of literature the doors whereof were so happily opened before me". This determination was fully carried out, and in an ode "*To the Virginian Voyage*" (to be read in *The Oxford Book of English Verse*), bidding farewell to the expedition of 1606, Michael Drayton acknowledges Hakluyt's part in the enterprise.

The other Old Westminster recently commemorated—one of the London County Council's blue plaques has gone up on his home at 55 Albany St., Regent's Park—is Henry Mayhew, the co-founder of *Punch*. Mayhew had entered the school in 1822 at the age of ten, and four years later was a candidate for the Challenge. Like others of his time he had brilliant abilities but little industry, and was detected making a last-minute effort in Abbey, having taken in a Greek grammar in lieu of a prayer-book. He was set five hundred lines of Virgil as an imposition, to be shown up to the Head Master by Monday morning. They were not forthcoming when asked for. "Then I must flog you, sir," said Goodenough. "Dr. Goodenough," said Mayhew, "you know well that I am not afraid of a flogging, for you have often flogged me, but this time I will not be flogged." "What will you do then, sir?" asked the astonished Head Master. "This," said the boy; and taking his books under his arm he ran down School. He refused to return, and was sent by his family to sea; but he soon in turn abandoned the sea for the Law and the Law for literature, and in 1831, in conjunction with his school fellow Gilbert Abbott A'Beckett started *Figaro in London*, the immediate precursor of *Punch*. Both young men worked on the staff of *Punch* for a time, but afterwards their literary paths diverged. A'Beckett is best known as the author of *The Comic History of England*: Mayhew achieved more lasting fame as the author of one

of the greatest sociological works of the nineteenth century, *London Labour and the London Poor*. Anticipating by more than twenty years Charles Booth's *Life and Labour of the People*, Mayhew's book remains the standard text-book of life in Victorian London, and its popularity is attested by the volumes of excerpts which have appeared recently under the editorship of Mr. Peter Quennell. It is interesting to note that Mayhew's Westminster connexion has been continued into the present generation. He married, in 1844, a daughter of Douglas William Jerrold, the famous journalist and wit; and their great-grandson, Mr. Douglas Jerrold, the well-known author, has embodied his reminiscences of the school in his autobiography, *Georgian Adventure*, published in 1937.

THE SCHOOL REGATTA

FROM the point of view of those who line the bank and fill the launches on the last Saturday of term, this year's Regatta was less interesting than many of those which preceded it. The fate of the Halahan Cup, which often remains in doubt until the last race of the afternoon, was decided on the previous Thursday. To add to this, the weather was dull and the water extremely choppy and covered with drift-wood. Junior-Senior Fours was the most exciting race of the afternoon, in which Busby's, who had become the favourites when Rigaud's sank in the first race, were beaten by Ashburnham. In previous races Busby's had always led or been led by a very short distance as far as Beverly, after which they had drawn away. This time Ashburnham managed to stay just up on them over the whole course. It was a surprising result, but we have learnt to expect surprising results in the Junior-Senior Fours.

The outcome of the other races was more or less as expected. The Senior Sculls were won by Bendixson, who reached the finals after a dead-heat with Hayek, the Junior-Senior Sculls by G. Francis of Rigaud's and the Junior Sculls by M. R. Rossdale of Ashburnham, who broke the record in the semi-finals. This, the only remaining pre-war record, was set up in 1938. The Senior Fours were won by Busby's B from Busby's A, who were unfortunately without their stroke. The

Junior Fours were won by Ashburnham from Wren's. On the day before, the finals of the Double Sculls had been won by G. A. D. Seward and M. A. B. Harrison of Busby's.

The cups and medals were presented at the end

of the afternoon by Mr. Troutbeck, whom we were very pleased to see again. The Halahan was won by Busby's, and Ashburnham, who won both junior events and one junior-senior event, were the runners-up.

