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## THE SCHOOL MISSION

THE news that the School Mission was to be refounded was received with a certain diffidence by those inside the School who noticed it at all—a diffidence to be expected in a generation which has grown up sceptical about the value of the type of relationship the pre-war Mission stood for and encouraged. Few, however, were averse to the re-opening of the School Mission Boys' Club which had existed before the war, realising that it would stand or fall according to its merits, facing as it must the rivalry of various other youth clubs already in existence.

The decision to buy a hall for a club in Peckham came as a surprise. As has recently been pointed out in *The Elizabethan*, one of the principal advantages of the pre-war Club was the personal contact it made possible between the School and the Mission, which gave to many of the subscribers inside the School the only proof of its merit. As the journey to Peckham takes three-quarters of an hour, personal contact cannot be a strong link between the School and the Club. Furthermore, maintenance expenses will be so great that the amount contributed by the School cannot be enough to justify the implications of the

Club's name. Lacking both personal and financial contact, the School can benefit very little. Nowadays this is an important consideration. A school does not undertake social work indiscriminately. The benefit to both the givers and the receivers has come to be recognised as equally important.

Nevertheless, if the project is calculated to help the people of Peckham, and if there is adequate financial support, we wish it well. Any enterprise which is started and maintained by the devotion of Old Westminsters is to that extent justified in bearing the name of the school. As to distance from the school, it was pointed out at one of the preliminary meetings that many famous schools in the depths of the country have run school missions in London, to which visits were made by members of the school and to which boys could devote their time after leaving school. But the present generation of Westminsters may be excused for feeling that a school club in Peckham is a very different thing from the old School Mission in Napier Hall, a few minutes' walk from Dean's Yard.



Mr. Walter Hamilton : A Study

# THE NEW HEAD MASTER

APPOINTMENT OF MR. WALTER HAMILTON

THE Governing Body has appointed Mr. Walter Hamilton, Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge, as Head Master in succession to Mr. J. T. Christie, who has been elected Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Mr. Hamilton, who is 41 and a bachelor, was a scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he gained a first class in the Classical Tripos. In December, 1933, he went as a master to Eton and was Master in College from 1937 to 1946, when he returned to Trinity as Fellow and Tutor.

It is nearly half a century since a Cambridge man was appointed Head Master. Dr. Gow, like Mr. Hamilton, came from Trinity, as did several of the greatest of his predecessors, Vincent and Scott among them. But on the whole Oxford has had more than its fair share of appointments. Of the 33 Head Masters of Westminster since

1540 only ten have been educated at Cambridge, and of these one, Edward Grant who went up to St. John's in 1563, later migrated to Oxford. From Richard Ireland (1598-1610) to Edmund Goodenough (1819-28) every Head Master was a Westminster foundationer, and to William Markham (1753-64) every Head Master was also a Christ Church man. Never before has a Master in College at Eton become Head Master of Westminster, but Nicholas Udall, the well-known author of *Ralph Roister Doister*, had been Head Master of Eton before he was appointed to Westminster in 1555.

Mr. Hamilton will not occupy the Head Master's house, but will occupy the flat in No. 17 Dean's Yard, where the Head Master has resided since the war.

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## THE CONCERT

THE first half of the concert by the Choral and Orchestral Societies on Friday, July 22nd, consisted of selected items which had been performed in the School Music Competition. It opened with Grant's House Choir singing Hely Hutchinson's "Song of Soldiers," which was followed by two movements from Faure's "Dolly" Suite, with C. F. Kingdon and D. F. Whitton at the piano. The Berceuse was attractively played, being cool and unhurried. In the Weelkes "Upon a Hill" the balance was obviously upset by the illness of A. Plummer, though the Alto singer's attack was very commendable. In the Finale of the Beethoven Quintet in E Flat for Oboe, Clarinet, Horn, Bassoon and Pianoforte, the pianist was to be congratulated for his piloting of his colleagues through some writing for the Wind, which demands great rhythmic sense and exact intonation.

