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PLAY TERM NOTES

SCHOOL MONITORS

C. H. BEARD, Captain of the School, Captain of the Queen's Scholars.
D. B. WILKINS, Head of Liddell's, *Princeps Oppidanorum*.
P. P. G. B. BATESON, Head of Busby's.
M. M. CROSSE, Head of Ashburnham.
D. DEWAR, Head of Grant's.
M. J. HALL.
C. S. MARTIN.
J. G. NANDRIS, Head of Wren's.
G. R. POOLE, Head of Rigaud's.
E. RAW.
G. L. STEMP.

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STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

State Scholarships have been awarded to the following :—

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M. R. SALAMAN J. H. SIMPSON

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NEW MASTER

Mr. A. B. STOKOE was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and at King's, Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences and Psychology. He did his National

Service in the R.A.F. where he took part in the training of backward and delinquent youths who will be the Regular Air Force of the future, and then came to Westminster to learn and teach Physics. He is interested in the Novel and in English Social History particularly as it is expressed in Architecture.

We also welcome back Dr. J. P. Hall, who is rejoining the Staff after an absence abroad in Kenya.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 6th Fencing—1st team *v.* Winchester (Home).
7th Shooting—N.S.R.A. Competition.
10th 1st XI *v.* Victoria College, Jersey, up Fields.
17th Fencing—1st team *v.* St. Paul's (Away).
18th Christ Church Election begins.
24th 1st XI *v.* Highgate (Away).
Dec. 1st 1st XI *v.* Charterhouse, up Fields.
8th Trinity Election begins.
19th Concert by the Choral and Orchestral Societies 7.45 p.m.
21st Term Ends.

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The School Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from:—

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

RETIREMENT OF THE HEAD MASTER

It was announced on October 23rd that the Head Master is leaving next July to become Head Master of Rugby.

The news will be received with great regret. Mr. Hamilton has been Head Master since 1950 and much of the school's present prosperity is due to his leadership. A fuller account of his head-mastership will appear in a later issue.

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Thirty or so couples gathered Up Library at the end of last term when a School Dance, the first for three years, took place to the excellent accompaniment of Chappie D'Amatoe's Dance Band. Mrs. Burd kindly provided the refreshments, and the Head Master added a touch of respectability by his presence during part of the evening. Everybody who went seemed to enjoy themselves, and it is hoped that it will be repeated next year.

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There are several innovations at School this term, the most prominent of which is the incorporation of a new House, involving extensive structural alterations to the existing buildings, and also the move of Ashburnham to a new house, far removed on the other side of Green, and entailing a long trek for any boys who leave their books there. Perhaps more noticeable as far as School life goes is the introduction of a new timetable, introducing extra periods on Mondays and Wednesdays and also a new scheme for those not in the C.C.F. on Friday afternoons. Opinions as to the utility of the timetable are divided.

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At last, after years of waiting, it seems that School is going to be rebuilt. This will involve the evacuation of the School Play and the Concert to other ground, and Busby's have already decided to produce their next play in their own dining hall. Not all the details of the new building are available, but it is known that the Shell will be re-introduced, and the old high-pitched roof will be flattened out in an attempt to modernize the structure.

School is not the only place to receive a renovating treatment. College Hall has suffered in the same way, but is now better than ever with a slate tiled floor and a sparkling array of Old Masters that have recently undergone a thorough Spring cleaning.

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The School Services are still being held in the Nave of the Abbey, for the Choir and Transepts are hidden in a maze of scaffolding and planks. At least the damage is not quite as serious as it is in the Chapel of Eton College, which has been attacked by the dreaded Death Watch Beetle.

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We welcome this term from Choate School U.S.A. an exchange student on a British Speaking Union scheme. He is Theodore Lee Gaillard, and he is studying History in the Seventh Form and doing Water as a station. He replaces P. S. Byard, who spent the last term in College on a different exchange. B. J. Jones represents Westminster in America.

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Elsewhere in this issue you will find an advertisement for the Westminster School Store, which is always glad to see Old Westminsters as its customers. A useful item which will be on sale this year nearer December is a Christmas Card with a reproduction of a print of Westminster as it was many years ago.

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LIDDELL'S

AT the beginning of this term a new school house, Liddell's, came into existence. The school's newest house is accommodated in its oldest building—oldest, that is, if antiquity is to be measured by length of occupation. School dates from the eleventh century, but it was not until the 1590's that it was occupied by boys, whereas it was in 1461 that the "grammar children" moved from their former home in the Almonry to the house now known as No. 19 Dean's Yard.

For a century they lived there with their Master, and were taught within its walls, and it was the present dining-room, perhaps, which was the room which was mentioned in a Chapter Order of 1599 as "too low and too little for receiving the number of Scholars". Growing numbers demanded the use of School for teaching purposes, but the Head Master continued to live in No. 19 and to take in boarders for his own profit, and Busby appears to have had between 30 and 40 of the boys boarding with him.

From Busby's time until 1939 all Head Masters with the possible exception of Robert Freind (1711-33) lived in the house, and during the eighteenth century, especially under Dr. Markham, who was one of the earliest friends of the then unknown Edmund Burke, most of the famous men of the period are known to have been at some time or other within its walls. Boswell was a fairly frequent visitor to Dr. Samuel Smith and Dr. William Vincent, and an amusing glimpse of the former is given by an entry in his *Journal* for March 29th, 1772. Boswell had breakfasted with Mrs. Stuart, a friend of his wife, in Queen's Street, Mayfair. "Mrs. Stuart", he writes, "has a great deal of lively humour. She gave me a most characteristic anecdote of an English Pedant, Dr. Smith, the present Head Master of Westminster School. Lady Piercy and she were going to see the procession of the Princess of Wales' funeral, and were to have places in Dr. Blair's, one of the Prebendaries of Westminster, from whose windows they could see it well. There was so great a crowd that they could not get their carriage forward to Dr. Blair's. So they stopped at Dr. Smith's door, sent up their names, and begged leave only to walk through his house to Dr. Blair's. They heard him answer his servant 'It cannot be. I will not let them go through: I'll do nothing to oblige the Dean and Chapter.' It would seem that there had been some quarrel between him and the Dean and Chapter. But his thinking of

that, and conducting himself sternly with a view to it, while two pretty young agreeable Ladies were waiting with impatience for the favour only of being allowed to pass through his house, and could not reasonably be supposed to have any connexion with the Dean and Chapter, was truly ludicrous. They persisted in their request till at last Dr. Smith himself came downstairs, and opened his back door, saying, 'Well, you may go through. But remember, 'tis not to oblige the Dean and Chapter.'"