THE CHARTERHOUSE MATCH

It is strange how easily panic spreads through a school side, which may lead to a complete turning of the tables within a very short space of time. The Westminster-Charterhouse match was an almost classic example.

Charterhouse batted first and began well, as well they might on a fast true pitch, with a fast outfield. Neither opening batsman found the attack very difficult to cope with and as soon as the shine was off the ball, Davies brought on Jones and Garcia. In spite of good fielding, however, runs still came freely and half an hour from the lunch interval, the situation did not look as comfortable as it might have for the school, but now Perrett, making his first appearance for the 1st XI, came on for Garcia. The move was an immediate success. Perrett succeeded in removing their number 1 batsman who had scored a sound 50, with a first-class googly, and had the dangerous Pilley caught behind the wicket. Almost at once another wicket fell to Jones and we went into lunch with the Charterhouse score at 104 for 3 wickets, a very different story from 101 for 1. It was obvious that Charterhouse had had little or no experience against the turning ball and when play was resumed it was Jones' turn to do the damage. Almost unbelievably Charterhouse melted away before him. He was aided by brilliant

in-fielding by Higgins and Blume, and a total of potential vastness shrank to 128 all out. This surely was the end of Charterhouse, and yet nothing could be further from the truth. Tourlmain and Thomas stayed long enough to remove the shine and then Hillyard and Higgins produced the best batting of the day, both making lovely shots all round the wicket. At this stage the game looked as good as won. Hillyard passed the 50 mark and then disaster happened. Higgins was out, swiftly followed by Hillyard when only 20 odd runs were needed for victory. Three more wickets fell with only five runs to go, but Davies in full control of the situation, after several anxious moments, finally struck the winning blow to end as exciting a struggle as could be asked for.

Although we lost our final match to the O.W.W. the season ended on a fairly successful note. The team lacked the maturity necessary for a really good side, and yet on several occasions it rose to considerable heights, as shown against the M.C.C., Lancing and Charterhouse. Of the batsmen only Davies, Higgins and Hillyard showed any real consistency, and the bowling often lacked accuracy and was seldom backed up as well as it should have been in the field. However, in spite of all, the season may be regarded as good without being outstanding.

SHOOTING

AFTER a moderately successful and most enjoyable .303 season in the summer, which included visits to Bisley for the Sussex Public Schools Championship and the Ashburton Shield, the shooting VIII have once again settled down to their normal routine on the .22 range. This year we still have five of last season's team remaining, which is naturally regarded as a good omen for the future. This term's fixture list contains the

N.S.R.A. competition, for which the VIII are now undergoing rigorous training, and the annual Waller Cup match against Lancing, in which we have great hopes of repeating our success of last season. The match will be held on our range this year and will take place on December 4th. We are glad to say that the 2nd VIII, under Mr. Brock, and the 3rd XVI, continue to flourish as before.

THE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

A VARIED PROGRAMME

THERE was an exciting ending to both School Tennis Competitions. In the Singles for the Barnes Cup, Peroni, the holder, seemed well set for another win but in the semi-final, after being a set and four games up, he relaxed fatally and Hornsby, an astonishing retriever, fought back to five all in the final set, when it became too dark to see; but he won the next two games on the following day. T. J. Davies, who had won a good match with B. R. Green in the other semi-final, saved the tennis cup from being won by a cricketer, beating Hornsby in the final 8-6, 7-5 in a fluent hard-fought match never quite so dramatic as the first semi-final.

Strokes and nerves are often a little jerky in the House Doubles and there were only two matches of a really good standard; the semi-final in which Wren's (B. R. Green and D. P. Gordon) beat Grant's (T. J. Davies and G. S. Clarke) in three

sets, and the final. Wren's won the first five games against Rigaud's, the holders (Peroni and J. I. Hyam), and then lost the next five, but went on to a firm win 7-5, 6-4. Mr. Stanley Barnes watched the match and presented the cups.

The School Team, after again losing decisively to U.C.S., won its last home match against Lancing 9-0.

