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A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

The Examiners have recommended the following for election to Westminster Scholarships:—

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N. R. P. HEATON, T.B. (History)
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DR. COSTLEY-WHITE

Dr. H. Costley-White, Head Master 1919-1937, celebrated his 80th birthday on November 9th.

At a small party, given by the Head Master, the Captain of the School presented him with some verses written in his honour by members of the Classical VII. They record felicitously the part which he played in the revival of Water, the purchase of Grove Park (now newly planted with trees) and the foundation of Busby's.

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*Noli, precamur, versiculos rudes
Arcere nostros, archididascale,
Qui bis quadraginta per annos
Egregie meditare Musam.*

*Gratamur omnes - et nemus arborum
Quae mox virebunt, et roseae rates,
Et cum domo quam tu creasti
Nomine Bibliotheca eodem.*

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The Meteorological Society, who now have a miniature weather station on the roof of the new Science Block, now post each day a comprehensive

analysis of the weather. As well as a map of the British Isles, showing general trends, there are maximum and minimum temperatures, degrees of humidity, and in addition to the Society's findings, a Meteorological Office Northern Hemisphere Weather Map.

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To Mr. Hollis, who is leaving us this term to take up a similar post as Chaplain at Geelong School, Melbourne, we extend the warmest good wishes for the future. Mr. Hollis has been our Chaplain for three years, but many of us knew him before that as our patient instructor at hymn practices. In this respect, as well as Chaplain, Mr. Hollis will be hard to replace.

Incidentally, we learn that he is taking with him to Australia nine dozen of the new Christmas cards produced by the Buckenhill Press to use next year. If any of our readers would like to have copies of this card, which shows a view of Dean's Yard, and which costs 3½d. with envelope (3s. a dozen), would they get in touch with The Tutor, Busby's, 26 Great College Street, S.W.1 ?

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Because the rebuilding of School was unfinished, Foundation Day was marked this year not by the full-scale Commemoration which normally takes place every third year, but, for the Queen's Scholars only, by the shorter service sung in other years. Foundation Day also coincided with the quatercentenary of Elizabeth I's accession to the throne. Although Westminster is more concerned with the quatercentenary of the refoundation of the School two years hence, the occasion was nevertheless marked for those who attended Matins on Sunday, November 16th, by a knowledgeable dissertation on the Foundress by the Dean of Winchester.

The occasion of the Quatercentenary has prompted Mr. Lawrence Tanner, Abbey Librarian and Keeper of the Muniments, to exhibit a few of the more interesting relics of Queen Elizabeth and the early years of Westminster. They vary from several examples of Elizabeth's signature, one being particularly rare as it was written when she was Princess, to an item in the accounts concerned with a performance of the "Mostelaria" recording the use of a "thunder Barrell". In the signature, the fanciful might detect a certain similarity with Elizabeth II's, while the dramatically curious will be fascinated by this early reference to "sound-effects". Similarly curious, though not part of the exhibition, are some of the Abbey's earlier antiquities. The Abbey possesses the earliest known examples of the following objects: a saddle (Henry V's), four playing cards (c. 1520), a medieval arrow, complete with shaft (apparently used to kill pigeons which inadvertently entered the Abbey), and a stuffed bird which can be seen in the Abbey museum, and which ante-dates its earliest rival by 150 years.

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We were sorry to hear that Dr. Jocelyn Perkins has decided to retire after fifty-nine years' residence at the Abbey as Sacrist and a Minor Canon. Many generations of Old Westminsters will have had cause to remember Dr. Perkins in the past, and we trust that we express the feelings of everyone in wishing him a happy retirement. The Dean has conferred upon Dr. Perkins the title of Minor Canon Emeritus.

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An interesting selection of letters of Francis Balston, who came to Westminster in 1830, was published in *The Elizabethan* last December. The originals of these letters have now been generously presented to the School by Mr. Thomas Balston, together with typescript extracts from the account books of Francis Balston's mother.

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The leaders of the Shiant Isles Expedition gave a party on December 3rd in Ashburnham House for those who had contributed in various ways to the success of the Expedition. Amongst those who accepted invitations were: Mr. Nigel Nicolson, M.P., Mr. James Fisher, the Head Master, the Bursar and members of the Council of the Westminster School Society. The film and slides of the Expedition, which have been seen by many members of the School this term, were shown.

SERGEANT MAJOR STEWART

All those who have come in contact with the Sergeant Major since he first joined Westminster on February 1st, 1939, will be sorry to hear of his retirement at the end of this term. Perhaps the most active part of his career was the earlier when, during the School's evacuation at Bromyard, he was an active organiser of the local Home Guard. As well as this extra interest, he was celebrated for his powers of ingenuity, so that the deficiencies imposed by the war were frequently made good by the Sergeant Major, with a few scraps of wood and old nails. He alone was responsible for the School's war-time rifle range, the building of which must have been a great achievement considering the enforced economies of war. He was also notorious as a bee-keeper during this time, a hobby in which he indulged with his usual unflagging energy.

However, whether during the crowded and exciting war years, or on the more prosaic parades and exercises of his later years here, the Sergeant Major never failed to impress by his efficiency and tolerance towards Westminster cadets who may at times have appeared to lack any vestige of common sense in matters military, whatever their achievements in other fields. More recent cadets may remember that the youngest of his family of soldiering sons took part in the ceremonial parade at last year's State Opening of Parliament. We wish him and his family the best of good fortune in the future.



