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WESTMINSTER-BY-SEA

There cannot have been many in September, 1938, who visualized another and more extended visit to Sussex before twelve months were past. Yet, once again, Westminster is forced to quit the city, and accept the kindly hospitality of the two colleges of Lancing and Hurstpierpoint, in a region where the perils of war, though ever present, are not as imminent as in London.

When we compare September, 1939, to September, 1938, we may well marvel at the state of preparedness which met us on arrival at the beginning of the term. This year, there was no hasty departure in crowded buses, no laden kit-bags or unwieldy bundles of blankets to unpack. Apart from the fact that many of us did not know the way to the College, we might well have been Lancing men returning after the holidays.

Of course this position was not arrived at without a great deal of staff work and still more manual labour in the weeks before the beginning of term. Willing helpers, both masters and boys, worked hard to prepare the way for the exiled host. There were beds to be put up, walls to be demolished, lorries to be loaded in London, and unpacked again the same night in Shoreham-by-Sea. The College Farm, now Grant's House, and the Pad Guest House, became the focal points of a vast organization, which existed to obtain reasonable accommodation for nearly 300 Westminsters and to procure from Westminster all the things which would assist the running of the School in the event of a prolonged exile.

At Lancing and at Hurstpierpoint the reception of the main body of the School passed without a

hitch, thanks mainly to the masters and helpers, in whose hands the arrangements lay. But now that term has got fairly under way, and the first flush of enthusiasm for the novelty has worn off, let us not forget that only discontent is caused by discontent, and that at a time like this grumbling can accomplish nothing. Only by following the example of those who came before and gave up their time willingly, in preparation for the exodus, can a pleasant and healthy atmosphere exist in the school, a thing which is more necessary now than ever before.

COLLEGE MATRON

We all of us look forward to the glad day when we shall return to Westminster, but for College, at any rate, the gladness will be tinged with regret. For we shall have lost our Matron. Miss Lorrimer has this term been acting as Matron for Home-boarders, and the news of her retirement came to us as a most unwelcome surprise, for the thought of College is invariably bound up with the thought of her. She was not only an efficient person who did everything she could to promote our health and comfort; she was a friend to all of us: and it is for this that we and many generations of old King's Scholars will always remember her. She reminds us of the words of Ampelisca in the play which in happier circumstances we might be rehearsing to-day:—

“Neque digniorem censeo vidisse anum me quemquam,
 Quoi deos atque homines censeam bene facere magis decere:
 Ut lepide, ut liberaliter, ut honeste atque haud gravate . . .
 Acceptit ad sese, haud secus quam si ex se simus natae!”

A BUSBY TERCENTENARY

1939 is a notable year for Westminster in many ways, and not least in that it is the tercentenary of the commencement of Dr. Busby's headmastership. Though provisionally appointed as Head Master in 1638, it was not until early in the next year that his appointment was confirmed, and he was settled firmly in the office, which he held up to the time of his death.

It is an interesting fact that, though the appointment of Busby as Head Master appears to us to

be very near the beginning of the school's history, the first mention of a school at Westminster occurs in the year 1339, or exactly three hundred years before Busby's appointment. In other words, if we work on the assumption that a school of sorts came into being not long before that first written record, Busby's appointment falls exactly midway between the foundation of the original school and the present day.

There are many stories about Busby, but perhaps the best known is of the time when he told King Charles II that he did not take his hat off to him, as he could not have his pupils believe anyone to be greater than he was within the school buildings. His reputation as a flogging Head Master is well known, if possibly a little exaggerated, and it is related that a certain pupil of his never forgot the look with which the Doctor grasped his rod and said ‘καὶ σὺ τέκνον’, upon the only occasion that he was flogged.

Assuredly we too should remember Busby as the cover shows him, stern, fearless, a strict disciplinarian, but withal a kind-hearted man, who loved his job, and attained more fame in it than any of those who held it before or since.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Mure Scholarship has been won by P. H. J. Lloyd-Jones, the Mure Prize by M. W. Sweet-Escott, K.S.

The 1st XI were beaten by 6 goals to 1 on October 21st by Lancing.

Juniors' Race round College Garden on Election Monday was won by T. O. Cary, K.S. R. W. Young, K.S., was victorious in Dormitory Race on Election Saturday.

The number in the School this term is 293.

We are sorry to have bidden *au revoir* to several members of the staff: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Wordsworth and Mr. Wentworth-Shields are on active service, Mr. Blake is in Egypt, and Mr. Llewelyn has left us for a year to work in India.

Both Debating Society and Essay Society have been carrying on as usual at Lancing. Reports of their meetings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

LIFE AT LANCING

Arriving at Lancing to begin this term was not quite so hard for most of us as it was last year: not only had we more notice of the move, but many of us had been to the College before, and therefore knew the way about a certain amount. The problems that had to be faced were two-fold. First there was the question of housing the school, which could only be done by utilizing three private houses in Shoreham and the Shoreham Grammar School, as well as Lancing Manor, the College Farm, and sleeping accommodation for about ninety boys actually in the College. This of course meant that communications were bound to be very difficult, and also that boys from Shoreham would have to come a mile and a half whenever they wished to visit the College.