Our IV at Wimbledon, after drawing a bye in the first round of the Youll Cup, beat Bryanston 3-1. Peroni and Davies won both their matches, and Gordon and Clarke beat the Bryanston second pair. The same afternoon in blazing sunshine we lost to Repton by three matches to one, our first pair beating their second. Thirty-six Public Schools competed at Wimbledon—at present our standard is somewhere about the top of the middle dozen.



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R.A.F. SECTION

An R.A.F. Section has been added to the school C.C.F. this term under the command of Mr. Shepherd. At present its members are restricted to less than twenty, though its proposed activities, among them the operation of a glider, should attract ample new recruits once room can be found for them.

50 YEARS AGO

From "The Elizabethan" of November 1902.

"The Cadet Corps has started its career with every prospect of success. Several members have already passed the first stage of their Recruit Drills."

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The Concert this term will be held up School on Thursday 18th December, at 7.45 p.m. Applications for tickets should be made to:—

The Concert Secretary,
2 Little Dean's Yard,
S.W.1.

SUMMER GOLF MEETING

SCHOOL LOSES 3-5 TO O.WW.

AT the end of last holidays the School golf meeting took place at Sudbrook Park. It was unfortunate that neither C. J. H. Davies nor T. J. Davies were able to come to what was to have been their last appearance as members of the School. A. C. Hornsby, however, did come, and after several narrow misses won the Barnes Cup with a round of 76 for a nett score of 70. He played well going out and with the help of a holed chip for a birdie three at the ninth was out in 35. Coming back he did not play quite so well, and spoiled his chances of a really good score by three putting on the last two greens. The runner-up was R. A. Bulgin, a greatly improved player who went round in 84 for a nett score of 73. With the remainder of the players, results were disappointing, far too many strokes being recorded on or around the green.

In the afternoon the match against the Old Westminsters took place, the School losing by five matches to three. In the leading match A. C. Hornsby beat Mr. J. Barley by 4-3. He indeed deserved his win over an opponent of the highest class and he never lost the advantage he gained before Mr. Barley found his touch. R. A. Bulgin beat Mr. A. C. Grover by another good performance. He was three down at the turn, but came back in level fours to win. S. L. Henry found his form in the afternoon and was unlucky to lose on the last green after a fine battle. R. P. C. Hillyard found his opponent in such good form—he scored a nett 67—that he lost 7-5. A. W. Abbott lost to Mr. W. E. Gerrish after being ahead at the turn, and J. Brostoff never recovered after losing the first six holes to Mr. Barnes. P. G. Jeeves

lost a plucky fight to Mr. L. Leighton and it was left to J. W. Tourlamain to beat Dr. Hallet by 3-2. The standard of School golf cannot be described as good, but many of the players will probably improve with experience.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 11th. 1st XI *v.* Victoria College, Jersey, up Fields. Westminster Entrance.
15th. 1st XI *v.* Lancing, at Lancing.
17th. Commemoration.
21st. Mr. Norman Collins to address the Political and Literary Society at 5.15 p.m.
22nd. 1st XI *v.* Highgate, at Highgate. Fencing—1st team *v.* St. Paul's (Home).
24th. Christ Church Election begins.
29th. 1st XI *v.* Charterhouse, up Fields. Fencing—1st team *v.* Pangbourne (Home).
Dec. 1st. The Debating Society's Staff Debate.
6th. 1st XI *v.* Old Carthusians, up Fields.
8th. Trinity Election begins.
12th. Busby's House Production of "The
and 13th. Fourth Wall" by A. A. Milne, at 7.30 p.m.
18th. Concert by the Choral and Orchestral Societies, at 7.45 p.m.
20th. Term ends.

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The Appointments of the Royal Household for the new reign include those of Sir Lancelot Barrington-Ward as Extra Surgeon to the Queen and the Rev. C. T. H. Dams as a Deputy Priest of the Chapels Royal.

