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FLOWER BOXES

IN A city like London where the great mass of the population lives in flats it is refreshing to see the interest taken in roof-gardens and window-boxes. Westminster, despite its great expanses of parkland and its many well-kept squares, is particularly fortunate in this respect: and Little Dean's Yard, with its boxes full of pink and red geraniums, with Liddell's tree and the tiny garden it shades, and the creepers of Ashburnham, gives a summery look to the school.

By using its resources to the full Yard has provided a lead in the horticultural sphere which might well be followed up elsewhere, for it is

to be regretted that the grassy half of Green and the gaunt boundaries of Fields have not been similarly treated. Flowers would greatly assist in relieving the monotony of concrete, wire, and split-oak fencing: and they would increase the beauty of the cloister garth, just as they already beautify the Little Cloister. Flowers need not be confined to College Garden and a handful of window-boxes. If we lived in pre-fabs we would try to make our homes as attractive as possible; and there is no reason why the appearance of Westminster, fine as it is, should not be further improved by a more liberal sprinkling of the gardener's art.



THE CONCERT

THE School Choral and Orchestral Societies' production of Dvořák's *Stabat Mater* was so successful as to bring about forgetfulness of its familiar setting up School, the tiers of illuminated singers, the long rows of seated parents and friends unobtrusively aware of one another and their sons, the quiet surreptitious redisposal of numb legs from time to time.

The orchestral structure, excellent in itself, was never obtruded, but remained an essential and interior scaffolding of sound for the whole work. Of the solo singers the contralto and bass were effective throughout in a changing but sustained deep glow. The tenor began by being forced and a little arid, and the voice of the soprano was at first muffled, like a glass of Russian tea whose golden clarity has been blurred by swirling drops of milk. Both however improved as they sang; and by the time they had reached their duet in *Fac ut portem Christi mortem*, both had achieved a controlled spontaneity of tone.

In the *Stabat Mater* the orchestra plays the part of the unconscious mind, the vital depths of being; and the soloists that of the fully conscious; while the chorus fulfils the linking-up function of the subconscious, with its innumerable associations diverse in unity. The work was admirably

carried out on this occasion. A crisp though multitudinous clarity of diction brought out in sharp relief the inner rhyme-scheme of the Latin poem, and the curious, almost "swing" rhythms of the *Eia, mater, fons amoris* and of the *Tui nati vulnerati* were boldly conveyed. The result was that the full extent of the composer's meditation on these verses came home to the understanding with the relentless hammering of the nails of the Passion, the hammering recurrent perpetually in the ears of the Mother standing, hearing, seeing, helpless, unable to do anything but suffer in stillness while, as often happens in time of intense pain, through her mind flow currents of old songs. They are not irrelevant once, they are scrutinized; there are threads of lullabies, of the catches a boy will whistle over his carpentry, of the dance tunes played at a wedding party once, a party where the wine nearly gave out.

The only fundamental criticism to be made of the performance is literary rather than musical. It concerns the English translation printed on the programmes opposite the Latin original. Surely, as the audience did not have to sing, this conventional but appallingly inaccurate Victorian-gothic metrical version might have been replaced by a prose translation made by Westminster talent.



TOBIAS' APPEARANCE IN RAGUEL'S GARDEN

Photo : L. H. Burd, A.R.P.S.

TOBIAS AND THE ANGEL

THE school has once again successfully produced a religious play at the end of the Lent term: successfully because the performance given up School on March 26th was eminently successful. James Bridie's play offers a number of difficulties to the producer, all of which were to a greater or lesser extent overcome. The scenery was excellent, the effects varying from fish to thunderstorms were ingeniously contrived. What was more important, the play gave the impression of being conceived as a whole. Its occasional incongruities were not felt as such, and the queer mixture of supernatural and earthly was achieved with apparent ease. In an evening which produced no outstanding individual performances, the credit for this must go very largely to the producer.

After a certain slowness in the first scene the play moved vigorously. E. S. Chesser as Tobias played with sincerity and feeling. His height, a disadvantage in the lovemaking, helped to establish a proper relationship with the archangel, and although his attempts at assertion were at times somewhat petulant he did give a good performance

of a difficult part. P. C. Petrie on the other hand was admirably suited both in voice and physique to the part of Raphael and he managed to portray the lively as well as the statuesque aspects of the archangel. N. H. Palmer as Anna and R. N. Edwards as Sara both did their best with women's parts. The former was helped neither by voice nor costume. Edwards acted with understanding, and though he lacked variety, captured the ennui of his first scene well. R. E. Nagle in the part of Raguel bartered and protested with vigour, and fully realised the comedy of his return from his gravedigging expedition. Among smaller parts, M. C. Steele must particularly be mentioned for the abandon and humour with which he presented Mr. Bridie's delightful stage bandit, and R. F. Wilding for his clear singing. The best performance of the evening however was that of C. C. P. Williams as Tobit. Old men always present difficulties in school productions, but in a quiet way Williams was thoroughly convincing, and gave us in the recovery of his sight one of the few moving moments of the play.

