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A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK



This interesting water colour of College Verden in the latter part of the 18th century has recently been presented to the School by Mr. J. C. W. Horne, O.W. College, the Busby Library, the prebendal house destroyed in the late war, and Dr. Adam Fox's house may be seen.

ALL but the Queen's Scholars, who after their weeks of rehearsals were understandably unexcited about the Dean's invitation to the School to see the Abbey in its Coronation setting, assembled in the East Cloister directly after morning prayers on Monday, July 6th. The Abbey had been closed to visitors since the Saturday before, when the last of the queues which had lined Dean's Yard filed (at 2s. 6d. a head) into the Annexe, and the Westminsters had the Abbey to themselves. To themselves, that is,

and a few canons who in their own words had known Westminster School for too long not to watch them carefully. The exploring spirit made itself felt, and a few ended up where they weren't supposed to be—out of misunderstanding rather than malice—but on the whole the Westminsters behaved themselves.

BEFORE the Coronation it was decided that something should be done to brighten up the appearance of the entrance to School. The doors

which fitted Lord Burlington's archway had grown extremely shabby, and on examination they were found to be past repair. Accordingly the Westminster School Society generously voted funds to enable a new pair of doors to be obtained. These were made of fine cedarwood under the supervision of the School Architect, and were erected in time for the Coronation, when many dis-

tinguished guests passed through them for lunch up School; the old gates meanwhile were removed to the Carpenter's Shop. At the moment the wood of the new doors still looks very new; but it is hoped that time and weather will soon have toned them down into greater harmony with their surroundings.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

As no report of the Society's activities has appeared so far this year it would be excusable to hark back to last term and record the Old Westminsters' Debate. At this annual event which has become, by virtue of being the best-attended, the most important of the year's debates, proposer and opposer were respectively Sir Victor Raikes, K.B.E., M.P., and Mr. O. Kerensky. Upon the motion "That this House considers Western European Union both desirable and practicable," Sir Victor spent much of his time pointing out the position of Britain, which he conceived as a link between the Commonwealth and Europe. Mr. Kerensky recognized the motion as one of his own, and claimed that it was no longer topical now Britain had "sabotaged" Western European Union. Union meant federation; and Western Europe could not face Russia alone—she must have American aid, in order that a single anti-Russian centre might be formed. B. A. Agnew seconded the proposition with a masterly speech, to be followed by J. W. Maslen for the opposition. The debate contained numerous other good speeches, mainly, as so often happens on this occasion by the Old Westminsters. It was only through a compelling summing-up on the part of Sir Victor Raikes that the motion was saved a larger defeat than 19—17.

This term two debates have been held. The first, on the subject of "Coronation commercialization", was rather a fiasco owing to an attendance of no more than thirteen, although some reasonable

speeches were made. Unfortunately the proposer absented himself that very day with a heavy cold, but his place was ably taken by H. R. Calmann. The motion was defeated 8—5. A month later the Society met again to debate the motion "That men are born unequal and it is illogical to thrust equality upon them". J. W. Maslen, proposing, made a good speech in which he asked for "votes by merit". R. L. Sturch, opposing, claimed that men were equal in certain basic rights. After rather a faltering debate, illuminated in the middle by a very fine speech of the President's (he seemed to be the only person able to rise to the occasion), the debate ended in a difference of interpretation, resulting in a vote of 9—3 in favour with six abstentions.

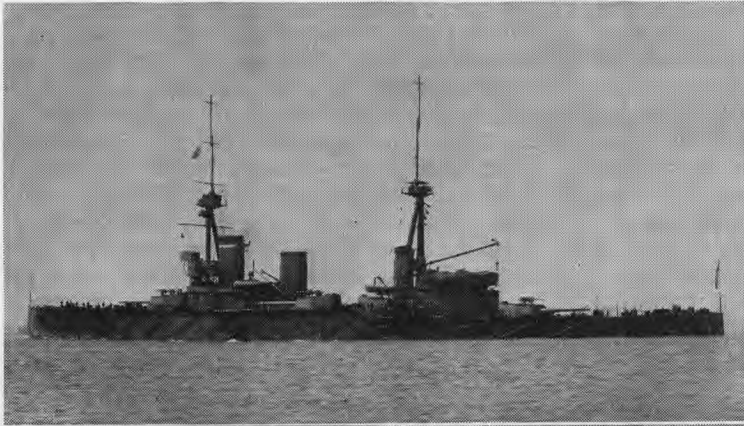
The Society has had a reasonably successful year. Although many of the great speakers of the past are sadly missed, some of to-day's lesser mortals have certainly improved and even shone at times. Inter-debates have proved most successful, a tribute to T. H. Beale's organization. Enjoyable too was a visit to the Insurance Debating Society where, as the School's representative, A. G. Cunnew tried to gain that society's coveted wooden spoon. The fact that nearly twenty people out of a society of just over thirty members came to an Election Term debate is encouraging; and if the Society begins next term smaller than it has sometimes been, it will have a nucleus of good speakers who should soon be able to build up a fresh membership round them.

