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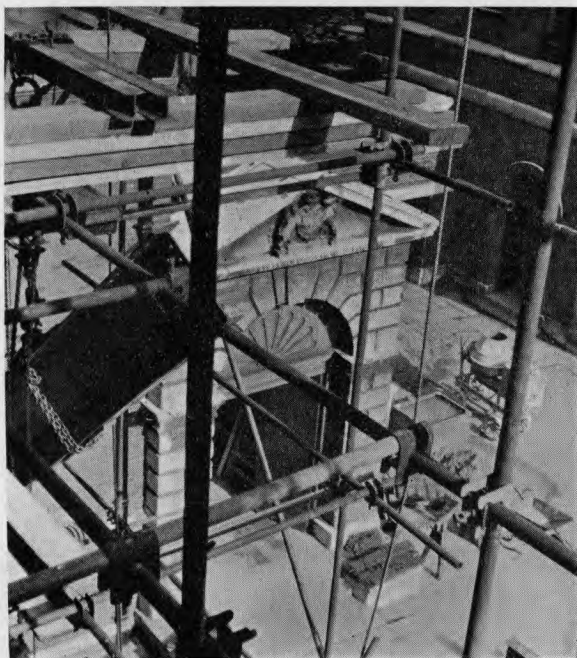
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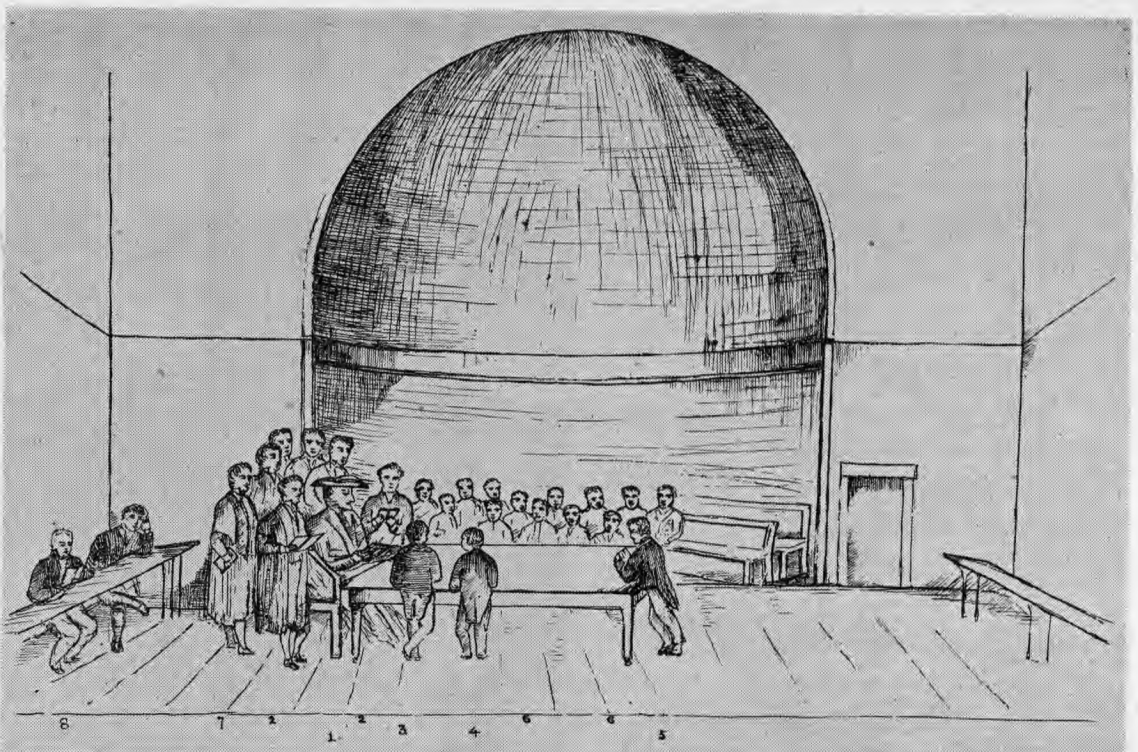
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 24th | Play Term begins. | Nov. 13th | Fencing match v. Stowe School (Away). |
| Oct. 4th | 1st XI v. Old Reptonians (Home). | Nov. 15th | Fencing match v. University College London (Away). |
| Oct. 11th | 1st XI v. Bank of England (Home). | | 1st XI and Colts v. Lancing College (Home). |
| Oct. 11th | Fencing matches v. St. Paul's (Home) | Nov. 22nd | Head of the River Race for Schools. |
| Oct. 18th | 1st XI v. Old Bradfieldians (Home). | | 1st and 2nd XI's v. Old Westminsters (Home). |
| Oct. 23rd | Fencing match v. King's College Hospital (Away). | | Fencing match v. Oxford University Assassins (Home). |
| Oct. 25th | Fencing match v. Dulwich College. | Nov. 29th | 1st XI v. Aldenham (Away). |
| | 1st XI v. Old Carthusians "A" (Home). | Dec. 6th | 1st XI v. Charterhouse (Away). |
| Nov. 1st | Fencing matches v. Eton College (Away). | Dec. 12th | The Westminster Ball. |
| Nov. 8th | 1st XI and Colts v. Highgate. (Home) | Dec. 13th | 1st XI v. Corinthian-Casuals (Home). |
| | Fencing match v. London Fencing Club (Home). | Dec. 13th | Play Term ends. |

KEY TO "THE CHALLENGE" IN 1809 :

1. Head Master.
- 2.2. The Two Helps.
- 3.4. The Two Challengers.
5. The Next in Turn.
- 6.6. The Minor Candidates.
7. Seniors, sixth-form boys, and other helps looking on.
8. Seventh form.