The occupancy of the Head Master from whom the house now takes its name began in 1846, and here Liddell's second daughter Alice, the future Alice in Wonderland, was born. Liddell made many improvements in the building, which he recorded in a MS. notebook now in the possession of the school. But all the same, it could not have been a convenient place to live in, even in those spacious days when a Head Master could keep six or eight servants, and it was no surprise when, on the school's return from Herefordshire, the Head Master preferred a more modest but more up-to-date home.

During the war No. 19 provided accommodation for a contingent of the Signals Corps and offices for Toc H, the *Christian News Letter* and the Westminster School Society. In 1945 College took up its quarters there (until 1950, when the Under School moved in), and a medieval doorway at the top of the main staircase was opened up, providing access to No. 18. The latter building, which in monastic times had been the Monk Bailiff's house, had become a private dwelling at the Dissolution, and in the early part of the seventeenth century had been inhabited by Sir Thomas Aylesbury (O.W.), whose granddaughter, Anne Hyde, became a Queen Consort of England and was herself the mother of two queens. For over 150 years, from 1714, it was a Prebendal house, but in 1883 it passed to the school under the Public Schools Act, and in 1886 it was turned into a house for Homeboarders, who continued to occupy it until 1939.

The recent alterations have extended the house laterally still further. A way has been cut from the old Homeboarders' "Middle" into the room in No. 17 Dean's Yard used by Mr. J. T. Christie as his study from 1945 to 1949, and internal access has thus been provided to the changing rooms and day-rooms built by Mr. A. L. N. Russell in 1939 for Ashburnham, after the school had acquired No. 17 from the Dean and Chapter.

As a canonical residence No. 17 had had several interesting occupants. The old house, rebuilt about 1820, had in 1719 belonged to Dr. Brodrick, who had been Chaplain to the House of Commons which impeached the famous Dr. Sacheverell; and occupants of the present house have included Canon F. W. Farrar (1876-95), the author of the well-known "Eric or Little by Little", Dr. Hensley Henson, later Bishop of Durham (1900-12), and Canon W. H. Carnegie, whose stately,

red-robed figure was before the war a familiar sight in Dean's Yard.

In historical associations Liddell's must be unique among English public school boarding-houses, and the skilful adaptation to its present use has obliterated none of its historical features. Its public rooms and pleasant study-bedrooms have a comfortable air of having been lived in for generations, and the new school house begins its life strengthened by the memories of nearly five centuries.

THE WATER

THE SCHOOL REGATTA.—In the two or three weeks that Houses have to prepare for the School Regatta, the skilled and the unskilled come together and almost unbelievably form crews. Inevitably the standard of the four oared events is not usually very high. This year most of the crews were about average, but in each event there were outstanding fours; the Grant's Senior and Junior-Senior Fours both broke records quite comfortably and the Rigaud's and Wren's Junior Fours were both of a high standard.

The double-scutt final was between the same pairs as last year. As last year's race was close, this year's promised to be a good one. It suffices to say that Douglas-Mann and Fisher reversed their previous defeat by beating Holmes and Phillips by two feet, and in doing so broke the existing record by eleven seconds.

In the final of the Junior Sculls, Devereux and Vogel, who had both broken the old record by the same margin of four seconds in heats, met each other. However, Devereux beat Vogel quite comfortably by a length. This was perhaps fitting, as Vogel has another year in which he may compete as a Junior. The Junior-Senior Sculls Final was raced between two who had been Junior-Senior scullers for several years, and not between up-and-coming oarsmen as so often happens. Money beat Overstall by three lengths. The Senior Sculls was more or less a foregone conclusion and Douglas-Mann had no difficulty in beating Phillips.

In the Junior Four Final, Rigauds beat Wrens by four feet. In the Junior-Senior Fours, Grant's "A" beat the Queen's Scholars by five lengths.

In a previous heat Grant's beat the record by nine seconds; it is true, though, that new and better boats were used this year. The Busby's Senior Four probably did well to hold the Grant's Four to one-and-a-quarter lengths. Of the four Pinks in the Grant's four, three had rowed in their winning Senior Four last year. This four went on to win comfortably the Senior Fours of the Putney Inter-Schools Regatta, the only event that was well contested owing to the late breaking-up date last term.

Only extreme partisans would have claimed that Grant's could do anything but win the Halahan. They got 74 points for the Cup, followed by Rigaud's with 34, and the Queen's Scholars with 24. The prizes were presented by R. Wakeford, Esq., V.C. (O.W.), who was Head of the Water in 1939.

THE END-OF-TERM REGATTAS.—The first eight never managed to prove itself last term and it was thus a determined crew that went to Maidenhead, Henley Town, and the Serpentine regattas after the term was over.

It was expected, after the hurly-burly of school regatta rowing, that the eight would take some time to develop as a unit, especially as one of the original members of the first eight was ill and some changes in position were thus necessary. In spite of the fact that the places in the crew were only fixed a day before Maidenhead Regatta, the eight won its first two races quite comfortably. In the third race Beaumont, who had only raced once before that day, succeeded in beating them by half a length. Beaumont, however, were beaten in the final by Eton Excelsior.

At Henley Town Regatta Westminster Watermen were drawn against Eton Excelsior and Twickenham R.C., who had beaten the school at Walton Regatta. It was decided that the only way of winning the race was by sprinting over the whole of the five-minute course, as most members of the crew were fit enough to do this. Unlike most races, this went according to plan and the Watermen won, beating Eton Excelsior by one-third of a length and Twickenham by several lengths.

The final proved to be a much harder race than had been anticipated. Maidenhead R.C. were, at several points in the race, ahead of the Watermen, but in a finishing spurt the Watermen drew ahead to win by a canvas, also beating in the same heat Thames R.C. by half a length. For the first time

since 1939 a Westminster eight had won an event over a full-length course.

With some fear that they might go stale, the eight went on to the Open Sprint Championships on the Serpentine. The first two races were won by three-quarters of a length, which is a very reasonable margin over such a short course. In the final on the Saturday the Watermen were due to race Quintin B.C.; a very strong head-wind was blowing in which Westminster crews usually row notoriously badly. However, after losing half a length on the start, Fisher rallied the crew and they drew past Quintin to win by three-quarters of a length again. Thus, for the second time running, the school won the Junior-Senior Eights on the Serpentine.