Of course, there was a certain amount of grumbling at the conditions, but on the whole, boys realized that everything was done as much as possible to give them comfortable accommodation. The second difficulty was the position of Westminster in regard to the Lancing authorities and the fitting of the organization of a complete school into the premises of another. Many ingenious arrangements were made to surmount the difficulties here, such as the changing of our Thursday play to Friday, so that we might have the use of all the football pitches on Friday, while Lancing were on parade in the O.T.C. Latin Prayers are held in Lancing Great School—or, by a rather natural Westminster metathesis, “up School”—after afternoon school on whole-school days, while we hold a service in Lancing Chapel at our usual time and start work as is usual at Westminster, only conforming where necessary to Lancing time by having four morning periods of forty minutes, with a half-hour break.

Most of the school naturally plays football, on the generous amount of pitches allowed us by the Lancing football authorities, but there is also a flourishing tennis station which includes in its ranks many ex-Watermen who do not wish to play football.

The prospects of Watermen, after the abolition for the winter of their usual station, were further enlarged by the formation of a Cross-Country Running Club, which now boasts about twenty members. The only other acknowledged station is Fencing, although many Westminsters make

use of the abundant Squash and Fives court accommodation supplied by Lancing for our use.

Lancing as a whole, both officially and unofficially, has been extremely kind to us: our living accommodation in the College is excellent, though of course it is all used during school hours as form-rooms, owing to lack of space. As a certain Westminster remarked: “It really is incredible that two schools should be able to live together like this without any outbreak of trouble or bad feeling.” And yet so far we appear to have done so.

WESTMINSTER AT HURSTPIERPOINT

Since the memorable reunion of the School at Hurstpierpoint on the first day of this term, it has been clearly shown that, if adaptability is indeed the secret of survival in the race of life, Westminster has still many centuries of prosperity to look forward to. In a remarkably short time we settled down in our new life, Ashburnham in its comfortable billets in the village of Hurstpierpoint, Rigaud’s in the Victorian Gothic buildings of the College.

No one could have been more helpful or attentive to our wants than the boys of Hurstpierpoint. From the beginning they have shown the greatest forbearance and good nature towards us, who have driven them out of a large portion of their school buildings, and occupy their classrooms, squash-courts and libraries for long hours at a stretch.

Most Westminster boys here are learning to play Rugby football, and are joining in with the Hurst games organisation. Nevertheless, there is a small but active football club led by Hinge, Treherne and A. F. Taylor which uses a pitch at Danny Park. Quite a number of people are taking advantage of the facilities for fencing here, and squash is also very popular.

From these details you may see that we are not faring too badly. There are grumblers who suggest that if this is “our contribution to the war effort,” we should all be given the D.S.O.—but they are in a minority. We are really quite comfortable—the only disadvantage detected so far being the staggering success of the mid-Victorian architect in achieving a truly medieval atmosphere in the dormitories about 7 o’clock in the morning.

WESTMINSTER IN THE 'SEVENTIES

PART II

By SIR CHARLES FORTISCUE BRICKDALE

(Q.S. 1870-5)

Our connection with the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament furnishes me with sundry memories still very vivid. Dean Stanley, a great benefactor of the School—witness the top end of the schoolroom which “*de suo restaurandam curavit*” (to quote the commemorative tablet)—was one of the smallest and yet most dignified men that I remember. He preached us a sermon once a year.

The Abbey services gave us an acquaintance with some of the finest ecclesiastical music. There was in the choir a baritone named Montem Smith (so christened, it was said, from his having been born at Eton on June 4th) who had a very handsome face, suggestive of an Abbot of Westminster in the olden time, and a marvellous voice. To hear him take the solo in Luther's Hymn “Great God what do I see and hear” was an experience never to be forgotten. The precentor, Flood Jones, also had a very impressive clear and musical voice. I can hear him now reading that fine last chapter of Proverbs usually read just before Advent. By the kindness of the Dean we were given places in the choir for the first big performance in the nave of Bach's Passion Music. The Orchestra as well as the singers all wore surplices and passed us in procession: it took quite a long time for them to go by. London had not so many surpliced choirs in those days, and we were told there was great difficulty in finding the required number for the service. The Q.S.S. used to assemble in the West Cloister before the services (as I daresay they do still), and any ecclesiastical dignitary who passed them on the way into the Abbey was duly capped and returned the salutation. On one occasion, however, an aged clergyman, intent on his own thoughts, failed to notice what was being done, until, as he neared the Abbey door, a young lady who was with him touched him on the arm and doubtless drew his attention to the salute that he was receiving, whereupon the old gentleman, starting from his reverie, turned towards us and made

the most courtly bow I ever saw in my life, taking off his hat and sweeping it down to the ground. I never shall forget the sight.

