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THE 1947 SEASON BEGINS

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 8th   | 1st XI and Colts v. Highgate (Home).<br>Fencing match v. London Fencing Club (Home).               | Nov. 22nd | Head of the River Race for Schools.<br>1st and 2nd XI's v. Old Westminsters (Home).<br>Fencing Match v. Oxford University Assassins (Home).<br>Shooting match v. University College School. |
| Nov. 10th  | Mr. Anthony Hopkins addresses the Political Society.   | Nov. 29th | 1st XI v. Aldenham (away).<br>Shooting match v. George Watson's College.  |
| Nov. 13th. | Fencing Match v. Stowe School (Away).  | Dec. 6th  | 1st XI v. Charterhouse (Away).  |
| Nov. 15th  | 1st XI and Colts v. Lancing College (Home).<br>Fencing match v. University College, London (Away). | Dec. 13th | 1st XI v. Corinthian-Casuals (Home).  |
|            |  | Dec. 16th | School Concert up School.   |
|            |  | Dec. 19th | Play Term ends.   |



ON TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, THE SCHOOL WATCHED THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT; THE CEREMONY WAS DEPRIVED OF MUCH OF THE PRE-WAR SPLENDOUR PICTURED ABOVE.

## RECENT EVENTS

At the end of last term the Senior Orations Prize was won by S. E. Smith and the Junior by T. P. Hole.

The Mure Scholarship was awarded to J. C. B. Lowe; the Gumbleton English Verse Prize was won by A. P. Graham-Dixon.

The new King's Scholars were admitted by the Dean at Latin Prayers in Abbey on Friday, September 26th.

On Friday, October 10th, Pandit Rishiram addressed the Political and Literary Society on "India as a World Force." Dr. H. F. Garten has spoken on his recent visit to Germany.

Mr. Hooper spoke to the School on the work of the Church Missionary Society up School on Tuesday, October 14th.

Mr. A. Prag is now master in charge of Fencing, and Mr. J. E. Mollison master in charge of shooting.

There was a collection in Abbey on the feast of St. Luke in aid of the Westminster Hospital.

Professor K. A. C. Creswell has begged a play on the grounds that he has been made an Hon. D.Litt. at Oxford University and a Fellow of the British Academy.

## SCHOOL MONITORS

- A. P. Graham-Dixon, Captain of the School and Captain of the King's Scholars.
- E. R. Enfield, Princeps Oppidanorum, Head of Rigaud's.
- G. Ll. Law.
- R. G. Anderson, Head of Busby's.
- D. L. Almond, Head of Grant's.
- S. J. Steele, Head of Ashburnham and Home-boarders.

The following new school officers have been appointed:—

- Secretary of the Boat Club—S. J. Steele.
- Captain of Gym.—D. L. Almond.
- Captain of Shooting—D. L. Almond.
- Head of Music—A. P. Graham-Dixon.
- Secretary of the Political and Literary Society—A. M. Allchin.
- Secretary of the Debating Society—O. Kerensky.
- President of the Essay Society—A. P. Graham-Dixon.
- Secretary of the Essay Society—O. Kerensky.
- Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN—A. P. Graham-Dixon and M. E. Adie.



# N O W O R N E V E R

IN one sense, we are back where we were ten years ago. For two years now we have been living for the most part in the same houses, worshipping in the same Abbey and working in the same classrooms, and it is only a minority among us who remember evacuation. But those two years have wrought little change for us, and our spirit is very much what it was in 1945. It may indeed prove that they were the "Turning point" that one of our predecessors prophesied they would be. For many of the school's traditions, it is a case of "Now or never," and their fate either has been decided already, or is being decided now. If we are to re-establish them, we must release them immediately from a comparative obscurity—obscurity at least for those who are now at the school. Otherwise they will die an apparently natural death.

Yes, we are back where we were—physically, that is. But without our tails, our "toppers" and our Latin Plays—in fact, without many of the things that made us famous. Some losses we openly mourn, others we welcome, under our breath. Though we may regret the passing, at least for a time, of the Latin Play, both as *pièce d'occasion* and as uproarious fun, we cannot pretend we would like to turn a self-conscious pink under a top-hat in the Tube. On the other hand, every one of us is glad to see the Pancake Greaze figuring again in the life of the school, and indeed in that of the nation. Clearly we must discriminate, and not seek, by complete restoration or wholesale abolition, to satisfy, purely for their own sake, the claims of iconoclasm or the yearnings of nostalgia, which are both alike the counsels of a despairing mind or a jejune imagination. The spirit of antiquity will often prove too strong for the iconoclast, and the nostalgic must inevitably give way to the bare economic needs of the moment.

But, though some of our traditions are thus placed for us outside the realm of controversy, there are some whose revival, alteration or extinction is not a matter for the politician or the economist to decide, but for us, for the readers of THE ELIZABETHAN, for all who take any interest in their school, to determine by a consideration of theory and practice, of suitability or unsuitability, of right and wrong. It is an unhealthy sign of weakness, with a school no less than with a nation, if it is forced by sheer poverty of spirit to supply the defects of the moment with the relics of the past. We may remember our past as a school, but we must not attempt to live in that past. For if the life and thought of our world are constantly changing, we must change in tune with them. That is not a confession of weakness; it is a plea against

isolationism. It is easy for people in our privileged position to think of themselves as a "chosen race," branded while at Westminster with a badge of permanent superiority, and as other privileges slowly diminish there is a danger now if ever there was, that we might think our position to confer upon us some peculiar grace which others cannot possess. Ancient ritual must come up for revision, and new additions be sanctioned for a further spell, and the verdict will surely be tempered by our war-time experience, which was not a bad dream to be forgotten, but a challenge to our adaptability. Whatever that verdict is, it must come soon. When it comes, we shall not be long in finding out whether the old bottles will take the new wine.



## THE HEAD MASTER

On medical advice, the Head Master has retired from his post for at least two terms. During his absence Mr. D. C. Simpson, Master of the King's Scholars, is deputising for him.

## THE STAFF

### RECENT CHANGES

Mr. C. J. Crumpler, F.R.I.C., who joins the staff this term as senior chemistry master in succession to Dr. Burch, was formerly at High Pavement School, Nottingham, and during the war served as an Experimental Officer in the department of the Chief Chemical Inspector, Ministry of Supply.

Mr. J. E. Mollison, who was in the R.A. during the war, was educated at Winchester and Clare College, and was a master at Owen's School before coming to Westminster. He takes over the work of the late Mr. E. Shepherd.

Mr. P. Johnstone has also joined the staff, mainly for work with the Under School. He was educated at Stowe and New College, and served in the R.N.V.R. during the war. He is the fifth ex-naval officer to join the staff since the war.

## CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge the receipt of the following and apologise for any omissions:

Ardingly Annals, Boy's Magazine, Carthusian, Cholmondeleian, City of London School Magazine, Dunelmian, E.S.A. Journal, Eton College Chronicle, Felstedian, Fettesian, Gordonstoun Record, The Gower, Haileyburian, Kearsney College Chronicle, Lancing College Magazine, The Log, Marlburian, Mercers' School Magazine, The Ousel, Royal College Magazine, St. Michael's Magazine, Magazine of Collegiate School of St. Peter, Sedberghian, Stonyhurst Magazine, Taylorian, Tonbridgian, Wykehamist.

# ELECTION CEREMONIES REVIVED

A FOUR-CENTURIES-OLD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

AFTER an interval of nearly a century Election was this year restored to its proper place in the Westminster calendar.