The Bishop of Chichester has been elected to an Honorary Studentship at Christ Church, Oxford.

Mr. N. J. P. Brown has been appointed Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Memorial University of St. John's, Newfoundland.

At Oxford, Mr. A. P. Graham-Dixon has been placed in the First Class in *Literae Humaniores*, Mr. D. F. Whitton in Modern Languages, and Mr. C. C. C. Tickell in Modern History.

Air Commodore J. C. A. Johnson has been appointed Air Attaché in Moscow.

Major G. L. Y. Radcliffe, K.S.L.I., has been awarded M.B.E. for services in Korea.

Mr. E. E. S. Montagu, Q.C., Judge Advocate of the Fleet, is the chairman of the committee which is to examine the problem of the recruitment of cadets for the Navy.

Mr. Oswald Lewis is Master of the Farriers' Company, and Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company for the ensuing year.

Mr. K. R. Ruppel has been called to the bar

Mr T C. Skeffington-Lodge has been adopted as prospective Labour candidate for mid-Bedfordshire.

The following ecclesiastical appointments have been made: Rev. J. W. Burford Vicar of Brixworth, Northants., Rev. J. R. H. Thorold Vicar of Mitcham, Surrey, Rev. R. S. Chalk Priest-in-Charge of St. Philip's, Weston Mill, Devonport, Rev. P. G. Harrison Vicar of Hawkinge and Rector of Acrise, Kent. Rev. E. de T. W. Longford was ordained priest at the Trinity Ordination.

BIRTHS

HAMILTON—On August 21st 1952 at 17 Dean's Yard, Westminster, to Jane, wife of Walter Hamilton, a son.

ABRAHAMS—On September 8th 1952 in London to Cynthia, wife of A. J. Abrahams, a son.

DELLER—On September 20th 1952 in London to Patricia, wife of Dr. Peter Deller, a daughter.

DOWNES—On September 22nd 1952 at Maidenhead to Pamela, wife of Michael Downes, a daughter.

DUNCAN—On September 20th 1952 at Bromley, Kent, to Ann, wife of C. S. A. Duncan, a son.

GERRISH—On June 25th at Woking to Ann, wife of Jack Gerrish, a daughter.

GLANVILLE—On September 10th 1952 at Harpenden to Genista, wife of R. J. B. Glanville, a daughter.

HICKS—On July 18th 1952 at Hinckley to Mary, wife of the Reverend E. J. Hay Hicks, a son.

KEMP—On August 29th 1952 in Kuala Lumpur to Alison, wife of A. S. H. Kemp, a son.

KIDD—On July 1st 1952 at Shaftesbury to Annette, wife of Roger Kidd, a daughter.

LINES—On July 23rd 1952 at Bedford to Joan, wife of David Lines, a daughter.

LYONS—On May 28th 1952 at Streatham to Ann, wife of J. A. Lyons, a daughter.

LONGFORD—On July 16th 1952 to the wife of the Reverend E. de T. W. Longford, a son.

MACMILLAN—On July 20th 1952 at North Walsham, Norfolk, to Muriel, wife of W. S. G. Macmillan, a daughter.

MCNAMARA—On July 24th 1952 in London to Diana, wife of Robert McNamara, a daughter.

MILLAR—On October 4th 1952 at Hitchin to Anne, wife of Dr. Andrew Millar, D.S.O., D.F.C., a daughter.

REID DICK—On July 19th 1952 in London to Barbara, wife of John Reid Dick, a son.

SAUNDERS—On August 18th 1952 at Cambridge to Angela, wife of Flight Lieutenant T. D. C. Saunders, a daughter.

TASKER—On September 15th 1952 at Swanage to Juliet, wife of J. M. Tasker, a daughter.

WHIPP—On September 4th 1952 at Ealing to Patricia, wife of P. G. Whipp, a son.