THE CHALLENGE. ABOVE: IN 1809. BELOW: IN 1947
For Key to drawing see previous page.

Photo: L. H. Burd

THE UNDER SCHOOL

CRICKET AND CONGRATULATIONS

AT the end of the Lent Term, when the snow and floods had cleared away, return matches were arranged against a junior Westminster XI—a weaker team than in the first match—and against the Lycée. Houston, our Captain, was back in our team and we were victorious on each occasion.

Under School games are now weakened by Houston moving on to Westminster. He was captain of both football and cricket besides being a monitor, and we shall follow his progress with interest. There were two other leavers and three new boys—one in Form I and two in the Petty.

Teaching staff and time table remain much the same though swimming and cricket arrangements have caused one or two changes. We started swimming at the Chelsea baths but moved to the bath in Dolphin Square when it opened in June. We are grateful to the Dolphin Square authorities for this co-operation in granting us permission to swim there.

Plans for cricket have not been easy. There was less of Vincent Square available than last summer and the relaying of both Fields and Green was expected to start any day. In addition, our first two or three cricket afternoons were wet. Green is still available for junior games, though conditions are bad, but since half term work has been started up Fields and the top games have gone to Grove Park on Friday afternoons. To give us longer time for play, College Hall provide

picnic lunches, which we eat in the 'bus on the way down.

This term has seen the re-opening of the Abbey Choir School in its old home in Dean's Yard. A telegram of welcome and good wishes was sent from the Under School on their opening day. A game of cricket was arranged at short notice and rather earlier in the term than we should have chosen as they were expecting a period of quarantine to start. It was decided to halve the time available for play and the Choir School batted first on a poor wicket up Fields. We felt we had done well to dismiss eight of their side for 30 runs, but soon found that our batsmen had no idea how to cope with their bowling or how to score runs, and were all out for the miserable total of 18 runs! We look forward to a return game later and to further contests both at football and cricket in future terms.

Congratulations are due to I. L. Hunt, our only candidate in this year's Challenge, on gaining one of the two exhibitions awarded.

The opening performance of this year's Royal Tournament at Olympia, the first since before the war, was attended by the King and Queen, the King inspecting a triple Guard of Honour drawn up in the arena before the programme began. This seemed to be well up to pre-war standard both in variety and magnificence, in skill and daring, in noise and excitement. All but a few of the Under School attended and thoroughly enjoyed this opening performance. M.F.Y.

THE CHALLENGE 1947

The following boys have been elected to resident Scholarships:

1. A. H. Hyde—Mr. I. Fitzgerald Lyster, The Hill School, Malvern.
2. T. R. Ware—Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Kent.
3. J. Porteous—Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Kent.
4. J. B. Hay—Mr. K. Tarling, Yarlet Hall, Stafford.
5. T. E. V. Pearce—Mr. O. E. P. Wyatt, Maidwell Hall, Northampton.
6. J. L. Lee—Mr. C. T. Linford, Downsends School, Leatherhead.

7. L. E. Lowe—Westminster School and Mr. A. E. Lynam, The Dragon School, Oxford.
8. J. R. D'Arcy Dawson—Westminster School and Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Kent.

Elected to an honorary non-resident Scholarship:

P. Makower—Westminster School and Mr. G. C. McFerran, Packwood Haugh.

Exhibitions have been awarded to:—

A. R. W. Freeman—Mr. S. W. Fieldhouse, The Beacon School, Chesham Bois.

I. L. Hunt—Mr. M. F. Young, Westminster Under School.

An honorary Exhibition has been awarded to:—

J. King-Farlow—Westminster School and Mr. V. W. Davies, 50 Palace Gardens.

ON BECOMING AN OW.

TIES BETWEEN OLD BOYS AND THE SCHOOL

Since we returned from our exile in Herefordshire, great strides have been made by Old Westminsters to renew and strengthen the ties between Old Boys and the School, which were inevitably weakened during the war. The Editors believe that these ties are so important and, as yet, so little known by Westminsters past and present, that they feel that they should make them public.

Firstly, there is the Elizabethan Club, which was founded in 1864 as a Society of College Seniors; but when the founders left the School they decided to keep their membership, and thus within a year or two the Society had developed into a Club of Old Westminsters. In 1926, boys began a termly payment while they were still at school so that by the time they left they would be fully fledged members of the Club. At the same time nearly all Old Westminsters joined the Club, and today there are more than two thousand members. The Club helps the School in many directions and is the centre of Old Westminsters games—cricket, football, golf and tennis; it also arranges all the Old Boys' entertainments—the teas, dinners and dances.

Secondly, there is the Westminster School Society, whose first Chairman and virtual founder was Lord Greene, which collects from loyal

Old Westminsters subscriptions and legacies to swell its funds which have already proved of immense value to the School. Outstanding among the Society's latest gifts to the School have been No. 17 Dean's Yard and all the furniture of the Churchill Club which now graces Ashburnham House. The Society now has over 500 members.

Lastly there is, of course, the War Memorial Fund, which already amounts to over £30,000 in subscriptions and in deeds of covenant. Under its patron His Majesty the King, who has subscribed generously, the Fund aims to contribute much towards the rebuilding of the School and looks forward to the time when the School is put back, not as it was physically perhaps, but in its proper and unique place amongst the great public Schools.