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

ALTHOUGH the First VIII's annual landing at Black Rod's Stairs has not been revived since the war, several eights have found time amid a remarkably full racing programme to make expeditions down the river as far as Chelsea. The Thames seems to be at last coming into its own as London's greatest highway and although river steamers and water 'buses can be a curse for oarsmen, it is pleasant to see the river again alive with craft of all sorts and sizes.

On May 29th for the first time for over a century, an official sailing race took place in the heart of London between Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges, sponsored by Ranelagh S.C. to celebrate the club's Diamond Jubilee. The Ranelagh S.C. is not always popular with Westminster oarsmen but no one could fail to congratulate it on its attempt to show that the river is London's greatest and most neglected sports ground.

Mr. Douglas Jerrold, author, editor and publisher, has once again shown his versatility in his recently published *Introduction to the History of England*. At Westminster he was a non-resident King's Scholar, head of Ashburnham and Captain of the School, and his autobiography which was published a year or two before the war contains some entertaining reminiscences of his school-days. E. L. Fox was his first form-master and Old Westminsters of many generations will recognise the authentic note in the master's first remark to his now distinguished pupil: "If you were a trifle less

conceited" he roared, "you would stand a chance of being bottom but one of this form instead of bottom." Mr. Jerrold adds that he passed out first in the form a fortnight later but he does not disclose whether his end of term report, like those of G. K. Chesterton and Lord Montgomery, dubbed him "a late developer."

In spite of increased fees, the numbers of the school continue to rise and next year, counting the Under School, there will be some 420 boys—more than the school has ever contained in all its history. For one term, until the re-building of College is completed, it will be difficult to fit everyone in, but from January onwards the situation will become easier, thanks largely to the fact that the school had the foresight to acquire No. 17 Dean's Yard just before the war; and our thanks are due to the Westminster School Society and in particular to the late Sir Edgar Horne for their generosity which made its purchase possible.

GIFT FROM THE DYERS' COMPANY

The Goldsmiths' Fund has been swelled by a gift of £1,000 from the Worshipful Company of Dyers and the warm thanks of the School are due to the Prime Warden and Court of the Company for their generous action.

Donations to the Goldsmiths' Fund from Old Westminsters and others continue to come in, and a further list of subscribers will be published in due course.

C . C . F .

DRUM and bugle sound again and D. S. Walker and C. J. Lummis, who last combined to summon Androcles to meet the lion in the Coliseum, now summon the parade in Yard every Thursday. The entire contingent now faces the other way (Dean's Yard instead of College Garden) a revolutionary change designed to save the Inspecting Officer from confronting two hundred rigid backs.

On last term's Field Day the Naval Section visited H.M.S. *Dolphin*, a submarine base at Portsmouth; the Army Section were well entertained by the Life Guards, who produced their band to lead the column through Windsor, a notable speech of welcome by the C.O., lunch for 170, and a display of show jumping, armoured-cars, wireless and full dress uniforms.

In the March Certificate A examination all candidates passed in both parts, an outstanding record. The Naval Section, which has doubled its number this term, has also held an examination, which may entitle a cadet to be upgraded from ordinary seaman to able seaman. Ten out of eleven candidates were successful.

The Contingent goes to camp this year for the first time since the war, the Naval Section to H.M.S. *Implacable* or *Theseus* at Portsmouth, and the Army Section to a vast hutted affair at Pirbright. Some may sigh for a tent in the country, the gentle wriggle of a friendly earwig in the blankets and the jolly confusion as the whole thing collapses at midnight, but this year they must be content with comfort, canteens, a camp cinema, and a widely varied training programme run by the Irish Guards.

ROYAL PARDON UNDER THE GREAT SEAL

VISCOUNT DAVIDSON has purchased and presented to the school a document of great historic interest, the Royal Pardon under the Great Seal granted by Charles II on October 8th 1679 to all the forty King's Scholars then in College.

The story which lies behind this remarkable document has long been known, but until the sale at Sotheby's at the beginning of April it had not been suspected that the central piece of evidence, the Pardon itself, was still in existence. It was Mr. J. B. Whitmore, joint Editor of the *Record of Old Westminster* who first drew attention to the paragraph in the *Domestick Intelligence* for July 31st 1679 recording that on the previous Friday, the 25th, a bailiff had arrested a person belonging to the King's College at Westminster and had later been attacked with cudgels by "some young persons thereabouts." Subsequent newspaper reports amplified the story. It appeared that the bailiff had taken possession of a house in St. Ann's Lane, near Dean's Yard, whereupon a woman, either belonging to the house or a neighbour, "went to *Westminster Abby*, and informed the young Scholars that there was an Arrest Committed in the place aforesaid, which it seems was Priviledged from Arrests by Ancient Custom: the Youths being inflamed with the Infringement, Immediately went to the House to which they were directed, and presently fell upon the Bailiff, Whom they found in Possession thereof, and beat him so

severely with the Clubs they brought with them, that he died a short time after."