MARRIAGES

ARCHER : DAVID—On June 21st at Llanwenarth Citra, D. H. R. Archer to Angela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. David of Cherry Orchard, Abergavenny.

BRADLEY : FYNN—On July 19th 1952 in Southern Rhodesia, D. A. Bradley to Zoë, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Fynn of Umtali, Southern Rhodesia.

CLARKE : GODWIN—On June 10th 1952 S. L. H. Clarke to Ruth Joan, younger daughter of Mr. Oscar Godwin of Barnet, Herts.

DENNY : DENNY—On June 28th 1952 at Aldeburgh, A. M. Denny to Pamela, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. Hamilton Denny of Aldeburgh Lodge, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

HOLMES-WALKER : RUSS—On July 26th 1952 at Lausanne, W. A. Holmes-Walker to Marie-Anne, daughter of M. Willy Russ of Neuchatel, Switzerland.

LEVISON : SCHOOLING—On February 8th 1952 Dr. Victor Levison to Barbara, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schooling of Farnham Common.

ODHAMS : JORDAN—On August 30th 1952 at St. Mark's North Audley Street, D. V. L. Odhams to Fay, daughter of Mr. N. H. A. Jordan of Bridlington and Mrs. M. W. Jordan of 22 South Grove House, N.6.

OLDAK : MARTIN—On September 1st 1952 at Brompton Oratory, Peter Oldak to Winifred, daughter of William Martin of Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

SKONE JAMES : KNIGHT—On May 31st 1952 E. P. Skone James to Jean Norah, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knight of Elmside, Bickley, Kent.

SMITH : WINDSOR—On August 29th 1952 at Brighton, J. M. Smith to Vera Windsor, daughter of Mr. J. Downing of Redding.

TREBUCQ : BAILLY—On August 30th 1952 at Lyon, D. A. Trebucq to Aline, daughter of M. A. J. Bailly of Lyon.

WHISKARD : JACKSON—On June 26th 1952 at Saint George's, Hanover Square, J. M. Whiskard to Elizabeth Dorothy, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel E. D. Jackson, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Mrs. Jackson of Glen Douglas, Jedburgh.

WYKE-SMITH : DEMEL—On September 19th 1952 at the Franciscan Monastery, Olton, E. S. Wyke-Smith to Sheila Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Demel of Earlswood, Warwickshire.

OBITUARY

By the death of SIR MAURICE GWYER, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., a long and brilliant career was brought to an end and Westminster has lost one of her most distinguished sons. He entered the School as a Queen's Scholar in 1892 and was Captain in 1896. He went up to Christ Church, was awarded a First Class in Classical Moderations and a Second Class in "Greats", and in 1901 was elected a fellow of All Souls. He was called to the bar in 1903, after winning special prizes for constitutional and common law and a Certificate of Honour in the final examination. There is no space here to write of the details of his legal career, or of the many responsible positions which he held. He assisted the Government of the day on numerous commissions by his rapid grasp of facts and his remarkable powers of draftsmanship; and he was editor of Anson's *Law of the Constitution* and of five editions of Anson's *Law of Contract*.

But his chief work was done in and for India. As First Parliamentary Counsel to the Treasury it was his task to draft the India Bill, which became law in 1935. The success which attended this Act, which led indirectly to the independence of India and Pakistan, was in great part due to him, and he won the confidence of the Indian leaders, who found in him a friend who sympathized with their aspirations. Gwyer became the first Chief Justice of the Indian Federal Court, but when his time came to retire from this, although suffering severely from the arthritis which ultimately made him a cripple, he refused to leave India, as he had recently been elected Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University. The next seven years saw a complete transformation in the University, with the restoration of a high standard of discipline and education, and with the erection of its extensive buildings in the grounds of the Viceregal Lodge.

