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C. I. CROFT, Head of Grant's.

S. E. P. HAYWARD, Head of Busby's.

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G. FRANCIS, Head of Rigaud's.

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STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

State Scholarships have been awarded to the following :-

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 20th 1st XI v. Highgate (Away).

Fencing—1st team v. Eton (Home).
22nd Christ Church Election begins.

1st XI v. Charterhouse (Home).

Dec. 2nd Fives v. Lancing (Home).

3rd & 4th Busby's Play.

Trinity Election begins. Fives v. City of London (Home). 9th

17th School Concert up School at 7.45 p.m.

2.TST Term ends.

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Tickets may be obtained from :-

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The School Concert will take place up School on Friday, December 17th, at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from:-The Concert Secretary,

3, Little Deans Yard, S.W.T.

CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries and apologise for any errors

and omissions :-

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

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

A NEW oil-consuming boiler has been installed below No. 30 Great College Street to heat College, and, on completion, the new Grant's building. The boiler, which holds 3,000 gallons of oil, is automatic, turning itself on at six in the morning, and off again at ten o'clock at night. It is very much more reliable than the old boiler, and saves a considerable amount of labour.

The Election Dinner was held again this year on Election Monday in College Hall. Theses for epigrams were 'Cui Bono?' and 'The Good is hard to achieve.' Among the epigrams was the following, on the first theme:—

Milia quem ditant decies centena? Decanum? Non puto. Quid? Canonas? Non puto. Nos? Minime.

The rebuilding of Grant's has progressed considerably since the Summer, and it is hoped that it will be completely habitable by next term.

Also nearing completion are the Liberty Boy Tablets on the wall of College staircase. The names have all been inscribed, from 1580 to the present, ending with the present Captain. The names are surrounded by an amazingly realistic architectural design. Framed below is a picture of College Garden.

We apologise for an error in our August issue. The despatch-box belonging to Charles Abbott was not, as we said, presented by Lady Clementina Tottenham, but by her sister, Lady Eveline Maude, of Thoresby Park, Ollerton.

This term there is a staff change on the Science side. Dr. J. P. Hall has had unfortunately to leave us to attend to his private affairs in Kenya. Replacing him is Dr. A. V. Adams, O.W. He was a King's Scholar from 1934-38. He is also doing some coaching at Putney.

BOOK REVIEW

I'd Like to Go Again by Oswald Lewis (O.W.)

Tr is good to be reminded that books like this are still written; books of personal adventure which we may admire, not so much for their literary finesse, as for the fine qualities we feel to be inherent in the author. His intense vitality is always evident, and what is equally important, it is tempered by those virtues which are so often lacking in travellers, tolerance to the customs of way of life of others, and a genuine guiding morality of his own. A man of such good sense with such a full life and with a powerful command of the language could, one feels, hardly fail to make a success of a book of this kind.

It all starts with a tall story, and there the whole world we know so well is immediately forgotten: we are among tigers, in tropical jungles in whose trees are swarms of hornbills, and even men are changed from the humans one is likely to encounter in a walk down the street, or so it seems. The sportsman (and Mr. Lewis is a fine example of the type) is at once more noble and more cunning. It is at least, obvious that this is no mere sport to be taken lightly: it is a deliberate game with death.

We are not asked to believe that it is right to kill bison or rhinoceroi; it is all easier than that, for, simply, in this new world to which we are introduced, it is a plain necessity.

It is, of course, impossible to say that everything in the book is true, but so much does the honesty of the writer impress itself upon us that we are never inclined to doubt it. Yet this book, as well as the reassuring pleasure Mr. Lewis takes in the beauty and impressive qualities of natural phenomena, and the large quantities of odd and fascinating facts he has unearthed, such as the remarkable number of Chinese laundrymen in St. John's, Newfoundland, has above all this the universality of a book of fables. When Mr. Lewis is visiting them he is a person of great personal charm, writing with intelligence. But when he is facing a wild animal he is Everyman against natural danger, and it is then that our sympathy is most fully engaged.