A NAVAL REVIEW

CONTRARY to romantic belief the British are not really interested in the sea, except in so far as it offers its fringes every summer to cool off the numerous city-dwellers of an industrial nation. So it is with an air of wonderment that people realize the existence of the Royal Navy each time they see lines of grey vessels anchored off Spithead for the Coronation Review. This time the school had its memory jogged earlier by the appearance

of an Old Westminster admiral to conduct the C.C.F. inspection; and should any thoughts thus conjured want play in history, the careers of two other naval men taught at Westminster are briefly retailed below.

George Legge (1648-91) was the son of a royalist who had been wounded and captured more than once, fighting for the Stuart cause. It was probably the influence of the Duke of



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ABOVE : *Phillimore and Inflexible.*

BELOW : *Legge and Royal Katharine.*

Buckingham, to whom he was related, as well as his family's reputation which gained him the command of the *Pembroke* when he was only twenty, and had had no more sea experience than two years of the Second Dutch War. On the resumption of hostilities in 1672 Legge was captain of the *Fairfax*, and on May 28th followed the Earl of Sandwich into an attack on the Dutch in Solebay, while the French half of the fleet turned tail. The campaign of 1673 saw him with a larger command, the *Royal Katharine*, 84 guns, in the squadron of Prince Rupert, who had led his father on land during most of the Civil War. It was in this campaign, a year later to the day than Solebay, that he distinguished himself against de Ruyter at Schooneveld by capturing the large *Jupiter*.

This was only one of several actions ; but they were the last Legge was ever to see. He had been

given increasingly high positions in the Duke of York's household, and from the time he came ashore soon after, his closest connection with the Navy for some years was the governorship of Portsmouth. He was created Baron Dartmouth in 1682, but was probably far prouder of his election a year later to master of Trinity House.

Inevitably, as the staunchest supporter of James, Legge was drawn into the tragic episode of the king's deposition. In fact it was the occasion of his appointment as "admiral and commander-in-chief" of the fleet the king sent out to ward off Dutch attacks in 1688, which has led naval historians to regard him as the first to hold the rank of "Admiral of the Fleet." From the first the majority of his captains were for William, and although they prevented him from intercepting the Dutch when they came, his loyalty was never

shaken till James himself fled to France. After surrendering the fleet to the new king, Legge was confined to the Tower as being one of the most prominent Jacobites, and died there in a fit of apoplexy two years later.

The family of Richard Phillimore (1864-1940) needs no introduction, but it is of interest that his father, also an admiral, held in 1884 the post of commander-in-chief, Devonport, to which Richard was appointed forty years later. He entered the Navy in 1878, and his particular half-century in the service shows well the progress that period saw in methods of fighting at sea. On being promoted sub-lieutenant he joined the brig *Pilot*, thus unwittingly becoming one of the few officers in the Great War with any length of experience under sail: yet he was also the first to command a fleet of aircraft-carriers.

For a time Phillimore was with the Royal Yacht, until he became lieutenant and qualified as a gunnery officer. But the 'eighties and 'nineties were years of peace, and his successive commissions aboard the cruisers *Phaeton*, *Aeolus* and *Furious* from Britain to China must have yielded more touristic than professional satisfaction. By the time he first saw action, in the China War of 1900, he was a commander; and Edward's reign brought nothing more eventful than a machine-

gun action, promotion to captain and two staff commands.

Phillimore and his battle-cruiser *Inflexible* came home from the Mediterranean soon after the outbreak of war. Hardly, however, had an overhaul been begun when Graf Spee's raiders sank two British vessels at Coronel, and *Inflexible* was called to accompany Sturdee on his memorable chase over 8000 miles of Atlantic Ocean. She was lucky enough to suffer no more than four casualties in the course of the German fleet's annihilation off the Falkland Isles. But her luck was out when, shelling a fort in the Dardanelles early next year, her bridge fell to the Turkish fire, and in withdrawing she hit a mine. With infinite difficulty Phillimore reached shelter north of Tenedos; but his ship was *hors de combat*, and a beach job at Gallipoli was all that could be found for him.