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POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

SINCE the last *Eliza* report, the society has been addressed by two professional men who find themselves victims of this age of committees: Mr. NIGEL NICOLSON spoke on October 27th on "Politics and Parliament", Mr. ANTHONY COX on November 19th on "The Role of the Architect".

Mr. Nicolson is the notorious M.P. for Bournemouth East who believes that his job should involve more than a walking-on part in the House of Commons and attendance at spinsterish dances in his constituency. Insisting that he regards himself as a laboratory specimen, not as a martyr, Mr. Nicolson expressed his disagreement with the doctrine that his actions in the Commons should be entirely controlled by the local association. Mr. Cox was less rebellious: in an admirable, though slightly repetitious, account of the architect's day-to-day work, he emphasized forcefully the sad truth that the modern architect has to deal with housing and not houses, money and not beauty, committees and not clients. Moreover, architecture has lost its sense of tradition on account of the bewildering complexity, as well as the limitless possibilities, of the new materials at the architect's disposal. The day of revivals appears to be passed, and Mr. Cox could not see that neo-Victorianism would follow neo-Georgianism. But though architecture has no true vernacular at the moment, Mr. Cox still has the constructive ideal that "the proper design of a building opens up new opportunities for the life that will be lived there". That this ideal is somewhat utilitarian or accidental in character was revealed by the rest of Mr. Cox's talk. He dismissed those who favour the grand conception in architecture (such as Le Corbusier or Frank Lloyd-Wright) as "abnormal social phenomena" who could not incorporate the intricacies of, for instance, hospital design into their work.

Mr. Nicolson's talk consisted largely of an autobiographical account of his own difficulties with Bournemouth after opposing Suez and (in a free vote) capital punishment. The local association has shown a charmingly insular approach throughout the affair, and dislikes public discussion of it as "washing dirty linen in public"; they said of his recent book that "it may please the cognoscenti, but it won't please the Conservatives". Mr. Nicolson, however, insists on regarding this as a national issue which concerns the

position of every M.P., for he believes that a candidate should be elected for his qualities as much as for his programme. A system in which every M.P. is committed to representing someone else on every issue would be unworkable as well as undesirable. Not that Mr. Nicolson despises party politics. He described himself, in spite of his attitude over Suez, as a loyal Conservative; but he felt that Westminster was becoming no more than a perpetual charade, where there is a superfluity of "military and evangelical" language. He said that politicians exist in order to disagree, and that they would not abuse any greater freedom they were allowed in the Commons. The growth of discipline in the two main parties appears to have produced a public reaction in favour of a third party, the liberals, the very strength of which lies in its lack of policy and its individualism. And it has also led to a deprecating public attitude to politicians as the only professionals who are under public control. Mr. Nicolson insisted that the public couldn't have it both ways, and that the sooner politicians are freed from strings, the quicker they will cease to look like puppets.

OTHER SOCIETIES

The Modern Languages Society's first meeting of the term was held on October 17th in the Greene Room of the library, where the society met to read *L'École des Femmes* by Molière. This particular play had been chosen because of the forthcoming visit to the Institut Français, where it was to be performed. All in all, the meeting was quite a success: the parts were read intelligently and several of the younger members present acquitted themselves very well.

The next meeting, held on November 5th, opened out a completely new field to all those present, in that the subject dealt with was that of Austrian literature in this and the last century. The speaker was Dr. Sickinger of the Austrian Institute, recently come down from the University of Vienna. It is a pity, perhaps, that Dr. Sickinger had to be introduced to the School by way of the Busby Library instead of by the drawing-room of the Library, but the meeting was nevertheless a most illuminating and competent affair. The speaker knew his subject well, with the result that by the end of the meeting the basic trends of the literary movements had become clear to all members present.

On November 14th the last meeting to date was held. The speaker, Mme. Matley, was familiar to many. She spoke on Louis XIV, and her talk, though perhaps a little too generalized in parts was clear and easy to understand. Several good questions were asked at the end with which Mme. Matley dealt most competently; and we look forward to further meetings of this standard.



This term the secretaries of the Natural History Society did not embark upon any ambitious programme. No outside lecturer was invited to speak to the Society as it was felt that there was not enough interest to warrant one. P. S. D. Walker, however, gave a lecture on the Wandering Albatross and illustrated it with photographs shown on the Art Room epidiascope.

Field meetings have been held on a larger scale than was the case last term. At the beginning of the term it was hoped that one might be arranged every other weekend, but this has not always been possible. Objectives have varied from collecting fungi on Box Hill to watching badgers in Hertfordshire. Several expeditions to reservoirs have been made although no rare birds have been

seen. Masters' cars have provided a very welcome means of transport.

The Debating Society has met twice this term, once at Westminster, and once as the guests of the John Colet Debating Society at St. Paul's Girls' School.

Little has been heard of the Scientific Society lately; but there has been time between its summer recess and its winter hibernation to hold two meetings. At the first of these Mr. J. H. Lander talked about hydro-electric power, with especial reference to Kariba Dam, which he helped to design. He illustrated a highly entertaining talk with colour slides. At the latest meeting Sir Harold Roxbee-Cox addressed the Society on the topic of "Research and Development", also with the use of slides. His talk was concerned chiefly with aeronautical development and atomic power.