One wondered occasionally in the first part of the programme whether it might have been better at the end of term concert to have heard the ensemble of the combined talent of the School. With "These Things Shall Be," by John Ireland, however, we were able to hear what could be done with all the resources at the School's command, and the result was a fine achievement in that it made exciting a work that requires such youthful enthusiasm if it is to be effective. Great

credit is due to Mr. Arnold Foster, who conducted well throughout and was master and mentor conspicuously in this work.

The interval was enlivened by a bugle call which recalled us from the cool of the outside to the lively good humour of Beethoven in one of his happiest moods. The sonorous tones of the first movement of the Eighth Symphony were better suited to the orchestra than the elusive delicacies of the Scherzando. Noticeable in the Minuet and Trio was the playing of the Woodwind, which completely atoned for the slight raggedness in the first two movements.

After this major work, "News from Whydah," by Balfour Gardiner, little more than a pastiche, came as an anti-climax and the choir's enunciation of Masfield's sea-shanty words was not so clear as in Symond's "These Things Shall Be."

The school Concert will be held up School at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13th. The programme includes Bach's Cantata "Come Redeemer" and Haydn's "London" Symphony. Applications for tickets should be addressed to: The Concert Secretary, 19 Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

# A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

THIS term sees the separation of the two day-boy house magazines, the *Ashtree* and *Number Eighteen*. These publications, like the *King's Scholars' Chronicle*, appear in typescript most of the term and have periodical duplicated digest numbers for distribution to other houses, but although the *Grantite Review* and the *Rigaudite Review* appear in actual print the *College Street Clarion* is the only house magazine to aspire to a school-wide circulation. None has more than sixty potential contributors, and their literary standards are unexact enough to make them admirable training grounds for writers; training grounds perhaps for hack writers, though, rather than for the painstaking craftsmen that are needed.

Sir Christopher Wren's was not the only hand in the design of the new premises of Wren's House. Vestigial remains are everywhere. Wren's plans were based on the Old Granary in Dean's Yard, and have been modified by Hawksmoor, Burlington, and now Sir Hubert Worthington. New rooms have been added, and windows and doors made, and the effect, with the long corridor and delightful flight of steps leading into a solid wall, is surprisingly surrealistic. Perhaps the most interesting feature of Wren's is the frosted glass in the windows. The rumour is that the boys are afraid of being spied upon from College Garden.

The pressure on space in all the boarding houses has been so great that several masters have for some time been looking after small "waiting houses" of their own. The most recent and progressive of these is Craven's, a synthesis of fifteen junior boys from Busby's and Grant's, luxuriously billeted in a house in Barton Street previously owned by the editor of the *Daily Express*. It is already reported to be a hot-house of Elizabethan traditions.

With the preparations for Commem. going on apace, the main rooms of the Library have come in for some extensive redecoration. While historians work in cramped quarters, the principal rooms are being repainted one by one. A framework of scaffolding is erected, to the accompaniment of much noise, within each room that is dealt with, and on its lofty heights workmen ply their paint brushes vigorously. When all will be done, the rooms will blaze in their radiant white glory. Mr. Prag, who has succeeded Mr. Carleton as librarian, copes with the new situation and at the same time is undertaking another re-arrangement of the library books.

Each house now practises the Commem. music most religiously once or twice a week. This year a chosen band of plainsong singers, led by

the Head of School Music, C. F. Kingdon, went round from house to house instructing in the different chants. Then, for a special treat, two of the Abbey Choir basses under Dr. McKie sang the *Te Deum*, before an intent school. If the school singing rises to the heights of which it is capable, this year's Commem. should be as impressive and beautiful as ever.