He shortly became rear-admiral, heading a Naval Mission to Russia where he saw action against the Bulgarians at Varna. On his return Phillimore commanded first a battle-cruiser squadron, and then flew his flag in the carrier (ex-cruiser) *Furious* as "Admiral Commanding Aircraft." This was his last sea commission, ending in 1920; but he remained for another nine years in various posts, and had the satisfaction of retiring a full admiral.

CHRISTIANITY AND POETRY

IT is difficult to express sincerity adequately when expressions of an apparently sincere nature are repeated so often that they seem to become sentimental. Simplicity is then an essential factor in writing, and overstatement must at all costs be avoided. The modern methods of writing poetry which often attempt to express complicated ideas in as austere a way as possible have also in the case of some poets been driven to extremes, with the result that partially meaningless verse has emerged. Mr. Rupert Strong has succeeded to some degree at any rate in avoiding both these pitfalls and the great sincerity of his thought and ideas emerges with refreshing clarity. He reintroduces his readers to an attitude of mind which has recently fallen somewhat out of fashion. That it could fluctuate with fashion at all would seem to Mr. Strong a most typical sign of the irreligious habits of our time. He is concerned with imparting a message, which he feels is made more powerful by the impetus of poetry. His message is a Christian one, based on the teaching primarily of Christ, and it leaves no foothold which a pagan could share. It is an impressive message, but one which we have heard before from other writers in the past.

This is perhaps the strongest criticism that can be made of Mr. Strong's writing; it ignores the considerable body of opinion which he has behind him in the past. He wishes to impress us with the greatness of his own teacher, Jonathan Hanaghan, whose inspired and Christian life is convincingly portrayed in the first poem of the book, *Jonathan of Birkenhead*. The existence of other prophets is, however, overlooked, except perhaps in the lines:

"Of the old learnings and the old knowledges I know not what shall survive."

The idea of the *hate* which underlies much of human behaviour is very strong throughout most of the poems, an idea which is not unusual as a view of the general cynicism of our time. This theme is poignantly expressed in a poem such as "Alone I Am Lost," where the poet expresses the necessity for God as the only hope for the cure of hatred and evil.

"Purify me Oh God.

Make me less bitter, less hating.

The circle of criticism spreads, embraces all.
Yet can I not stand apart from my neighbour."

On the other hand, interest in life and living

things is also obvious in much of Mr. Strong's work, but it is less frequently recorded, and less successful perhaps than the more sombre of the poems. Most real of all his feeling is expressed in the poem "His My Way to You," where the essential and most convincing part of Mr. Strong's message is concentrated.

Jesus' "the voice authentic
 His the inexpressible made articulate
 His the barrier of personality crossed
 with courage absolute.
 His my way to you,
 my Fellow Man."

This part of Mr. Strong's poetry, and it is a large part, seems to be the most authentic and most convincing, whereas the continual attack on society and conventions is rather hackneyed perhaps, and certainly overdone. Westminster is glad to have another poet among its former pupils, as Mr. Strong foresaw when he wrote in his poem My Old School, "that old school herself will stoop to claim her son". Assuredly it is hardly a case of stooping Mr. Strong.

Jonathan of Birkenhead and other poems (The Runa Press 6s.)

JOHN SMITH'S DIARY

SINCE John Smith last appeared in the pages of *The Elizabethan* his Diary from 1785 to 1811, except for three years which are missing, has been discovered. It is in the possession of the Corporation of Bradford, and Mr. Wilfrid Robertshaw, Director of the Cartwright Memorial Hall, in whose keeping it is, has kindly given permission for extracts to be made from it.

The Diary was kept in printed books not unlike modern diaries, but with each left-hand page printed for engagements for a week, and the facing page ruled for cash receipts and payments for the same period.

Smith had each year's diary doubly interleaved, and kept his detailed diary on the interleaved pages, occasionally adding extra details in his cash account: one event may therefore be referred to in three places, the engagements, the Diary proper and the Cash Account.

One such entry, particularly appropriate for this term, adds to our knowledge of Westminster cricket.

For July 28th, 1789, Smith entered as his engagement "the Match"; as part of his diary entry for the same date he wrote "The Match ended in favour of the King's Scholars, who had three Wickets to go down" and in the cash account we get the score:—

	Town Boys	K's Scholars	
1st Inn	... 90	67	
2nd „	... 63	86	
	153	153	

"the Kings Scholar's scor'd 88 notches owing to some inaccuracy in the Markers and had three Wickets to go down."

This is seventeen years earlier than the date given in Sargeant as the beginning of this match.

Cricketers will note that it was not, apparently, then necessary to score the winning hit.