No account in *The Elizabethan* however can omit to refer to Gwyer's services to the School. He was a Busby Trustee, and from 1936 until his departure for India a Member of the Governing Body. He was also the author of the Epilogue to the Play of 1899. He claimed to belong to the last election which wore the traditional Junior's waistcoat—a garment something like the modern lumber-jacket in design—and his own waistcoat now hangs in a glass case in College. Old Westminsters will also be interested to know that it was largely through his determination that *The Elizabethan* was first sent free of charge to all members of the Club. He was a member of the sub-committee to consider the project, and when every possible financial objection had been raised, he closed the meeting decisively: "I am keen on this. We must get it." And in so doing he perhaps saved the magazine from extinction in the costly post-war years.

We also record with deep regret the death of the following Old Westminsters:

Major CHAPLIN COURT TREATT, who died at Los Angeles at the age of 63, is best known for the remarkable journey which he made with his wife and four others by motor car from the Cape to Cairo. He had been sent out to survey the whole country with a view to the establishment of an air route, and the story of his adventures was told by himself in the pages of *The Elizabethan* in 1926. He was at Westminster from 1904 to 1908, and left to study art. In the first World War he joined the R.F.C. and saw service in France, where he was severely wounded, and was later on the Staff in Egypt. After his employment on the Cape-Cairo

air route, he made motion pictures of Africa, and lectured widely in England, till in 1931 he went to America and became engaged in the production of films. During the Second World War he was employed as a technical officer in cinematograph work for the Royal Air Force at Farnborough. He married in 1913 Cecile Joyce, daughter of the Rev. H. T. Williamson.

PETER WILLIAM FINNIE was born in 1912 and admitted to the School in 1925. He left in 1929 and later was appointed assistant secretary to a firm at Fareham. He married in 1936 Norah, daughter of F. E. Bentley of Battle.

CECIL ROY HOUGHTON-GASTRELL was at Westminster from 1892 to 1896. He became a member of the Stock Exchange. He died on July 28th at the age of 73.

SIR HAROLD CECIL AUBREY HARMSWORTH, who died recently at the age of 55, was the Chairman of the Harmsworth Press. After leaving Westminster in 1914 he was for a brief period at Christ Church until he obtained a commission in the R.G.A., later transferring to the R.M.A. He saw service in the Dardanelles and South Russia. In spite of all his varied activities, he always took an interest in Westminster, and in 1948 he purchased and presented to the School the attractive painting of the Abbey and Tothill Street in the eighteenth century, which now hangs in Ashburnham House.

It has only now been established that LEONIDAS PAUL LAMBRINUDI, who was admitted in 1929 and left Westminster in 1931 should have been included in the Roll of Honour among those who were killed in the War. On leaving School he graduated at the University of Athens and on the outbreak of war enlisted in the Royal Hellenic Navy. He became a lieutenant, and lost his life when the submarine *Katsonis* was sunk in action with a German destroyer in the Aegean on September 14th 1943.

CHRISTOPHER WINDLEY LONSDALE, the youngest of three brothers who were at Westminster, was admitted in 1899. After graduating at Durham University he went out to British Columbia, where he founded Shawnigan Lake School, and remained as its headmaster for many years.

HAROLD JOHN MASSINGHAM, the writer and journalist, who died on August 22nd, was admitted to the School as an exhibitor in 1901, but to judge from his writings his schooldays provided him with few happy memories. He went up to Queen's College, Oxford. Though born in London, his interests were in agriculture and natural history. The artificialities of civilization were distasteful to him—even those of modern farming—and he looked back with regret to the simpler methods of a bygone age. This idealism in a lost cause in no way diminished, but rather enhanced, the charm of his writings. Among his numerous works on the English countryside *Wold Without End* may perhaps be longest remembered.