We welcome several new masters to the school this term. Mr. Sloman comes as a former headmaster of Tonbridge and will teach classics in the lower half of the school. The Rev. M. S. Stancliffe fills the vacant post of school chaplain, combining his duties in Westminster with a parish in Gloucestershire, to which he journeys every week-end. Dr. E. Sanger, who was formerly a master at Lancing, is to teach modern languages to aspiring linguists. A good fencer, he is also a skilled skier. These Christmas holidays he is organizing a party from the school to go to some mountain fastness to learn the essentials of this difficult art. If all goes like last year, some will return on crutches while others will rhapsodize about their experiences.

Mr. Johnson, the School Sergeant, has temporarily left his place behind the counter of the School Store to enter hospital for an operation. The school wishes him a speedy recovery and an early return to Westminster.

This term, traditionally the term in which the Play was performed, will see yet another house play by Busby's. This time it is to be J. B. Priestley's "Laburnum Grove." The dates of the performances can be found in the Forthcoming Events section. Meanwhile, Mr. Lushington is laying his plans for next term's school production. It is rumoured that he aims high. As the house-master of Wren's, he distinguished himself even before term began by an article on school life that appeared in a weekly magazine. He is also the presiding deity of Fives, which has now expanded to nearly their pre-war level at Westminster. The schedule this year includes, as well as club matches, several matches with other schools.

In January, there will be several domestic rearrangements inside Little Dean's Yard. When College return to their proper home, to which the last pieces of reconstruction and re-equipping are gradually being done, the Under School will move across the Yard to occupy the present College, No. 19, where alterations are being done under the eyes of irate King's Scholars. But the Reconstruction Committee, whose members lead active lives, still meets frequently and continues in its task of planning the complete eventual rehabilitation of the school.



The Army of the Future



Football Practice



Watch that left foot



Come on in, the Water's fine



His Master's Words?



Another housing problem

Photos : J. F. Britten



## THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES

WHAT is the purpose of the school societies? For most of those who spend their Monday and Friday evenings boxing in the gym., their chief function must seem to be as a diabolical inducement to prevent more boys boxing in the gym.; for many of the younger boys—let us admit it—they cannot exist at all. The three major societies—the Political and Literary Society, the Debating Society and the Essay Society—are composed of roughly the same members, and have few members in common with the more specialist Photographic and Natural History Societies. But all of these are fairly select bodies. The Gramophone Society and the Modern Languages Society, although they may attract large numbers on special occasions, are specialized enough in their appeal not to need to make rigorous restrictions on the numbers attending their most secret rites; while the popularity of the newly founded Junior Debating Society is fully attested by the shrieks and groans proceeding from their place of meeting.

In the Debating Society this term there has so far been a very good attendance on the part of non-members. Perhaps it is this that has made the audience shy of heckling speakers. In some of the House Debating Societies, heckling can lead to the complete collapse of a meeting, but a few experienced hecklers can give an experienced speaker's oration an air of confidence and life

that is rather lacking at the moment. For the Political and Literary Society, there have already been two most informative addresses, on the Middle East and Austria respectively, neither of which required any heckling, and the interruptions to essays read by members of the Essay Society are generally so friendly and reassuring as to do little more than to confuse the reader of the essay. The days of school rebellions and motions of censure seem to have left us for all time. It is rather a pity that the school societies have become so reasonable, for few boys in the school, in spite of the sobering influence of grey suits and prohibited ragging, can ever be serious for long.

The rowdier aspects of social life are of course still fully expressed in such informal societies as S.N.U.G. (Saturday Night Up Grant's) and A.H.B.U.N.S. (Ashburnham and Home Boarders Upper Nutritional Society), the latter so vital until its sudden death at the end of last term. But the real need is for more societies that will combine wide popularity with a certain degree of usefulness. As the three major societies are well attended by the limited clique who do attend them, the establishment of the Junior Debating Society may prove to have been a sound and important step towards the provision of more community life for those who need it most.

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## GIBBON AT WESTMINSTER

IT was in 1749 that Edward Gibbon, later to be famous for what is perhaps the most classic of all classic histories, entered Westminster School. It is interesting, two centuries later, to read in his autobiography his description of the school and of the circumstances under which he entered it, and to compare his justification of the public school system with the modern justification of what is now a very different institution.