The same peculiarity appears in the record of the score in another match preserved on a slip of paper among a collection of prologues and epilogues, epigrams and other miscellaneous papers, also at Bradford, which belonged to Smith.

It reads:—

Westminster against Eton Friday May ye 26, 1786

		E.	
W.		88	61 to tyé ye W. score
1st Innings	149	155	two wickets to go
2 Innings	94	243	down

243 243

From the heading this would appear to be a match between the two schools, but as Smith's entry in his diary (he was then at Cambridge) for that day is "breakfasted by eleven. went to the Cricket Ground. staid the match", it is probable that the match was between Cambridge Old Etonians and Cambridge Old Westminsters.

The "state of the score" given at the end of the first innings may perhaps indicate that this was a two-day match; at least, on May 31st, Smith again "went to the Cricket Ground", and, unfortunately, "Lost a bet on ye Match. 5s. od."

J. B. WHITMORE.

THE WATER

AT Marlow Regatta, which took place on June 20th, the 1st VIII as usual entered for the Marlow Eights and the 2nd VIII for the Public Schools Eights. The 2nd VIII had the misfortune to draw Eton II in the first round, a very heavy crew who were reputed to be nearly as fast as the Eton 1st VIII. They rowed extremely well, but inevitably succumbed to extra weight and lost to Eton by two lengths and to U.C.S. 1st VIII, who were in the same heat, by one. Eton finally won the event.

The 1st VIII were somewhat luckier, and drew Christ Church Oxford and King's College London, both of them, it was thought, quite reasonable propositions. Unfortunately they did a rather slow start and Christ Church, who went off at something like 45, jumped them by more than a length in the first 15 strokes. Westminster fought back hard and very nearly passed their opponents in an excellent spurt just before Bisham Abbey. Christ Church, however, just managed to maintain their lead at a very high rate of striking and won the race by a length, with Westminster second and King's College London a very close third.

Six days later the crew left for Henley, where they spent an extremely enjoyable week before racing started, practising twice a day on the course and eating excellent meals in the interval at the Angel Hotel. The VIII improved very rapidly during this time, and in paddling particularly a really high standard was reached. At the same time they practised a new start which consisted of three short strokes, which was a great improvement on the old one and held several Thames Cup and Ladies' Plate crews in practice rows.

The draw, which was the only unfortunate thing about the whole week, gave us a bye against either St. Paul's or Bedford, and it was against St. Paul's that the 1st VIII rowed on the Thursday of the Regatta. St. Paul's were very fast at the start and it was perhaps not a great surprise that they took half a length, but all hopes of rowing them down afterwards were unhappily misplaced. St. Paul's led by three-quarters of a length over most of the course but in their final spurt they went away to win by three lengths. St. Paul's finally won the Princess Elizabeth Cup from King's School Canterbury by half a length. This was the last race for what was perhaps for Westminster an exceptional VIII. They were very powerful, and by Henley at any rate, they were neat, with plenty of ability to race hard and well when they were down. This was probably the

fastest crew which Westminster has had since the war.

Of the lower eights the third has had the most successful season. They failed to win a race at Pangbourne, where incidentally they were the lightest 3rd VIII, but at Putney they won all their races, most of them in fact without being severely pressed, and they will be there in a higher league next summer. They were for a 3rd VIII a remarkably stylish crew and they certainly combined enthusiasm with good looks.

The Junior "A" Crew was the only one which came bottom in its league and here again their opponents were for some reason very much heavier than they were. One of the St. Paul's junior crews is said to have contained an oarsman who weighed fourteen stone.

It is probably true to say that the standard of rowing has improved in almost every part of the boat club in the course of the year, and that keenness and good will have seldom been lacking.

Existing Colours : *Pinks*—C. P. Smith, M. A. B. Harrison, N. J. Barton, K. A. P. D. Smith, C. J. S. Holden, M. Bluff, G. A. D. Saward, T. W. Meade, G. Francis, M. G. Moon, P. S. Bennett. *Pink and Whites*—S. R. M. Price, C. K. H. Davison, J. M. T. Willoughby, D. J. C. Davies, R. T. Fowler-Farkas, H. H. M. Rogers, R. A. Bulgin, J. Bunyan, P. A. Doughty, P. S. Meadows, P. Pilkington. *Thirds*—A. P. R. Noble, B. D. Essex, E. A. Farmer, J. Maybank, A. Naylor-Smith, J. C. H. Armstrong, M. T. Denton, C. H. A. Haccius, I. H. Kerr, M. J. D. Organe, A. T. Smith. *Colts*—A. P. N. Goodier, D. L. Biscoe, A. de R. Davis, R. France, C. D. Gorman, B. H. Knight, C. F. Prebenson, M. R. Rossdale, R. H. de Vere Green, A. R. M. Pickering.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Captain of Lawn Tennis : D. P. Gordon.