I'd Like to Go Again, by Oswald Lewis, M.A., F.Z.S., F.R.G.S. (Newman Neame, Ltd.) 15/-.

LAWN TENNIS



1st VI, 1954, with the Captain, D. P. Gordon, holding the Glanvill Cup

(Photo : D. R. Stuart)

The school finished an unbeaten term by winning the Glanvill Cup at Queen's Club, from Truro, Kettering and Newcastle Royal Grammar Schools. The first match in which Gordon and Clarke beat a strong Kettering first pair probably decided the eventual result. After two rounds we needed to win two out of the three matches against Truro to make sure of winning. By this time the sun was shining pleasantly and a good deal of welcome support had arrived from the school. The Head Master was present to see Richter and Farquhar Smith win the deciding match against their second pair. Cohen and Prince also won two of their three matches.

Mr. R. S. Barnes kindly came to watch the final of the School Singles and present his cup. The standard was again a high one—Clarke narrowly took the first set from Gordon, and then lost his service touch completely and eleven games in a row. Then he fought back splendidly and partly by good volleying almost caught up to five-all, but Gordon held on to retain the cup. The doubles were disappointingly scrappy, though Grant's (Clarke and Prince) did well to gain the cup from the holders, Wren's. Benson won the Junior

Singles comfortably, and Ashburnham (H. Gorell-Barnes and R. F. Pappin) won the Junior Doubles after a good struggle with Queen's Scholars in the final.

At Wimbledon, in Public Schools week, the colts did not get far: Benson and Packer had one good win against a Marlborough pair, and were then outclassed by Wellingborough who won the whole event. The Youll cup team beat Wycliffe and Wakefield easily and then faced K.C.S. who had an unusually strong second pair. At two matches all Gordon played the deciding single, winning it 6-4 in the final set. The same evening we beat Rugby without loss. If we were to reach two-all in the semi-final against St. Paul's it was vital for our second pair to beat theirs, but after an exciting struggle they lost in the final set, 6-8.

On the last day Gordon and Clarke were selected to play against the All-England Club, and in the opinion of the two Davis Cup captains playing first string, were the most promising of the Public Schools Pairs. Later in the holidays Gordon won both singles and doubles in the Middlesex Junior Championships. The 1st VI remains the same, and so should do better still next year.

THE 1st XI approached the Sherborne match with considerable confidence, after their fine win against Radley. Perhaps they were overconfident, for on the Friday morning, one of the few fine days of the summer, the Westminster innings opened on an ominous note, four wickets falling for only 39 runs. The position, however, was soon remedied by A. D. C. Stout's fine century, notable for powerful driving and pulling. He was partnered first by J. W. Myring and then by W. D. J. Turner who made a determined 22, and the innings finally closed for 198. In the three hours remaining, Sherborne made 110 for three wickets, and were all out for 215, half an hour before lunch the next day. M. J. Hyam bowled accurately to take 3-44. There then followed an unaccountable lapse in Westminster's second innings, which could achieve no more than 72 runs, leaving Sherborne a mere 55 to win, which they did with the greatest of ease, and without loss of a wicket.

As a contrast, the day on which the match against Tonbridge was played was dull and wet. Tonbridge batted first on a damp and difficult wicket, and were eventually compelled to declare at 98 with eight wickets down, Hyam taking 4-33. By this time there were only 75 minutes of play left. The 1st XI opened strongly, Stout again being prominent with a score of 40. The batting, however, again failed, and after a quick succession of wickets play closed with the score at 77-9.

The Lancing match, played at Lancing, was also unsatisfactory, and Westminster was extremely fortunate to draw it. Poor fielding on another bright day enabled Lancing to reach a total of 200-5, and, apart from a courageous innings of 43 by D. J. A. Delmotte, our batting never looked anything like equal to the task, the score at the close of play being 89-9.