When Evelyn visited the school in 1661 he "heard and saw such exercises at ye Election of Scholars to be sent to ye University, in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Arabic, in themes and extemporary verses, as wonderfully astonished me in such youths, with such readiness, and with some of them not above twelve or thirteen years of age," and Dean Atterbury in the eighteenth century gave offence by conducting Election "huddled up in the Jerusalem Chamber." But from being a public spectacle the ceremony had become gradually emasculated until, just before the war, all except Major Candidates were confined to their houses during the proceedings, and the vast majority of Westminsters left the school ignorant of the only ceremony other than the Play which has come directly down from Tudor times. The actual examination would hardly draw an audience to-day, as it did in Evelyn's time, but to conduct the ceremonies behind locked doors showed a lack of imagination. Every year since 1561, except during the troubled times of the Civil war and the two World Wars, the Dean of Christ Church and the Master of Trinity have journeyed to Westminster for the purpose of electing scholars

to their respective Colleges. Their combined mileage totals some 80,000 miles, or three times round the world. For nearly four centuries, on horseback, by coach, and by railway this annual pilgrimage has been going on—an object lesson in the continuity of English life and institutions—and courtesy and tradition alike demand that such faithful pilgrims should receive a proper welcome.

This year the Electors came in procession from the Deanery to Ashburnham House, where they were welcomed by the Captain-designate with a Latin speech and conducted up the grand staircase to the Drawing Room. Here King's Scholars, Masters and their wives, and a select body of visitors were already assembled, and after the Dean and the Electors had taken their seats on a dais (the Head Master, the Master of the King's Scholars, and others grouped behind them) the Major Candidates came forward one by one and presented their *Reverendoes*. The Dean made a short speech of thanks in English, the procession re-formed, and amid the cheers of the school, which was drawn up on either side of the pathway from Ashburnham House to the entrance to Yard, the Electors returned to the Jerusalem Chamber.

They subsequently attended Orations, which were held in College Hall.



## RETIREMENT OF DR. BURCH

FROM WESTMINSTER TO WEST INDIES

DR. W. J. N. Burch, whose retirement last July has brought regret to many generations of Westminsters, was the first of Dr. Costley-White's appointments to the staff. His period of service covered the entire inter-war era, the exile, and the return of the school to London, and though as senior chemistry master he came into direct contact with only a comparatively small number of boys, his devotion to his subject and his natural kindliness won him many friends. He was a keen Mason and kept in touch with Old Westminster affairs through the Lodge, and he would always give a warm welcome to any ex-pupil who dropped in to see him in that curious captain's cabin in the Science Buildings where he and Mr. Earp used daily to brew

strong after-luncheon coffee over a bunsen burner. When the war came he took to bicycling, and in company with Mr. Earp—and sometimes Mr. Willett—explored the Sussex and Herefordshire countryside; and though his interest in the pursuits of a country gentleman, of which he would sometimes talk, found little outlet in those crowded wartime years, he nevertheless contrived to remain optimistic and even-tempered amid all the petty vexations of evacuation. He was a loyal friend to his colleagues and a steadfast servant of the School, and he takes with him into his retirement—if that is the right word for the active life he plans for himself in the West Indies—the good wishes and gratitude of Westminsters past and present.

# THE ABBEY FROM TOTHILL STREET

SIR HAROLD HARMSWORTH'S GIFT



TOTHILL STREET C. 1780 FROM THE PAINTING  
BY JAMES MILLER

*Photo: L. H. Burd*

The picture reproduced above showing Tothill Street and the Abbey at the end of the 18th Century has been bought by Sir Harold Harmsworth, O.W. and presented to the School to be hung in Ashburnham House.

It was painted by James Miller about 1780 and is of considerable historical and topographical interest. The old Tothill Street—the main approach to the Abbey from the west before the construction of Victoria Street—has entirely vanished within the last 60 years. In the 16th and 17th centuries there were mansions on both sides of it, but already before the middle of the 17th century smaller houses were beginning to be built. Betterton, the actor, was born in one of these in 1635 and in a house near the Gatehouse (at the Abbey end) Edmund Burke lived for some time. On the north side, No. 72, was a curious old inn, The Cock, which was cleared away in

1873 with all the other houses on that side to make way for the Royal Aquarium.

Sir Harold Harmsworth has also generously presented two other pictures—Sargent's water-colour sketches of School and College Dormitory about 1841, now well known from reproductions. These pictures, together with the two others recently presented by Mr. Richard Waterfield, O.W. (one of these is also of Tothill Street) are now to be seen in the Library.

In July the pictures of Head Masters of Westminster formerly in the Head Master's house were returned to the school after an absence of eight years. They had been sent into safe-keeping in 1939 together with the Abbey treasures, and since the war had been in the care of Sir Henry Hake, O.W., Director of the National Portrait Gallery.



# THE SCHOOL CONCERT

ITEMS FROM MUSIC COMPETITIONS PERFORMED

How often do we pause to think that the School Concert provides a quality of music unattained in any other concert hall or on any other musical occasion? That in the right surroundings for performance and with the right encouragement prior to the event it capitalises a rare element of music? Such were the reflections brought on by your critic's enjoyment of the Election Term Concert and its display of the natural beauties of a boy's untrained voice. Why, he was forced to continue, do we spend a small mint of money and time—time, how important to the crowded programme of the modern scholar!—on learning to play pianos, 'cellos or piccolos, and neglect the cheapest and easiest instrument of all? Indeed, this was no disparagement of instrumentalists who had shown that the standard of school music stood as high as ever. Rather, it was the statement of a conclusion, that the learning of an instrument was certainly a valuable contribution to the education of an intelligent mind, but in so far as music in any guise was the first consideration (and did one dare quote Plato?) the whole intellectual standard of school—musical particularly, but not exclusively—could benefit from systematic vocal training. (What if irresponsible journalists were even more liable then to confuse us with the Choir School?)

It was with some regret that he noticed what seemed to be a decrease in the numbers of boy-singers—particularly amongst junior members of the choir—compared with the musical heyday in evacuation. Even allowing for the many distractions of the Election Term, had he not heard that the balance of the school inclined towards the lower ages, the rise in numbers being naturally due to new-comers? Could it not be hoped that more might be seen, then, amongst the trebles, both for the contribution of the unique flavour of a boy's unbroken voice to the tone of the choir and for their own private benefit in an early appreciation of what school music offers?

In the midst of these unending rhetorical questions his Jimmy Cricket observed that he was supposed to be writing a criticism. Assuming a kindlier countenance, he set pen to paper.

The usual composition of an Election Term Concert, combining items from the Music Competition with orchestral and choral contributions, made the programme on July 25th varied and interesting, though the presentation of certain numbers was affected by the acoustics of the

R.C.M.'s Concert Hall, which was being used by kind permission of the Director. On the whole basses scored at the expenses of trebles; but the two vocal soloists, Maw and Davidson, equally enjoyed well-earned applause for their songs. Mr. Colin Smith's accompaniment was his habitual perfection. On the instrumental side of the first half, Allchin's flute gave a skilful and pleasant lead in the Rondo from a Mozart Quartet, and the Captain and Praefectus Designatus in three of Walton's Piano Duets for Children soon dispelled any illusion that their performance would be infantile.