THE LATIN PLAY

THE MILES GLORIOSUS OF PLAUTUS

THIS summer the Classical forms of the school acted in the second of the post-War Latin plays, the *Miles Gloriosus* of Plautus. After the *Phormio* of 1954 this year's production was on a much larger scale, and despite the hostility of the summer preparations were made for the scene to be set in Yard, with the result that several of the rehearsals were held under umbrellas. As a concession to the whims of Nature it was decided to erect an awning over the seats occupied by the audiences, and the prayers of the cast were offered for two consecutive fine nights.

The *Miles* is the story of a Boastful Soldier, and of the wiles and deceptions of his slaves and friends which finally reduce him to being beaten and admitting the error of his ways. The slave, Palaestrio, as in most of the comedies of Plautus and Terence, is the main part, and is extremely clever and ingenious, especially when concerned with saving his own skin. The scene is set at Ephesus, where the soldier lives in a semi-detached house. His neighbour is the old man Periplectomenus, who hatches a plot with Palaestrio to allow one of the soldier's slave girls to enter his house by a secret passage and meet her lover there. Sceledrus, another of the soldier's servants, sees the girl Philocomasium in the arms of a young man in the next house, and the subterfuge is only continued by the explanation that there are two

girls, twins, in the two houses. This deception involves the hurried running from one building to another through the passage by Philocomasium, while the attention of the Soldier is distracted by the feigned adoration of another woman, thus allowing the two lovers to make their escape.

A comedy such as the *Miles Gloriosus* can be spoilt by relying too much on slapstick and unnecessary visual action. Throughout the production, therefore, the cast indulged in it only when the action could be related to the dialogue. So, when the soldier vaulted over a wall and dashed a row of milk bottles to the ground, the comedy of the action could be connected to the remark of Palaestrio: "Tace ne audiat." Although visual comedy is not a good thing in a play it does help those who do not have Latin at their finger-tips to find some amusement in the production, and the lack of understanding in some sections of the audiences, particularly on the first night, may be put down to this relation of the words to the actions. It was noticeable that the second night audience was far more appreciative of the Latin in itself than the first, and the atmosphere was all the better for this. The Latin of Plautus improves in speaking, and though it has not the smooth polish of the language of the Classical period it is the language of the people and has a peculiar attraction of its own. This

charm was brought out to the full by all the cast, who spoke their lines naturally and as if Latin was their native tongue.

As everyone had feared, the first evening was wet, and it was actually raining until a few moments before the beginning of the prologue, which was written by the Seventh Form aided by the producer. By the end of the prologue, however, both the audience and the cast had forgotten the weather and were beginning to enjoy themselves.

The standard of acting was extremely high, and it is difficult to single out any one performance for commendation. C. W. Redgrave, as Palaestrio, maintained an excellent standard throughout his very long part, and bore almost the whole action of the play on his shoulders. Pyrgopolynices, the Miles Gloriosus, was played by J. H. Simpson, who conveyed admirably the change in his character from a blustering boor to a repentant sinner during the course of the play. Both Periplectomenus, the old neighbour (D. V. Klein), and Sceledrus (R. H. Brown), deserve the high praise that they received, Klein for his expert handling of long passages of skittish soliloquy, and Brown for his air of puzzled bewilderment at the schemes of Palaestrio. All the other members of the cast deserve mention individually, and yet they all combined very well into a whole, so that the performance possessed an overall high finish that was most pleasing.

The Producer, Mr. T. L. Zinn, is to be congratulated on bringing off an ambitious project, and the polished finish that appeared so natural in the performances was the result of his continual



Photograph

T. J. E. BARLOW

THE SOLDIER AND HIS PARASITE

hard work, even on the details of the production. We look forward to the next Latin play with the confident hope that it will be as successful as the Miles Gloriosus.

SCOUT CAMP

LOOKING back on the camps of recent years, most of which have been favoured with fine weather, one would have expected from the Law of Averages that this year's camp would be a wet one. Moreover, the site chosen was near the little village of Dinas Mawddwy in Merioneth, a place traditionally famed for Blue Earth, False Men, and Incessant Rain, and it was not long before the last of these amenities was applied to the camp. There was a steady downpour for most of the first day and strong winds for the first two nights, but little permanent damage was done and the rest of the ten-day camp was remarkably dry.

Scout Camp is essentially a holiday, and there are two main principles on which those attending it base the way in which they spend their time; one either camps for the sake of camping or because it provides a convenient base for the exploration of the surrounding country. Followers of the second principle made many expeditions both on foot and by bicycle: Aran Fawddwy (2,970 ft.), Cader Idris (2,927 ft.) and several other peaks in the district were climbed, and a little rock climbing was also done. Dolgelly, via the pass Bwlch Oerddrws, was a popular, if somewhat unrewarding, objective for many cyclists. The more resident members of the camp equipped the

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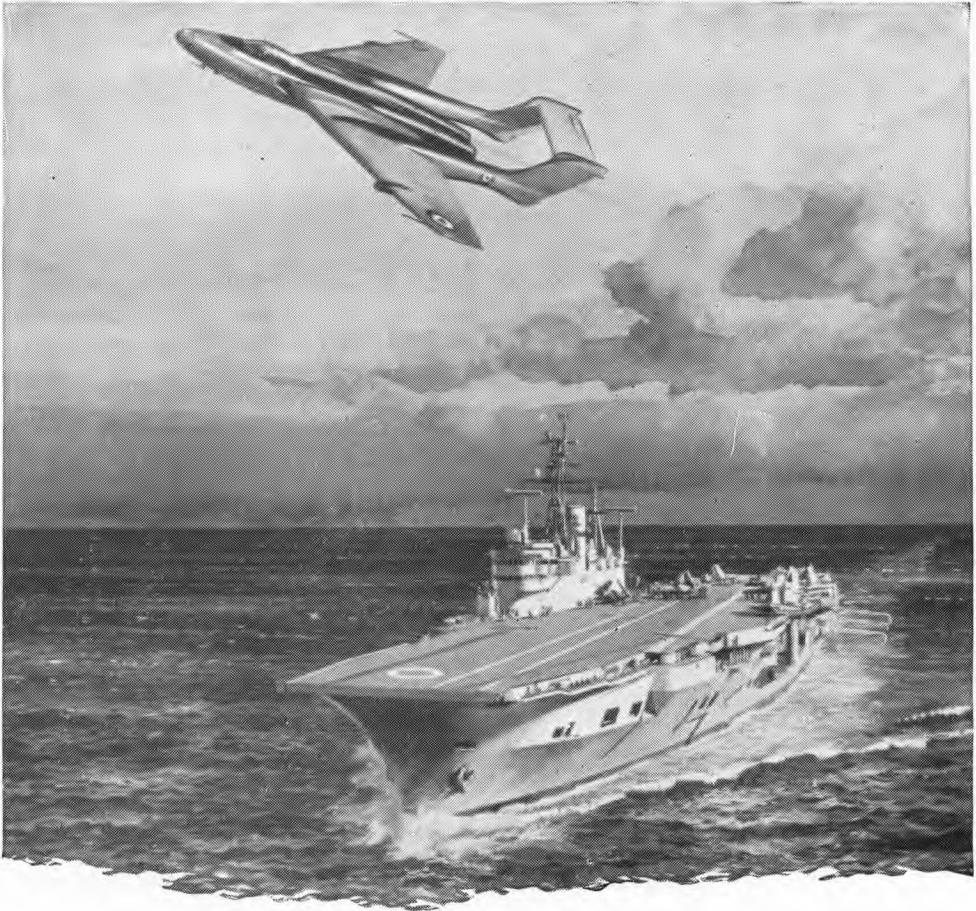
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site with most modern conveniences and, of course, the traditional Scout Camp features such as a rope bridge and oil drum rafts. Less usual activities included jam making, improvised golf, a male voice choir meeting and the provision of an organist (and organ-blower) for Sunday evening service at the local church.