The 1st XI, sadly depleted on account of examinations, met a strong M.C.C. side the following Saturday. The M.C.C. batted first and declared at 217-4, although R. S. Houston, in his first match for the 1st XI, bowled well to take 2-28. Our opening partnership lasted until 50 was on the board, R. Bryant eventually scoring 32 runs, and J. W. Tourlamain, 24. And although Westminster made only 183-6 by the close of play, it was no mean achievement, considering that the team was almost a 2nd XI.

R.-Bryant and Tourlamain improved on their form against the M.C.C. when they made an unbroken partnership of 208 in reply to the Surrey

Colts' 207-8 declared, Tourlamain scoring 118. This partnership is the highest since 1922.

The Stowe match was nothing less than a disaster. The Westminster opening batsmen made a comparatively safe 24 against the fast bowlers, but when the slow bowlers were put on, 8 wickets fell in fifteen minutes for the addition of only seven runs. In an attempt to catch Stowe on the same wicket the innings was declared closed, but unfortunately conditions had by then improved, and Stowe made the 33 runs needed for victory for the loss of only two wickets.

The season ended on a brighter note when the school defeated the O.WW. by 3 wickets. The O.WW. batted first on an easy wicket, and it was the fine bowling of G. Denny and D. S. Perrett which prevented them from scoring more than 85 runs. The 1st XI reached this total with three wickets in hand, Turner scoring 25 not out.

The 2nd XI, led by R.-Bryant, was not very successful, winning one match and losing four. Mention should, however, be made of Houston's steady bowling, and R. H. Brown's batting.

The Colts, captained by M. C. M. Frances, were also undistinguished, winning only one match and losing two. Individually, B. J. Jones, the opening batsman, showed considerable promise.

Colours :-

Pinks: D. J. A. Delmotte, A. D. C. Stout, J. A. Lauder, M. J. Hyam, W. D. J. Turner, P. G. K. Saunders.

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AN APPRECIATION

WESTMINSTER has produced many devoted sons and many men of eminence. Not all the eminent men have been devoted, and many loyal Old Westminsters were quite unknown to fame. There could have been few who combined, as Dr. Webb did, great distinction in his own chosen career with a longer, deeper and truer love for his old school. It was not merely that he served as a Governor for 50 years and was a Busby Trustee for 41, and that up to the end of his long life he visited the school with unabated enthusiasm. minster was his first loyalty-first in time and first, surely, in intensity. To him it was not just the school that he had known and loved as a boy in the seventies; his affection was firmly based on a sure knowledge of its history; he knew why it is a unique school; he knew that it must change and develop, and he welcomed changes (unlike many aged Old Boys) provided that they did not touch the heart of Westminster as he felt it to be. Over some changes he was conservative, ready to fight for his view and to argue at length against opponents; but he always ended with a sweettempered cock of the head and a quite ineffaceable smile.

There can be no contemporaries left now to speak of his own schooldays. As a small boy he remembered seeing "old Plowden" who had himself been present as a school-boy at the Trial of Warren Hastings! "Only the later stages, of course," he added with humble accuracy. He must have been a gentle personality and he was never a man of his hands. He once explained to me that the duty of tanning offenders (commoner then than now) he resigned to his deputy: "I never could get the proper swing."

A First in Greats from Christ Church in 1888 led to a Fellowship in Philosophy at Magdalen which he held for over 30 years. I was fortunate enough to be "farmed out" to Webb as a pupil for two terms in 1922. His methods were in contrast to the more aggressive style of my own revered tutor. Webb spoke, as he wrote, in long serpentine sentences, and as he proceeded, he sank lower and lower in his seat, as though he were trying to undermine the shaky foundations of the young man's essay. He never demolished you by frontal attack. I found in him a learned teacher, a great encourager and a lasting friend.