From the point of view of Old Westminsters it is pleasant to keep up relations with the School, and from the point of view of the School it is important to know that Westminster has the solid backing of its Old Boys. Whether you are leaving this term, or in five years' time—or whether you have left fifty years ago—your practical support of any or all the Bodies mentioned above is invaluable.

A N O X F O R D L E T T E R

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT

HAD you paused to assess the number of Old Westminsters up at Oxford before you asked me to tell you the more intimate details of their present life? I feel certain you hadn't: neither have I. I am bound to fall back on an invidious selection; for we are, sir, legion.

Most prominent of Oxford personalities is undoubtedly the President of the Union. Anthony Wedgwood-Benn has just made his farewell speech as I write. A Socialist President among a Conservative majority, he has none the less indicated his political principles, appearing at standing committee meetings wearing shorts. Dick Faber's sonorous, if somniferous voice, has also soothed his hearers' ears with its agile philosophy. He is a new member of the Library Committee. A less serious visitor to the Union is Robert Cleveland-Stevens, known to your fellow editor of THE ISIS as the most dangerous man in Oxford on account of his scarce-controlled motor-bike. With greater precision, though less aplomb, John Blaksley drives a car, and keeps

it on the Tom Tiddler's Ground of the Municipal Car Park. He is a scientist and so, by recent adoption, is Michael Sweet-Escott. He and his brother may often be seen in the Parks watching cricket; the latter takes Lucretius with him while the former leaves his Bunsens burning.

Robin Denniston by contrast plays all manner of games himself; more so than Nigel Hodges whose athletic enthusiasm has been considerably damped by the virulence of his Brasenose brothers.

But Mr. Denniston was also heard to great advantage at the drums during the Experimental Theatre Club's production of "Agamemnon." Guy Brenton is President of the E.T.C. and Donald Swann its chief musical adviser. Your Correspondent is an out-of-work actor and can only pay tribute to Mr. Brenton's great theatrical prowess. Robin Bannerman has renounced the stage for medicine and drawing; his cartoons have been published in THE ISIS and his representation of bones recently won him distinction and reward.

T H E F I E L D S

1ST XI V. MR. PEEBLES' XI ON MAY 15TH AT ROEHAMPTON

Mr. Peebles' XI won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket. They opened steadily and the first wicket did not fall until 30 had been scored. Wall bowled steadily, but the scoring continued and became fast after the fall of the third wicket. Mr. Peebles declared at 148, leaving the School just over 90 minutes to get the runs. Murray and Lummis started well until at 43, Murray was run out. Another wicket fell at once, but Guymer batted really well while Lummis defended stolidly. Guymer was out just before time and the final total was 99 for three wickets.

Mr. Peebles' XI. 148 for 3 declared.
Westminster 99 for 3. (Lummis, not out 39. Guymer, 29).

1ST XI V. WIMBLEDON C.C. ON MAY 17TH AT WIMBLEDON

The School batted first on a slow wicket after winning the toss, but Lummis was out almost at once. Guymer and Murray, however, played well and when Murray left, Law played soundly. When Guymer was out, two more wickets fell in quick succession, but Law and Almond F. carried on and after Law was out, Almond hit well till the school declared with just under two hours left. The first two wickets were down for six runs, but the next pair added 104 with the aid of three dropped catches. One more wicket fell before our total was passed, but afterwards four more wickets fell before time to good bowling by Wall and Clarke.

Westminster 128 for 8 wkts. declared.
(Law 25. Almond F. 21, not out).
Wimbledon C.C. 139 for 7 wkts. (Clarke, 3 for 46).

1ST XI V. M.C.C. ON JUNE 5TH AT WIMBLEDON

The M.G.C. batted first on a wet wicket and in spite of steady bowling scored fast, putting on 76 for the first wicket in an hour. Another wicket fell just before lunch, but afterwards the third wicket put on 92 in an hour and a half, leaving just under three hours to get 188. The first part of the school innings was a procession, only Law staying any length of time. Seven wickets were down for 30, but first Robinson, and then Wall and Clarke batted stubbornly

and raised the total to 67 before the last wicket fell.

M.C.C. 187 for 2 wickets declared.
Westminster 67 all out.

1ST XI V. RADLEY ON MAY 29TH AT RADLEY.

RADLEY

R. H. Soames, c Lummis, b Wall	...	...	11
J. D. Hudson, c Almond, F., b Wall	...	...	56
H. B. L. Brierly, lbw b Wade	...	...	10
M. J. D. Bower, c Wall, b Wade	...	...	9
D. R. W. Lawrence, b Wade	...	...	79
M. J. Yates, b Wall	...	...	1
D. H. Andrews, st Murray, b Clarke	...	...	30
A. E. F. Cornwall, st Murray, b Law	...	...	32
D. S. Walker, lbw b Clarke	...	...	0
J. W. R. Armstrong, not out	...	...	29
C. R. T. Fletcher, did not bat	...	...	10
Extras	...	...	10
(for 9 declared)	...	...	271

Wall, 3 for 62. Clarke, 2 for 64. Wade, 3 for 37. Law, 1 for 28.

WESTMINSTER

H. L. Murray, b Cornwall	...	...	50
C. J. Lummis, lbw b Fletcher	...	...	12
J. A. Guymer, lbw b Cornwall	...	...	15
G. L. Law, c Hudson, b Bower	...	...	10
D. L. Almond, lbw b Cornwall	...	...	1
R. T. Robinson, lbw b Cornwall	...	...	0
F. R. H. Almond, b Fletcher	...	...	3
D. J. P. Wade, hit wicket, b Hudson	...	...	27
J. R. Wall, c Armstrong, b Hudson	...	...	12
S. L. H. Clarke, not out	...	...	2
C. F. Kingdon, lbw b Hudson	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	14
			151

Cornwall, 4 for 68. Fletcher, 2 for 11. Bower, 1 for 27. Hudson, 3 for 19.