An identity parade of the whole school was held in Abbey, and eleven boys were picked out and charged with murder. The trial was due to take place on August 27th, but was postponed on the ground, so the papers said, that the evidence was not ready. The real reason of the postponement was, no doubt, that steps were being taken to get a pardon from the King; and on October 8th a pardon was granted.

On October 15th the eleven King's Scholars were duly arraigned at the Old Bailey. Eight of the eleven pleaded the pardon and were discharged, but three, Henry Mordaunt, John Osbaldston and David Jones, although included in the pardon, did not plead it: instead they elected to stand their trial and pleaded Not Guilty. Dr. Busby attended and gave evidence that one of the three had been with him at Chiswick on the day in question; against the other two there was no direct proof, and all three were found not guilty by the jury. It was a happy ending to an unfortunate affair, though it may be doubted whether three other prisoners indicted with the boys took the same view of the matter. They were Richard Taylor, who was alleged to have been "very active in provoking them to mischief," and Mary Bishop and Elizabeth Bostick, of whom one called the boys and the other invited them to go through the house. All three were found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.



BLIND GODDESS

There is a feeling that a house play is splendid fun for the performers, but on no account to be watched except by mothers or other absurdly partial people: Busby's, seizing Sir Patrick Hastings' most theatrical piece, bulging with blackmail, forgery and wrongful accusation, flung it with great spirit at a large audience and left the "mothers only" tradition in tatters.

A little mumbling in Scene 1, a little overacting later, some awkward standing about: idle to pretend a house play is the Old Vic, but the performance had pace. The court scene was particularly well produced, full of life and colour, crowding the stage but with no confusion or masking: and A. M. Howard as the eminent K.C. carried an exacting part with sympathy and force.

SCHOOL MISSION

A recent letter implies that some information regarding the School Mission would be welcome. A meeting was held in College Hall on February 25th at which the Head Master and some of the old officers and committee were present as well as the Revd. S. F. Gunyon on behalf of the vicar of the neighbouring combined parishes. A boys' club exists at St. John's Hall, Monck Street, and it was thought that some liaison with this club might be started to see whether in that way the Mission club could be revived.

It was arranged that some of the boys from St. John's club should visit the school on March 5th to witness the Quadrangular boxing match. A few members of the school visited the club just before Easter and engaged in table tennis matches.

THE POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

ON March 21st Mr. Alan Pryce Jones, Editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, explained why he thought modern books were not better. Two things had brought about the lethargy and indifferent powers of modern writers: together they have cast a sort of duckweed over the surface of imagination and creative thinking. The first is the rapid change of social conditions, the changes of language and thought, which have made impossible the establishment of a sound twentieth century literary tradition. The second, far more important, is the failure of a sense of sin, of tension, of moral or indeed any purpose, of metaphysical contact. Of our modern writers, only the Catholics and Marxists manage to write meaningful books. Others, in particular the novelists, write colourful anecdotes or, worse, elongated short stories. Mr. Pryce Jones advised us not to become novelists. Write, he said, if you must, but don't write in the hope of advertisement,

or in deference to bankruptcy. The talk was the most interesting, lively and satisfying of the term.

On March 30th the Head Master gave a talk, delivered previously to the Authors' Club, on the "Revival of the Spoken Word." He described the traditions of classical Greece, in which poetry, philosophy, in fact all that is now classified as literature, was designed to be declaimed and not read. The small social units allowed speech to be the literary medium. As late as St. Augustine it was rare for people to read to themselves and not aloud. The Head Master compared this situation with to-day, when wireless and films make the spoken word valuable in the old sense once more. Perhaps he overestimated the width of the gap between classical and modern times, for the troubadours used their voices, and rhetoric occupied the most important place in the mediæval *trivium*. It was a fascinating talk, and provoked wide discussion afterwards.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

ON Wednesday March 16th the society went to St. Paul's School to debate with their Union Society the motion "that knowledge is man's greatest enemy." J. A. C. Spokes, proposing, pointed out the intellectual sins and practical evils our knowledge has brought us. We were less happy, and in fact have knowledge in only a specialist sense. Devoud, of St. Paul's, opposing, pitied the "noble savage," although he admitted that in some ways he was well off. Pope he deprecated and insisted that ignorance rather than knowledge was our enemy. P. C. Petrie, seconding, argued from the Fall. Learning produced the ivory castle and the atom bomb. Langford (St. Paul's), seconding the opposition, believed we were all sensualists, and that pleasure, whether musical or literary, was impossible without knowledge.

From the floor the St. Paul's Secretary announced that he feared bacteriological bombs and would

welcome a ticket to a South Sea island. M. Miller pitied the ignorant Russians. Hayman (St. Paul's) thought knowledge brought order and liberty and suggested that man was his own greatest enemy. R. Plant declared that neither expression nor survival were possible without knowledge. The Secretary blamed it all on the Industrial Revolution when machines replaced men. Our knowledge compelled us to make dangerous generalisations, leading to concentrated misunderstanding and hate. Samuel, the St. Paul's President, preferred modern England to any state of nature.