He was more strictly a Theologian than a Philosopher, and of that aspect more learned men must speak. But the amateur may say that his History of Philosophy in the Home University Library is, according to its scale, a first rate book, and that his Gifford Lectures on God and Personality are almost wholly readable by the layman. He was the first holder of the new Chair of The Philosophy of the Christian Religion, and he continued writing articles and reviews until the end of his life. "What shall we do for an examiner for D.D. degrees now Webb is gone?" so said an Oxford Theologian a few weeks ago.

In 1930 he retired, first to his Oxford home at Marston where he had long lived with his wife, a sister of Horace Joseph the philosopher, and later, to Pitchcott near Aylesbury. In retirement he kept to the full his vitality and his interests, constantly attending Westminster functions when he was far beyond 80, and making new friends young and old, both there and in his rustic retreat. At his funeral the church was crowded to overflowing with learned and simple alike.

Webb's life was one of manifold achievements; he had known the leading Philosophers of his day; he had written much and always with authority; he had lectured in Sweden, and in India where his memory among the older Pundits is still green. It is to be hoped that a sketch of his own life, which he had prepared from an unbroken series of diaries, will one day see the light.

But the man was more than the sum of his achievements. Behind his learning which was wide and deep, beyond his remarkable power of making friends (and he was essentially one to "keep his friendships in repair"), there was something else. There was a candour and an innocence and a humility which will put him in a place apart in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to know: a candour which combined charity with the power of saying a hometruth so that it did not wound; an innocence which enabled him to chortle with glee over funny stories told by others or (and this was an engaging trait) by himself; a humility which made it quite impossible for him to remember his own powers or his own importance in the presence of lesser

J. T. C.



THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY THANKS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL

Please send subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Westminster School Society, 3 Little Dean's Yard, S.W. 1.

TEN may come and men may go, but I go on M for ever." So we imagined Old Father Thames saying contentedly to himself when it was announced last term that Mr. Fisher was giving up, after nineteen years, the post of Master in Charge of the Water. He first coached at Westminster in 1926, since when he has spared no effort in his many tasks, coaching all the time with tremendous cheerfulness and enthusiasm. became Master in Charge in 1935. The difficulties during the war years were overcome by his untiring efforts, and afterwards his first task was to make Westminster prominent once more in the sphere of school rowing. This done, he devoted his energies to coaching younger watermen, and has produced the keenest eight in the Boat Club each year, for he cannot but impress on everyone he coaches a measure of his own enthusiasm.

Mr. Fisher's efforts, however, have not been devoted to Westminster alone. Since the war he has been responsible for the starting of two very popular events for schools. In 1946 was rowed the first Head of the River race for Schools, and despite the somewhat disastrous outcome of that particular race it was clearly a very popular fixture, as the yearly increase of entries shows. The other event is the Putney Inter-Schools Regatta, started in 1947. This regatta, patronised mainly by London schools, although a four from Belfast competed this year, has been held annually, two days after the Finals Day of our own regatta.

We hope that with these responsibilities lifted from his shoulders Mr. Fisher will coach many more outstanding Colts crews. And we also wish Mr. Hamerton every success as the new Master in Charge.

THE SCHOOL REGATTA

I^N the School Regatta, competition for the Halahan Cup was keen, but unfortunately, by Finals Day Rigaud's were almost certain of winning it. The weather was kind to us on the Saturday, but although the tide was low the water was made choppy in places by a persistent wind. The towpath was crowded with spectators who seemed genuinely interested in the racing, and who claimed that it was not Mrs. Brock's tea, as well it might have been, that had lured them down to Putney.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of the much fancied Ashburnham Junior-Senior IV. Rigaud's, their opponents, forced themselves three feet ahead at the finish after rowing behind all the way. Another close finish was the final of Junior Fours, won by Grant's by four feet from Rigaud's. In Senior Fours, Rigaud's won from Ashburnham.