Radley won the toss and batted first on a beautiful fast wicket. At 32, however, Lummis caught a good catch in the slips and two more wickets fell shortly after this and two catches were missed. At lunch the score was 139 for 5, but afterwards, Radley went for the runs and in spite of accurate bowling by Wall, Wade, and Clarke, aided by more dropped catches, the score reached 271 for 8, leaving three hours batting. Lummis and Murray started well, and when the former left, Guymer hit hard till he was out at 52. Law hit a good six, but was caught slashing at a wide ball on the off. Two more wickets fell at once, but the tail wagged nobly until Murray, who had defended admirably for two hours, was out at 111. Wall and Wade made some good strokes, but the last wicket fell two minutes before time.

1ST XI V. LANCING ON JUNE 12TH AT WIMBLEDON

WESTMINSTER

R. K. Pitamber, 1 b w, b Ford	...	...	16
H. L. Murray, 1 b w, b Robinson	...	...	6
J. A. Guymmer, c Robinson, b Ford	...	...	11
G. Ll. Law, c Alexander, b Ford	...	...	102
D. L. Almond, c and b Robinson	...	...	14
R. T. Robinson, 1 b w, b Robinson	...	...	30
F. R. H. Almond, c and b Robinson	...	...	6
D. J. P. Wade, not out	...	...	23
J. R. Wall, c and b Ford	...	...	8
S. L. H. Clarke, not out	...	...	3
C. F. Kingdon, did not bat			
Extras	...	...	19
(for 8 declared)	...	...	238

Robinson, 4 for 67. Ford, 4 for 77.

LANCING

D. A. Swales, 1 b w, b Kingdon	...	...	7
J. P. C. Woodhouse, 1 b w, b Clarke	...	...	1
C. K. Bushe, c Clarke, b Kingdon	...	...	14
P. M. H. Robinson, b Clarke	...	...	66
J. M. S. Roberts, c Wall, b Kingdon	...	...	6
B. P. Alexander, b Wade	...	...	9
J. W. Jenkins, not out	...	...	20
W. A. J. Sargeant, b Clarke	...	...	12
P. A. Butt, not out	...	...	1
F. D. C. Ford, did not bat			
B. W. Selwyn, did not bat			
Extras	...	...	18
(for 7)	...	...	154

Clarke, 3 for 40. Kingdon, 3 for 54. Wade, 1 for 15.

The School won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket, but Pitamber after scoring 16 off the first three overs was 1 b w, and at 33 Murray and Guymmer were out in quick succession. Law, however, batted really well and Almond D., although uncertain, stayed while 45 were added, and then Law and Robinson, who defended skilfully, put on 102. Another wicket fell at once, but Law continued to hit till he reached his century in just under three hours, and was then promptly out. The tail hit out and declaring at 238 for 8, Lancing were left 2½ hours batting. Two wickets fell quickly before tea, but the Lancing captain, although missed several times, stayed till half an hour before time, though wickets fell at the other end to good bowling by Clarke and Kingdon. Although another wicket fell Lancing, by stubborn defence, lasted out the last half hour.

COLTS V. LANCING COLTS ON JUNE 19TH AT GROVE PARK

The Colts won the toss and batted on an easy wicket, but although owing to Robinson, Lee and Williams, they made a good start, the later batsmen failed and they were all out for 115. Lancing batted steadily against good bowling by Lee, Kingdon, and Williams, and passed our total with four wickets in hand.

Westminster	115 all out. (Robinson 23, Williams, 21).
Lancing	119 for 6 wickets.

THE SCOUTS

TOWARDS the end of the Play Term patrols were given specialised tasks besides being made responsible for the teaching of the First and Second Class Badge work. In the same term many of the Troop went to a London Public Schools' Senior Scout Rally at St. Paul's, whom we thank for their hospitality and for the entertaining and varied programme provided. In the Lent Term we welcomed Mr. Spaul who has given us valuable assistance, especially in surveying. Our field-day was cancelled because the J.T.C. were unable to have theirs, since their training apparently depends on fine weather, so we spent the afternoon in Richmond Park tracking, and ending up with a game.

The first field-day of the Election Term was spent at the London Scout Camping Ground at Downe. There we were taught how to sharpen and use an axe. Among our other activities there was the building of a very strong monkey bridge by some of the P.L.'s.

On June 1st we were very sorry to lose our S.M., Mr. Burd. He has kept the Troop together during a most difficult period of six years. When he took over in the middle of the evacuation the Troop was already very small and it grew smaller still, though enthusiasm grew as the war progressed. Since then, under his able guidance, our numbers have increased so much that we are unable to accept all the boys who wish to enter. We welcome in his stead Mr. Craven who comes from that well-known nursery of S.M.'s, the Navy.

Our second field-day of the term was spent, as always, in preparing equipment for camp, which is once again to be held in the Duddon Valley.

We are sending two representatives to the International Scout Jamboree, to be held in France this summer. An account of their experiences will be given in the next issue of THE ELIZABETHAN.

B. C. B.-S.



THE RIVER DUDDON AND HARDKNOTT

Photo : Sankeys

SCHOOL NOTES

The Gym Display was held in College Garden, by kind permission of the Dean, on July 7th.