Secretary of Lawn Tennis : C. H. Prince.

Captain of Eton Fives : G. P. W. Cashell.

Captain of Shooting : R. A. Bulgin.

Captain of Swimming : R. L. Himsworth.

Secretary of Pol. and Lit. Soc. : J. W. Madge.

CRICKET

THIS season the 1st XI have proved remarkably unreliable. Only one match have they won—a sorry enough tale in itself. But the poor quality of both their fielding and batting has at times been quite lamentable. This is all the more distressing, since the material available has been hardly below average; yet scarcely anyone on the XI seems to have been able to adapt himself to the atmosphere of serious cricket. Moreover, there has been a notable absence of guts in the team—the 2nd XI might teach them a lesson here. A series of heavy defeats halfway through the season appeared to take all the wind out of them, and their confidence, so far from increasing as the season progressed, considerably deteriorated. From the very first match too much responsibility was placed upon too few shoulders; in consequence the rest of the team have entirely failed to realize what was really expected of them.

However, it has been most encouraging to watch the 2nd XI enjoying a comparatively successful season. With two good wins against Forest and the Metropolitan Police to begin the term, they have gone from strength to strength. Indeed, there has at times been some apprehension lest their record should overshadow that of their less fortunate superiors. The secret of the 2nd XI's victories has lain in the fact that they do not rely upon one or two members of the team to make all the runs and take the wickets. No one is a passenger, and it would not be rash to boast that they

bat (almost) down to number eleven—who, incidentally, has rarely been required to face the bowling.

Both Highgate and Westminster Hospital were lucky to avoid defeat, and had to be content with very one-sided draws. The match against Forest was perhaps the most thrilling. The school were left with 18 to win in the last over. They got them—thanks to some robust hitting by Denny and Turner. This is the kind of spirit which will win matches. It was a pity that the fixtures against Aldenham and the Home Office had to be cancelled. The team had been hoping to follow up their resounding victory over the former last year.

Against Highgate the school declared at 164 for 9, Stout, Lauder, and Richardson-Bryant bagging most of the runs. Highgate scored slowly at first, and in an effort to force the pace lost several wickets and had to play for a draw. At close of play they had made 117 for 7.

The Colts, too, have been doing well. Hyam's bowling has largely contributed to their success. He has played for the 2nd XI on one occasion. Lauder has vastly improved as a wicketkeeper and his taking on the leg side has at times been remarkable. Myring has batted very soundly, but is obviously not suited to play for the 1st XI just yet. He will do very well when he gets a little more confidence. This colts team certainly promises well for the future.

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

Senior Piano Solo—R. L. G. Flower (RR); *Senior Piano Duet*—D. M. Lloyd-Jones and M. S. Makower (GG); *Junior Piano Solo*—R. D. Creed (GG); *Junior Piano Duet*—R. D. Creed and C. W. Redgrave (GG); *String Solo*—M. M. Aufenast (WW); *Wind Solo*—J. C. H. Armstrong (WW); *Broken Voice Solo*—M. D. Garcia (AHH); *Unbroken Voice Solo*—P. J. Dunlop (Q.S.); *Original Compositions*—No award; *Chamber Music Prize*—M. M. Aufenast, C. P. Smith, C. K. H. Davison; *Vocal Ensemble*—Rigaud's; *Exeter House Choir Cup*—Grant's 1, Ashburnham 2, Busby's 3; *Erskine Cup*—Grant's (14) 1, Rigaud's (13) 2, Busby's and Wren's (8) 3, College (7) 5, Ashburnham (4) 6.

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LAWN TENNIS

THE 2nd VI had settled down to a successful season with victories over City of London, Haberdashers, and Dulwich. The slightly increased programme of matches has been justified and the standard at this level helped.

The 1st VI results after the Exeat continued to be disappointing for a time ; we lost to Haileybury at home by the odd match (Cohen and Farquhar-Smith broke the third pair's losing sequence). At Eton Clarke and Gordon won our only two victories against fairly strong opposition. Lack of determination did seem partly to blame when we lost 3—6 to a very moderate Dulwich team ; one member of our side threw away a vital game entirely by double faults. Winning and good stylish play are sometimes two different things, and it is useless to be complacent about the second without acquiring the art of the first.