The success of the camp depended, as always,

to a large extent on the amount of previous preparation, and a great deal of thanks is owed to Mr. Moor for the amount of work he did for the troop, not only for this camp, but also during the three years that he was Scoutmaster. Thanks are also due to D. J. D. Miller, O.W., and several leaving seniors who volunteered to assist with the running of the camp.

ELECTION DINNER

ELECTION DINNER was held in College Hall on July 30th. Some 130 guests attended, and the practice was continued of inviting a considerable number of young Old Westminsters—mainly those who had achieved academic or athletic distinction during the past year.

The proceedings after dinner were opened by the three Second Elections who had said Grace. Standing together at the upper end of the Hall, and speaking sometimes in unison and sometimes singly, they greeted the Head Master's guests in verse which was lighter than the customary heroic couplets of the Captain but which was delivered with such spirit that the innovation was generally condoned. The mention of the Dean of Christ Church side-tracked one of the speakers on to a subject reported more fully in this issue.

Oh, talking of *houses*, the Westminster scene
Will be shortly enriched by a new one. I mean
That the fabric is old, but the boys will be green.
You will rightly suppose that the problem arose
Of calling this house by some title.

Lord knows
What a task a small matter like that can impose!
We were glib to proclaim, and to canvass, the name
Of Dryden and Vincent and others of fame
Who have honoured this school since the days of
Queen Bess,
But where honours are easy they're hard to assess.
There were hundreds of wiseacres teeming with
precedents
For naming this highly desirable residence;
Yet in spite of all erudite searches in history
The ultimate title continued a mystery,
Till the Governing Body at length solved the
riddle,
And christened the place by the name of Dean
Liddell.

The speaker was recalled to his duty by another

of the Graces, who had descried among the guests the newly-appointed Bishop of London, Dr. H. M. Campbell, who after a brief rustication has returned to the city he has served so well:

In Poplar and Hackney and Hanover Square,
In Willesden and Kensington—when he was
there—
His parishes throve, and *he* throve on the air.
To send him to Surrey was really not fair;
In Guildford our Bishop, I bet, was agog
To return to a mitre enveloped in smog.

But in the precincts of Westminster the Bishop of London is merely a welcome visitor. The third Grace turned to his companion:

Our Bishop? Not he. His episcopal see
Excludes this Peculiar. But I agree
It's a blessing to know that wherever you go—
Wherever (apart from this enclave) you ramble—
The Bishop is Henry Montgomery Campbell.

There was no time, of course, to greet all the guests individually, but the President of the Royal Academy, Professor Sir Albert Richardson, was singled out for mention:

I am rather ashamed we have not yet acclaimed
Another good friend. He's an architect famed,
Whom modern vulgarities sorely provoke. Oh,
He dotes on Renaissance, Baroque, and Rococo!

It was at this moment that the Graces remembered that two of the most important guests had been omitted from their recital. "Great Scot!" they exclaimed in unison, "We've quite forgot The Examiners," and in brief, staccato couplets the minor Graces asked forgiveness for this incivility.

Please, Mr. Gould,
And please, Mr. Morrison,
Pardon our gaffe,
And give heed to our orison:

A few lines of this rhyming was enough for their leader. With the authority of one familiar with public functions he interrupted:

You are doing this wrong, for it doesn't belong
To our station in life (or your part in this song)
Our elders and betters to jolly along,
Indeed, to implore 'em so brashly will bore 'em;
In matters like this there's a certain decorum,
And in future you both, when addressing this
forum,
Will kindly remember that *three* is a quorum.
Besides it is meeter, you know, and discreeter,
And really much neater to stick to the metre.

"Sirs," he added

We all know our places, and really the case is
We're all of us humble, in spite of our faces;
It's just that we cannot help showing our paces.
We're humble—

Oh, yes?

But exuberant Graces.

Ignoring the ironical interjection in the last

line, he bowed, and, followed by his companions, left the Hall.

The theses "Suus cuique mos" and *Mia χελιδών ἔαρ οὐ ποιεῖ* produced some good epigrams. The recent visit of the Soviet leaders was an obvious target, and in one form or another Messrs. B. and K. figured in several couplets

Beta: "Anglos victurus eo!" cui Kappa: "sed unus non valet hos rubros pingere. me-ne capis?"

The same thesis—one swallow does not make a spring—evoked a neat Greek epigram on Cyprus

"Cyprus is me." That is Makarios' notion.
If so, the island's in the Indian Ocean.

ran the translation, and it is fair to add that the original Greek was warmly applauded.

The shortest epigram was perhaps also the neatest:

Dixit alter bos
dum Europa virgo
Jovis instat tergo
"suus cuique mos."

The thesis and the subject are self-explanatory.

LAWN TENNIS

IN August, Westminster concluded a triumphant three years by winning the Youll Cup at Wimbledon from an entry of 64 Public Schools: the standard of the first pairs match in the final was the highest ever seen in the competition, and perhaps equally satisfying the sportsmanship and court-manners of the team were remarked upon when the cup was presented.

It was in March, 1952, that the captain and secretary of Tennis, testing two very small new boys, found that they themselves were being tested and all but defeated. D. P. Gordon and G. S. Clarke gained a place in the Youll Cup team their first summer, and in the course of five years won over 100 matches for the School, besides leading us to victory in the Glanvill Cup in 1954. For three years they represented the Public Schools VI against the All-England Club, and this year won the Public Schools Doubles at

Queens. In 1955 Gordon was in the winning boys doubles pair at Junior Wimbledon.