The most conspicuous feature of these meetings has been the great preponderance of junior members present. It is to be hoped that this is a sign of great things to come.

Chess Results.

Matches: v. St. Paul's	Lost 2 -4
v. The Masters	Won 4½-1½
v. Mill Hill	Lost 2 -4
v. City of London	Lost 1 -5
v. Eltham	Lost 2 -4
v. Charterhouse	Won 3½-2½

The teams were selected from: A. Sedgwick, H. C. L. Baker-Duly, E. A. Deighton, J. G. Edwards, S. W. Mollison, M. D. Brough and P. I. Espenhahn.

The existing committee very often wonder why there has never been a Model Railway Society at Westminster before. Although there must always have been a number of railway maniacs at the school, perhaps it was the chance concentration of three incurable patients in the same house which aroused this latent interest. Messrs. Prag, Evans and Hale, with the invaluable help of Mr. Foxcroft collected fifteen co-religionists eighteen months ago. After two terms, an ambitious and supposedly portable layout was partly constructed, but then Mr. Christie offered a permanent site in College roof. This was eagerly accepted and all existing works demolished, so that by the end of last term construction gangs sweltering in dusty, heat-ridden College attic had reconstructed the baseboard and laid much of the present trackwork. Fortunately, Mr. Foxcroft was able to see the result of these efforts before he regrettably left us, for his help and encouragement undoubtedly kept the society on

its feet during its first year. Naturally the new site had disadvantages; industrial accidents include innumerable collisions between heads and girders, and approximately 3.7 sq. cms. of skin burnt off with soldering irons. Assets at present comprise twenty-seven members, the support of Mr. Read, 130 ft. of track and one locomotive (for which there is no rolling stock); this is by way of saying that cast-offs of any sort are always welcome. The status of a school benefactor is not guaranteed.

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EXAMINATIONS have as usual somewhat impeded informal music this term; nevertheless, this has not prevented Ashburnham and Wrens from producing a concert played by themselves alone. This was a great success: there were a large number of items all played with some skill, although in some cases there was more confidence than was desirable and in others less. J. P. Arnold wrote an Etude for 'cello and horn (himself and D. F. Salaman) for the occasion, and while this showed considerable influence of Brahms, it was none-the-less original and entertaining. J. A. Holmes played the first movement of Gade's *Fantasiestuck* with considerable verve and feeling and was only

in a few places faster than the accompanist. The main work of the evening was Haydn's Divertimento in G for Wind Quartet. Here the players obviously felt most safety in numbers and were correspondingly more at their ease. The minuet may have been taken a shade too fast, but the finale—Haydn's own variation on the St. Antony Chorale—fully made up for any defects in other movements. The players evidently enjoyed it: they were J. M. H. Payen-Payne (flute), J. G. Edwards (oboe), J. A. Holmes (clarinet), D. F. Salaman (horn) and J. P. Arnold ('cello, for bassoon).

The Choral Society struggles along bravely under adverse conditions. We have unfortunately not been able to use the Hall of the Grey Coat Hospital for rehearsal, and our own room is being rebuilt around us; nevertheless, workmen are regularly regaled with the Christmas Oratorio and Warlock's carols. It is unfortunate that the programme for this concert is technically so difficult that very few of the school instrumentalists will be able to play in the orchestra, but the Junior Orchestra, under Mr. Byrt, gives great promise, and it will also accompany the Abbey Choir at the carol services.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH I : 1558-1603

PERHAPS after Neale and Namier a quite natural approach to Queen Elizabeth I's achievement is through an analogy with the early Hanoverian period. There had been a radical, scrupulously concealed change in constitutional assumptions in 1688, then in 1714 a new dynasty. Yet as the strife for power within and around the ministers shows, and the retention by the Crown of the springs of government in appointment of the ministry and the royal influence, those who rejected the Stuarts needed the Hanoverian as much as he needed them. By 1760 George III could "glory in the name of Briton". Elizabeth's achievement was perhaps similar. Henry VIII, fortified by an apparatus of conservative interpretation, had rejected the support of the old religion. After the reigns of a boy and a woman, in 1558 there came another woman of whose claims few were wholly convinced, precluded at least by her attachment to royal supremacy from continuing the immensely popular return of Mary and her parliaments to the old foundations of order. What other lines of policy she could follow no one knew. Yet by her later years Shakespeare's audiences and Spenser's readers were able to see her as a symbol of established continuity, of the divine plan of order in nature and in the state, to think of her as the prophesied heroine of Arthur's line.

She depended at first on her place in Spanish policy, for Philip II must keep England from the French alignment. Yet she could not court Philip's help by accepting the Marian settlement. The bishops and convocation refused to help her there, and parliament gained the advantage of sharing in the policy expressed by the acts of supremacy and uniformity. This set-back was

shortly followed by the disastrous support of French rebels in 1562. The Marian exiles group in the Commons kept up ceaseless pressure to share further in shaping policy, making her early clashes with parliament far the most dangerous, especially in the case of the 1576 fiasco. Her church was staffed with bishops and clergy who could barely tolerate episcopal government and thought of the surplice as the shirt of Nessus. Not to yield to demands for more and more seats



in parliament for courtiers' clients was impossible, as she could not afford to pay for her own government of the country and thus get free of the pressure of the gentry, who formed under the courtiers and councillors' patronage dangerous connexions which she might be able to control through their divisions of interest and opinion; the Cecil and Essex connexions were poised almost for civil strife in the latter years.