PAUL ROBERT BUCHAN MAY entered the School in 1918 and won a non-resident King's Scholarship. He was elected head to Christ Church and gained a First Class in Classical Moderations. He was appointed Assistant Commissioner in the Punjab in 1928, and four years later became a district and sessions judge. He died at Lahore on June 20th, and is survived by his widow and two children.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND MILLIKEN was at Westminster from 1890 to 1892. He later became a solicitor and practised in London. He died on August 1st at the age of 77, and by his will bequeathed to the Westminster

School Society a legacy of £1,000, expressing the wish that the money should be used for some object associated with the name of the late John Sargeant. He was twice married: first to Violet Emily Jourdain in 1902; and secondly to Florence Marian Beckwith in 1919, by whom he is survived.

GERALD EDGELL MILLS, who died recently at the age of 80, was a Chief Clerk in the Management and Administration Department of the Royal Courts of Justice. He was admitted to Westminster in 1885. In 1903 he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple. During the First World War he joined the R.N.V.R. Anti-Aircraft Corps, and rose from the rank of an A.B. to be Second in Command of the Corps. It was he who originated the barrage scheme for the defence of London. He married Ina Frances Poyser, who predeceased him, and was the father of four children. The death of his son was recorded in the last issue of *The Elizabethan*, and we take this opportunity of apologizing for a mistake in his christian name, which should have been given as 'David'.

The Reverend THOMAS EDMUND TEIGNMOUTH SHORE was admitted in 1879, and after leaving school went up to Magdalen College, Oxford. He was ordained to a curacy in Lewisham in 1891, and not long afterwards became domestic chaplain to Bishop Talbot, then bishop of Rochester. Shore's father was a Chaplain in Ordinary to King Edward VII, but the son abandoned the prospects of rapid promotion which these introductions might have afforded, and went to India to devote his life to the work of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta. He was at once sent to found a hostel in Dacca, in which town he became a well-known and much-loved figure. In 1920 he was recalled to Calcutta to become Superior of the Brotherhood, a position which he held for twenty years. He was a man of many activities, but the chief interest of his latter years was work in connexion with the leper dispensaries, one of which he was himself responsible for building.

ANTHONY BLETHYN WATSON-GANDY who died at the age of 33, entered Westminster in 1933. He was for a time in Paris, and devoted himself to writing. His death occurred in London on June 27th.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held up School on Monday, 29th September and attended by some 50 members. Sir Robert Wilkinson was elected President in succession to Mr. E. R. B. Graham and Mr. D. C. Simpson, Mr. A. C. Feasey and Mr. D. M. M. Carey were re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, respectively. Mr. R. Plummer, Mr. R. A. Denniston, Mr. F. B. Hooper and Mr. W. J. Gerrish were elected new members of the General Committee.

Before the Annual General Meeting a Special General Meeting passed three resolutions:

- (1) To grant from capital funds £100 towards the cost of a grand piano for School.
- (2) To grant from capital funds £50 to help defray the cost of a celebration in May 1953 to mark the passing of 125 years since the first O.W. Cricket match was played.
- (3) To render eligible for election to life membership of the Club, at a subscription of Three Guineas, any candidate who is not domiciled in the United Kingdom at the date of his election and who has not remained at the school more than three terms.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Elizabethan Club Dinner for 1952 was held on the 2nd October at the Goldsmiths' Hall, another sign of the close link between the School and the Goldsmiths' Company. Mr. E. R. B. Graham, the retiring President of the Club, presided, and the chief guests were Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Prime Warden, Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company, the Dean, and the Head Master. There were about 130 present in all, including Lord Davidson, Lord Rea, Sir Robert Wilkinson, the new President, and Sir Reginald Sharpe. The number of young Old Westminsters and masters present was greater than ever before.

It was a new departure, dining in the Hall of a leading City Company, and the display of plate and chandeliers must have come as a pleasant surprise to those not previously acquainted with the treasures of the City Companies. Everyone present was grateful to the Goldsmiths' for the generous loan of their Hall.

The speeches followed precedent in many ways, though the Head Master proposing 'Floreat', thought that the Bursar could "sell the School" better than himself, and felt a little embarrassed in giving to all those present an account of the School's successes. It was a very gratifying account, both at work and play, including a second defeat of Charterhouse, and very great credit must be paid to him by all O.W.W. for the way he has untiringly worked to re-establish all the old high standards expected from Westminster.