Our second and third pairs were weaker this year (Cohen was never really fit), and, unwisely perhaps, we split our first pair and were beaten early in the Glanvill Cup. We also lost two school matches, our first defeats since July, 1953. But we had ample revenge in Wimbledon week, first against Aldenham and then against Stowe in the final. T. J. Farquhar-Smith and J. S. R. Benson, after a slow start, improved by the end of the season, and made some useful contributions in the Youll Cup, beating the Chaterhouse 2nd pair in the 3rd round and the Abingdon 1st pair in the semi-final. In the final they were rather out-classed. Gordon and Clarke beat the Stowe 1st pair 6-1, 6-8, 6-2. They combined well and exerted continuous pressure against tough opposition with a foot's advantage in reach. Gordon

played Coni, the Stowe captain, a deciding single which he won 6—2, 6—2. He hardly made a mistake and often left Coni standing with the accuracy of his passing shots.

The 2nd VI, captained by G. F. Coulouris, again had a good season, winning four of their five matches and narrowly losing to Marlborough. The Colts were weak in talent this year, but the first pair, W. M. Orr and D. G. Dearman, showed great spirit and determination and should be useful later on.

After holding the Barnes Cup for three years Gordon lost an exciting three set final to Clarke, whose singles play has much improved as he showed by getting to the final of the Public Schools Singles at Queens. Wrens (Gordon and Farquhar-Smith) recaptured the house doubles from Grants (Clarke and Benson) and also won the Junior Doubles (Dearman and G. A. Lewis). The Junior Singles were divided between W. M. Orr and D. V. P. Frost, who exhausted each other into joint surrender.

H. Gorell-Barnes (secretary), A. D. Steen and J. G. Edwards, all of whom have Thirds, remain as the nucleus of next year's team. There is no outstanding talent, but Dennis Hicks by his patient and pleasant coaching is making the best of what we have. Next year we are returning to Captain Roger's club at Sydenham on Thursdays,



D. P. GORDON and G. S. CLARKE

as well as using the courts Up Fields, so that tennis players will get longer and more frequent games.

SUMMER GOLF MEETING

THE summer Golf Meeting once more was held at Sudbrook Park, Richmond, on the Tuesday before the beginning of term. Again the weather was kind to us, which perhaps accounted for the high attendance.

Twenty school players took part in the Barnes Cup Competition, held in the morning. The standard of play was not high and for the most part showed a general lack of practice. The best score of the morning was returned by D. G. Coaten—90, net 66. He won the Cup by five strokes, from M. G. Hornsby who returned a net 71.

The Old Westminsterers produced a team of seven for the afternoon match. All were keenly contested and three of the seven games were decided only on the eighteenth green.

The results were:—

<i>O.W.W.</i>		<i>School</i>	
J. M. Hornsby	lost to	N. C. Roope	3/2
Sir Max Page	beat	B. A. Randel	3/2
R. C. Orpen	lost to	F. M. Cox	4/2
L. B. Peroni	beat	D. G. Coaten	1 up
D. B. I. Hallett	lost to	A. C. E. Pleasance	1 up
J. W. Jacomb Hood	halved with	M. G. Hornsby	
C. P. Danin	lost to	D. V. Harrison	4/2

The School beat the Old Westminsterers by four matches to two, with one halved.

The remaining School players who did not play in the afternoon match took part in a competition for a prize presented by the Old Westminsterers, which was won by D. A. Roy.

All members of the School who have played on these occasions during the past year would like to thank the Old Westminsterers who have made these meetings possible.

FOOTBALL—PROSPECTS

LAST season, with an abundance of forwards, the problems created were all in the defence. This season the reverse is the case. Of the three Pinks remaining, two—Poole the captain at right back and Wilkins at centre-half, together with last season's regular left back, Naylor-Smith—form the nucleus of a strong defence.

The choice of a forward line presents some difficulties. Last season the Colts failed to produce the usual talent, leaving only a few forwards of anywhere near the required standard. N. C. Roope, the other remaining Pink, fills the left wing position as he has done for the last two years, and with his experience he should provide a steadying influence in the forward line. Much juggling has already been done with the other four positions, but no stable combination has yet been produced. Two candidates to fill two of the places stand out above the others, however. They are Lucas and Carr, who have both had first team experience.

Behind the forward line M. M. Crosse has

proved himself a competent wing-half, and the corresponding position on the right flank is at present being filled, with plenty of verve making up for his lack of experience, by D. J. A. Williams.

Once again we have been lucky in the choice of a goalkeeper in that R. G. Spry has so far proved himself a safe and reliable last line of defence.

Mr. Lowcock, once again helped by Derek Saunders, the Chelsea professional, with a lot of hard work got the team up to scratch for the first match of the season against Westminster Hospital, which was drawn 2—2. Since that the matches against Chelsea Juniors and the Old Bradfieldians have both been lost, but the standard of play has been improving steadily. The team suffered a setback when Poole injured his knee in the Old Bradfieldian match, and is likely to be out of football for the next three weeks.

However, in spite of this Westminster's prospects for the season in the schools' matches promise to be as good as any season.

MUSIC

THE most important feature of last term's music was the Competition; the Erskine Cup for the largest aggregate of points was again won by College, Ashburnham coming next with considerably less points. The overall standard of the various performances was not as high as it might have been, but nethertheless, the adjudicators, Guy Warrack, Esq., B.A., and John Churchill, Esq., were very encouraging.

The Senior Piano Solo was won by Steen of Ashburnham, who performed the set piece, Glinka's Tarentelle, and his own choice, the last movement of Beethoven's Sonata in D minor, Opus 31, No. 2, with great finish. The standard of the Junior Piano Solo, which was won by Willett, who for the past year has been the leading accompanist in the school, was relatively higher than the Senior.

It was a surprising but not unpopular result to the String Solo that Byard, an American, who had been residing in College for the term, should have beaten Nandris. The School has not yet found anybody to take Aufenast's place, and the String Solo lacked the finish, which over the past five years we have almost taken for granted.

The Broken Voice Solo was a mixture, the standard of the first and second was good, yet the remainder were not up to their standard of presentation; the winner was Simpson with a lyrical performance of Parry's "To Lucastra, and going to the Wars". Brown came second with a very popular rendering of Prince Galitsky's Aria from Prince Igor.

In the afternoon Mr. Warrack judged the House Choirs, Vocal Ensembles, and the Chamber Music. The set piece for the House Choirs was Dyson's "Seekers", and this and a very creditable performance of "The Smugglers' Song" by Rigaud's enabled them to beat the Queen's Scholars who sung Beethoven's "The Praise of God".