The decision to fight Spain at last deprived the



puritans of their best appeal, that their religious views coincided with national needs, as it also deprived Elizabeth of any hope of solvency. The money and military and naval leadership to fight such a war were lacking (she wisely declined sea dog advice to attack the Armada as its crescent formation passed up the Channel). Since the collapse of the Antwerp cloth market after 1552 the strife to keep abreast of rising prices meant conflicts for patents and monopolies, the resort to piracy undertakings overseas, the divisions between those securing and those not securing the financial advantages of court favour, laying the foundations of constitutional conflict, for there could be no final avoiding the provision of an adequate revenue. Yet the puritans had lost the battle to control Elizabeth's church, and if a successor could solve the revenue problem they would not be able to find an alternative means of pressure as the salt of parliamentary opposition. So English government by crown and council fortified by religious sanctions in an obedient church might have been successfully refounded, and the attack on the "pretended queen of the English" with

her false council filled with "low born men being heretics" successfully rebutted.

The story is not one of unqualified success or of wholly consistent policy; but at the close of her life Elizabeth could know that, if to stay firm and rebuild was her first duty, she had humanly speaking fulfilled it.

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THE QUEEN'S SCHOLAR'S COMMEMORATION

As mentioned in the Notebook, the Queen's Scholars held this year their own abbreviated form of Commemoration, which took place on Monday, November 17th, Foundation Day. The service, which in all lasted some twenty minutes, began with sung Compline: the two cantors this year were W. I. K. MacIennan and A. J. N. W. Prag. As soon as this was over, the Juniors and Second Elections moved out of King Henry VII's chapel to get their candles lit for the second part of the service round the Foundress' tomb; they were followed by the Upper Elections, who grouped

themselves, as may be seen from the photograph on left, around the tomb and behind the candles of the Under Elections. Psalm 148, *Laudate Dominum de coelis*, was then sung, followed by the *Kyrie* and *Pater Noster* and concluding with some further prayers. During the service, the Captain of the Queen's Scholars and the First College Monitor laid the customary flowers upon the Queen's tomb. There were present as guests the Head Master, Mrs. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Simpson and Mrs. R. Hilary.





The photographs on this page show, (above): a general view of King Henry VII's chapel during the first part of the service: (at left) another view of the Foundress' Chapel during the latter part. The picture on the previous page shows the cantors kneeling before the altar in King Henry's VII's chapel.

THE BUSBY PLAY

SINCE the renovation of School has necessitated the production of the Busby Play elsewhere, previous critics have commented and enlarged upon the skill with which the producer has adapted his plays to the small stage provided by Busby's Under. That scope is of necessity limited has meant that during the last two years the choice of plays has been of comparatively unambitious works. The three short plays of 1956 were admirably suited to such circumstances, while some doubts about the "Housemaster" of 1957 were silenced by the excellence of the acting and production. The plays chosen may have been somewhat dubious, but so far the acting, production, and improvisations by the stage staff have made up for anything lacking in the material.

The choice of "See How They Run" by Philip King might be considered to be in keeping with previous efforts at making a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Without taking the analogy too far, it is sufficient to say that this ear was a great deal more unmanageable than that of a normal sow. But Philip King intended this play to be a farce, and it was produced as a farce. Why then was this production worthy of less mild criticism than Busby Productions usually receive?

Possibly, because this play, being a farce, is not suited to drawing room theatricals such as are provided by the Under. That farce tends to be ineffectual in such surroundings was demonstrated in 1956 when "The Dear Departed" merited the least praise of the Busby Triplets. Farce needs something more than the other dramatic mediums, a something which was noticeably present in Busby's full scale production of "Youth at the Helm" up School in 1955, with its clever portrayal of the managing director's office, and its back-cloth of Fleet Street roof-tops. It was noticeable that the several farcical additions of the producer were only effective because of the reality of their dramatic background, effective through their incongruity. In Busby's the audience are faced with a plain back-cloth before which are placed the necessary props. The atmosphere of reality largely depends upon the dialogue and action, as found more in any other type of dramatic medium than in farce. Philip King's particular brand of farce is especially lacking in this quality of creating by its dialogue alone the desirable atmosphere of reality. This task is therefore left to the imagination of the audience, while the actors can neither rely on the wit of the music hall gag, or more sophisticated comedy to substantiate themselves, and the task

of creating real characters is left to the interpretation through gesture and action of the producer and actors alone.

Last year, "Housemaster", which had in it the elements of a tragi-comedy, was produced on lines very close to farce, with all its limitations. But the struggle of Donkin, the housemaster, between one side or the other, and the clever character sketches, notably the head master and sporting games master, could find no parallel in "See How They Run".