Devoud and Spokes then summed up. When the motion was put to the vote it was lost by 23 votes to eight. The Society thanks the Union Society for a plentiful tea and an enjoyable debate.

Several other debates were held in the Lent term, and it is hoped that at least one further inter-debate will be arranged in the Election term.

THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The foundation of such a society has often been considered in the past, but only recently has there been sufficient enthusiasm to achieve it.

Several debates were held last term. The motions "that vivisection should be abolished," "that College should be abolished" and "that only persons of at least average intelligence ought

to have the vote" were all defeated, the last providing a very interesting debate. During the term several promising speakers were discovered, and it is hoped that the society will be a success both as a training-ground for the Debating Society and also as an end in itself. The members are looking forward to the Play term, which will provide the test of interest in the society.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS have not usually been regarded with great seriousness at Westminster, and although this is a more healthy state of affairs than the opposite extreme it does not lead to high standards. Athletics is a sport only for the tolerably proficient; for others it is a form of hell, either through acute physical agony or through sheer boredom. The system of entirely voluntary athletics, which has now seen its second season, is the only fair one and will in the end produce the best results. What was lacking this year however was time for practice. By the time the section of the football season which overflows into the Lent term was at last completed and the house matches, continually delayed by the bad weather which invariably accompanies this term, had at last been played, there was little time left to practice for the sports. There was no lack of coaches to give instruction, for several of the masters offered their valuable services, but there was simply not the time to do any training on an adequate scale.

As a result the standards were not very high, especially in the open class, the product of several years in which athletics had stood at a low level. Among the younger boys however there were many promising athletes who should in time produce a good team to represent the school. It is useless to arrange matches until the standard is fairly high, but the sooner it is possible the better, because matches serve as a powerful stimulus to raise interest and enthusiasm in the sport. The present system of long distance matches alone is unfair on the sprinter who is tempted to take up long-distance running in order to find a place in the school team, to his

own extreme discomfort, and to the detriment of his sprinting abilities. At any rate it will not be long before we can produce a good all-round team. Two boys, both colts, demand especial mention from among a crowd of good young athletes. L. E. Lowe is a high-jumper of great possibilities, and during the school sports he broke the Under 16 record with a jump of 5ft. 3ins. C. R. Hayes, who is still very young, has a fine stride, and should prove a first class distance runner.

A novelty this year was the return of the hurdles to the curriculum. They had the appearance rather of museum-pieces and their weight acted as a powerful incentive to the hurdler to clear them, since contact was extremely painful. Hardly anyone has yet acquired any technique at this event or realised that more is required than just to run and then to jump.

The long distance races were held on March 15th at Putney under very bad conditions. An abnormally high tide had only just receded from the towpath when the race was run. The senior event was won in a fast time by F. D. Hornsby and the junior by C. R. Hayes.

The only match of the season was a long-distance match against Felsted run at Putney. In the senior race the only Westminster runner in the first six was Hornsby, who was fourth, and Felsted won by 51 points to 85. In the junior Hayes came second and A. C. Hornsby fourth, but Felsted won 52—84. The Westminster runners showed inferior training to the Felsted team, although they had been exercising throughout the term on Wimbledon Common under the supervision of Mr. Preston.



THE ESSAY SOCIETY

ON March 18th N. J. Barker told us about Tibet, its history, its customs and in particular its religion. The numerous quotations from Tibetan lost nothing in translation; thunderbolt sows and blue Lamas, local deities armed with murrains, the Order of Saffron-coloured Hills and other riots of dream and nightmare, gave an impression, at times poetic, more often quaint. What gave Tibetan life and thought reality to us was its basis of Buddhism. The system of hells—all twenty of them, four thousand leagues between each—fitted in strangely and yet melodiously with the doctrine of the eight-fold way and many

other mystical ideas, one of the nicest of which was the comparison of human beings with spent waves.

The President, D. F. Whitton, read us a work of great erudition on Symbolism and its place in the foundation of modern poetry. He discussed in particular the French group of poets who flourished between 1860 and 1890, Baudelaire, Rimbaud, Mallarmé, and Paul Verlaine, the development and decay of their ideas from belief in the ideal to a technique aiming at vagueness and obscurity. The essayist quoted widely from the French, giving us original and striking translations of his own.

THE WATER

AFTER the very successful Schools' Head of the River Race on March 12th, several waterman switched to Athletics for the rest of the term. All crews except "A" were shaken up by this and finished the term almost scratch. "A" crew however became the First VIII overnight with the $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile Head of the River Race to be rowed on the afternoon of the Boat Race.