The new Grant's Hall was used for the first time for an Informal Concert, and it proved very suitable indeed because it is a large and resonant room in which it is possible to maintain a spirit of informality. By far the most popular single item was Brown's Prince Galitsky's Aria, the very difficult accompaniment being played by Mr. Keeley, who stepped in at the last minute.

The term's Music was ended by the School

Concert, the first half of which was said to have been the best for some considerable time. It included some of the most successful of the winners of the individual events. The second half of the concert as always, was reserved for the Choral and Orchestral Societies; the former performed "In Windsor Forest," by Vaughan Williams, and the latter the salterello from Mendelsohn's Italian Symphony and the Suite from the Water Music.

This term the "Haffner" Symphony by Mozart and Sir George Dyson's Canterbury Pilgrims will be performed.

RESULTS OF THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

<i>Senior Piano Solo:</i>	A. D. Steen (AHH)
<i>Junior Piano Solo:</i>	J. I. Willett (Q.SS)
<i>Senior Piano Duet:</i>	N. J. Milner-Gulland and J. H. Simpson (Q.SS)
<i>Junior Piano Duet:</i>	J. I. Willett and T. E. Radice (Q.SS)
<i>Wind Solo:</i>	N. J. Milner-Gulland (Q.SS)
<i>String Solo:</i>	P. S. Byard (Q.SS)
<i>Broken Voice Solo:</i>	J. H. Simpson (Q.SS)
<i>Unbroken Voice Solo:</i>	M. R. Mackenzie (BB)
<i>Vocal Ensemble:</i>	Grants
<i>Original Composition:</i>	P. J. Dunlop (Q.SS)
<i>House Choirs:</i>	Rigaud's
<i>Chamber Music:</i>	T. J. E. Barlow, C. B. M. Hunt, J. D. S. McMenemey and J. I. Willett.

CRICKET

AN unhappy season came to an end on a cold wet day at Charterhouse with the First XI losing by nine wickets. A bad ending for a team that might have been good.

The failure of the team to win a match cannot be put down merely to bad luck, although lost seven, drawn five, was certainly an unjust tally; the bowling, though seldom penetrating, and relying too much upon Hyam, was always steady, and the fielding was seldom slack. The side batted down to the last man, but unaccountably got off to bad starts, especially against opposing school sides.

After the Old Westminster match had been rained off, a team determined to win their last match arrived at Charterhouse only a few minutes before the game was due to start, owing to delays caused by traffic jams. Westminster were put in to bat on a wet wicket and with the light poor. Mortimer, who was taking an exam, arrived late, and so the innings was opened by Delmotte and Myring. After a disastrous start in which the captain and Naylor-Smith were bowled by successive balls, Spry and Myring added 29 before a sustained collapse set in, during which the score rose, after the lunch interval, to 60 for 8. Myring, who was out seventh for 21, batted well, but now it was left to a determined stand between Gordon, 13 not out, and Hyam, 19, to postpone the end for over an hour and add 33 runs. The Westminster innings finally closed at 96.

The side fought hard now to the bitter end, Hyam bowling particularly well at one end, while five other bowlers strove unsuccessfully at the other. The fielding was good, but the chances that were given failed to go to hand. Charterhouse

were lucky to win by so large a margin, but on the day's showing were much the better side.

Delmotte was an excellent captain, and his batting was of a very high standard, and also remarkably consistent. In school matches he scored under 39 only once, and this often in most difficult conditions and with little support, for though there was always hope of runs from every member of the team nobody else proved himself reliable.

Hyam led the attack, and often bowled accurately and aggressively for long periods; he was backed up by Mortimer, who never found his form of the previous season, and by Delmotte, Bonavia and Naylor-Smith.

The team for the Charterhouse match was:— D. J. A. Delmotte, M. J. Hyam, P. G. K. Saunders, J. W. Myring, J. F. Mortimer, A. G. Gordon, R. H. Brown, R. G. Spry, P. C. Bonavia, A. Naylor-Smith and J. F. Lewis. (N. C. Roope was absent.)

Of the seven Second XI matches, two were won, three drawn, and two lost. With a little more luck, or to be more precise, more time, two of those drawn would certainly have been won. The team's batting and bowling were both steady, and on occasions good, but the fielding left much to be required.

The Colts had a bad season, for although the bowling was adequate, the batting, without Lewis, who was playing for the First XI, was definitely weak.

Only three members of the First XI remain for next season, but there are several promising players coming up the school, and even although the team is bound to be inexperienced, there is no reason why it should not do well.

ELIAZBETHAN CLUB

GAMES COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting held on July 19th, 1956, the following proposal was unanimously adopted to amend No. 3 of the Regulations of the Games Committee:—

“An Annual General Meeting of the Games Sections shall be held not later than October 1st, at which five members shall form a quorum. A notice summoning, and specifying the business to be transacted at the meeting shall be printed in the *Elizabethan*, but so that no less than 14 days shall elapse between the despatch by post of the *Elizabethan* to members and the date of the meeting. The non-receipt by any member of the *Elizabethan* containing the notice summoning this meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings at such meeting.”

FOOTBALL

A full list of fixtures has again been arranged by the Club for the 1st and 2nd teams, and it is hoped that any Old Westminster who is anxious to play will contact the Hon. Secretary, F. D. Hornsby, 2, Whitehall Court, S.W.1. The Match Secretary for this season is R. P. C. Hillyard (Tel. WESTern 5334).

The Club has been drawn to play the Old Carthusians in the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup at Vincent Square on December 22nd. Among the other fixtures arranged for the 1st XI are the following:—

Nov. 10th	Charterhouse	at Godalming
Nov. 17th	Royal Navy College	at Greenwich
Dec. 8th	Reading Univ.	at Reading
Jan. 26th	Highgate School	at Highgate
Feb. 2nd	Brentwood School	at Brentwood
Mar. 2nd	The School	at Vincent Square
Mar. 9th	R.M.A. Sandhurst	at Camberley

FIVES

The Old Westminster Fives Club has now commenced its season for 1956/7. This year, we have increased our fixture list to twenty-three matches. The increase has been made up from many new school fixtures. To support the fixture list, the Club does need far more playing members than it has at the moment, and we do appeal to all the young Old Westminsters who have just left school, or have now completed their national service and are going to be in the London area, or at University, who would be interested in Fives, and have not received any information from the Secretary, to contact him—W. J. Gerrish, at 129/133, Mare Street, London, E.8. (telephone Amhurst 2352).