For the 1st VI the match programme has been too heavy this year, and too much emphasis is laid in school matches on doubles which often

go on too long. A pleasant contrast to these endurance tests on hard courts was provided by a Sunday match at Rye on grass courts, against Brickwall School. Each side included the tennis-master—but theirs was a Wimbledon player, whose anticipation and volleying was an object lesson in doubles play. The sun shone, a gentle breeze blew and our thoughtful hosts provided a swimming-pool and a vast supper of chicken and strawberries. Better still, we won.

Inspired by this we beat Berkhamsted away, again on grass courts. After we were half a match down at tea, Gordon and Clarke took their last set 6—0 to make the score 2—all, and then Gordon playing with immense life and attack beat their captain in a single 6—2, 6—3.

In the Youll Cup at Wimbledon the School will play Eton at 10 a.m. on July 29th. An under-16 pair will play Marlborough at 3 p.m. on July 28th.

Spectators are welcome

SHOOTING

THE last shooting account ended with a hope for fair weather and respectable scores on the open range. The one hope has been amply fulfilled, the other hardly. In a season when rain has only once spoiled one practice (though sun and wind have often made it difficult) we have lost matches against Lancing, City of London and O.W.W., and won against the Staff.

In the London and Middlesex meeting we raised ourselves from the lowest position which we occupied last year. But we cannot yet

hope for more than 450-460 in the Ashburton.

Pleasant aspects of the term's shooting have been the interest taken by the older shots in the younger ones, to which the captain has largely contributed, and the fact that we now have an almost complete VIII who regard shooting as their most important recreation. Indeed some act and talk just like old Bisley hands. We await with interest the advent of wide-brimmed hats and padded jackets, and the time when they will *shoot* like old Bisley hands, too.

SWIMMING

THIS season, so far as swimming is concerned, there have been considerable improvements. For the first time since the reformation of the station there has been a coach at Dolphin Square to give the better swimmers some professional advice, and in the two months since his arrival there has been a marked improvement in the general standard there. The School have great hopes of winning at least two of the five fixtures arranged, in spite of the debacle at Stowe. In that, the first school match of the year, the team were faced with an extremely uninviting stretch of water, which, as someone remarked, should have contained carp—and probably did !

Against St. Paul's we fared better, and on the whole, although only Himsworth won his

event, the times were quite encouraging.

So far this season four of the team have been awarded colours, Himsworth his half pinks, and Mange, Quiney and Danin their thirds. Of these only Danin and Himsworth will be in the team next year, so there will be every opportunity for younger members to fill the places occupied for the last three years by Donn, Crook and Mange.

There are now about forty regular swimmers, so it should not be difficult to raise a fairly strong team. But so long as Westminster has no pool of its own, it cannot hope to compete with schools that have ; the constant practice needed for success cannot be obtained from a mere two hours per week.

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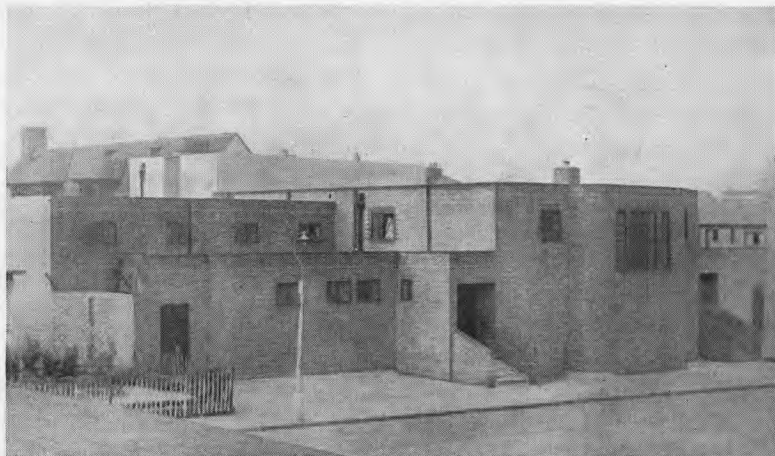
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OLD WESTMINSTERS

Sir Adrian Boulton has received the honorary degree of Mus.Doc. at Cambridge; and Sir John Gielgud that of D.Litt. at Oxford.

Mr. F. W. Deakin, Warden of St. Antony's College, Oxford, has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Mr. G. M. E. Paulson, H.M. foreign Service, has been appointed First Secretary at the Office of the Commissioner General, S.E. Asia, Singapore.

Capt. V. T. M. R. Tenison and Maj. D. W. Scott-Barrett, Scots Guards, have passed the qualifying examination for the Staff College.

Mr. D. N. Balfour has been successful in the examination for cadetships in the Royal Navy.