In the sculling events, J. C. Meadows (R) won Junior Sculls with comparative ease, and S. C. H. Douglas-Mann won the all-Grant's final of Junior-Senior Sculls. Senior Sculls provided an all-Rigaud's final, where G. Francis beat his lighter opponent, S. R. M. Price, in a well contested race. In winning the final of the Double Sculls, P. S. Meadows and G. Francis (RR) lowered the twoyear-old record by one second. P. S. Bennett (1st VIII) sculled with great polish to win the Coxes Handicap race, and H. Ward (O.G.) won the O.WW. Sculls for the second year running.

The last race of the day was Lamprobatics, and College hopes ran high after their good effort in Senior Fours. However, the scratch Townboy Four fitted together well enough to win the race by one and a half lengths.

After this race Mrs. H. H. S. Hartley kindly presented the cups and medals.

Points for the Halahan Cup were as follows: Rigaud's, 88; Grant's, 41; Ashburnham, 18.

The following Monday the School was well represented in the Putney Inter-Schools Regatta. The Ashburnham Senior four came second to R.A.I. Belfast in a very close final. The Novices four won their event, and our only other success was in Senior Sculls, in the final of which G. Francis beat J. Beveridge (St. Paul's) who was just ahead of S. Price. P. S. Bennett could not quite manage his handicap when he came a close second in the Coxes' race. Thanks are due to Mr. Fisher for organising another successful regatta, and also to Mr. Bates for presenting the cups after the finals.

Existing Colours.

Pinks: G. Francis, R. H. de Vere Green, S. R. M. Price.

Pink and Whites: P. Pilkington, I. H. Kerr, D. L.

Biscoe, A. de R. Davis, M. R. Rossdale.

Thirds: M. M. Aufenast, D. Dewar, R. France,
J. P. A. Gross, C. Hogg, I. M. Miller, D. H. Perkins.

Colts: P. P. G. B. Bateson, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, C. D. Gorman, D. B. K. Harrison, D. O. Lloyd-Jacob, D. J. Moul, J. G. Nandris, A. R. M. Pickering, M. P. M. Richards, G. L. Stemp.



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Entry is by written examination, held in October, February and May, followed by interview and medical examination. The closing date for applications is normally 3 months before date of written examination, which candidates must take between the ages of 17 years 2 months and 18 years 6 months.

Candidates with certain educational qualifications may be exempted from the wr tten examination. Details from the Secretary of the Admiralty, N.C.W. Branch (Cadets 54), Queen Anne's Mansions, London, S.W.1.

THE CONCERT

I^T is possibly with slight misgivings that some of us look forward to the Summer Concert: memories of embarrassing soloists in the past combine in a rather frightening way. The first item, then, if it reached no heights, by its very stolidity was at least reassuring; Grant's House Choir singing Dyson's "A Poet's Hymn," and if the intensity of the words was not matched by the performance, there was nothing that noticeably marred it. This was followed by the Senior Piano Solo, a Schubert Impromptu in A flat, played somewhat mechanically by R. Flower (R). This delightful, if familiar, piece was a pleasure to hear in itself, and the soloist avoided the major faults, though he may, as yet, have no great style in his playing. J. H. Simpson, Q.S., now sang Handel's 'Come, see where golden hearted spring." This was well sung, but one feels that he will do better when his voice has settled down a little more. Next we heard the inevitable violin solo by M. M. Aufenast (W). This year he chose a rather more exciting piece, a series of Rumanian Dances by the Hungarian composer, Bela Bartok, and the performance was well suited to the music. This was certainly the best individual effort of the evening, but praise is also due to the sympathetic accompanist, G. G. Bell, also of Wren's. After this, the Ashburnham Vocal Ensemble performed a comic piece by Julius Harrison, a setting of the poem "Solomon Grundy." To be successful, a piece of this sort needs to be really funny, and to receive an evenly good performance. Fortunately on this occasion both conditions were fulfilled, and the result was extremely pleasing. Finally Aufenast and Bell returned, joined by J. C. H. Armstrong, again of Wren's, to play a Trio Sonata in D Minor by Loeillet, for Violin, Oboe and Pianoforte. Ably executed, this was a satisfying finish to the first half of the concert.