The University crews had appeared at Putney before the schools' race. This year Westminster was well represented for D. V. Lynch Odhams, Head of Water in 1939 and the first Westminster Blue since the war, rowed 7 for Cambridge, and H. R. A. Edwards was Oxford's tideway coach. On one outing Westminster accompanied Cambridge and paced them over the second half of a record breaking mile. It was an important honour and an enjoyable event, and it certainly put some badly needed confidence and life back into the boat. The fortnight between the races passed quickly, but not before the crew were more together and steadier than they had been before.

On the morning of March 26th there was the Boat Race, almost terrifying in its speechless excitement. The brilliant weather of the morning continued on into the afternoon. The crew paddled the boat up from the boathouse to Kew Railway Bridge, where their division station lay. The organization was very good, and despite a colourful but nerve-racking chaos of blades

under Chiswick New Bridge while the crews drifted down to the start in two parallel columns, the First VIII started well. Getting into a good stride, they kept their length and passed two crews. The row was hard without the breathers customary recently, but over the last mile the crew were not pressed, and they could not see anyone in front. The final place was 46= in 21'05. With a new record entry of nearly two hundred, the result was satisfactory.

At the beginning of the Election term Water began in earnest. Seven eights go out, six race in the Leagues. The First VIII, who have great power and determination which they do not always produce, showed their potentialities in rowing away from Owens after the first minute, winning easily. The Second VIII, still spirited and enthusiastic, lost a heartbreaker to U.C.S. I by a canvas, and at Molesey won a hard race from K.C.S. Wimbledon I by three lengths. The Third VIII, rowing in a shell for the first time, justified the innovation by winning against Harrow County easily. The Fifth VIII too won their race against Haberdashers II. The more difficult races are still in the future, but the season promises to be interesting.

It is hoped to arrange an Old Westminsters' sculling race on July 23rd, the finals day of the School Regatta. Entries for this event should reach Mr. C. H. Fisher, 26 Great College St., S.W.1., by July 2nd.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Public Schools' Championships were held this year at Westminster, under a new arrangement whereby each of the London schools is to act as host in turn. The pools were fought at various places throughout the school, mostly up School and in some form-rooms, with the finals of each weapon in the Art School; and the arrangement, though at times inconvenient, proved successful.

The school, as holders, were not in a very strong position, for only one of their last year's finalists remained, while St. Paul's still had three. However, at the end of the third day the position was encouraging. After three preliminary rounds and a semi-final, Petrie headed the final pool of the foil with four wins and one defeat, thus retaining for Westminster the foil cup won by P. Webb last year. Of the others, B. S. Green was very unfortunate to get no further than the semi-final, and in the Junior Foil, A. Plummer reached the semi-final, while E. A. Bower, M. Miller and C. A. Gane, fighting in their first championship, all did well.

At this stage St. Paul's (7) were only one point ahead of Westminster, but in the *Épée* they gained a further lead of thirteen points by filling the first three places in the final. The winner was P. F. Hartshorn, the St. Paul's captain, and runner up in the foil. The only Westminster finalist was Petrie, who gained fourth place, thus bringing the school's total to nine.

On the third day the Sabre began well for the school, as Petrie, Green and V. Herbert came easily through the first two rounds. Unfortunately all three were defeated in the third round, and the school were reduced to the rôle of spectator. The final was won by P. Warnford Davies, of Bradfield, and though St. Paul's had only one finalist they were now the winners of the Graham-Bartlett Cup with a total of 24 points. Second were Westminster with nine points, third Eton and Bradfield with six, and fourth Merchant Taylors with four.

This term there are no first team fixtures, but the second team has four matches, against Whitgift, Eastbourne, City of London and Charterhouse.

CRICKET

THE First XI opened the season on May 14th with a match against Mr. Peebles' XI. The school batting collapsed in a way which perhaps flattered the bowling, but two bad calls led to run-outs which should have been avoided and there were too many wild shots. The total score was only 58; Mr. Peebles took four for 26.

Mr. Peebles' XI were soon in difficulties against good bowling by K. J. M. Kemp, and wickets fell regularly. However, although the score stood at 40 for 8, a determined innings by Dr. Rivaat enabled Mr. Peebles' side to beat the school by two wickets. Kemp took six for 13 and C. F. Kingdon three for 16.

The match against the Eton Ramblers on May 21st produced the best finish that has been at Vincent Square since the war. Winning the toss the school batted first, and after losing Kingdon and A. P. M. Woodward early, R. T. Robinson and G. N. P. Lee put on 64 for the third wicket. When Robinson (31) was out, C. C. P. Williams increased the rate of scoring and, after losing Lee (21) at 145, had completed a forceful 50 not out when the school declared at 4.45 p.m. with 161 for four.