The Court of the Salters' Company has elected Mr. W. A. Holmes-Walker to a Salters' Fellowship for 1953-4.

Mr. G. S. A. Feiling and Mr. M. B. Geidt have been called to the bar.

Sir Michael Barrington-Ward, formerly divisional general manager of the L.N.E.R., and now a member of the Railway Executive, is to retire on October 1st.

Dr. C. C. J. Webb has been elected to an Honorary Studentship at Christ Church.

BIRTHS

COLE—On April 26th 1953 in London, to Nickie, wife of K. R. Cole, a son.

CORBOLD—At Aldershot, to Edna, wife of Capt. W. R. Corbold, a daughter.

EARLE—On May 19th 1953, to Gladys, wife of F. J. Earle, a son.

HADDEN—On June 5th 1953 at Caracas, Venezuela, to Carmen, wife of Alan Hadden, a son.

MORTIMORE—On June 16th 1953 in London, to Katharine, wife of Robert Mortimore, a daughter.

MARRIAGE

CAREY : WOODWARD—On June 20th 1953 at Stanmore, C. J. Carey to Daphne Joy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Woodward of Stanmore.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of the REV. S. H. HAMILTON and LIEUT.-COL. A. MARTIN-LEAKE.

SPENCER HUGH HAMILTON entered the School in 1919, and went on to Queen's College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1929 to St. Matthew's, Surbiton, and was appointed curate in charge of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, in 1933. Later he became vicar of St. Elizabeth's, Eastbourne. He died at the age of 48.

ARTHUR MARTIN-LEAKE, who died at the age of 79, was the youngest of six brothers, three of whom were at Westminster. He was admitted in 1888. He went to University College Hospital and completed his training there in 1898. In the Boer War he enlisted as a trooper in the Imperial Yeomanry, and was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in tending the wounded under heavy fire. While engaged on this task he received three wounds, but continued his ministrations until he fell exhausted. After the war he took his F.R.C.S. while he was convalescent in England, and in 1903 he went to India as medical officer of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, a post which he held till 1937. In 1912, however, he obtained leave of absence to join the British Red Cross unit which served with the Montenegrins against Turkey, and again in 1914 he returned to England and took a commission in the R.A.M.C. In France he repeated the gallantry of his

early days, and became the first soldier to win the highest award a second time. In 1915 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the British Medical Association. He married in 1930 Winifred Frances, widow of C. W. A. Carroll of the Central Provinces Commission.

MRS. J. M. WILSON

It was with the profoundest sorrow that we heard of the death on May 31st of Mrs. J. M. Wilson, wife of the housemaster of Grant's. It would be hard to over-estimate the loss that her death has caused and will cause to Grant's at a critical period in the history of the House, but our thoughts at this time are rather with the housemaster and his children, and to them we beg to extend our affectionate sympathy.

FREEMASONS

The Old Westminsters' Masonic Lodge meets at the School four times a year. It is restricted in membership to those educated at the School and to the members of the teaching staff. Any freemasons or others interested in joining the Lodge should contact the secretary, Mr. T. M. Tyrrell, F.R.C.S., 1 Claremont Gardens, Surbiton, Surrey.

SHOOTING

In a match against the School at Bisley on Saturday, May 30th, which it is hoped will be the first of a series, the following scores were obtained:—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total (H.P.S. 70)
N. W. McCaw ..	35	34	69
S. C. H. Davis ..	27	28	55
R. R. Davies ..	27	28	55
R. J. Drury ..	31	28	59
E. H. Seward ..	32	32	64
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			302

Against this, the best five scores of the School VIII at each distance totalled 286.

A very pleasant afternoon, in spite of difficult shooting conditions. We hope to raise a complete VIII next year, and anyone interested is asked to contact S. C. H. Davis, c/o North London Rifle Club, Bisley.

CRICKET DINNER

The President of the Old Westminsters Cricket Club, Mr. W. E. Gerrish, was in the Chair, and the Dinner was attended by some 200 Old Westminsters and their guests. The Toast of the Club was proposed by Mr. Anthony Hawke, to which the President responded.

Mr. N. P. Andrews proposed the Toast of the Guests, and coupled with the Toast the name of Jack Hobbs, "the greatest of them all," whose presence at the Dinner gave great pleasure to everybody.

In the unavoidable absence owing to illness of the President of the Elizabethan Club the Toast of Floreat was given by Mr. E. R. B. Graham.

Mr. Richard Burton replied on behalf of the Guests and the final Toast of the President was proposed by Mr. A. L. Leighton.