The Ireland Prize for Latin Prose Composition has been awarded to J. C. B. Lowe.

The Senior Neale Prize for History has been awarded to A. M. Allchin, with C. C. C. Tickell commended; and the Junior Prize to S. J. Barrett, with J. H. Kendall commended.

The Stebbing English Literature Prize has been awarded to N. H. Palmer and the Vincent Prize to J. W. Roxbee Cox.

On June 30th, Dr. A. C. Bouquet addressed the VIth and VIIth Forms and answered questions on the subject of "Comparative Religion."

The J.T.C. Inspection was carried out on 27th May, by Lt.-Col. J. C. Windsor-Lewis, D.S.O., M.C.

FENCING

There has been only one match this term, an "A" match against Lancing. It was fought at Westminster in foil and sabre. We won both weapons fairly easily, although unfortunately for our style a large number of our points were from stop-hits, unjustified but in time. C. Williams fought very well, only losing one fight in all, and Bateson also fought well, losing two fights.

Teams : FOIL. F. D. Bateson (two wins).
I. N. Momtchiloff (two wins).
Won 7—2. C. C. P. Williams (three wins).

SABRE. F. D. Bateson (two wins).
P. C. Petrie (one win).
Won 5—4. C. C. P. Williams (two wins).

The prospects for next season are comparatively good, since we shall have all four half-pinks for the whole of next year. It is also hoped to increase the number of matches to fourteen in the next two terms.

S. L. H. C.

THE POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

THE Society met on the 30th of May to hear Dr. Arthur Waley give a talk on "A Chapter in the Life of a Chinese Poet." Dr. Waley said he would describe the early career of Po-chu-i, a ninth century poet, and the examinations by which he was able to qualify for the civil service.

He took his first paper when he was twenty-seven, though most of the other competitors were only sixteen; in it he was required to write a Fu, a sort of prose-poem, on the subject of "A Row of Distant Peaks Seen from a Window," and a poem on "Hitting the Target Square in the Middle." Both these subjects were quotations which Po-chu-i succeeded in recognising and then went on to take the literary examination of the Capital. There he wrote

another Fu and a poem, and five essays on ethical questions, which the good scholar was expected to write as a network of quotations from the Classics.

He then took a "Placing Examination," as a parallel text to which, Dr. Waley suggested a guide to social etiquette in Chattertonian Middle English. Finally Po-chu-i took an examination in which candidates advised the emperor on various political questions, which he passed, but only in the fourth class.

It is from Dr. Waley's translations that we know anything at all of Chinese literature, and we were particularly glad to have him to speak to us in person. He gave us a fascinating picture of life in the Tang period, and a very sympathetic account of one aspect of its civilization.

E. R. E.

HOUSING PROBLEM

REBUILDING OF COLLEGE TO START NEXT AUTUMN?

Our rebuilding and restoration of School, class rooms, and playing fields is all progressing as quickly and efficiently as can be expected for 1947.

In Vincent Square, you can see bulldozers and tractors and even some workmen. The concrete balloon barrage anchors are being removed, while the pipes which supply the hydrants for watering the field have just been relayed. Some lorry-loads of top soil are said to have arrived, though nothing has as yet been done to them. If work progresses according to schedule, an autumn sowing is hoped for.

The temporary roof on School has now been completed, though the hall, still concrete

floored, awaits the arrival of some window frames before it can be brought into regular use.

There is no news of Green being sown again this autumn, but its chestnut fencing has improved its appearance greatly.

A fine start has been made on the rebuilding of the old art school at the top of Ashburnham which was burnt out in the same air raid which destroyed the School. Scaffolding has joined the ivy above the notice boards, and you may see large girders being hauled up on winches and Western Differentials.

It is rumoured that, labour and materials permitting, the rebuilding of College will start next autumn. This is estimated—by the most optimistic—to take at least 18 months.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

MR. E. R. B. GRAHAM'S GIFT

The Committee wish to announce that Mr. E. R. B. Graham has recently given £500 to the Club. This is yet another act of great generosity and, as so often before, Mr. Graham has chosen a singularly appropriate moment to help the Club which is faced with meeting increasing commitments on a comparatively small income. The Committee desire to express their great gratitude to Mr. Graham for all that he has done and is doing for Westminster.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place up School on Tuesday, 30th September, 1947 at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the Annual Club Dinner which is to be held at the Church House Restaurant, Dean's Yard, S.W.1. The Head Master has given permission for those attending to adjourn to Ashburnham House after dinner. Full details will be issued in due course, but it is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the first Club Dinner since the war.

T H E W A T E R

MARLOW REGATTA

THIS season it has been decided to dispense with private buses to Putney, and instead watermen go down by train. This has made little difference on station days, but it meant that the first two eights got only three outings a week instead of four last year and five before the war. Nevertheless, after having some early difficulty in settling down, the first eight, coached by Mr. Fisher, came on quickly, especially after the Vesta Dashes which did a great deal to increase the morale of the crew. The Eight developed into a lively crew, but they lacked a really hard draw, possibly owing to lack of weight (average 10 stone 12 pounds). The loss of the first race of the season against St. Paul's was unfortunate, as the crew were rather behind in their training at that point; but they proved that they could beat St. Paul's when they met them at Marlow Regatta. In the second heat at Marlow we were unlucky to draw the ultimate winners, Bryanston School, who beat us comfortably.