The orchestral half of the evening was marred by the same acoustic defect, which tended to give a volume and richness to bass instruments without enhancing the higher levels of the orchestra, and damped variety in dynamics. Mendelssohn's Hebrides suffered from these disadvantages, though the shirtsleeved tympanist imparted an Atlantic vigour which had perhaps escaped the score on earlier performances. In Mozart's Andante for Flute and Orchestra, Charlesworth (and his teacher) deserve every congratulation for an excellent solo on the strength of only two years playing. S. E. Smith's and Davidson's attack in two movements from Bach's Concerto for Violin and Oboe evoked a lively response from the orchestra, who unfortunately proved too much on occasion. But the principal cause for the inaudibility of the soloists could again be ascribed to acoustics.

Selections from Haydn's Seasons which finished the concert were an extremely happy choice, well suited to the vocal material, and though not heard over-often, an attractive work. The choir sang with fine tone and balance and usually very audibly, sustaining both its own energy and our interest over nearly three-quarters of an hour's singing in an over-warm atmosphere. The orchestra coped well with an intricate score, and the two were welded by Mr. Foster into a melodious and most enjoyable whole. The soloists might have been better placed: Graham-Dixon directly in front of the organ had the advantage and his pleasant voice came over well, while Martindale's treble, singing from lower in the hall, produced some notes of quality but tended to be lost. But in retrospect we must thank all those whose enthusiasm continues to make school concerts such an enjoyable and valuable feature, and in particular Mr. Foster for his leadership and inspiration to a fine achievement.



# THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

ADJUDICATIONS BY DR. CLIFFORD AND MR. BRADEN HUNWICK

THE Inter-House Music Competitions were held this year on July 9th, the House Choirs, Chamber Music and Vocal Ensemble taking place in the Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, in the afternoon. We were fortunate to have as Adjudicators Dr. Hubert Clifford and Mr. Braden Hunwick.

The first event of the morning was the Wind Solo, always a difficult task for the adjudicator. The standard was high though there were no outstanding performances. D. L. Almond's playing of a Handel Oboe Concerto was lacking in flexibility but was justly adjudged the best for its excellent tone. In the String Solo on the other hand the standard was not so high, and Mr. Hunwick commented that only about three performers played with any confidence. Both Junior and Senior Piano Solos were keenly contested; in the Senior Duet, however, Graham-Dixon's and William's playing of the Walton "Duets for Children" was delightful, even if the nature of the music concealed "accidentals." We enjoyed too Davidson's mature singing in the broken Voice Solo and that of Maw and Martindale in the Unbroken Voice, a field that is so often barren of good performances.

The afternoon events, adjudicated by Dr. Clifford in the intervals of music and thunder, began with the Vocal Ensembles. All four groups were well balanced and there was a strong bias in favour of madrigals in the choices. The event was won by King's Scholars, singing Morley's "Round about about a wood," with Grant's "Pipe, Shepherds, pipe" by Youll (for two trebles and bass) a close second. The House Choirs were also won by King's Scholars with a sensitive rendering of Vaughan Williams' "Orpheus with his lute." Grant's equalled them in their performance of the set piece, Dyson's "Wend Along," but their "Agincourt Song" was lacking in power and dignity.

Busby's are to be congratulated on their pleasant tone, but they yielded third place to the more spirited singing of Rigaud's. The Chamber Music was not of a high standard. Only one group, the flute quartet, had really mastered their music, and all suffered from lack of practice.

The full results were as follows:—

Senior Piano Solo: (1) A. P. Graham-Dixon, K.S.; (2) R. J. H. Williams, K.S.; (3) J. A. Davidson, G.

Junior Piano Solo: (1) C. F. Kingdon, K.S.; A. H. R. Martindale, G.; (3) J. Goodchild, A.H. and H.B.

Senior Piano Duet: (1) R. J. H. Williams and A. P. Graham-Dixon, K.S.S.; (2) A. M. Allchin and D. F. Whitton, K.S.S. (3) J. J. Potter and E. J. Lees, A.H.H. and H.B.

Junior Piano Duet: (1) C. F. Kingdon and M. D. Birt, K.S.S.; (2) A. H. R. Martindale and J. R. D'Arcy Dawson, G.G.; F. D. Hornsby and D. G. S. Hayes, G.G.  
String Solo: (1) R. J. H. Williams, K.S.; (2) S. E. Smith, R.; (3) A. Plummer, B.

Wind Solo: (1) D. L. Almond, G.; (2) S. E. Smith, R.; (3) M. I. Charlesworth, K.S.

Broken Voice Solo: (1) J. A. Davidson, G.; (2) R. J. H. Williams, K.S. (3) A. P. Graham-Dixon, K.S.

Unbroken Voice Solo: (1) N. N. G. Maw, G. (2) A. H. R. Martindale, G. (3) R. J. Watts-Tobin, R.

Vocal Ensemble: (1) King's Scholars; (2) Grant's; (3) Rigaud's.

Original Compositions: (1) R. J. H. Williams, K.S.; (2) A. M. Allchin, K.S.; (3) P. Webb, K.S.

Points for the Erskine Music Cup:—King's Scholars 31½, Grant's 19½, Rigaud's 6, Ashburnham and Home-boards 2, Busby's 1.

Chamber Music: (1) A. M. Allchin, S. E. Smith, A. P. Graham-Dixon and R. J. H. Williams playing the Rondo from the Mozart Flute Quartet in D (K.285); (2) D. L. Almond, F. R. H. Almond, S. E. Smith, R. J. H. Williams and J. A. Davidson playing the Rondo from the Quintet for oboe, clarinet, horn, 'cello and piano (K.452) by Mozart; (3) H. T. S. Brown, P. Webb, R. J. H. Williams and C. F. Kingdon playing the first movement from the Piano Quartet in E flat op. 16 by Beethoven.

House Choirs: for the Exeter Cup: (1) King's Scholars. (2) Grant's; (3) Rigaud's.



## THE ROYAL WEDDING

THE SCHOOL TO BE REPRESENTED

The marriage of Princess Elizabeth with Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R.N., on November 20th, will be the fifth Royal Wedding in the Abbey in modern times.

The school has been represented at all of them, and at the Princess Royal's wedding in 1922 and the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Kent in 1934 the King's Scholars and senior Town Boys acted as Stewards. They will do so again on November 20th, and in addition the rest of the school will watch from reserved places outside the West Door of the Abbey.

## BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE

The King and Queen, the two Princesses, Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family were present at the Battle of Britain Service in the Abbey on July 10th. Eight King's Scholars, representing the School, took part in the ceremony, and the arrival and departure of the Royal Family were witnessed by the remainder of the School from Broad Sanctuary and the steps of the Crimean Memorial.

# THE FUNCTION OF THE ELIZABETHAN

## OUR READERS' QUERIES

IN response to a leading article in the June number of THE ELIZABETHAN, inviting our readers to give us their views on its functions, we have received a number of letters, and it is only natural that they represent widely different points of view. The first problem is perennial and self-evident—the different ages of our readers, which vary from thirteen to over eighty. In view of this, one correspondent writes:—

“The younger ones, those who left in the last fifteen years, probably want to know details of the games and the School itself, since they can remember the school much as it now is. The middle aged O.W.W. have probably the greatest interest of all, because we are going soon to send our sons to the school—I hope. We are also very interested in what our contemporaries are doing. The older O.W.W. I am not qualified to speak of, as I have not yet reached that stage. I imagine that when I am sixty I shall take less interest in games, and probably an increasing and somewhat mournful interest in your excellent obituary column.” He goes on to agree with all our other correspondents in their approval of the new cover, format, photographs and advertisements, whose standards we hope to maintain.