The occasion of Gibbon's being sent to Westminster was the decision of his aunt, Mrs. Catherine Porten, to keep a boarding-house in Great College Street for Westminster boys, "where she laboriously earned a competence for her old age." "In the course of some years," says Gibbon, "she became the mother of forty or fifty boys, for the most part of family and fortune; and as her primitive habitation was too narrow, she built and occupied a spacious mansion in Dean's Yard. I shall always be ready to join in

the common opinion, that our public schools, which have produced so many eminent characters, are the best adapted to the genius and constitution of the English people. A boy of spirit may acquire a previous and practical experience of the world; and his playfellows may be the future friends of his heart or his interest. . . . Our seminaries of learning do not exactly correspond with the precept of a Spartan king, 'that the child should be instructed in the arts which will be useful to the man'; since a finished scholar may emerge from the head of Westminster or Eton, in total ignorance of the business and conversation of English gentlemen in the latter end of the eighteenth century. But these schools may assume the merit of teaching all that they pretend to teach, the Latin and Greek languages: they deposit in the hands of a disciple the keys of two valuable chests; nor can he complain, if they are afterwards lost or neglected by his own fault."

# THE C.C.F. AT PIRBRIGHT

NO one but a sadist would have claimed that he was actually looking forward to our first camp since the war. It was an encroachment on that sacrosanct period when no schoolmaster's writ should be allowed to run, and a Guards' depot in the extreme heat then prevailing came too near some people's anticipation of the next world to be thoroughly desirable. On the other hand, it was the first, and had all the attractions of novelty.

We were soon (perhaps, too soon) able to adjust our impressions. The Camp itself was designed on a labyrinthine system of "lines," bounded on one side by the main road, drill squares, and various other buildings, and on the other by the Scots Guards Camp and the wilderness where we performed our early-morning P.T. It contained two oases, the Naafi and the Y.M.C.A.,

both extensively but rather disparagingly patronised.

Our day-to-day life was mostly well occupied and quite pleasant. Both as a contingent and as individuals we were left very much to ourselves, with the result that our programme was interesting and our discipline sensibly applied. Where it failed was in the great amount of unoccupied leisure—in our case from 5.30 to 10.0 every evening, with only the prospect of a tea-and-coffee alternation between the Naafi and the Y.M.C.A., or an unproductive visit to Woking. Queuing for meals would also have been rather tiresome, had there not been compensation in thwarting the counsels of the wicked, as personified by Paddy. In all, a pleasant surprise and quite enjoyable, but only for one week in the year.

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## THE NAVAL CAMP

FIRST impressions of the Navy seen aboard *H.M.S. Superb* amounted to undreamt of language, uncomfortable hammocks, and rather messy washing-up. After a few days we were used to this and could sling a hammock with the best of them. Sleeping on deck may have been cold, but it meant an undisturbed rag.

The daytime was as interesting, with displays and demonstrations interspersed with cleaning up the ship. A picnic on the beach succeeded until the incoming tide put the fires out, and a regatta on the last afternoon was blotted out by rain halfway through. As it was, the officers' crew, stroked by the Captain and coxed by a Cambridge Blue, won easily, as did the Westminster 2nd V. The rain prevented the 1st V from racing, but in practice it had struck fear into many a non-rowing school. Four Water Pinks makes a great difference, even in a boat like an enlarged dinghy. Lt. Lowcock organised a Viking boarding party with the help of pyjamas and false beards which was intercepted in mid-basin by a heavily-manned whaler. The invaders were almost defeated when relief arrived in the shape of a large destroyer which bore down on the struggling crews, forcing both sides to retreat hastily. By the end of the camp we had all gained a pleasant, if possibly distorted, impression of naval life.