After the interval the Orchestra was first heard, Schubert's "Overture to Rosamunde." in Although they may have lacked polish slightly, this item was obviously well liked by the audience, as indeed one would expect from such a pleasant piece of music. It is doubtful whether Vaughan Williams' "Toward the Unknown Region," with words by Walt Whitman, was so well liked: indeed some thought it an unfortunate choice. None the less, the Choral Society was heard to some advantage. The next item was the Romanza from Mozart's Pianoforte Concerto in D Minor, in which the soloist, M. S. Makower (G), gave an efficient, if somewhat dull, performance. To end the evening the Orchestra performed a Ballet "The Good-humoured Ladies," Scarlatti, arranged by Tommasini. This jolly piece was played with admirable gusto, and the players communicated their evident enjoyment to the audience. The Concert ended as usual with the Carmen and the National Anthem.

GOLF

THE summer golf meeting this year was held at Sudbrook Park, Richmond, on the Monday before the beginning of term, and once again the weather was kind to us. The attendance, however, was a little disappointing considering the number who took the opportunity of having golf lessons from school last term. Only ten school players took part in the Barnes Cup competition, held in the morning, and apart from rounds of nett 72 from R. A. Bulgin (9) and J. W. Tourlamain (18), the standard of play was not high. After a play-off between these two, Tourlamain emerged the winner.

The Old Westminsters produced a team of four for the afternoon match, Sir Max Page, Dr. D. B. I. Hallett, Mr. G. A. Lewis, and Mr. N. B. R. C. Peroni, while the school was represented by

R. A. Bulgin, J. W. Tourlamain, M. A. Marshall, and G. Francis. The match was keenly contested and ended in a draw when, in the last match to finish, Mr. Lewis beat Marshall on the last green. The other six players took part in a competition for a prize of four golf balls presented by the Old Westminsters; this was won by A. C. E. Pleasance.

After the meeting G. Francis was appointed Secretary of School Golf for the season 1954-55. Results of the match against the Old Westminsters :-

Sir Max Page lost to R. A. Bulgin, 4 and 3.

Dr. D. B. I. Hallett lost to J. W. Tourlamain, 5 and 4.

Mr. G. A. Lewis beat M. A. Marshall, 2 up.

Mr. N. B. R. C. Peroni beat G. Francis, 5 and 4.



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THE Appeal now stands at a little over £11,000. In July, when the last report in these columns was made, the figure was £4,200, and I must thank most warmly all those who in four months have added nearly £,7,000 to the fund.

The money has arrived in every form, in covenants, banker's orders and in cash gifts, and in sums ranging from £2,000 to a few shillings. In many instances the donors' generosity has been matched by letters which show the warm affection with which Westminsters throughout the world regard the school.

£11,000 is a tidy sum. It represents roughly £3 a head from every living Old Westminster. If you yourself have not contributed anything it represents just a little bit more from each who has-how much more you will be able to work out from the total number of subscribers, which is 391. (The £2,000 mentioned above was contributed by a generous friend of the school who is not himself an Old Westminster.) If you have not contributed anything, please do not be content to let someone else contribute on your behalf. Pull the Appeal pamphlet out of your drawer again, or if you have lost it write to me for another. Fill up a form, or if that is too much trouble put a cheque large or small—in an envelope and send it to me or to the Honorary Treasurer, Sir Robert Wilkinson. Needless to say, a deed of covenant is the better way of subscribing, for thus the Society will get almost double what you give. But either way your generosity will swell the fund. £11,000 is a tidy sum; and with your help it can be tidier.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Mr. R. F. Harrod has been elected a Faculty Fellow of Nuffield College.

At Oxford Mr. D. F. Whitton has been elected to a Laming Travelling Fellowship at Queen's College; and Mr. N. Lawson was placed in the First Class in the School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Mr. R. H. F. Carlyle has joined the Staff of Bedford

School, and Mr. A. R. H. Williams-Treffgarne has been appointed Art Master at Harrow School.