"See How They Run" can probably be most fairly compared with "Youth at the Helm", but although the play was similar, the producer must have been aware that the conditions were by no means so. He was faced with inferior dialogue, inferior to a point of inadequacy which rendered it incapable of dealing with some of the ludicrous situations which arise, and a drawing room stage which allowed little scope for the development of these situations, or for those effective stage-movements which one associates with farce. The success or failure of the play relied on an ability to carry out the very complicated stage directions, and the creation of an atmosphere of a rural vicarage which would combine with the acting to make the performance seem more than a group of boys acting a farce in the Under. If they were assisted in this aim by the hilarity of the contrived situations, they were not assisted by their lines, as they have been in previous productions. The fact that the stage movements were successful was an amazing achievement. The incidents included an almost continuous procession of ecclesiastics, pseudo-ecclesiastics, one in no more than a pair of candy-striped under pants, and a German spy, all of whom had to enter the stage from one side, pass a barricade of obstacles and exit on the other. Any producer faced with such material might have despaired of fitting the play to its enforced surroundings, and it is greatly to the producer's credit that he did so successfully.

Criticism cannot be levelled at the technique or the casting, which was brilliant, nor at the actors themselves or the producer for the way in which it was produced, for though a comedy or tragi-comedy may be produced as a farce, it is not possible to render farce as anything but farce. If there was any error, it was in the choice of play, as has happened before, but previously the ingenuity of the production of such plays has given its audience something more than just a good laugh.

SPORT

After what appeared to be an encouraging start to the season, the 1st XI have perhaps not quite achieved all that might have been expected of them. The first school match was played against Aldenham on October 25th. There was no doubt that Westminster was the better side; nevertheless our forwards lacked the thrust required to penetrate a fairly sound defence: an extremely lucky goal in the closing minutes robbed the School of a victory which would have given them the necessary confidence and one which, on their showing, they thoroughly deserved. Since then, however, there has been a certain amount of reshuffling in the forward line to find a combination that would enable us to win matches. Despite a fairly convincing win over Victoria College, Jersey (6-2), there have been several losses, notably that against Lancing, during which match Pettit, who had been moved up into the forward line, was injured and thus unable to play for ten days. The annual fixture against Repton was played this year away, on a larger and heavier pitch than we are used to "up Fields". At half-time we were perhaps lucky to be only 1-2 down; Repton, however, were soon to clinch the game with two further goals which came shortly after the interval. The result (1-4) was naturally disappointing; at the same time, Repton are once again among the strongest sides in school football.

Nevertheless, a draw with Highgate the following week, with Hunt playing at centre-half, was satisfactory, even if we were leading 2-0 at half-time. The last school match before Christmas was played against Charterhouse at Vincent Square on November 29th. The visiting team were fortunate to be 1-0 up at half-time through an own goal, for the play had been shared equally by the two teams, neither showing much superiority. Towards the end of the second half, however, some hard work by the opposing inside forwards led to a second goal being scored.

The standard of play has remained quite high throughout the season, and the team has always been fit, thanks to constant and vigorous training. Although the 2nd XI has not hitherto been very successful, it has always shown eagerness and has provided some extremely adequate replacements for the 1st XI. The Colts have survived a somewhat varied training programme but have not really settled down as yet, though beating Aldenham convincingly (3-0), and drawing with Charterhouse. There are several players in the team who should be extremely useful next year,

among them Cooper, Smith and Broadhurst. The Junior Colts suffer from being an exceptionally small side this year, with the consequent disadvantage against weightier opposition: nevertheless, Mulla and several others have been outstanding. The Under XIV team has had quite a successful season, and with some good wins behind them appear to be a fairly well-balanced side. Of those who should do well in the future the most prominent are perhaps MacManus, the captain, and Sooke.

On paper, the squash season has not as yet been very successful; the score in points, however, has always been considerably better than the score in games. One of the features of all Westminster squash teams is that they seem to win every point except the last one. In the 0-5 defeat by Brentwood the majority of the games went to 7-all, and Sutton only lost 8-10 in the fifth game. Again, the whole team put up a good fight against King's School, Canterbury: Edwards won, and everyone else lost by an average of only two points. The match against Chiswick resulted in a 5-0 win for the School, and that against the Old Westminsters was very close indeed, the final result being a 2-3 loss with Sutton and O'Connell winning their matches. But for the absence of Edwards, who was injured, this might well have been a victory. Scorer, Richardson and Abbott have lent useful support throughout the season, but Roberts has so far failed to live up to his early promise.

The Water

Sculling Ladder, Final Positions:

Michaelmas Sculls		Clinker Sculls	
1	D. W. M. Devereux (R)	1	A. L. Vogel (A)
2	J. D. Russell (W)	2	A. J. Saunders (A)
3	J. A. Macfarlane (G)	3	J. V. Machin (R)
4	B. A. R. Dermott (A)	4	S. Hunt (QS)
5	N. D. Knight Evans (G)	5	D. P. McKenzie (A)

Weybridge Silver Sculls—October 11th:

Position at Start		Position at Finish	
20	D. W. M. Devereux	9	(<i>Second in Junior Senior Division</i>)
39	A. J. Saunders	35	(<i>Second in Novice Division</i>)
40	J. D. Russell	16	(<i>Won School Sculls</i>)
49	A. L. Vogel	38	(<i>Won School Clinker Division</i>)

THERE appears to be a curious reluctance on the part of non-fencers to give fencing its due as a major station. Perhaps fencing is to blame for this; our numbers are relatively small and station is carried out of general view in the gymnasium: yet it is a pity that "out of sight" should mean "out of mind" as far as fencing is concerned. I fear that the cautious praise of my predecessors' articles in this magazine has deceived readers not connected with the W.F.C. into thinking that enthusiasm is out of place when discussing fencing and its past achievements. But this is not so at all.