If you have not played Fives for some time, it does not matter; it is a game you soon pick up, and to keep the Club going, we do need a greater volume of members.

SQUASH RACKETS

The usual fixtures have again been arranged for the season. It is hoped that any Old Westminster who would like to play will contact The Hon. Secretary, R. E. Plummer, 25, Elvaston Place, S.W.7.

THE ELIZABETHAN BOAT CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting held at Henley-on-Thames in July, R. H. B. de Vere Green was elected Captain of the Club and J. A. C. Spokes was re-elected as Hon. Secretary.

The Club attained a long-desired aim by entering for a number of Regattas in early August. A Four rowed at Maidenhead, and Henley Town and Visitors' Regattas in the Senior Fours. At the former Regatta the crew lost by two and a half lengths to a powerful London Rowing Club Four who won the event without much difficulty.

At the Serpentine Regatta the Club reached the semi-final of the Wyfold Senior Fours, then to lose, most unhappily, on the winning post by three feet, having failed to notice the challenging spurt of the Quintin Rowing Club, who later went on to win the final by one length. De Vere Green and Spokes lost in the semi-final of the Double Sculls by one foot to the winners of the event, in the record time of 2.38 minutes.

The crew of the Four throughout these Regattas was:—J. A. C. Spokes (bow and steers), 2. R. A. Bulgin, 3. J. F. G. Pigott, stroke, K. J. S. Douglas-Mann.

The Club was represented in the Double Sculls at the First Championships Regatta at Nottingham in August, by R. H. B. de Vere Green and J. A. C. Spokes. They won the event, beating London Rowing Club by three lengths. Conditions for the final made the water rough and there was a strong following wind. The time over the 2,000 metre course was six minutes twenty-four seconds.

SHOOTING

D. F. Knight has succeeded R. R. Davies as Hon. Secretary. All correspondence should be sent to No. 2, Laurence Pountney Hill, Cannon St., E.C.4.

FENCING

An effort is going to be made in the coming months to revive the Old Westminsters Fencing Club, which ceased to be active in 1949. Would anyone who is interested in this proposal, please contact the Hon. Secretary of the Games Committee, P. G. Whipp, 22 Boileau Road, Ealing, W.5.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Mr. R. F. Harrod has received the honorary degree of LL.D. at Aberdeen University.

Mr. D. J. Candlin has been awarded an Imperial Chemical Industries Fellowship at Cambridge.

Mr. T. R. Ware has been placed in the first class in the School of *Literae Humaniores* at Oxford.

Mr. J. C. Bartlett has been awarded a scholarship in metalliferous mining, tenable at the Royal School of Mines.

Mr. Ewen Montagu, Q.C., has been made chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for Middlesex.

Mr. G. E. Johnstone has been appointed principal

assistant solicitor in the Department of H.M. Procurator-General and of the Solicitor to the Treasury.

Dr. D. B. Harden has been appointed Director of the London Museum.

Sir George Young, head of the news department at the Foreign Office, has been appointed Minister at the British Embassy in Paris.

Mr. Howard Ferguson's cantata *Amore langueo* received a first performance at the Three Choirs Festival at Gloucester.

Mr. J. R. Brandon-Thomas is producing and Mr. Michael Shepley is acting in *Night of the Fourth* at the Westminster Theatre.

Capt. W. J. Reed, R.E., has been selected to attend the Staff College in 1957.

Wing-Cdr. R. H. C. Brousson, R.A.F., has been promoted Group Captain.

BIRTHS

ARCHER—On September 20th 1956 to Mary Tavy, wife of Richard Archer, a son.

BATTEN—On June 19th 1956 at Ibadan, Nigeria, to Mary, wife of Richard Batten, F.R.C.S., a daughter.

BOYS—On September 15th 1956 in Kenya to Dorothea, wife of Anthony Boys, a daughter.

BUCKLER—On July 22nd 1956 to Jenifer, wife of Humphrey Buckler, a son.

CARMICHAEL—On September 26th 1956 in London to Jane, wife of Ian Carmichael, a daughter.

CUNLIFFE—On October 3rd 1956 at Dorking to Aileen, wife of Foster Cunliffe, a son.

DAVISON—On September 28th 1956 at Shrewsbury to Nancy, wife of David Davison, a daughter.

DICKEY—On July 3rd 1956 at Bedford to Mary, wife of D. O'R. Dickey, a son.

GARDINER—On September 22nd 1956 at Oxford to Susan, wife of Patrick Gardiner, a daughter.

LONGFORD—On October 3rd 1956 to Joan, wife of the Rev. E. de T. W. Longford, a son.

ODHAMS—On October 1st 1956 to Fay, wife of D. V. L. Odhams, a son.

OWEN—On October 3rd 1956 at Looe to Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Philip Owen, a daughter.

RIDER—On September 7th 1956 in London to Hope, wife of F. A. G. Rider, a son.

SLATER—On September 26th 1956 in London to Daphne, wife of J. D. H. Slater, a son.

STEDHAM—On August 6th 1956 in London to Margaret, wife of Michael Stedham, a son.

STEVENS—On September 27th 1956 at Aylesbury to Peggy, wife of J. F. B. Stevens, a daughter.

SWEET-ESCOTT—On July 18th 1956 at Leeds to Ragnhild, wife of Michael Sweet-Escott, a son.

WINCKWORTH—On September 20th 1956 at King Williams Town, South Africa to Frances, wife of D. S. Winckworth, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

ARCHIBALD : STAFFORD—On September 22nd 1956 at Holy Trinity, Penn, James Archibald to Sheila, daughter of Mrs. Vera Stafford of Windsor.

COOPER : TUSTAIN—On August 18th 1956 at St. Mary Magdalene, Knighton, W. A. Cooper to Dorothy Tustain of Leicester.

LOWE : POWELL-EVANS—On August 25th 1956 at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Oxford, L. E. Lowe to Rosemary Powell-Evans.

MAYNARD : REED—On October 4th 1956 at Grosvenor Chapel F. G. Maynard to Olivia Jane, elder daughter of the late E. P. Dorian Reed and Mrs. Reed of Montpellier Place, S.W.7.

NAGLE : ALMOND—On October 6th 1956 at St. Peter's, Vere Street, R. B. Nagle to Eleanor Susan, daughter of Sir James and Lady Almond of Eastbourne.

ROBERTSON : CARY—On August 23rd 1956 Donald Stuart Robertson to Margaret Ann Cary.

RUFFINI : SANTI—On July 29th 1956 at Portoferraio, Italy, Francesco Ruffini to Annarosa, daughter of Sr. Giovanni Santi.