The next and most difficult problem is the achievement of a balance between reports of our various activities. Here is one view:—

“Especially would I lay stress upon giving as much room as possible to sport. The day will

come again when we can compete with such schools as Charterhouse and Winchester on more equal terms. In my day, football and cricket were given the very high place they deserve, and I hope and believe that this is still the case today.”

But we must remember that sport is but a part of our activities, and it is just as important, if not more so, to represent adequately our intellectual achievements. In one past number of THE ELIZABETHAN, out of a total of twelve pages, five were concerned exclusively with the efforts of eleven boys out of over three hundred in sport alone. Proportion? Here is the other side of the picture:—

“Pages of news by themselves could as well be drawn off a duplicator. The glossy pages of the present product, with the professional touch of the advertisements thrown in, call for something out of the ordinary. I should welcome the inclusion of ‘Home Talent,’ not merely as spice to my reading but as the plum in the printer’s pie.” This letter concludes with a plea for “those amber tinted reminiscences which enrich the Editors’ pages like port circulating after a banquet.” The answer to both these requests is: yes, if space permitted. Shortage of space is the crucial point, and we cannot do adequate justice to all the school’s activities both past and present, intellectual and physical. We shall do our best to be fair, but it is plain that we cannot please everybody.

# THE POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

## PROFESSOR ROBBINS ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

ON July 11 Professor Lionel Robbins spoke to the society on “Some economic aspects of the Post-War World.” To Professor Robbins’ certain knowledge, every day of his life had, according to the newspapers, been passed in a state of crisis; the present crisis which he had come to talk about involved the question:—“Shall we be warm and fully-employed this winter, shall we be still able to buy abroad, and how far into next year will our supply of dollars last?”

As we had now altogether ceased to pay our way in the world, it was essential that we increased our imports by seventy five per cent of the pre-war total. The government’s move to borrow abroad and to use the loan to reorganise

industry had failed; progress had been slow, and the Economic Survey of 1947 showed shortages of steel and timber, exhausted stocks and maldistribution of labour.

After the war there had been in the armed forces a vast reservoir of potential labour for industry; this labour had drifted to the wrong quarters, and the number of people working for export was far too small. We must first contract our commitments abroad and further curtail our imports, and secondly transfer labour to the export industries. The only place where labour could be spared was in the “Investment Sector,” and we should therefore resign ourselves to prolonged shortages of housing and shipping.



# THE ART EXHIBITION

THE Art Exhibition, the second since the re-entry of Art into the school curriculum eighteen months ago, was a decided improvement upon last summer's meagre collection. Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, senior inspector of art for the L.C.C., who kindly consented to act as critic, was most favourably impressed.

With some two hundred entries, the majority very close in quality, choosing the first twenty in order of merit was not an easy task. In some cases the final order may be thought controversial, but I do not think anyone will quarrel with the placing of M. D. S. O'Brien at the head. F. D. Bateson and H. G. Dickinson, second and third place respectively, entered some good work particularly effective in colour. Colour otherwise was the weakest aspect of a generally well-designed show; if the colour of S. L. H. Clarke's interesting designs had been less primary, more adventurous in exploring the possibilities of subtle variations, they would have received the notice I consider they deserved.

Among the rest, W. J. Frampton (O.W.) entered two black and white drawings so good in understanding of design that had he been still an active member of the school he would have been placed very high indeed upon the list. G. L. Law's study of a waterfall, for colour and general feeling, ranked among the best considered pictures in the room. P. Webb's puppets provided a variation in exhibit and were well and ingeniously designed; his general work was also good.

First place among the competing houses fell to the King's Scholars, followed by Rigaud's, Grant's, Busby's and Homeboarder's in that order.



## THE J. T. C.

The main features of last term's training programme after the inspection were a field day at Banstead Heath on June 24th and a Certificate A examination on July 8th. The field day was given over to an inter-house competition which was won by Grant's after a close contest. The Certificate A test was primarily for Part I, for which we had a large entry of 45 candidates. All but three were successful. The performance in Part II was disappointing after the high standard reached in the preceding two terms. There were only three candidates; Cdt. Beard (B) passed, but the other two failed.

Three cadets attended summer holiday courses. Cadet Bostock (G) went on a fortnight's Engineering Course organised by Southern Command, and distinguished himself by being recommended for the award of a Certificate T badge. Cpls. Wall and Momtchiloff (BB) went on a short course at the Royal Armoured Corps Training Camp at Barnard Castle.

This term we have over fifty recruits and the contingent is now organised in two companies—for the first time for many years. Despite this increase in numbers, we are suffering from a temporary shortage of cadet N.C.O.'s—only twenty being available for the eight platoons. However, they are nearly all experienced instructors, so we need have no fear that the standard of instruction will decline. The senior cadet this term is Anderson (B), who becomes a Company Sergeant Major, and the platoon commanders are Buckler (B), Adie (KS), Almond (G), Steele (AH), Clarke (KS), Enfield (R) and Wade (KS).



## THE SCOUTS

THIS year we returned to Seathwaite where we had been three years ago. We went up to the Lakes by a night train and pitched camp by day, thus avoiding the necessity for an advance party. This system does not delay our normal activities by a single day and is well worth while.

One of the main achievements of camp was the construction of a field oven by the two O.W.W., since the primus one we usually use was out of order. Anything that needed a fast oven could be cooked on it but unless someone was in continual attendance we found it difficult to cook other things without burning.

Fortunately this year the weather was good, apart from a freak North East wind which gave us some anxious moments, as all our tents were pitched to be protected from a South West wind, so we were able to make full use of our opportunities.

This camp, like the last, was spent mainly in climbing hills, and one or two hike camps took place, besides visits to Furness Abbey and the Roman villa near Ravenglass.

Meanwhile in France two members of the troop were enjoying a scout camp of a rather different character. The Jamboree de la Paix contained representatives of forty-seven nations, and, temporarily at least, the curse of Babel descended on Moisson.

This term we welcome Mr. Prag as an instructor. He will begin by teaching Meteorology, one of the qualifying badges for the Bushman's Thong, to senior members of the troop.

# THE WATER

## HENLEY AND THE SCHOOL REGATTA

THE entry this year for the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley was poor; schools had to decide beforehand whether they would enter for this or the Ladies' Plate, and the majority of schools chose the latter. This was all the more surprising, as schools in general had agitated for years before the war for an all schools event. Of the schools that did enter Bedford, Shrewsbury and Bedford Modern were the best and we were unlucky to draw Bedford in the first round. We were no match for them and were beaten fairly easily in 7 minutes 34 seconds. Bedford had no great difficulty in retaining the cup and their times proved them to be one of the fastest crews in either this event or the Ladies' Plate.

Immediately Henley was over, strenuous practice started for the School Regatta; the second eight was, however, kept together for another fortnight to compete in a newly arranged Schools' Event in Putney Town Regatta on July 19th. Unfortunately there was only one other competitor—a crew from Latymer Upper who had previously scratched all their earlier races with us. Feeling consequently ran quite high and amidst much excitement the second eight won a very good race, thus winning the newly awarded trophy.