All attending the Dinner received a souvenir menu, which included as a frontispiece a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held at the Thatched House Tavern when the Club was established in 1828.

The Dinner was arranged by a Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. E. R. B. Graham, who is to be congratulated on a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

SIRS,

Active participation in helping the Abbey authorities to receive a million pounds from a million people for the restoration fund is surely the duty of all connected with Westminster, and I am prompted by my own experience to suggest that all Westminsters, past and present, should act as collectors of pound notes for this excellent cause.

I have just forwarded to the Abbey authorities six pounds, collected at a dinner party for six. None of the six, who included the head of a great engineering concern, a famous sportsman and a well-known actor, could claim any direct connection with either the Abbey or the School, but each gave enthusiastically immediately I undertook to forward the money for them.

The significance of this is that each candidly admitted that (human nature being what it is) he would not probably have made the effort necessary to get the money to the proper quarter. If all Westminsters made up their mind to act as collectors for the fund, I am sure that many thousands of pounds would speedily be raised.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. TRIGGS (R.R. 1927-32).

SIRS,

In 1933 two numbers of a Westminster School Library bulletin were published. The second appeared in November, 1933, and consisted of a "catalogue of books exhibited at Commemoration 1933"; no copy of this book exists in the library at present, and we should be very grateful to any Old Westminsters who might be kind enough to let us have their copy.

Yours faithfully, A. PRAG.

CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—

The Aldenhamian, The Alleynian, The Blue and Gold, The Blundellian, The Boy's Magazine, The Bradfield College Chronicle, The Brentwoodian, The Brightonian, The Britannia Magazine, The Bryanston Saga, The Cantuarian, The Carthusian, The Christ's College Register, The Cholmelian, The City of London School Magazine, The Cliffordian, The College Street Clarion, The Crimson Comet, The Deerfield Scroll, The Dunelmian, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Elizabethan, El Nopal, The English College Annual, The Eton College Chronicle, Etoniana, The Felstedian, The Fettesian, The Fish and Pumpkin, The Glenalmond Chronicle, The Gordonstoun Record, The Gower, The Granite Review, The Grotonian, The Haileyburian and I.S.C. Chronicle, The Harrovian, The Hurst Johnian, The Impala, The Index, Jargon, The Johnian, The Kijang, The Lancing College Magazine, The Leys Fortnightly, The Log, The Marlburian, The Melburnian, The Meteor, The Mill Hill Magazine, The Orange and Blue, The Ousel, The Portcullis, The Radleian, The Review, The Roedean School Magazine, The Rossallian The St. Edward's School Chronicle, St. Michael's Magazine, St. Peter's College Record, The Salopian, The Sherburnian, Sotoniensis, The Stoic, The Stonyhurst Magazine, The Taylorian, The Tonbridgian, The Tuanku Muhammad School Annual, The Unicorn, The Uppingham School Magazine, The Wish Stream, The Wykehamist.

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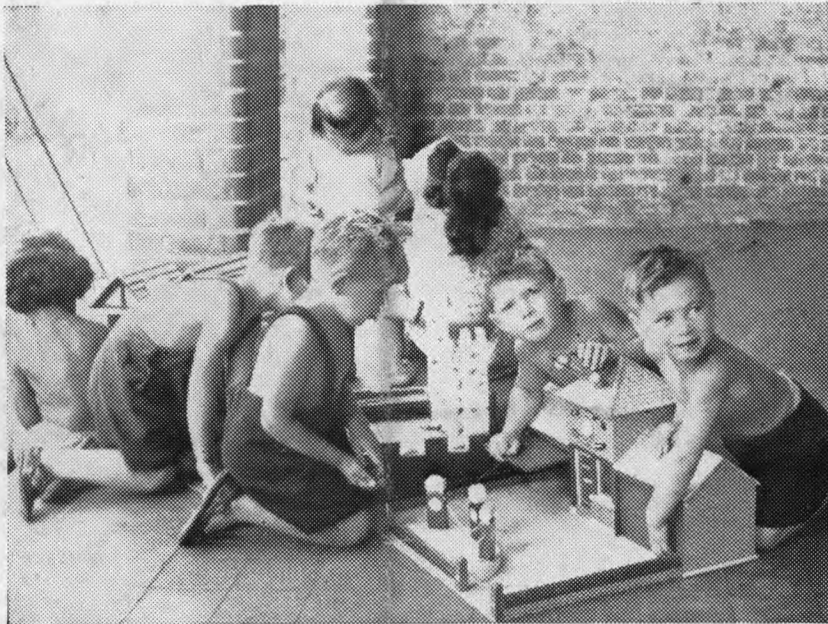
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