The Eton Ramblers' opening pair scored 31 for the first wicket, but then five wickets fell for a further four runs. With Kemp and Lee bowling steadily either a win or a draw seemed likely, but the slow bowling of Kingdon and Williams was severely punished by H. A. Hely Hutchinson, and when the opening bowlers came back on at 6.15 the Eton Ramblers needed 60 runs to win. Some very fast scoring by Hely Hutchinson and useful innings by J. A. Worsely and A. J. Boughey enabled the Eton Ramblers to keep pace with the clock, and when the last over began, eight runs were needed. Boughey took a single off the third ball, Hely Hutchinson drove the fourth for four and hooked the fifth, a fast full toss, for another, breaking his bat and winning the match.

On May 24th, the school played the Lords and Commons up Fields, and lost by five wickets.

The school batted first on a wicket which had been soaked the previous night. The start was disastrous and six wickets fell for 14 runs, five of them to the in-swing bowling of A. M. Crawley. C. J. Lummis and J. A. Cumming added 32 runs for the tenth wicket and the eventual score was 74.

The Rt. Hon. John Strachey and Mr. John Harrison opened for the Lords and Commons but neither stayed long, and four wickets fell for ten runs. Both Kemp and Lee bowled consistently but neither could dislodge Crawley, and it soon became clear that this would be the most valuable wicket. But although two more wickets fell, the school's total was passed and Crawley was only out trying a big hit. He had scored 54. After Crawley was out, the rest of the side collapsed and the total was 88. Kemp bowled unchanged until the match had been decided and took six for 42 in 13 overs; J. H. Kendall took two wickets for no runs in three balls to finish off the match.

The Colts opened their season with a convincing win over Whitgift up Fields on May 17th. A total of 56 justified C. J. H. Davies' decision to put Whitgift in to bat, and it was only an excellent innings by their captain, Harrison that raised the total above 40. Kemp took five for 19 in 15 overs and S. L. C. Tester two for 11. The Colts had little difficulty in scoring the necessary runs as Davies (26), A. C. Hornsby (18 not out) and P. S. Houston (13) all batted well.

On May 28th the Colts drew with K. C. S. Wimbledon. The scores were: Westminster 81 for eight (H. R. L. Samwell 22, Hornsby 21); K. C. S. Wimbledon 43 for six (Tester four for 20).

The Second XI lost to Rochester Row up Groves on May 28th by six wickets. Scores: Westminster 80 for nine declared (P. C. Petrie 19); Rochester Row 94 for six (Whittles 49, N. J. Barker two for 16).

Both the First XI match against Wimbledon and the Under 15 match against Mercers' were cancelled owing to rain.

THE NEXT CONCERT

Beethoven's VIIIth Symphony and *These Things shall be*, by John Ireland, together with some winning items from the Music Competitions, will be among the music at the School Concert on Friday, July 22nd at 7.45 p.m. All requests for tickets should reach The Hon. Sec., 19 Dean's Yard, S.W.1., not later than July 13th.

WESTMINSTER BALL

A meeting of all those who are interested in the Westminster Ball will be held at the school on July 9th at 5.45 p.m.

EVENTS

An extra day was added to the Exeat in honour of considerable recent academic successes by Old Westminster at both Universities.

- July 4th. Gym and P.T. Display.
- July 7th. Aristophanes' *The Birds* by the Balliol Players in College Garden.
- July 22nd. School Concert.
- July 23rd. Finals of School Regatta. O.W.W. sculling race.
- July 24th. Election Sunday.
- July 26th. End of Term. Scouts' and C.C.F. camps begin.
- August 2nd. C.C.F. Camp ends.
- August 4th. Scout Camp ends.

SWISS FIVES

On the last Monday of term, the fives courts were filled with vivid colour and strange guttural cries as a pair from Zuoz College, Engadine, opened its English tour with a match against a masters' pair. The Captain, Schulz, wearing pale blue shorts and with a silver antelope embroidered on his bright orange shirt produced a fine left-handed kill; but the mysteries of a strange surface (in Switzerland the butress is made partly of iron) were too much to overcome. Full of good humour, and with only a few words of English between them, the pair went off next day to the Public Schools Fives at Highgate, where they were beaten by the eventual finalists.

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FENCING

The first season of the revived Fencing Section has, perhaps inevitably, only a modest achievement to record. We started appropriately by beating the school 17—10. Our next fixture, with Oxford, was an odd affair in which two of us were present Oxford men and one of them was our own normal first string; such are the difficulties of team raising. Oxford, thus supported, won. Of other fixtures fought, we beat St. Paul's and Dulwich and had an enjoyable round in the Sporting Record Cup without distinguishing ourselves.

As we have no Salle of our own our main function is to give people who are not in their permanent club teams the chance of good matches, but at present the number of people available for regular matches is restricted to a group of "old faithfuls" who are in fact also in great demand elsewhere. We should like therefore to appeal for more support, particularly from those who are about to leave school, satellites as well as stars. Anyone interested should write to the Hon. Sec., Norman Brown, 17 Denbigh Road, W.13.

SQUASH RACKETS

The results for the past season were:—

- 1st V. Played 16 Won 4 Lost 11 Drawn 1.
- 2nd V. Played 2 Won 0 Lost 2.