The School Regatta as usual occupied very fully the last fortnight of term; entries were good, there being as many as 70 entries for the sculling events alone, and the racing was marked by much keenness and enthusiasm and by some extremely well fought contests. The records for both the Senior and Junior-Senior Fours were lowered in each case by a crew from Grant's. Of the winners, Berkinshaw-Smith and Beard in the Sculls, and Berkinshaw-Smith and Lapage in the Double Sculls were never seriously challenged; (this last event was an innovation in the place of the pairs). Grant's, with two Pinks and two Pink-and-Whites, were undoubtedly the best house Four, but despite their disparity on paper there was very little to choose between the remaining crews. The finals were extremely well divided, each house winning at least one event. In consequence the points for the Halahan Cup were very level, the cup eventually going to Busby's with 41 points, Grant's with 37 and King's Scholars with 31 being second and third.

The results of the finals were:—

Senior Fours: Grant's (P. C. Pearson, R. E. Nagle, D. N. Croft, R. A. Lapage, H. Ward) beat King's Scholars by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in 5 minutes 10 seconds.

Junior-Senior Fours: Rigaud's A (M. C. Steele, V. D. Pippett, C. B. Merson, T. J. Meager, D. J. Chanter) beat King's Scholars by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths in 4 minutes 40 seconds.

Junior Fours: Busby's B (J. Kay-Mouat, R. G. Eastell, G. Morton, R. C. Haven, A. M. Howard) beat Busby's A by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in 2 minutes 56 seconds.

Double Sculls: B. C. Berkinshaw-Smith (KS) and R. A. Lapage (G) beat D. Plummer (B) and H. McC.Buckler (B) by four lengths in 4 minutes 49 seconds.

Senior Sculls: B. C. Berkinshaw-Smith (KS) beat J. M. Gray (R) by four lengths in 5 minutes, 3 seconds.

Junior-Senior Sculls: R. W. Beard (B) beat V. D. Pippett (R) easily in 4 minutes 31 seconds.

Junior Sculls: J. Eker (HB) beat K. G. Smith (B) by one foot in 3 minutes 58 seconds.

The Coxes' race was won by H. Ward and Lamprobaty by Town Boys.

Conditions remained excellent throughout the fortnight and we were very pleased to see so many friends and supporters at the Boathouse. Lady Eady very kindly gave away the prizes.

Encouraged by the support given to the Schools' Head of the River race last winter, we attempted to get up an inter-schools regatta for the last Monday of term. Again support from the schools was most encouraging, no fewer than ten schools sending competitors. The course decided on was from the Mile Post to the Boathouse for senior events and from the end of the fence to the Boathouse for junior events. A fine afternoon and of course refreshments by Mrs. Brocklesby contributed to a very enjoyable fixture which we hope to see a permanent event in our rowing programme. Racing was keen and the results of the finals were as follows:—

Senior Fours: Westminster (Grant's House Four) dead heated with King's College, Wimbledon in 3 minutes 21 seconds, St Paul's coming third.

Junior Fours: Westminster (A. J. Allan, J. F. Britten, C. M. Steele, S. J. Barrett, D. S. Walker) beat King's College, Wimbledon and St. Paul's by  $\frac{1}{4}$  length in 3 minutes 14 seconds.

Senior Sculls: Westminster (B.C. Berkinshaw-Smith) beat St. Paul's (R. A. L. Craig) by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths in 3 minutes 37 seconds.

Junior Sculls: Westminster (J. M. Gray) beat Kingston (R. D. Finlay) and Westminster (H. Ward) by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in 3 minutes 21 seconds.

The Coxes' race was won by Westminster (J. M. Johnston-Noad).

Other schools represented were University College School, Kingston Grammar School, City of London School, Haberdasher's Aske's, Hampstead School, Tiffin's School, Chiswick County School and Owen's School.



# ATHLETICS

## CRICKET

### 1ST XI V. THE ETON RAMBLERS ON JUNE THE 28TH AT GROVE PARK

Owing to the bad weather only two and a half hours' play was possible, and it was arranged that each side should bat for an hour and a quarter. The School went in first, and Lummis and Murray batted soundly but slowly, putting on 54 for the first wicket against accurate bowling. Wickets then fell quickly as the batsmen tried to force the pace, and the innings was declared at 67 for 4. The Ramblers in turn forced the pace successfully against good bowling, by Wade in particular. The School's total was passed with 8 wickets to fall, but, chiefly owing to fine wicket-keeping by Murray, the innings ended at 111.

Westminster 67 for 4 declared (Murray 24, Lummis 22).

Eton Ramblers 111 (Wade 6 for 26).

### 1ST XI V. THE BUTTERFLIES ON JULY 5TH AT GROVE PARK

The School won the toss and batted first on a very easy wicket. Lummis and Murray opened competently against some rather innocuous bowling until at 65 Lummis was bowled. Pitamber made some beautiful strokes and when Murray was out Law hit hard all round the wicket until the innings was declared, leaving the Butterflies just under two hours batting. At first the Butterflies were well behind the clock, but when R. C. Low came in runs came quickly in spite of accurate bowling. The match was eventually won with four minutes to spare for the loss of only one more wicket.

Westminster 151 for 5 declared (Law 40 not out, Murray 35, Lummis 28, Pitamber 24).

Butterflies 154 for 3. (R. C. Low 77 not out).

### 1ST XI V. CHARTERHOUSE ON JULY 12TH AT GODALMING

CHARTERHOUSE			
R. L. Whitby, b Wade	...	...	0
D. Javerne, b Clarke	...	...	23
P. J. Nathan, lbw b Wade	...	...	79
P. B. H. May, c Almond b Clarke	...	...	1
H. B. S. Gemmel, hit wkt b Kingdon	...	...	7
S. E. A Kimmins, b Wade	...	...	0
J. W. H. May b Wade,	...	...	7
N. R. Burt, lbw b Clarke	...	...	32
J. M. Baker, lbw b Clarke	...	...	50
G. A. Meyer, not out	...	...	12
A. Kamm, b Clarke	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	19
			234

Clarke 5 for 42, Wade 4 for 77.

WESTMINSTER			
H. L. Murray, c May b Burt	...	...	4
C. J. Lummis, c Kamm b Whitby	...	...	0
R. K. Pitamber, b Whitby	...	...	5
G. L. Law, lbw b Burt	...	...	0
D. L. Almond, c Meyer b Burt	...	...	0
R. J. Robinson, b Whitby	...	...	0
F. R. H. Almond, b Whitby	...	...	1
D. J. P. Wade, b Burt	...	...	1
J. R. Wall, b Whitby	...	...	5
S. L. H. Clarke, not out	...	...	3
C. F. Kingdon, b Meyer	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	9
			29

Whitby 5 for 11, Burt 4 for 8.

This was a most disappointing match. When Charterhouse batted first having won the toss, Wade clean bowled Whitby on a good wicket with the first ball of the match. The next wicket however put on 102, but 4 wickets fell quickly to good bowling by Wade and Clarke in spite of dropped catches, and the total at lunch was 112 for 5. After lunch two more wickets fell quickly, but the Charterhouse tail fought gallantly putting on 95 for the next two wickets and the final total was 234. Wade and Clarke both bowled admirably, the former before lunch and the latter after. From the time that Lummis was caught at the wicket in the first over, the Westminster innings was a procession, only Murray and Wall putting up any resistance against really good bowling and fielding. It was an unworthy display on a good wicket.

### 1ST XI V. J. R. PEEBLES' XI ON JULY 19TH AT GROVE PARK

Mr. Peebles' XI won the toss and batting first on a wicket that later dried out gave an uneven display against steady bowling and, for once, good catching. The later batsmen hit out but their total was only 100. The school started badly but Law, Almond, Guymmer and Watts all batted well, but were out when well set, and it was left to the last pair to make the winning hit and win the match.