Captain D. R. F. Cambell, R.N., has been posted to H.M.S. Daedalus for duty with the Flag Officer Air

Captain V. T. M. R. Tenison, R.A., Captain F. W. E. Fursdon, R.E., Captain O. J. Peck, R. Signals, and Major D. W. Scott-Barrett, Scots Gds., have been selected for admission to the Staff College in 1955.

On his resignation from the Government a viscountcy was conferred on Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, and he has taken the title of Viscount Chandos of Aldershot.

Mr. C. C. C. Tickell has been appointed to H.M. Foreign Service.

Mr. G. E. Johnstone has been appointed legal adviser to the Ministry of Food.

Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee has been adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for Clapham.

Mr. E. G. Robey has been appointed a Metropolitan Magistrate.

Mr. W. G. Frampton and Mr. B. S. Green have been called to the bar.

Population by Prof. Ian Bowen has been published by the Cambridge University Press, and Gladstone by Sir Philip Magnus by Messrs. John Murray.

Mr. S. P. L. Kennedy has qualified as a Fellow of the

Institute of Actuaries.

Group Captain R. C. Richmond has been appointed to the London office of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company.

BIRTHS

ALMOND-On June 28th 1954 in London to Anne, wife of Basil Almond, a son.

BARR-TAYLOR—On June 23rd 1954 at Southsea to Jean, wife of Dr. Peter Barr-Taylor, a son.

BELSON-On August 5th 1954 at Bexhill to Sheila, wife of Major P. Belson, a daughter.

CHEADLE—On July 26th 1954 at Cheltenham to Peggy, wife of J. R. Cheadle, a son.

GAMBLES-On August 18th 1954 in London to Phyllis, wife of J. M. Gambles, a son. GREGG-On August 27th 1954 in London to Mary, wife

of Ian Gregg, a son. HAMPTON-SMITH-On April 30th 1954 to Vivienne, wife of the Rev. D. C. Hampton-Smith, a daughter.

HOLMES-WALKER—On July 21st 1954 in London to Marie Anne, wife of Dr. W. A. Holmes-Walker, a daughter.

LONGFORD-On August 29th 1954 at Stevenage to Joan, wife of the Rev. Edward Longford, a son.

o'BRIEN—On July 20th 1954 at Bromley, Kent, to Joy, wife of C. M. O'Brien, a son.

ORANGE-On August 25th 1954 at Esher to Mary, wife of R. B. Orange, a son.

PATTERSON—On August 8th 1954 at West Kirby, Cheshire, to Ila, wife of M. L. Patterson, a son.

PLOWMAN-On July 4th 1954 at Woking to Elsie Frances, wife of John Plowman, a daughter. SCHMID-On September 6th 1954 to Claudine, wife of

J. J. Schmid, a daughter. SKONE-JAMES-On October 1st 1954 in London to Jean, wife of E. P. Skone-James, a son.

MARRIAGES

BLAKSLEY: EVENS—On October 9th 1954 at St. Mary's Church, Maidenhead, J. O. Blaksley to Norah Mary, elder daughter of the late Mr. G. E. Evens and Mrs. Evens of Maidenhead.

DE MOWBRAY : GIJTENBEEK—On June 26th 1954 at St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road, London, M. S. de Mowbray to Hendrika Gijtenbeek of The Hague,

EADY: GRESSET—On August 28th 1954, D. M. Eady to Gisèle, younger daughter of Colonel and Mme. Vacher of Gemozac, France.

GEIDT: MACKENZIE—On July 10th 1953 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, M. B. Geidt to Diana Cecil, only daughter of Provost A. J. Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie of Stornoway.

sharrard: Grimshaw—On May 30th 1953 at St. John Baptist's Church, Stoneleigh, G. A. W. Sharrard to Margaret Ena, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.

Grimshaw of Worcester Park, Surrey. STEWARD: HOOD—On June 12th 1954, D. M. Steward to Theodora Daphne, daughter of Mr. W. F. Hood of Slaugham, Sussex.