Since the war we have won the Public Schools' Fencing Championships, which is the equivalent of Henley for the school fencing world, three times, in 1948, 1954 and 1956. The foil cup has been won in 1948, 1949 and 1950; the épée cup in 1948, 1952 and 1954; and the sabre cup in 1950, 1954 and 1956. This is no mean record, and we are indebted for it to Professor W. M. Harmer-Brown and to Professor George Zabielsky, who has now left us, being replaced by the Hungarian Maître d'Armes, Professor Bela Imregi. Our hopes for the next Public Schools, to be held in the week before Easter, are not unjustified as we now have a considerable body of fencers, both senior and junior, of great promise for this most important event of the school fencing year.

Of the first team matches this term we have won three of the five, drawn one and lost the last very closely. Versus City of London School we won 17-10 (foil 5-4, épée 5-4 and sabre 7-2); versus Winchester we drew 9-9 (foil 6-3, sabre 3-6); versus Oxford University we lost 12-15 (foil 4-5, épée 1-8 and sabre 7-2). Our great success was

against Cambridge University. This match was closely won 14-13 (foil 3-6, épée 8-1 and sabre 3-6), and the day was thus carried by our strength in épée, against strong O.W.W. opposition led by C. W. Redgrave. St. Paul's, our old Public Schools rivals, we beat comfortably 17-10 (foil 4-5, épée 8-1 and sabre 5-4): again, our superiority in the old duelling weapon gave us the victory. Our first team consists of S. I. Eden, H. E. Pavett, S. J. H. Baddeley and A. C. N. Borg. The Colts, N. Halsted, M. Lushington and P. F. Scorer, have been notably successful, especially in beating Aldenham's first team by 7-2. Our épéists fought well in the Miller-Hallett International Cup, Baddeley beating Talkington, the Services Champion, by 5-0, and Pavett beating Spofforth, the 7 ft. 3 in. fencer who came fifth in the competition. I. D. Cameron, O.W., beat both Hoskyns, the world champion, and Jay, the holder for three years, in the Finals to come third.

And another Old Westminster, G. Mackeown, has recently won the Junior Sabre Championship.

Practice for the public schools' postal shooting match organized by the N.S.R.A. occupied the VIII for the first half of the term. A number of postal matches under similar conditions were fired to add interest to the tedium of continual practice: these resulted in wins against Aldenham and the City of London School. In the competition itself, everyone, all at the same time, fulfilled the promise shown by occasional high scores, and the VIII fired a score which, unapproached throughout the period of practice, beat the School's previous record by twelve points. In this event it beat every school that had previously won against it, and was placed 15th out of 110 with King's School, Canterbury. The individual scores were: N. Heaton, A. C. McKinlay and J. A. H. Chadwick, 98; T. P. ap E. Rhys-Roberts and J. W. O. Patrick, 96; R. J. A. Martin, G. C. Sutton and N. Bevan, 95.

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ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Elizabethan Club was held in the Harcourt Room of the House of Commons on Friday, October 17th, 1958. This was arranged for the Club by Mr. G. P. Stevens, M.P.

The Club's guests included the Head Master and the Dean of Westminster. Mr. Carleton, replying to the toast of Floreat, was able to report that the new School laboratories were completed, that the re-built School should be completed next year and that the number of the boys now at the School was higher than ever before. The speech was warmly received, not least because of the Head Master's declaration that the School's only future was not in its past, and the confidence of those listening in the belief that even in progress and change no benefit would be lost from the traditions in which the speaker is so well versed. In proposing the health of the retiring President, Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester gave a graceful description of his wide gifts, amidst which shone his devotion to Westminster. A portrait of himself which the President disclaimed to recognize, but which was clearly recognized and acknowledged by the applause his reply to this toast received.

There can now be little doubt that the House of Commons is a popular choice for the Annual Dinner. The dinner was an undoubted success and the increasing numbers of younger old Westminsters who attended continued a trend of recent years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On the invitation of Lord Rea, the Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the House of Lords on Friday, October 17th, 1958. The President, Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, D.C.L., presided.

The General Committee's 94th Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1958, were approved and adopted.

Mr. W. E. Gerrish, O.B.E., was elected President of the Club, and Sir Adrian Boulton, Mus.Doc., LL.D., was elected a Vice-President. Col. Stuart Horner, O.B.E., Mr. C. M. O'Brien and Mr. Raymond Plummer were re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, respectively, and Mr. G. U. Salvi, Mr. F. B. Hooper and Mr. F. A. G. Rider were elected new members of the General Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The following new members have been elected:—
Honorary life members: Mr. E. R. D. French, Mr. G. D. Moylan.

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GAMES SECTION

Football

For the first time in twenty-three years the Club won through a round of the A.F.A. Senior Cup, when in the 2nd Qualifying Round the 1st XI beat the Old Minchendenians 4-3. It may be of interest that Dr. H. F. B. Symons played in both O.W.W. teams.