The second eight, coached by Mr. Hamerton, developed well from the beginning of term. They were a very light crew in contrast to last year's second eight. Nevertheless, after a very close race with St. Paul's they won all their races till Marlow where they were beaten by Bedford Modern and Winchester.

The most outstanding improvement this year has been in the third and fourth eights, coached by Mr. Carleton and Mr. Craven. The third eight beat two second eights, and for the only race that they lost the crew was incomplete on account of exams. The fourth eight, who were very well together, were very young and light, and rowed against some very much heavier crews, which deprived them of their deserving measure of success.

With six eights on the water, this has been a very enjoyable and promising term.

THE VESTA DASHES

JUNIOR—SENIOR EIGHTS

1st VII v. London R.C.II.

The course was 400 yards.

Westminster got off to a very bad start, and London gained a canvas immediately. However the Eight got together well and came up to win by half a length in 1 min. 20 secs.

Final:—1st VIII v. London Hospital.

Westminster got off to a good start and drew up to a third of a length ahead. London Hospital then spurted and drew up till at the finish they were only a canvas down. Time: 1 min. 19 secs.

JUNIOR SCULLS

D. C. Plummer won the Junior Sculling Dashes from B. C. Berkinshaw-Smith by one and a half lengths. The Junior Sculls were won in 1939 by E. P. Hawthorne; thus Westminster retains the cup.

In the Marlow Eights the 1st VIII drew St. Paul's and Barclay's Bank. Soon after the start it became clear that it was a fight between the schools. Westminster went up steadily from the start, rowing a slower stroke with good poise. By the church Westminster was just clear but in a final spurt St. Paul's drew up a quarter of a length. Westminster thus won by three quarters of a length in 4 mins. 26 secs.

Semi-final heat: v. Bryanston School and Eton Excelsior.

Bryanston went away from the start and were out of sight after about a minute and a half. Westminster rowed hard but were no match for the heavier crew, who rowed away steadily to win by two and a half lengths. Westminster beat Eton Excelsior by about a length and a half. In the previous round Bryanston had beaten Radley and London Hospital. In the final they beat Bedford Modern School and Henley R.C.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHALLENGE VASE

2nd VIII v. Winchester 2nd VIII and Bedford Modern 2nd VIII.

Bedford Modern and Winchester went away from the start. The 2nd VIII rowed well, but were too light to compete with the other two much stronger crews. The race was very close, Bedford Modern winning from Winchester by half a length.

OTHER RACES

1st VIII v. Owen's School. Won easily in 7 mins. 56 secs.

v. University College School. Won by 2½ lengths in 7 mins. 26 secs.

v. King's College School at Molesey. Won easily.

2nd VIII v. Tiffin's School 1st VIII. Won by a canvas.

v. University College School. Won by three quarters of a length.

3rd VIII v. Haberdashers' Aske's 1st VIII. Won easily.

v. Owen's School 2nd VIII. Won easily.

v. University College School 3rd VIII. Won by two and a half lengths.

v. St. Paul's 3rd VIII. Lost by half a length.

4th VIII v. City of London School 1st VIII. Lost by a length.

v. University College School 4th VIII. Won by three and a half lengths.

v. St. Paul's 4th VIII. Lost by a length.

Unfortunately all races arranged with Latymer Upper School were cancelled.

THE EIGHTS

1st VIII:—Bow, P. C. Pearson; 2, D. C. Plummer; 3, A. G. Morton; 4, S. J. Steele; 5, R. J. H. Williams; 6, B. C. Berkinshaw-Smith; 7, H. McC. Buckler; Stroke, R. A. Lepage; Cox, J. M. Johnston-Noad. Coach, C. H. Fisher, Esq.

2nd VIII:—Bow, J. M. Gray; 2, E. R. Enfield; 3, J. A. C. Spokes; 4, R. E. Nagle; 5, P. R. Roney; 6, S. E. Smith; 7, D. J. S. Gordon; Stroke, D. N. Croft; Cox, D. S. Walker. Coach, G. H. T. Hamerton, Esq.

3rd VIII:—Bow, N. H. Palmer; 2, A. E. C. Bostock; 3, C. C. C. Tickell; 4, R. W. Beard; 5, M. C. Steele; 6, V. D. Pippett; 7, C. B. Merson; Stroke, T. J. Meager; Cox, H. Ward. Coach, J. D. Carleton, Esq.

4th VIII:—Bow, J. W. R. Cox; 2, T. E. D. Beresford; 3, V. Herbert; 4, T. R. McKinnon-Wood; 5, P. J. Bucknell; 6, S. J. Barrett; 7, J. H. Milner; Stroke, J. R. Smith; Cox, R. B. Kirk. Coach, E. Craven, Esq.

CUSTOMS EXAMINATION

FOR many years Westminster has had close links with Milton Academy, Massachusetts, and it was one of the pioneers in the scheme promoted by the English Speaking Union whereby English and American public schoolboys exchange schools for a year. Before the war there was also always a sprinkling of boys from the continent, and it is pleasant to find this minor contribution to the United States of Europe once more reviving only two years after V.E. day.

Three of our visitors this year have been kind enough to give their impressions of Westminster to THE ELIZABETHAN and to comment on the differences between life here and life at their former schools. Barnard Tilson, of Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, U.S.A. is the first American exchange student to come here since the war. Francesco Ruffini, whose father was Cultural Counsellor at the Italian Embassy in London, was at the Visconti in Rome before he came to Westminster, and has now returned to Italy to complete his education. Alain Le Menestrel was at the Externat St. Louis de Gonzague at Paris and he arrived at Westminster familiar with the problems of evacuation, for during the German occupation of France his school was evacuated to the Vichy zone. All three, in spite of widely differing backgrounds, have this in common—it is their first visit to England. They are viewing British public school education with fresh eyes, and their replies to questions, recorded in the course of an informal conversation, make interesting reading.