J. R. Peebles' XI 100 (Clarke 3 for 7, Law 3 for 22, Wade 3 for 26).

Westminster 103.

### 1ST XI V. OLD WESTMINSTERS ON JULY 26TH AT GROVE PARK

The Old Westminsters won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket. The opening pair, J. D. Percival and R. W. E. Law, started shakily but settled down and scored steadily but slowly against accurate bowling and good fielding until at 102, R. Law was bowled. The O.W.W. then

## FIVES

forced the pace and declared, leaving the school just under an hour and three quarters' batting. Two wickets fell quickly but Lummis and Law batted soundly and when Lummis was out and two more wickets fell soon after, Law and Almond F. batted on till stumps were drawn.

Old Westminsters 168 for 3 wickets declared (J. D. Percival 63, R. W. E. Law 62).

Westminster : 75 for 5 (Law 31 not out, Lummis 22).

COLTS V. HIGHGATE AT HIGHGATE.

Colts 68 (Kingdon 23). Highgate 73 for 8 (Kingdon 5 for 28).

COLTS V. HARROW AT HARROW.

Colts 124 (Williams 46). Harrow 76 for 2.

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King's Scholars 83 (Law 28, Anderson 5 for 13).

Town Boys 178 (Pitamber 67, Guymer 35, Almond D. 26).

College beat Grant's by 1 wicket in the final of Seniors.

### THE AVERAGES

BATTING.	Innings.	Not		Highest	Average
		Out.	Runs		
G. L. Law ...	11	2	250	102	27.78
C. J. Lummis	9	1	145	39*	18.13
H. L. Murray	11	0	153	50	13.90
D. J. P. Wade	6	1	55	27	11.00
F. R. H. Almond	7	2	55	21*	11.00
J. A. Guymer	9	0	91	29	10.11

\* denotes not out.

BOWLING	Overs	M's	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. L. H. Clarke	124.4	23	368	22	16.73
D. J. P. Wade	102	15	305	18	16.90
J. R. Wall ...	110	13	330	10	33.00
G. L. Law ...	52	3	245	7	35.00

The following colours were awarded :

Pinks to D. J. P. Wade, S. L. H. Clarke, J. A. Guymer, and D. L. Almond.

Pink and Whites to F. R. H. Almond.

Thirds to R. K. Pitamber and C. F. Kingdon.

## LAWN TENNIS

About 35 boys chose tennis as their station in the summer term, and the only satisfactory courts permanently available were those at the Sydenham club on Thursday afternoons. Later in the term through the kindness of Cubitt Estates we were able to use a court in Warwick Square in the evening of non-games days, which gave the team some necessary practice, and on games afternoons we were able to book the grass courts in Regents Park. All these different surfaces made practice difficult and the school team, splendidly led by Anderson, played very creditably at Lancing, only losing by the third set in the odd match. At Aldenham, against a strong side, who had the advantage of a professional coach, we lost more heavily: the last match against the staff was interrupted by rain with the masters leading.

Efforts are being made to obtain a coach, and by this means and a full use of the Warwick Square court it is hoped that the present rather low standard of tennis will improve.

The fives courts are once again in full use. Once the supply of materials, labour and licence were finally synchronised the work of glazing the roof and of putting the lighting into order did not take so very long. It was left to the school maintenance staff to round the job off by putting up new wire netting under the glass as a safety precaution and by giving the courts a much-needed scrub after their years of exposure.

It will be remembered that fives was catching on like wildfire two years ago with a school all of which had to be taught from the beginning. The first, and really fatal, check came after only a few weeks when the absence of lighting made it impossible to play in the periods between school and supper, and later the courts were put entirely out of action owing to the danger of falling glass. Now all that is past; the School again possesses its four lit courts which were so widely envied, and one hopes that a comparable enthusiasm to that of 1945 will bring to a great number of large and small players the charm of the game and a pre-war standard of proficiency in it. The Old Guard of fives-playing masters, reinforced by several new recruits, is standing by to get the teaching of the game going, and before long hopes to have school pairs to take it on and put it in the shade as some of their predecessors used to do.

## GYM

The gym display was followed by the individual and inter-house competitions. F. R. H. Almond won the senior, with I. N. Momtchiloff and D. L. Almond as second and third, and G. V. Chapman won the junior, while Grant's beat Busby's by 12 points for the House cup.

## FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

With several of last year's team available, including Captain and Secretary, there would appear to be the nucleus of a useful side. Several positions remain to be filled, however, especially the two wing positions. At inside forward there is every prospect that a useful combination will develop between Anderson, Pitamber and Guymer, while the half-back line, with Law at centre-half and Almond and G. Smith showing great promise at wing-half, should prove effective in attack and defence. The versatile Momtchiloff can play almost equally well in goal or on the field, and Steward and Griffiths are establishing a sound partnership at full-back.



# OLD WESTMINSTERS

## BIRTHS

AITKEN—On June 22nd, 1947, to Jane, wife of the Hon. Max Aitken, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.P., a daughter.  
BARLAS—On July 15th, 1947, in London, to Ann, wife of Richard Barlas, a son.  
BEYTS—On July 16th, 1947, in Abbottabad, N.W.F.P. India, to Joan, wife of Major A. G. A. Beyts, a son.  
CHEADLE—On September 11th, 1947, in London, to Peggy Clare, wife of J. R. Cheadle, a son.  
CLOUT—On September 11th, 1947, at Shanghai, to Freda Mary, wife of Major Colin H. Clout, a daughter.  
DENZA—On August 9th, 1947, in London, to Joyce, wife of Luigi Denza, a son.  
HAVERS—On June 20th, 1947, in Sussex, to Barbara, wife of C. O. Havers, a son.  
KEEL—On July 8th, 1947, at Green Street Green, Kent, to Pauline, wife of F. C. Keel, a son.  
KING—On August 20th, 1947, at Blandford, to Kathleen, wife of R. M. King, a son.  
MALLINSON—On September 9th, 1947, in London, to Eila, wife of Sir Paul Mallinson, a daughter.  
MORTON—On June 17th, 1947, at Orpington, to Lorna Margaret, wife of John Morton, a son.  
PATON—On July 21st, 1947, at Bournemouth, to Mary, wife of John L. Paton, a son.  
RADCLIFFE—On June 27th, 1947, at 155 Military Hospital, B.A.O.R. to the wife of Major G. L. Y. Radcliffe, K.S.L.I., a daughter.  
STANLEY—On May 20th, 1947, at Johannesburg, South Africa, to Daphne, wife of R. H. Stanley, a daughter.  
TWEDDLE—On August 28th, 1947, at East Molesey, to Pamela, wife of Alistair R. S. Tweddle, a daughter.  
WILLOUGHBY—On September 11th, 1947, in London, to Hilary, wife of J. L. Willoughby, O.B.E., a daughter.