The results so far this season are:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Goals	
				For	Against
1st XI	6	5	1	26	17
A XI	5	2	3	16	16

Members are reminded that the 1st Round of the Arthur Dunn Cup will be played at Vincent Square on December 20th, against the Old Aldenhamians.

Lawn Tennis

The season began with the D'Abernon Cup and, after a walk-over in the first round, an unkind draw found us playing the Old Carthusians. At one time the Club led 3-0, but the Old Carthusians fought back strongly and at lunch after some long three-set matches the score was 3-3. After lunch the Club could do no more than win one match and therefore lost by 5-4. The Old Carthusians went on to reach the final. The O.W.W. were represented by the following team: 1st Pair, D. Gordon and G. Clarke (Won 2, Lost 1); 2nd Pair, J. Quartier and A. Sugg (Won 1, Lost 2); and 3rd Pair, K. Harrison and T. Farquhar-Smith (Won 1, Lost 2).

The Club's next match was against the School, who were not strong enough to cope with our first two pairs. The final score was a win for the Club 6 matches to 3.

As usual the season ended with a match against Roehampton and after an enjoyable afternoon's tennis the Club won 5½-3½.

The Hon. Secretary, K. Harrison, 5 Ernl Road, Wimbledon, S.W.20, is most anxious to hear from any players of good club representative standard willing to turn out for matches.

The Elizabethan Boat Club

At the A.G.M. in March, K. J. S. Douglas-Mann was re-elected Captain of the Club and G. Francis Hon. Secretary.

The Boat Club has been able to buy a new Pair thanks to many kind donations and has also a coxwainless four built, which is owned jointly with the School Boat

Club. It is hoped that the active membership of the Club will increase now that these boats are available.

In the annual Colleges' invitation regatta organized in December by London Rowing Club, the scratch Club VIII had the misfortune to race the Jesus College, Cambridge, crew in the first round, but gave them a good race. In the Tideway Head of the River Race in March the Club was represented by two crews, the first one coming 25th and a scratch crew 167th.

In the last part of the season the Club could not make as many entries as in the past, however M. A. B. Harrison and K. J. S. Douglas-Mann went in for several coxswainless pairs events, being successful in the Metropolitan Pairs at the Metropolitan Amateur Regatta. The new four was used for the last three regattas of the summer by J. F. Hewitt, H. P. Dulley and D. V. W. G. Franzini of the Westminster Waterman and G. Francis of the Elizabethan Boat Club. The four fitted together well and won the Junior Senior events at Maidenhead and Henley Town, but lost by only two seconds in the final of the Wyfold fours at the Serpentine.

Once again the Club was represented in International Competition. R. D. Pope achieved this distinction for the second time, stroking the English coxswainless four to a creditable victory in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in July. S. C. H. Douglas-Mann with M. J. W. Hall (Icena B.C.) was selected for the coxswainless pairs event in the Games and won a silver medal, coming second in a good race to the New Zealand Pair, holders of the event.

The Club entered in a Shell Coxswainless Four for the first time in the Head of the River Race for Fours, held this year on October 11th, at Putney. The crew suffered a last-minute reorganisation and change due to the absence of the Captain of the Club with a heavy cold. Despite this, the crew rowed well to cover the three-mile course in a time of 12 minutes 55 seconds and finished 7th. This was a gratifying result well justifying the experiment of an entry for this event, which was made possible in the main because the Club now has a Four of its own for practice and racing.

The Crew: bow and Steers, J. A. C. Spokes 2, D. V. W. G. Franzini; 3, C. Haccius; stroke, M. A. B. Harrison.

GOLF

Autumn Meeting, Tuesday, October 7th, 1958.

Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, Wimbledon.

Sutherland Challenge Cup	} E. W. St. G. Spencer
and	
Scratch Prize	} 80 - 4 = 76
Captain's Prize	

Gerrish-Leighton Tankards	H. W. E. Lindo and
	H. V. Mabey 5 down

The Society's Meeting for the boys at School was held at Richmond Golf Club on September 22nd before returning to School for Play Term.

Twelve boys played in the Medal Round in the morning. The Scratch Challenge Salver, presented by Dr. H. Gardiner Hill, was won by D. V. Harrison, with a score of 78. The Barnes Challenge Cup for the best net score was won by D. G. Coaten with a score of 88 - 16 = 72.

In the afternoon nine boys played a points Bogey Stableford Competition off handicap for 1st and 2nd prizes presented by the Society. The winner was J. Freeman scoring 40 points and the runner-up W. Coutts Donald 36 points.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

The Rev. A. T. P. Harrison has been appointed vicar of La Brea, Trinidad.

Mr. C. J. Croft has been elected captain of the Oxford University Fencing Club.

Mr. D. O. Lloyd-Jacob rowed in the Christ Church crew which won the University Fours at Oxford.

Mr. P. C. Lawton presided at the recent international Air Transport Association Meeting at Cannes.

Mr. A. H. Howard has been appointed to a post on the staff of the *Manchester Guardian*.

BIRTHS

HAMILTON-JONES—On November 14th 1958 at Redhill to Elizabeth, wife of J. Hamilton-Jones, twin sons.

KULLMANN—On October 4th 1958 in London to Tania, wife of M. Kullman, a son.

LLOYD-JONES—On September 16th 1958 at Oxford to Frances, wife of Hugh Lloyd-Jones, a son.