## SCOUT CAMP

AFTER experiencing the dubious comforts of a night journey up to Scotland we arrived at Glasgow at eight and another train took us to Ardrossan. We took the boat to Brodick, and thence by bus to Sannox. Our site was opposite the mainland, and at the end of a long glen which acted as a wind tunnel for the westerly gales which blew incessantly from the mountains. We settled in under a phenomenally hot sun and next day parties climbed the mountains with unpronounceable names situated above the glen. The senior patrol leaders' orderly days passed off without incident, the meals being good but usually late. The weather was daily getting worse, and on Sunday a combined assault of wind and rain played havoc with nerves and tents. The camp survived, which was to the credit of everyone, as it was a heavy storm, but the rain continued. During Monday the rain ceased, and we stopped heading our diaries "Reminiscences of the Second Flood." On Monday and Tuesday we spent enjoyable days sailing up to Tarbert and back on a fishing vessel. Wednesday was spent in idleness, while the week-end campers returned. We struck camp on Thursday, with the weather now fine again and were in London on Friday morning. But for the ironical weather the camp was wholly enjoyable, and we have to thank Mr. Morton for providing us with such an opportunity and the Scout Master for taking it.

# THE WATER

IT is perhaps a far cry from autumnal November to Henley, 1949, but the effort of memory is worth it. The First VIII this year always seemed to be saving its best form for the next race. Consequently it required the full effect of the Henley atmosphere and four practice outings from our base in Westminster before the crew began to go its best. Trial distances were rowed, and on the calm water, with something important to work for, everyone began to put that little bit more into their beginnings and the boat began to run well. Then the work began to tell, and we all lost weight in the heat.

This year, of course, we were fortunate in the draw. Many schools had chosen to enter for the Ladies' Plate, where they quickly found the Colleges too strong. We therefore had one race—against U.C.S.—and then we were in the final of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup. The first race was on Friday then. We went up from the start and soon settled down to a hard race, for U.C.S. clung to us well. At Fawley (3.30) there was not much more than half a length in it, and an unsteady patch past Remenham lost us a little. However, a spurt got us back into our stride and we went up taking her in down the enclosures to win by one and three-quarter lengths in 7.18.

On the Saturday the School was given an Early Play, and many came down to Henley to watch the racing. In the final we found Winchester, whom we had met at Putney in March, too powerful an opponent. It was a very hot day and both crews waited several minutes on the stakeboats in the broiling sun. It was a fast start and Winchester went up. We stayed with them till Fawley (3.30) striking a higher rate. There they raised the rate and with their long stroke began to draw away. Every spurt we caught up for a while, but it was Winchester who won by four lengths in 7.11. In all its aspects Henley was an enjoyable conclusion to the season's rowing, and to be in the finals promises well for Water.

The crew was : J. M. Gray (bow) ; 2, R. G. Eastell ; 3, J. Eker ; 4, R. P. Harben ; 5, D. N. Croft ; 6, S. J. Barrett ; 7, J. A. C. Spokes ; V. Herbert (stroke) ; E. S. Chesser (cox).

The School Regatta saw fine weather and fine racing. Senior Fours were won by Rigaud's, who beat Grant's in a straightforward race by two and a half lengths. Able stroking enabled King's Scholars to beat a heavier Busby's crew by half a length, breaking the record for Junior-Senior Fours by one second. Junior Fours saw a hardworking Grant's crew win from Busby's by two lengths and lower the record by seven

seconds. In the Sculls the two Senior Sculls finalists, Spokes and Ward, collided and caused a restart by the boathouse, after which Ward reached the finish two feet ahead. Pigott had several hard races in Junior-Senior Sculls before he beat Birt by two and a half lengths. Bendixson's weight enabled him to win Junior Sculls without much difficulty. In the Double Sculls, Leigh-Clare and Spokes, last year's winners, sculled excellently to beat Gray and Steele in an all Rigaudite final. In the Coxes Handicap, Howell, on slides, beat Webb. Lamprobatrics was the closest race of the regatta, in which the Town Boys caught up a fast-starting King's Scholar crew to win by one foot. The Halahan Cup was as closely contested as the races and Rigaud's were the deserving winners. After one of the best regattas since the war, Mrs. E. R. B. Graham presented the prizes.