SOMERSET : HILL—On October 6th 1956 the Honourable Geoffrey Somerset to Caroline Rachel, only daughter of Colonel Roderick Hill, D.S.O., and Mrs. Hill of Chepstow.

DEATHS

BALIOI-SCOTT—On September 18th 1956 in London, N. Baliol-Scott, aged 52.

BRODIE—On July 19th 1956 in London, K. Brodie, aged 59.

FOSTER—On August 16th 1956 at Stour, Dorset, Colonel A. L. Foster, R.A.M.C. (retd.), aged 74.

GREENE—On June 29th 1956 at Beckley, Oxon, G. G. R. Greene, aged 68.

MAUNSELL—On September 1st 1956 in Italy, F. G. Maunsell, aged 57.

PASHLEY—On July 1st 1956 at Walford, R. Pashley, aged 75.

PHILLIPS—On June 19th 1956, G. W. Phillips, aged 71.

Napier Baliol-Scott was a member of a family that claimed descent from John de Baliol, the founder of Balliol College, Oxford. He entered the School up Rigaud's in 1917 and gained an exhibition to Christ Church in 1922. At Oxford he played chess for the University against Cambridge. From 1929 he worked in the sphere of business management in conjunction with the American, Wallace Clark, and was engaged in the affairs of the International Committee of Business Management. He returned to England in 1934 and directed the department of research and planning at Harrods. On the outbreak of war he joined the Ministry of Economic Warfare, but soon was transferred to the Treasury. In 1942 he became adviser to Mr. R. G. Casey in the Middle East. In subsequent years he was called upon, both in an informal and in an official capacity, for advice on matters of organization by the governments of Bengal, Ceylon and India. At the time of his death he was Director of Organization and Methods at the Ministry of Supply.

Kenneth Brodie was admitted up Ashburnham in 1911. He left in 1915 to take a commission in the Dorsetshire Regiment, and fought in France, where he was twice wounded, and in India. Later he became a schoolmaster, but soon took up the theatre, and became manager, in succession, of the Streatham Hill theatre, the Saville and Gaiety theatres, and finally of the Savoy. At school he was for two years in the football eleven, and his remarkable speed as a forward made him a great match winner in the fine Old Westminster sides of the middle twenties. He leaves a widow and three children.

Arthur Leslie Foster was at Westminster from 1895 to 1900. He became a student at Guy's Hospital and took his M.R.C.S. in 1908. He joined the R.A.M.C. and was with the Aden Field Force during the first world war. He retired in 1936 after attaining the rank of Colonel. He married first in 1908 Edith Kate Summerhays, and second in 1937 Olive Beatrice Jacobs.

Godfrey George Roundell Greene was at the School from 1902 to 1907, and went to Magdalen College, Oxford. He served in the 1914-18 war first with the Royal Fusiliers and later with the R.A.M.C. in the hospital ship *Mauretania*. He was later appointed Reader in English Literature at Gothenburg University. In 1955 he presented to the School a valuable collection of first editions of works by, or connected with, Old Westminsters, together with a sum of money to defray the cost of a bookcase. It is expected that these will shortly be placed in the Library. His collection has given the Editors of the Record valuable information about Old Westminster authors.

Frederick George Maunsell was admitted in 1912 and became a non-resident King's Scholar. He was elected head to Trinity and took a first class in the first part of the mathematical tripos. In 1926 he was appointed a lecturer at University College, Southampton, and took his Ph.D in 1928. He served in the first war with the Royal Engineers and in the second he was a major in the Royal Artillery. In 1929 he married Marjorie, daughter of C. E. Norris of Purley.

Alderman Robert Pashley, who for a long period of years represented Ross on the Herefordshire County Council, devoted almost the whole of his life to the affairs of the county and the administration of the Wye valley. His activities covered a wide range; he had an expert knowledge of roads and served in a prominent position on the Roads and Bridges Committee; he took a lively interest in the affairs of youth and not only gave encouragement to athletic meetings, but was on the Governing Bodies of Ross and Monmouth Schools; he was also vice-president of the local branch of the British Legion. As a fisherman his skill was almost unrivalled, and he earned the title of "the Napoleon of salmon-fishers" by the prodigious baskets which year after year he brought home. He had been a private in the Bedfordshires during the 1914-18 war, and was invalided out of the army in 1918. In 1902 he married Mary Marrian of Thurocroft Hall, Rotherham, she died in 1929.

The Reverend Gerald William Phillips was admitted in 1897 and two years later gained a non-resident scholarship. He was elected head to Christ Church in 1903. In 1909 he took holy orders and was a curate first at Oxford and subsequently at Worthing. He took a commission in the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in 1915 and served in France. In 1925 he became a master in a preparatory school at Malvern, and in 1931 was appointed principal of Shoreham Grammar School.

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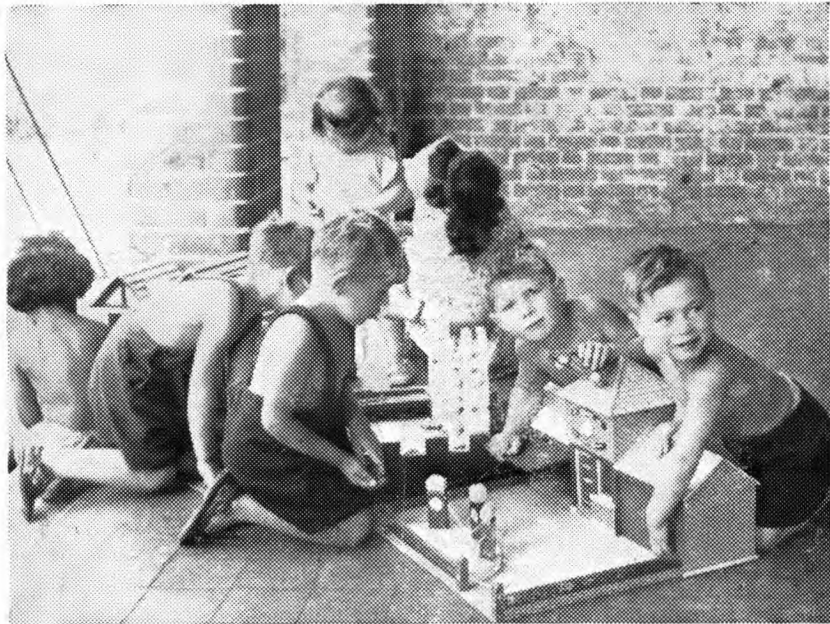
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