## MARRIAGES

BEYTS : JOSEPH—On August 16th, 1947, at Welwyn Garden City, Nicholas MacDonald, to Judith Kathleen Marie Beyts only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Joseph of Birmingham and Cambridge.  
CHARRINGTON : GREEN—On September 5th, 1947, at Singapore, Harold Francis Charrington to Betty Frances, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green of High Lane, Burslem. Staffs.  
EGGAR : WILSON—On August 14th, 1947, Major R. A. J. Eggar, M.B.E., R.A.S.C., to Ann Gabrielle Wilson, daughter of the late Lt. Col. A. G. Horsfall, D.S.O., and Mrs. W. M. Wilson.  
GAINSBOROUGH : STOURTON—On July 23rd, The Earl of Gainsborough to Mary Stourton, elder

daughter of the Hon. J. J. Stourton, of Camden Hill, Wadhurst, Sussex, and of the Hon. Mrs. Stourton of Withington Court, Nr. Cheltenham.  
GRUNDY : HAMILTON-JONES—On September 13th, 1947, F. E. Christopher Grundy to Muriel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton-Jones of Kingswood Hall, Dulwich.  
HADFIELD : DEXTER—On July 5th, 1947, Dr. G. Hadfield to Eileen, only daughter of Mr. W. R. Dexter of Bickley.  
HANNAM : HIGGINS—On August 9th, 1947, Michael Hannam, to Sybil, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Higgins, 110 Caversham Avenue, Palmers Green.  
HAWORTH-BOOTH : PAGE-TURNER—On July 10th, 1947, Michael Haworth-Booth to Cassandra Page-Turner.  
HENDERSON : KAHANE—On September 22nd, 1947, Alexander J. Henderson to Liesel Kahane, daughter of the late Dr. Max and Mrs. Wilhelm.  
HOWARD : SHARP—On July 26th, 1947, Lt. Macauley Howard, U.S.N., to Mary Clifford, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp of Wimbledon.  
JACKSON : GAUMAND—On September 3rd, 1947, Gildart Jackson to Lucette Gaumand, of Paris.  
KINCHIN-SMITH : WILLINK—On September 20th, 1947, Michael Kinchin-Smith, to Rachel Frances, elder daughter of the Rt. Hon. Henry Willink, K.C., M.P., and Mrs. Willink of 102 Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8.  
MEYER : EMERSON—On June 20th, 1947, John Stirling Meyer to Muriel Storey Haskell Emerson.  
NOEL-BAKER : SAUNDERS—On August 1st, 1947, Francis Edward Noel-Baker, M.P., to Ann Lavinia Saunders, only daughter of Mr. Hilary A. St. George Saunders, of Heathfield, Sussex, and the late Mrs. Saunders.  
PIGGOT : FERNANDEZ—On July 19th, 1947, Sir George Bettesworth Piggott, K.B.E., to Constance Louise (nee Kennard) widow of Enrique Juan Penard Fernandez.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

KIRLEW : MACRAE : On September 15th, 1897, Edward Oliver Kirlew to Emily Elizabeth Mary Macrae. Present address, 19 Kinnaird Avenue, Bromley.



## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The School Concert will be held on Tuesday December 16th. It will be the first to be held up School since its restoration. To mark the occasion it will be followed by a reception in Ashburnham House.

## OBITUARY

WE record with great regret the deaths of the following Old Westminsters :

CHARLES GURSON BATLEY who died on May 4th at Ipswich at the age of 58, was admitted to the School in 1902. He became a solicitor and practised in London. He was twice married.

RALPH HAMON BELLAIRS was admitted in 1881 and was elected into College in 1883. From Westminster he went up to Balliol, where he won the Abbott Scholarship, and took his Mus. Bac. in 1893. He became Musical Director at Bradfield, and later organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Cheltenham. He became a Doctor of Music in 1904. He published a number of compositions, and was the author of a book on pianoforte technique. He married Mary, daughter of the Rev. T. G. P. Pope, D.D.

EDMUND GERALD BURTON entered the School in 1887. From Christ Church he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple, but subsequently entered his father's business as a solicitor in Daventry. He served as a trooper in Bethune's Horse in the South African War, and in the 2nd Life Guards in 1914. Later he received a commission in the R.A.S.C. and retired in 1921 with the rank of Brevet Colonel. He was mentioned in dispatches and received the O.B.E. for his services in the war, and more recently became C.B.E. He married first Maud, daughter of H. H. Attenborough, and secondly Ruby, daughter of William Love.

HUGH VANDERVAES LELY died on January 23rd at the age of 55. He was at Westminster from 1905 to 1907, and afterwards became Assistant Conservator of Forests in the West African Forest Service. He was twice married.

JOHN ABEL ROBERTSON who died at Worthing on May 9th at the age of 71 was at the School from 1889 to 1894.

GEOFFREY PHILIP WOODHAMS entered Westminster in 1920 and left in 1923. He went up to Worcester College, Oxford in 1925. He died on May 4th, at the age of 40.

THE HONOURABLE PETER RUDYARD AITKEN, younger son of Lord Beaverbrook, died recently in Sweden last August at the age of 34. He was up Rigaud's from 1925 to 1930, and became a member of the School Cricket XI. In the last war he held a commission in the Royal Fusiliers.

JAMES EDWARD CECIL BIGWOOD, who died in his 85th year, was admitted to the School in 1877. He later went to up Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He was sworn a Justice of the Peace in 1892, and became chairman of the Finsbury Bench in 1919, from which he retired only a few months ago. He married Maud, daughter of Mr. Robert Porter.

ARTHUR RHYS HALLIDIE came to Westminster with the name of A. R. Smith in 1872, and went into College in the next year. He was elected head to Christ Church and was admitted both to the inner Temple and to Lincoln's Inn, where he was called to the bar in 1886. He became an equity draftsman and conveyancer, and for twenty-three years was Chief Education Officer for Hertfordshire. He took the surname of Hallidie in 1891. He died at the age of 88.

CHRISTOPHER REGINALD WALTER HEATH, son of Christopher Heath, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, entered Westminster in 1875. In 1890 he took a 1st Class in the Final Law Examination, and received the Law Society's Prize. He married Frances Annie, daughter of R. J. King-Church. He was 83.

CHARLES EDMUND LART was born in 1867 and admitted in 1882. He went up to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was known as the leading authority on Huguenot genealogies, and was often consulted by the College-of-Arms. In the First World War, he served in India with the N.W. Frontier Field Force from 1914 to 1916, and later was attached as Instructor to the New Zealand Forces. He was also an archaeologist. He married Amy Vincent, daughter of the Rev. E. C. Watson, and had five children.

EDMUND RUSSELL MASON was born in 1889, and admitted as a King's Scholar in 1902. He went up to Christ Church in 1907. After a few years spent in Mexico he returned to England and joined the army. In the first World War he served with the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment and won the M.C. in 1917. After a period in Africa, he went to India as a rubber planter, and later saw service in China. During the last war he went to Bermuda with the censorship, and there his marriage took place to Miss Marjorie Watlington. Owing to failing health he had to give up active work, and lived quietly in Bermuda till his death last June at the age of 58.

JOHN ABEL ROBERTSON was born in 1876 and was at the School from 1889 to 1894. He died on June 9th.

ARTHUR SEVERN whose father and two brothers were at Westminster, came to the School in 1888, and went on to Exeter College, Oxford. In the first World War he served with the R.N.V.R.

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL SHARPE, who died at Bournemouth at the age of 77, was admitted in 1881, and became a Queen's Scholar in 1884. After Cambridge he taught in Preparatory Schools, and became Head Master of South Hill Park School at Bromley. In 1908 he took Holy Orders, and held in succession the livings of Wendover, South Petherton, Nettlecombe and West Lul-



worth. In the 1914 War he served as a chaplain to the Forces. He married Ethel Lavinia, daughter of S. H. C. Taylor, I.C.S.