Westminster organization had a real tribute paid to it by the large entry for the Inter-Schools Regatta. In the final of Senior Fours, Westminster were beaten by St. Paul's but recovered to win Novice and Junior Fours and Junior Sculls. In the Senior Sculls Ward lost to Emsell of Tiffin's by two and a half lengths. Howell finished second in the Coxes Race. The prizes were presented by the Head Master and Mrs. Christie.

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## CONTEMPORARIES

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following, and apologise for any omissions :—

Aldenhamian, Alleynian, Ardingly Annals, Blue, Blue and Gold, Bradfield College Chronicle, Brightonian, Beaumont Review, Bryanston Saga, Cantuarian, Carthusian, Choate News, Cholmelian, Christ's College Register, City of London School Magazine, Crimson Comet, Deerfield Scroll, Delphian, Dunelmian, Durban High School Magazine, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, El Nopal, E.S.A. Journal, Eton College Chronicle, Etoniana, Felstedian, Fettesian, Fish and Pumpkin, Forum, Glenalmond Chronicle, Gordonstoun Record, Gower, Grotonian, Haileyburian and I.S.C. Chronicle, Hall Magazine, Impala, Johnian, Kearsney College Chronicle, Kent News, Lancing College Magazine, Leys Fortnightly, Magus, Malvernian, Marlburian, Melburnian, Meteor, Mill Hill Magazine, Milton Bulletin, Mirror, Ousel, Penn Charter Magazine, Portcullis, Radleian, Rossalian, Royal College Magazine, St. Edward's School Magazine, St. Peter's College Magazine, Salopian, Sedberghian, Shirburnian, Sotoniensis, Stonyhurst Magazine, Tabor Log, Taylorian, Tonbridgian, Wellingtonian, Wish Stream, Wycombe Abbey Gazette, Wykehamist, Zuoz.

# CRICKET

THE Radley wicket was a batsman's paradise. The school won the toss and made 219 for 9 dec. Pitamber was caught under the sightscreen one short of his century after he and Robinson (36) had added 70 for the third wicket. Woodward (30) and Davies (21) hit the tiring bowling well later in the innings.

Radley had about two and a quarter hours to score the runs, but after Kendall had taken a good catch off Kemp's first ball, the game developed into a certain draw. Radley scored 111 for 5 (A. S. J. Riley 47).

The school batting again distinguished itself against the Butterflies. Robinson (96) and Williams (78) batted confidently in a partnership of 128. A total of 260 for 8 dec. was unlikely to be beaten; could the school bowling prevent a second Radley match?

After an opening stand of 34 Kemp's speed and Lee's spin wrought a sudden transformation. They bowled unchanged and ran right through the side, taking five for 24 and five for 22, respectively.

The school was beaten by the XL Club by five runs after an exciting game. The XL Club made 111 for 8 dec. (E. A. Watts 51), and the school 106 (Williams 42, Watts 5 for 11). The O.W.W. match was spoilt by rain. The school batted first between showers and made 85 (Robinson 21) and the O.W.W. won by five wickets with comparative ease.

The Colts went to Harrow with a depleted team and were deservedly beaten. Harrow passed our total of 61 (Hornsby 23) with eight wickets in hand. The Lancing Colts match, however, was won in convincing style. Higgins (36) and Houston (28) were largely responsible for our 119. Lancing were then dismissed for 43, Davies taking five for 10.

The 2nd XI beat the O.W.W. 2nd XI but lost to Dulwich, U.C.S., and twice to Mercer's. The Under 15 XI beat Mercer's and the Under 14 XI had a win and a draw with the Choir School.