He made two appeals to Old Westminsters, to send their boys to the School, and a reminder that pecuniary assistance is more valuable than kind words and good intentions, and he enlivened his appeal with a reference showing his interest in the fairer members of the fairer sex.

Speeches by Lord Davidson and Lord Balfour of Burleigh followed from which one gathered that there was a little rivalry over the dates of individuals' 'birth certificates', not excluding that of the Dean. Whereafter, as was only right, a welcome was given to Sir Robert Wilkinson, and tribute was paid to the unflagging energy of Mr. E. R. B. Graham, who for the past three years has been President, and to the unlimited hospitality extended by him and his wife.

After the last speech was over, there was an opportunity for informal talk with individual friends, before reluctantly we took our leave and went home.

S. H.

SQUASH RACQUETS

A full fixture list has been arranged for this season and to date two matches have been played, both of which were lost. The Club will once more take part in the Londonderry Cup. The Hon. Secretary is still looking for additional players in this connexion. Correspondence has been exchanged between the Hon. Secretary and the School Games Committee regarding the Surrey Squash Racquets Club's facilities for schoolboys in the holidays, and it is hoped that some action will be taken.

FIVES

The Section has now started the 1952/53 season and a large number of fixtures have been arranged, though the Club is still anxious for more Old Westminsters to join as playing members. Fixtures before Christmas are as follows:

Sat. Nov. 8	Lancing College, Lancing, 2.30.
Thur. ,, 13	Old Reptonians, Westminster, 6.0.
Thur. ,, 20	Old Citizens, Westminster, 6.30.
Sat. ,, 22	Old Harronians, Harrow, 2.30.
Thur. Dec. 4	The Masters, Westminster, 6.30.
Sat. ,, 6	Wellington Col. Team, Wellington, 2.15



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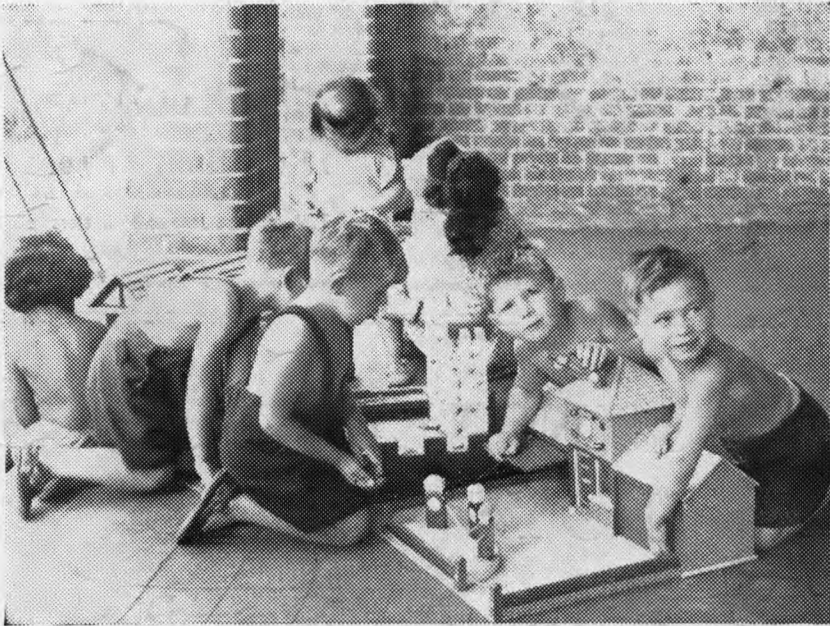
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FACTS. We have 110 Homes, including Babies, Toddlers, Cripples and Diabetics. For years our work has been planned on lines similar to the provisions of the Children Act (1948). We are a Registered Adoption Society. We are not eligible for Family Allowances.

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