PENROSE LANYON WATKIN-WILLIAMS was at the School from 1882 to 1883. He studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, and took his F.R.C.S. in 1910. The greater part of his life was spent in practice at Padstow. He served in France with the R.A.M.C., was wounded on the Somme, and was awarded the D.S.O. in 1916. He married Ellen Margaret, daughter of G. T. Skilbeck, of St. Issy, Cornwall.



The School has suffered a sad loss by the sudden death of MR. EDGAR SHEPHERD, who joined the Staff on our return to London in 1945. From Oxford he had gone to King's College School, where he taught from 1934 to 1938, but it had always been his hope that one day he might come to Westminster. Here he quickly showed his skill as a teacher of younger boys. He was master of one of the Transitus forms and took a very real interest in the individual members of his classes. He was quick to discover interests and ability in even the slowest of his pupils. It was matter of regret to him that there were so few opportunities for dramatic performances, and had he been longer with us, he would doubtless have helped to remedy this defect; for, although he taught chiefly Latin, he was a keen student of English Literature and Drama. His health, which had never been good, broke down in the early summer, but his death after only a few weeks' illness came as a severe shock to us all. He leaves a widow and child, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their tragic loss.

In the recent Government changes, Major John Freeman, M.P., Financial Secretary to the War Office, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Supply.

Sir Henry Tizard will preside at this month's Commonwealth defence talks in London.

Mr. V. M. Barrington-Ward, C.B.E., Divisional General Manager, L.N.E.R., has been appointed a full-time member of the Railway Executive.

Mr. J. M. Troutbeck, C.M.G., Assistant Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, has been appointed Head of the British Middle East Office at Cairo.

Mr. J. S. P. Bradford has been appointed University Demonstrator in Ethnology at Oxford.

Mr. N. J. P. Brown was the in 1st Class of the Final Honours School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics; and Mr. P. H. J. Lloyd-Jones *proxime accessit* in the de Paravicini Scholarship.

The Rev. J. R. H. Thorold has been appointed tutor of Ripon Hall, Oxford; and the Rev. Canon G. E. A. Whitworth has been appointed Vicar of Great St. Mary's at Cambridge.

The Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith has been appointed Archdeacon of London in succession to the Ven. E. N. Sharpe (O.W.).

Group-Captain the Hon Max Aitken, M.P., has been elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### THE PRONUNCIATION OF LATIN.

*To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN*

Sirs.—Mr. Bowen's recollection has deceived him. There is not in existence at Westminster, nor, so far as I know, elsewhere, any contemporary evidence of a change officially imposed upon the pronunciation of Latin. When we consider how widespread was the use of colloquial Latin at the time not merely in scholastic circles but in the Courts, in diplomacy and the learned world, any such order would have been a minor social revolution, and the mere fact that there is no contemporary reference to it is in itself sufficient to discredit the myth.

Failing such evidence Mr. Bowen's argument really amounts to the assertion that because (1) the pronunciation of English has changed profoundly since Shakespeare's day and (2) two generations later the English pronunciation of Latin was unintelligible to foreigners, therefore (3) there must have been a sudden change in the English pronunciation of Latin in Shakespeare's time.

Most people will I think prefer to this *non sequitur* John Sargeant's theory that as our pronunciation of English words derived from the Latin conforms strictly to the rules according to which Latin was pronounced, the two have grown and changed together, for it will hardly be asserted that Elizabeth was able to revolutionise the pronunciation of English as well as Latin.

I would suggest that John Sargeant's theory is strongly confirmed by the precise parallel of the development of the pronunciation in the Law Courts of Norman French words, many of which have passed into common usage, and still bear witness to our national gift for naturalising a foreign tongue.

And here quite apart from the innate conservatism of the lawyers, which in spite of all the pundits still leaves us with Habeas Corpus and Nisi Prius and so forth, we have good contemporary evidence for Pre-Reformation usage, if so be Maitland was right in identifying the lawyers' French with Chaucer's French of Stratford-atte-Bowe.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE.

# THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the school on Tuesday, 30th September, 1947.

In accordance with the new rule passed last year, Sir Robert Wilkinson was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. A. Clifford Feasey and Mr. D. M. M. Carey were re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Mr. J. D. Carleton, Mr. E. H. V. McDougall, Mr. R. G. Woodwark and Mr. D. R. Mullis were newly elected members of the General Committee.

The Dean of Westminster, as Chairman of the Governing Body, addressed the meeting on the reconstruction programme and future prospects of the school.

This meeting was preceded by a special General Meeting at which it was unanimously decided that, in order to increase the Club's income, four-fifths of all money paid by way of subscription for membership should be treated as income and only the remaining one-fifth as capital.

The meeting also unanimously approved a new rule that the Head Master on his appointment should be invited, and assistant masters who have served a total period of seven years at the school may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Club.

## THE ANNUAL DINNER

The first Club dinner since the war was held in Church House Restaurant, Dean's Yard, on Tuesday, 30th September, 1947. A record number attended (145) and the guests included Mr. Henry Willink, K.C., High Bailiff of Westminster, the Dean of Westminster and the Mayor of the City of Westminster.

Mr. Willink and the Mayor replied to the toast of the guests proposed by Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, and the toast of Floreat was proposed by the Chairman, Sir Robert Wilkinson. The Chairman's health was proposed by the Dean of Westminster.

After dinner a reception was held in Ashburnham House.

The President, Viscount Davidson, was unavoidably prevented from attending both the meetings and the Dinner, owing to absence abroad.

## THE WESTMINSTER BALL

At a recent meeting of the Patrons and Committee it was unanimously decided to postpone the Ball and to meet again early in the year to consider holding one in the summer.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

The Committee have decided to have the names of Old Westminsters killed in the two World Wars inscribed in two volumes, and appeal for special donations towards the expense of having them suitably illuminated and bound.

They would be glad to receive the names of any firms known to O.W.W. or preferably, of any O.W.W., who would undertake this work.

It has also been decided to open a special fund to meet the cost of replacing the oak chairs up School which were destroyed by enemy action or damaged during the evacuation; the suggested donation is £3 3s. 0d. Full details of the fund will be sent on application.

The Pancake Fund is still open, and it is hoped that all O.W.W. who ever took part in the Greaze will send a small contribution.

## FOOTBALL

The 1st XI has been entered for the Arthur Dunn and A.F.A. Senior Cups and the "A" XI for the A.F.A. Junior Cup. More playing members are very urgently required to fulfil fixtures arranged and anyone who would like to play should notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Thompson, "Kenmuir," Bickley Park Road, Bickley, Kent. Tel. No. Imperial 99.

## SQUASH RACKETS FIXTURES

- Nov. 25th Lansdowne Club (Home).
- Dec. 10th Old Brentwoods at Brentwood School.
- Dec. 16th Kensington Close at Kensington Close.
- Dec. 23rd Old Paulines at Ealing.
- Jan. 14th Metropolitan Police at Trenchard House.
- Feb. 4th University College Hospital at U.C.S.
- Feb. 5th Lansdowne Club at Lansdowne Club.
- Feb. 11th Old Brentwoods (Home).
- Mar. 25th Kensington Close (Home).

Arrangements have now been made for O.W.W. home matches to take place at the Latimer Squash Rackets Club, Hammersmith.



## SHOOTING

Although there were no school matches last term, the inter-house competitions were held and the cup was won by College, who beat Busby's by one point. This term D. L. Almond is Captain and Mr. J. E. Mollison, master in charge; three matches have already taken place and the team looks forward to shooting against Lancing for the Waller cup.





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