The season taken as a whole was more satisfactory than the record on paper suggests. Three of the ten matches played by the 1st XI were won. One ended in a very favourable draw and of the five lost, two produced breath-taking finishes, and two were anybody's game right up to the last. Williams easily led the batting averages at 37.60 but Robinson 25.73 and Pitamber 24.60, made the two highest scores. Kemp, still a Colt, achieved the distinction of taking 50 wickets in only 11 matches at 7.94 and Lee took 31 at 11.87.

The side was again young and the year's experience should produce a strong XI next year, when the majority of the side will still be here. R. T. Robinson will captain the side for a second year. He is to be congratulated on his leading of the XI this season. G. N. P. Lee, unfortunately, leaves before next season. He will be missed both as Secretary and as a useful all-rounder, for with Kemp he formed the most effective pair of opening bowlers that we have had for some time. C. J. Lummis is the only other regular member of the team who will not be here next year. The newly laid turf at Vincent Square suffered badly in the drought, and extensive work is being done on the Square before next season, when all things considered, we should have a good side.

Mr. Peebles is retiring from his position as master in charge of cricket, owing to other commitments. Mr. Lowcock will take over next season.

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# FOOTBALL

WITH nine old Pinks available, only two vacancies remain to be filled in last year's XI, although there may well be a strong challenge for other positions by 2nd XI players. C. C. P. Williams (R.B.) and Cullimore (L.B.) should prove a strong and reliable rearguard. The right-half position recently vacated by Cantrell is as yet undecided; G. N. P. Lee at centre-half and G. Smith at left-half, with a right-half, should provide the necessary link between attack and defence. Four of last year's forward line remain with us; only the centre-forward position is still empty, L. E. Lowe or Cumming being the most likely candidates for this position. Pitamber (I.R.) and Robinson (I.L.) are constructive players capable of scoring goals, while Chapman and F. D. Hornsby on the wings are opportunists. With added thrust in the centre, this forward line seems likely to score. The team, as a whole, is experienced and should prove a well-balanced combination.

There are some promising players in the 2nd XI; Houston (back) and Martindale (O.R.) may lay claim to promotion when the grounds get heavier. The junior teams are not without talent, especially the Under 15 XI, last year's Under 14 side. The Colts have a formidable inside forward trio in A. C. Hornsby, C. J. H. Davies and Higgins, strongly supported by Peroni at centre-half.

# OLD WESTMINSTERS

We have received the following news of Old Westminsters :—

Mr. J. A. Guymmer, serving in the Royal Artillery in Malaya, has been wounded, but is making good progress towards recovery.

Dr. R. F. Guymmer has been elected to a lectureship and tutorship by the trustees of the Rockefeller foundation.

Mr. J. L. C. Dribbell, elected to the Westminster City Council at 26, becomes its youngest councillor.

## BIRTHS

BUCHAN—On April 3rd 1949 at Bickley, to Kathleen, wife of Walter T. S. Buchan, a son.

HYDE—On February 7th 1949 at Penang, to Belle, wife of Anthony Hyde, a son.

LEE—On June 29th 1949 at Chelmsford, to Audrey, wife of J. H. Lee, a second daughter.

MORTIMORE—On July 18th 1949 to Pamela, wife of Alaric Charles Mortimore, a daughter.

PETER—On August 8th 1949 at 65, Beverley Crescent, Bedford, to Patricia, wife of Richard J. V. Peter, a son (Stephen John).

ROGERS—On July 20th 1949 to Margaret, wife of Maurice A. T. Rogers, a son.

## MARRIAGES

CUNNINGHAM : GRAY—On July 22nd 1949 at All Saints Church, Little Staughton, Bedfordshire, Martin Francis Cunningham to Dora Eileen Gray of Little Staughton.

EARLE : WELLS—On September 23rd 1949 at St. Nicholas Church, Cranleigh, Surrey, Francis James Earle to Gladys Rose, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wells of Cranleigh.

MILLAR : WILLMOTT—On July 22nd 1949, A. P. Millar to Anne Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willmott of Hitchin, Herts.