TICKELL: GUNN-On September 18th 1954 at St. James's, Spanish Place, C. C. Tickell to Chloe, daughter of Mr. James Gunn, A.R.A., and the late Mrs. Gunn. williams: Bollins—On September 11th 1954 at the

Church of St. Simon Zelotes, S.W.3, A. H. Williams to Pamela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bollins of Crowborough.

DEATHS

REA—On August 15th 1954 in London, the Hon. J. R. Rea, aged 51.

TREHERN-On May 23rd 1954 at St. Ives, Cornwall, E. C. M. Trehern, aged 75.

WEBB—On October 5th 1954 at Pitchcott, Bucks., Dr. C. C. J. Webb, aged 89.

The Hon. James Russell Rea was the second son of the first Baron Rea of Eskdale. He was at the School from 1916 till 1920, and went on to Christ's College, Cambridge. He was called to the bar at the Middle Temple. After two years in the department of the Treasury Solicitor he became secretary to the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association. He married first Betty Marion, daughter of the late Dr. Arthur Bevan (O.W.), and secondly Mrs. Isobel Shepley, daughter of Mr. Robert Pringle of Edinburgh.

Ernest Charles Meldon Trehern was admitted in 1893. He went up to Cambridge, where he took his LL.B. in 1900, and was called to the bar at the Middle Temple. He served on the Western Circuit. He married Marguerite Louise, daughter of Mr. C. H. Barstow of St. John's Wood. He was author of British and Colonial Prize Cases (1914-16).

Clement Charles Julian Webb, philosopher and theologian, was the son of the Rev. Benjamin Webb, vicar of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. He entered Westminster (up Rigaud's) in 1876 and was elected Q.S. in 1880, being the last of the Liberty Boys who under the old regulations automatically became Captain. From Christ Church he was elected in 1889 a Fellow of Magdalen, and in 1920 he was nominated Oriel Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, becoming a Fellow of Oriel in 1922. He retired in 1930.

A longer memoir of Dr. Webb appears in another column.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held up School on Thursday, 30th September, and attended by some 100 members.

Lord Rea was elected a Vice-President and Mr. W. E. Gerrish, O.B.E., Mr. A. C. Feasey and Mr. D. M. M. Carey were re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Mr. K. G. Allison, Mr. D. Kleeman and Mr. A. L. Leighton were elected new members of the General Committee.

In the interests of economy the meeting resolved that the printing in 1955 of the Pink Book be postponed and the General Committee is now giving serious consideration to the whole question of the printing and circularisation of the Annual Report and other notices, the cost of which is a heavy drain on Club funds.

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

(1) That the Master of the Under School be invited to become an Honorary Life Member of the Club during his tenure of office.

(2) That Assistant Masters who have served for seven years at the Great School or at the Under School shall be eligible for election as Honorary Life Members of the Club.

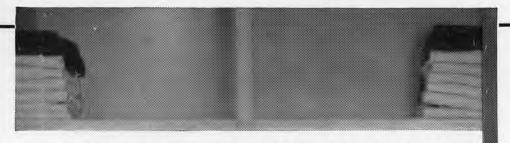
(3) That the title "The Old Westminsters' Boat Club" be altered to "The Elizabethan Boat Club."

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Club was held at St. Stephen's Club, Westminster, on Thursday, 14th October, with the President, Sir Robert Wilkinson, in the Chair. The guests included The Hon. Mr. Justice Vaisey, the Dean of Westminster, the Head Master, Colonel H. St. J. Carruthers and Mr. J. O. Cheadle. The Lord Chief Justice of England had accepted an invitation to be present, but was subsequently commanded to attend the State Banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the Emperor of Ethiopia.

One hundred members attended the dinner. The toast of Floreat was proposed by the Head Master and the toast of the Guests by Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe. Mr. Justice Vaisey responded and the final speech of the evening was made by the Dean of Westminster in honour

of the President.



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