The club was defeated in the first round of the Londonderry Cup by the Old Rugbeians, 5—0. The section is urgently in need of more playing support—two matches had to be scratched owing to lack of players—and all who are interested are asked to contact the Hon. Sec., P. A. Jessel, 7 Nepean Street, Roehampton, S.W.15.

GOLF

THE Spring meeting took place at Walton Heath. The results were as follows:—

- Graham Challenge Cup: H. V. Mabey 86-10=76.
- Silver Birch Scratch Trophy: A. C. Grover 78
- Circuit Memorial Salver: R. C. Orpen 88-11=77
- Barnes Goblets (Stableford foursomes): M.de.J. Creswick and H. V. Mabey.

The O.W. Golfing Society played against the school on 2nd May at West Hill Golf Club. The match was drawn, individual results being as follows:—

SCHOOL	O.W.W.
R. K. Pitamber (3) 1 up	1 v. A. H. Palmer (9) ... 0
C. J. H. Davies (10) ... 0	v. H. V. Mabey (10) 5/3 1
R. T. Robinson (11) 1 up	1 v. F. N. Hornsby (11) ... 0
R. R. Davies (15) 4/2 ... 1	v. D. Johnston (10) ... 0
F. D. Hornsby (12) ... 0	v. R. W. Roadnight (14) 6/5 1
T. J. Davies (15) ... 0	v. J. M. Wilson (16) 1 up 1
A. C. Hornsby (15) 3/1	1 v. J. H. Lawrence (16) 0
R. J. Cantrell (18) ... 0	v. F. N. Hornsby (11) 3/1 1
4	4

The foursomes were drawn 2 all.

The Halford Hewitt Cup. The match against Clifton provided a most exciting finish. With the score at two games all, the result depended on the outcome of the fifth game. Powers and Moss, who earlier had been three down, succeeded in squaring at the 14th. At the 15th Westminster was unexpectedly one up. The next two holes were halved, and the 18th lost. The 19th was halved after a magnificent second shot by Powers. At the 20th Moss holed a beautiful putt for a half and there was still hope. However the end came at the 21st when Westminster's tee shot buried itself in an unplayable lie giving Clifton the chance to win the hole and the match.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

BIRTHS

- BARKER—On March 28th 1949 in London to Katie, wife of G. M. Barker, a daughter.
- BYERS—On March 24th 1949 in London to Joan, wife of Frank Byers, M.P., a son.
- CLARKE—On February 12th 1949 to Irene, wife of H. G. Clarke, a son.
- ENEVER—On April 6th 1949 to Dorothy, wife of W. B. Enever, a daughter.
- GAMBLES—On April 5th 1949 in Nigeria to Margaret, wife of R. M. Gambles, a son.
- GERRISH—On April 12th 1949 at Surbiton to Ann, wife of Jack Gerrish, a daughter.
- GUTTERIDGE—On February 19th 1949 at Huntingdon to Joan, wife of R. J. C. Gutteridge, a son.
- HODGES—On February 27th 1949 at Oxford to Jocelyn, wife of J. R. B. Hodges, a daughter.
- HOLLAND—On April 22nd 1949 at Beckenham to Rosemary, wife of D. A. Holland, a daughter.
- MCDUGALL—On April 24th 1949 at Ealing, to Gwendoline Mary, wife of E. H. V. McDougall, a daughter.
- PULMAN—On March 16th 1949 at Woking to Diana, wife of F. G. Pulman, a son.
- SYMINGTON—On March 31st 1949 at Hunstanton to Antoinette, wife of I. W. A. Symington, a daughter.
- WOODGATE—On April 16th 1949 at South Croydon to Pat, wife of J. T. Woodgate, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

- BANG : HATCH—On December 27th 1948 M. C. Bang to Olive Eleanor Irene, daughter of Mr. Arthur E. Hatch, of 21 The Byway, Sutton, Surrey.
- BURTON : LEVY—On December 16th 1948 A. L. Burton to Joyce Elaine, elder daughter of Mr. S. I. Levy, F.R.C.S. and Mrs. Levy, 43 Bryanston Court, W.1.
- CRAIG : BEATTIE—On March 30th 1949 at Bramshott J. B. Craig to Sue, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Beattie, Pymble, Sydney, Australia.
- JOHNSTON : JONES—On April 2nd 1949 at Oxford J. P. Johnston to Evelyn Phillis Jones.
- LINES : RUNACRE—On April 8th 1949 at Aspley Guise D. H. Lines to Joan Hetty Runacre.
- MORRIS : WALKER—On May 7th 1949 at Belper H. K. Morris to Stella, only daughter of the Revd. G. and Mrs. Storrs Walker, of Belper, Derbyshire.
- PECK : HORNER—On February 26th 1949 at Thirsk Captain Oliver Jasper Peck, R. Signals, son of Mr. E. F. Peck (O.W.) to Joan Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Horner, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- SUTTON : FOURNIVAL-SWAIN—On April 8th 1949 in London P. J. Sutton to Yvonne Joyce Fournival-Swain.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

THOMAS HENRY CORFIELD, who died on February 21st at the age of 72, was at Westminster from 1893 to 1895 and was for many years a solicitor in London. His four brothers were also at Westminster.