Question.—Before you arrived at Westminster did you expect your reception to be friendly?

Tilson.—I expected I would be treated as a curiosity, as I was warned of this by the English Speaking Union, but I was told it would be a friendly curiosity. I found this to be true.

Le M.—I found a lot of curiosity about the French schools and their routine, but not so much about myself as a person.

Ruffini.—I was accepted just like any other boy, and have not had a single question asked me about Italy.

Question.—What strikes you as the main differences between life at Westminster and at school in your own countries, e.g., discipline, responsibility, etc?

Le M.—The system is quite different as regards seniority. In France there is no "hierarchy": there is a common rule. There are no monitors, and no system of differentiation as between the senior and junior boys.

Ruffini.—What Le Menestrel says about French schools applies also to Italy.

Le M.—Order is kept by the Masters. This is probably because in France they are mostly day-schools. In the Boarding Schools the system is, however, rather like England.

Ruffini.—So far as keeping order is concerned, in Italy one boy is elected to keep order if the master is absent. He is given authority by the master. There is no obligation of respect from other boys to this monitor.

Tilson.—In America, the top form has the authority, and act as monitor for the whole school.

Question.—Do you like the system you find here of monitors?

Le M.—The principle of monitors is good. It teaches responsibility.

Ruffini.—I don't like the system of monitors, and I think it would be preferable to have one boy in each House who would use his authority only to help the Master, and with whom every other boy could feel friendly.

Tilson.—Yes, I find that we monitors are treated as a class apart. I would like monitors to be more friendly and approachable to juniors, and I think discipline could get along quite easily with more friendliness.

Le M.—In most of the good schools in France, whether with monitors or not, there is a system of teaching responsibility, but it is much more informal than in England. Teaching responsibility is certainly necessary, but it shouldn't be pushed too far.

Question.—How do you like the British system of organised sport?

Ruffini.—There are very few organised games in Italian schools. I don't think too much time should be spent on games, but on the whole I don't think that there are too many games here.

Le M.—I think the same. There are few organised games in France, but there are facilities for students to play games outside the school organisation, which most of them do. We have not so many team games.

Tilson.—Westminster spends much more time on games than America. I think it is just about right as it is, but it could stand about one more "station" a week.

Question.—Do you think sport in English schools tends to be over-professionalised?

Tilson.—No, it is more so in America. I think the English way of taking it in one's stride is best.

Question.—And the general relationship of master and boy—how does it compare with America and the Continent?

Le M.—Compared with France, masters here are much nearer to the boys and the relationship is much wider. In France it is confined

to teaching. Here a master will talk of other things than lessons.

Ruffini.—The same applies to Italy. There the relationship is rather like employer and employed. No out-of-school relationship at all. The difference at Westminster is very noticeable.

Tilson.—In America, the barrier is much less than here, especially in the Sixth Form. Masters invite boys to their houses, and there is no feeling of awe. Also, masters encourage boys in outside interests and hobbies.

Question.—How does work compare with American and Continental schools?

Tilson.—More or less the same as in America, but there is more preparation time over there. We have free periods in the morning, and then have late afternoon and evening prep. But we don't seem to learn any more over there!

Ruffini.—We work very much harder in Italy, as *work*. It is more intensive. We work almost the whole afternoon on prep. and are in class from 8.30 in the morning until 1 o'clock.

Le M.—We work much harder in France, too. School is up to 4 o'clock, then prep. until dinner, and again afterwards—sometimes until 10.30 p.m. We have no free afternoons except Thursdays, and always work on Saturday afternoons.

Question.—And the attitude to work? Do you think work is taken seriously here?

Le M.—Yes, it is taken seriously here, but in a different way to France. Here it is an intellectual interest; there it is regarded as work you have to do.

Ruffini.—Yes, the same applies to Italy. There you are always asked questions individually on what you have learned, and good marks are given on your answers. It makes you work much more because oral questions are much harder to answer than written questions, where you have time to think.

Question.—Generally speaking, what points strike you most on coming to Westminster?

Le M.—There is much better organisation here, but less liberty. The education is much wider here, but all the same, I find my form simple on the intellectual side.

Ruffini.—Yes, I think the same. I find my form slightly childish, especially in their standard of reading-matter. In Italy you generally start reading foreign authors at 13. The reading is wider in Italy.

Question.—Have you found any instances of English "insularity"?

Ruffini.—Not on the whole. The English attitude seems to be rather one of indifference.

Tilson.—I find I am still introduced to strangers as "Mr. Tilson: he is an American."

Le M.—Not so much insularity, but there is always an impression that people here are not much interested in others.

Tilson.—There seems to be one big difference between English and American boys. English boys of my age seem to be quite a bit more educated intellectually than the average American boy: they seem much deeper than the Americans, but they lack *savoir-faire*. The American boy will have been accustomed to taking girls out and to "going places" in groups. It seems to make a lot of difference. Boys here seem terribly shy about meeting people, particularly girls.

Ruffini.—Yes, I think the same, in spite of the fact that English boys care tremendously about the details of their appearance and behaviour: much more so than in Italy, where the more variety you display in a sports jacket, say, the better man you are considered to be. Here you are easily shocked by anything out of the ordinary.