PUNCHARD—On October 24th at Farnborough, Kent, to Nicky, wife of Alan Punchard, a daughter.

RIDER—On November 18th 1958 in London to Hope, wife of F. A. G. Rider, a daughter.

SANGUINETTI—On October 13th 1958 at Godalming to Patricia, wife of J. A. Sanguinetti, a daughter.

TEMPLE-BIRD—On November 19th 1958 at Croydon to Winifred, wife of Lt.-Col. J. F. Temple-Bird, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

CROW : HAYNES—On October 11th 1958 in Washington, United States, Sir Alwyn Douglas Crow to Mrs. Frances Gore Haynes, of Washington.

LILLY : GARSTIN—On October 18th 1958 at Carhampton Somerset, G. L. Lilly to Antoinette, only child of the late Lt.-Col. J. L. Garstin and of Mrs. Garstin of Blue Anchor.

MILLER : BARLOW—On October 18th 1958 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, Michael Miller to Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Donald Barlow, M.S., F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Barlow of Harpenden, Herts.

PETRIE : VAN OBERNDORFF—On November 8th 1958 in Paris, P. C. Petrie to Countess Lydwine van Oberndorff, daughter of Count and Countess van Oberndorff of The Hague.

TILNEY-BASSETT : FRYER—On October 11th 1958 at the Abbey Church, Wymondham, H. A. E. Tilney-Bassett to Joan Evangeline, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. J. Fryer of Browick Hall, Wymondham, Norfolk.

KEMP : LOTZE—On September 30th 1958 at Koblenz Cathedral, K. J. M. Kemp to Almuth, eldest daughter of Herr and Frau Th. Lotze of Koblenz-Rhine, Germany.

DEATHS

FOWLER—On November 1st 1958, L. G. Fowler, aged 59.

HEATH—On October 4th 1958 in London, L. C. Heath, aged 79.

HENDERSON—On August 7th 1958, aged 83.

LETHBRIDGE—On October 2nd 1958, at Henley-on-Thames, Capt. N. B. Lethbridge, aged 67.

MCHARDY—On November 11th 1958, at Hickling, Maj.-Gen. A. A. McHardy, aged 90.

NYE—On October 11th 1958, S. Nye, aged 84.

RILEY—On October 18th 1958, in Jersey, Lt.-Col. C. Riley, M.C., aged 64.

SYMMONS—On July 7th 1958, at Guildford, Robert Symmons, aged 21.

Leonard Gough Fowler was up Asburnham from 1912 to 1917. He served in the first war with a commission in the R.G.A., and later became a manufacturing stationer. He married in 1922 Violet, daughter of Richard Cooke.

Lindsay Christopher Heath was Native Commissioner in Northern Rhodesia. He was the son of Christopher Heath, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and entered the School in 1893. He served in the ranks both in the Boer War and in the 1914 War.

Peter Berrie Henderson was in College at Westminster and was elected head to Christ Church in 1893. He became a solicitor and was in practice in London. In 1911 he married Sylvia, daughter of Thomas Bennett. In the first war he served as a gunner in the R.N.V.R.

Noel Bridgeman Lethbridge was at Westminster from 1906 to 1907. He entered the army with a commission in the York and Lancaster Regiment and fought in the first world war. He married Muriel, the daughter of T. G. Chandler of Henley.

Alexander Anderson McHardy had a long and distinguished military career. From Westminster he entered Woolwich in 1888, and gained his commission in the R.A. two years later. He saw service on the North-West Frontier and fought in South Africa throughout the Boer War, where he was awarded the D.S.O. After periods at the Staff College at Camberley, in Malta and in Hongkong, he was sent to France at the outbreak of the 1914 war on the staff of the 28th Division. He was made C.M.G. and C.B. and also received decorations from two foreign powers. Later he was Director of Movements and Quarterings, and in 1927 he was in charge of Administration, Southern Command. During the second world war he was A.R.P. Sub-controller, Eastern Area. On his retirement in 1930 he took up fruit-farming in Sussex. At Westminster he had been centre-forward in the First XI and was a fine runner. His wife, whom he married in 1904, was Lilian, daughter of Capt. C. McL. McHardy. She died in 1936.

Stanley Nye was admitted in 1886. He became a member of the London Stock Exchange. He married in 1901 Gertrude Baker of Wallington, Surrey.

Christopher John Molesworth Riley was the son of Athelstan Riley, who was prominent in High Church circles earlier in the present century. Christopher was at Westminster for a short time in 1908, but was transferred to Lancing, and went on to Pembroke College, Cambridge. During the first war he was in the Coldstream Guards, and was awarded the M.C. In 1916 he was appointed A.D.C. to the Governor of Newfoundland. He inherited from his father the manor of La Trinité in Jersey. He married first Bridget, daughter of Col. Lionel Hanbury, and second Yvonne, daughter of R. R. Lempière.

Robert Symmons, who died on July 7th at Guildford Hospital from Kröhn's disease aged only 21, entered College in 1950, was appointed secretary of the Debating Society in 1953 and in 1955 won a Hinchcliffe Scholarship to Christ Church. There he read modern languages and was appointed last year editor of *Isis*. His last term at Westminster coincided with the first of the scholars who are now seniors in College: and on behalf of them, as of all others who knew him, the Editors would like to extend their deepest sympathy to his parents.

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