ASHLEY ANTHONY FROUDE, who died on April 17th, was one of the few remaining Westminsters of the 1870's and was a link with a Westminster of a yet earlier day, for he was the son of James Anthony Froude, the historian, who was admitted to the school in 1830. Like his father, he went up to Oriel and later, after serving in an expedition to the Behring Sea, he was Assistant Private Secretary at the Colonial Office. During the 1914-18 war he was in the R.N.V.R.

BERNARD FEATHERSTONE HOWLETT, who died on April 23rd, aged 74, was one of three brothers who were at Westminster in the 80's. He qualified at St. Thomas's Hospital in 1899 and for a few years took a hospital post in Hull, but in 1903 he settled in general practice at Kingston-on-

Thames where he remained for over 40 years. He married in 1904 Sarah Isabel, daughter of John Reside Smith, of Glasgow, who survives him. His son, Bernard Hamilton Howlett, was at Westminster from 1924 to 1928.

MARCUS MACDONALD, who died in December 1948 aged 64, was at Westminster from 1898 to 1902. He joined the G.W.R. Electrical Engineers' Department at Paddington in 1906 and for the last 24 years had been employed in the C.M.E.'s Department at Swindon.

HENRY MACNAUGHTON-JONES, who died on May 15th, was admitted to Westminster in 1883. He became M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in 1893 and was for many years in practice in London.

RICHARD MARTIN-LEAKE, who died on May 7th aged 82, was one of the three sons of Stephen Martin-Leake of Ware, Hertfordshire. He was at Westminster from 1882 to 1884 and became a Civil Engineer.

GERALD NYE, who died on April 1st, aged 70, was at Westminster from 1890 to 1894. He was a member of the London Stock Exchange.

OBITUARIES (continued)

Westminsters and Carthusians alike will have learnt with regret of the death of BERNARD HASTINGS WILLETT. The second son of Alfred Willett, F.R.C.S., of Wimpole Street, London, he followed his elder brother to Westminster in 1894 and was in due course elected to an Exhibition at Christ Church. He represented Oxford at Association Football in 1901 and for over 40 years he had been an assistant master at Charterhouse. He married in 1919 Muriel, youngest daughter of Ethelbert Hosking, of Turner's Hill, Sussex. He died on March 14th at his home at Godalming.

We also record with deep regret the death of ALASTAIR NIGEL HODGES, King's Scholar 1940-45, from infantile paralysis at the early age of 22. Nigel Hodges came to Westminster from Downsend and was Captain of College and of the School for his last term. He was a brave, straightforward boy of strong, impulsive character: he loved his games and played them well, always ready for a struggle whether with the opposing side or with school authority. An injury to his leg at football spoilt what might have been a fine athletic record, but it failed to break his spirit or his love of life. Our deep sympathy goes out to his family: his elder brother was up Grants and his sister for some months secretary to the Head Master.

Dom Gregory Dix, o.s.p., Prior of Nashdom has been made a D.D. by the University of Oxford, for his two books *The Apostolic Tradition of St. Hippolytus* and *The Shape of the Liturgy*.



Mr. D. V. L. Odhams rowed No. 7 in the winning Cambridge crew in the Boat Race.



Sir Geoffrey Thompson, H.B.M. Ambassador at Bangkok has been awarded a K.C.M.G.

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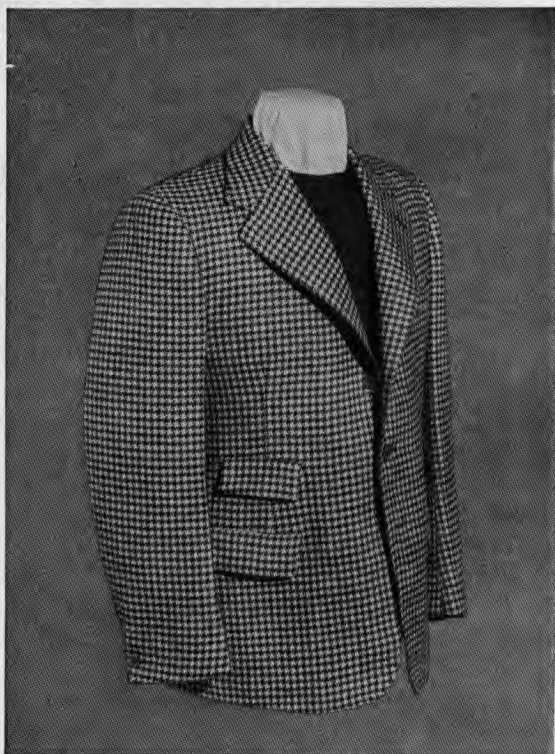
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