STEDHAM : PATERSON—On June 24th 1949 at Christ Church, Chelsea, by the Bishop of Gloucester, Michael Stedham to Margaret, daughter of the late Sir Alec Paterson and Lady Paterson of 3 Christ Church Terrace, Chelsea, S.W.3.

## OBITUARY

ERNEST FRANCIS KNOX, who died in June after six years of illness, was admitted as an exhibitor in 1885, and left to go to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in 1888. Commissioned in

1890, after a varied military career he was in 1911 appointed Military Attaché at St. Petersburg. In the Great War he served in Mesopotamia, where he was seriously wounded in 1916. In the same year he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O. He retired in 1922 with the rank of colonel.

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Many who are still at Westminster have felt a deep sense of personal loss in the premature death of PHILIP WEBB, who was drowned in the Long Vacation on holiday in France. He came into College in 1943, by no means the least in a talented election, and soon showed the interest in puppet theatres which delighted us with performances first in the old stable at Whitbourne Court, and later up School at Westminster. To many he was better known for leading the Fencing team from victory to victory until finally it won the Public Schools championship. He was also a keen musician, who sang and played the viola in the Choral and Orchestral Society and won a prize for an original composition. He was elected to an exhibition to Christ Church in Modern Languages, and in his first year at Oxford won the distinction of being chosen to fence against Cambridge, subsequently being elected Captain of the University Fencing Club. Those who came into more intimate contact with him will remember how, like many a great man, he was the despair of all those who set store by neatness of handwriting and care of personal possessions; but they will remember also that beneath his modest and shy exterior there lay depths of unselfish affection for his friends and his school, and that he went forth from Westminster—the saddest day of his life, as he himself described it—with true innocence of heart and an unshakable faith in the Christian religion.

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## GOLF

The school competition was played on Monday, September 19th, at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club and was won for the second time by C. J. H. Davies, who returned 79—10 = 69 to win by a clear five strokes. In the afternoon nine singles were played and the O.W.W. beat the school by five matches to four.

RECENT announcements in *The Elizabethan* have evoked criticism from an Old Westminster, extract from whose letter we print below.

It is time, even if too late, to point out the outstanding advantages of the old School dress: advantages shared by very few other schools in the kingdom. It was undoubtedly distinctive; so much so, that I was once asked if I was at Eton! It was most becoming. It taught a boy at an early age the value of fine clothes and the dignity that formal clothes properly worn could lend him. It also taught him to be unself-conscious. Lastly, it was hard wearing; its outlay may have been considerable, but with luck two suits saw a boy through Westminster—more than could be said for ordinary lounge suits worn day in and day out in holidays or term time. These advantages were considerable enough to cause many a parent to send his boy to Westminster, for with due respect, other schools may offer as fine an education, and some a better—and others are established in sites steeped in history. But only two others combined these advantages with our dress.

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Your obedient servant,  
ROWLAND BOWEN.  
(HBB 1929-33)

## COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4th—7th. Exeat.  
 Nov. 8th. 1st XI v Metropolitan Police.  
 Nov. 12th. 1st XI and Colts v Aldenham (Away).  
 Nov. 17th. Commemoration.  
 Nov. 19th. 1st XI and Colts v Lancing.  
 Nov. 21st. Political and Literary Society: Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.  
 Examinations for Election to Christ Church.  
 Nov. 26th. 1st XI and Colts v Highgate.  
 2nd XI v Highgate (Away).  
 Dec. 3rd. 1st XI v Charterhouse (Away).  
 2nd XI v Old Cholmelians.  
 Fencing: 2nd Team v Eastbourne College.  
 Dec. 8th and 10th. "Laburnum Grove," by J. B. Priestley (Busby's House Play).  
 Dec. 10th. Fencing: 1st Team v Grosvenor F.C.  
 1st XI v Corinthian Casuals.  
 Dec. 13th. School Concert.  
 Dec. 14th. Debating Society: St. Paul's Girls' School.  
 Dec. 17th. Fencing: 1st and Colts Teams v St. Paul's.  
 Dec. 20th. Term ends.



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