Tilson.—Yes, here you pay an awful lot of attention to irregularities of dress. There is no uniform in America, nor ties or caps.

Ruffini.—Nor in Italy.

Le M.—Nor France. I find boys here are very shy, particularly in showing feelings. I find English boys rather dull at times.

Ruffini.—But they have very good manners.

Tilson.—No, I don't agree. Behaviour, perhaps, but not manners. There is no chivalry, perhaps because they don't come into contact with women much.

Le M.—True.

Ruffini.—But they are not rude, as we sometimes are in Italy.

Question.—Regarding the exchange system, are there others who would like to come to England?

Tilson.—Yes, a lot would like to come, but not necessarily to work. They like the idea of being in an English Public School, and of having a good time.

Le M.—Yes, hundreds of French boys would like to come, but English people don't seem willing to go to France.

Question.—And lastly food—a most important subject in England to-day. How do you find the food here? Better or worse than you expected?

Tilson.—Much better than I expected. We were told in America that only outstandingly fit boys need apply, and that we should consult our doctors about what vitamin tablets to bring with us!

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OLD WESTMINSTERS

In the Birthday Honours a knighthood was conferred on Mr. Justice R. T. Sharpe, of the Rangoon High Court; the Hon. E. H. Samuel was made C.M.G.; and Lord Swaythling was awarded the O.B.E.

At Oxford, H. Lloyd-Jones has won the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Prose, *proxime accessit* in the Craven Scholarship and was honourably mentioned for the Hertford. R. A. Wollheim and M. T. Cherniavsky obtained first classes in History.

Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward, Editor of *The Times*, has been elected an honorary Fellow of Balliol College.

The honorary degree of LL.D. has been conferred upon Sir Adrian Boulton at Liverpool University, and upon Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., at Manchester University.

Mr. C. M. Harrison has been appointed Head Master of Felsted School.

The Ven. R. W. Stannard has been appointed Suffragan Bishop of Woolwich.

The Ven. E. N. Sharpe is resigning the Archdeaconry of London at Michaelmas.

The Rev O. H. Gibbs-Smith has been appointed honorary chaplain for the Bishop of London's Visitation of the diocese.

Mr. N. A. Beechman, M.P. has been appointed King's Counsel.

Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, Colonial Secretary, Gibraltar, has been appointed Chief Secretary, Northern Rhodesia.

Col. W. B. S. Sheldon was awarded the Legion of Merit for his services in the Mediterranean Theatre of War in 1945-46.

Lt.-Col. M. V. S. Hunter has been awarded a Lord Justice Holker Exhibition by Gray's Inn.

BIRTHS

ASHLEY—On May 8th, 1947, at Northampton, to Sheila, wife of Col. J. O. M. Ashley, a daughter.

BAUGHAN—On May 25th, 1947, at Thames Ditton, to Daphne, wife of F. A. Baughan, a daughter.

FOURACRE—On May 1st, 1947, in Singapore, to Elizabeth, wife of Lt.-Col. J. L. Fouracre, a daughter.

GREEN—On May 14th, 1947, at Minchinhampton, to Peggie, wife of W/Cmdr. G. E. P. Green, a son.

HARE—On April 3rd, 1947, to Peggie, wife of R. W. P. Hare, a son.

HICKS—On May 16th, 1947, in London, to Sheila, wife of Dr. A. C. Hicks, a son.

HOLLIDAY—On April 22nd, 1947, at Cheam, to Margaret, wife of Graham Holliday, a son.

HUNTER—On April 7th, 1947, to Dorothea, wife of Lt.-Col. M. V. S. Hunter, a daughter.

KERMODE—On March 10th, 1947, at Sleaford, Lincs., to Rose, wife of W/Comdr. A. C. Kermode, O.B.E., a son.

KLEEMAN—On June 2nd, 1947, in London, to Hella, wife of Derrick Kleeman, a daughter.

LE HARDY—On June 9th, 1947, at Muswell Hill, to June, wife of F/Lt. A. Le Hardy, a son.

MORTON—On June 17th, 1947, to Lorna, wife of John Morton, a son.

PAGAN—On March 11th, 1947, at Ditchingham, Norfolk, to Annette, wife of Henry Pagan, a daughter.

PEWTRESS—On May 10th, 1947, at New Barnet, to Margaret, wife of H. L. Pewtress, A.F.C., a son.

REED—On May 25th, 1947, at 155 Military Hospital, B.A.O.R., to Margaret, wife of Major R. G. Reed, a daughter.

STROTHER-STEWART—On May 24th, 1947, at Edinburgh, to Irene, wife of Dr. C. R. Strother-Stewart, a son.

TRIGGS—On June 2nd, 1947, to Anne, wife of J. W. Triggs, a son.

WHITTET—On May 12th, at Weybridge, to Mary, wife of John Whittet, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

ELLISON : GIBBON—On June 18th, 1947, the Rev. G. A. Ellison to Jane Elizabeth, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. J. H. Gibbon, of Little Durnford Manor, Salisbury.

GRIFFITHS : IZZARD—On March 16th, 1947, at Edmonton, Major R. J. Griffiths, to Audrey Veronica, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Izzard.

PARDOE : WOOD—On April 18th, 1947, at Burnley, S. W. L. Pardoe to Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wood, of Woodleigh, Burnley.

CUSTOMS EXAMINATION

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Le M.—The food is better organised here, but much less varied. It is better in the School than in the average English house.

Ruffini.—The food is good here, but a bit more dull than in Italy. There you have wine served in boarding-schools with meals as a matter of course. But the quality of food is probably better here.



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