When (in 1874, I think) the Shah of Persia came to visit Europe, he came, of course, to the Abbey. The boys were drawn up in two lines all down the nave, and I remember hearing him say to the Dean (who was in his scarlet D.D. gown): “*Ecoliers?*”—“*Oui, écoliers,*” and they passed on. He wore the high black Persian head-dress with a large diamond spray in it, besides, I think, many diamonds about his black tightly buttoned frock coat.

Another intrusion of celebrities occurred while we were at dinner in College Hall, when the door from the Deanery suddenly opened and in came the Dean with the Czarevitch (afterwards Czar Alexander III) and his wife (sister of Queen Alexandra) followed by the then Prince and Princess of Wales. We all stood up, of course, but nothing further happened to us than a good stare from the royal and imperial party and a friendly nod from the Dean, and they were gone. The two sisters were very much alike and both beautiful. They used to dress alike (as sisters often did in those days) and went everywhere together for several weeks (I think) in that summer.

The privilege of attending debates in Parliament was not thrown away upon us. We heard several of the great statesmen of the time in both Houses. We could not get in soon enough for the great debates, but sometimes we came in for a bit of luck by accident—for instance, a slashing rejoinder by Mr. Gladstone to a member whose speech we had not heard, but which gave occasion to Mr. Gladstone to ask him in thunder-tones “whether he adhered to the epithet *trickster*.” After some further heckling the unfortunate offender declined to answer any more questions, a course which his eloquent opponent described as “taking refuge in ignoble silence.” In the

House of Lords I remember coming in for good substantial speeches from Lord Cairns (then Lord Chancellor) and Bishop Wordsworth on the Public Worship Regulation Bill.

Turning to lighter topics, the Pancake Greaze was by no means the orderly affair that it is now, and I only saw it once successfully negotiated, and then by a trick. R. W. S. Vidal, future Captain of the School and also of cricket and football, caught the pancake, rapidly hid it under his waistcoat and at the same moment violently attacked a biggish fellow named Stephenson, who was standing next to him. As soon as the whole crowd was well closed in upon the loudly-protesting Stephenson, Vidal pushed his way out of the greaze and began a quiet conversation with "the Bird." When at length, having relieved Stephenson of most of his clothing in the vain attempt to find the treasure which he had not got, the general scrimmage had died down and Dr. Scott shouted "Who has got it?" The innocent Vidal, from a safe distance, held it up.

The mention of Vidal reminds me of the curious fact that in my time brains and muscle were so often united in the same person. After Vidal, Rawson was also Captain of the School, vice-Captain of cricket and Captain of football. After him Otter was Captain of the School and of football. Two years later Alington was Captain of the School, Captain of football and vice-Captain of cricket, and in my own year Webb, head monitor, was high up in the football XI.

Having had the unusual experience of acting four leading parts in the Play in the course of three years, perhaps I may be forgiven for stating how it happened. My first part was Syrus in the dress rehearsal of the *Adelphi*. Randolph, who had the part, was taken ill, and as I was playing a (mute) slave's part, and so had the slave's tunic handy, they put me on to do it. I had seen most of the rehearsals, and was careful to put in all the bits that Scott (who was a good actor and rather fond of showing the boys how to do it) had put in himself—particularly a falsetto *Ohe!* in the drunken scene. Randolph (I fear, rather to my disappointment) cheered up in time to take the part in the performance, but my diplomacy apparently bore fruit, for next year, when I was a third elec., the masters put me into the title role of Phormio. Phormio is an easy part and almost

acts itself if you only shout and look as if you liked it. So that went off all right. But on the third night our Geta (the longest part in the play) was summoned home by a sad event—the fatal illness of his father. After wasting a precious morning in the vain attempt to induce Northcote (a former very successful Phormio) to take my part while I took Geta's, we decided that I should play Geta in the scenes where Phormio is not also on, while Giles (who was playing the amusing little part—now unhappily, as I think, acted with its best bit cut out—of Geta's red-headed slave friend) should play the rest. This was done. Owing to the fact that we all learnt nearly the whole play by heart in school, I got through without the book till very nearly the end. But for three or four days afterwards I had to speak in a whisper. My last part was Stasimus in *Trinummus*: much more difficult. Plautus's wit is much drier than Terence's, and I didn't feel happy in it. In that year, mainly owing to the facile scholarship of Arnold, our Captain, the boys wrote the Epilogue—returning to the old practice of continuing the characters of the play. In Stasimus as a smart footman I felt much more comfortable than in the classic part. To finish my connection with the Play I had the honour, a few years ago, of being allowed by Dr. Costley-White to "touch up" parts of the scenery which had suffered damage from the wear and tear of half a century. For this he kindly gave me as wages a complete set of silver pennies.

HALL EPIGRAMS

As usual the epigrams touched on a great variety of subjects. In spite of the impending crisis only three were dedicated to Hitler (or his double) and only three others were politically minded. This left twenty-four to be devoted to people like the late Mr. Manisty and the new Dean of Christchurch, or the Bursar and Dr. Buchman, or to institutions such as the Eight, the Westminster School Society, and even Church House. These, amongst others, provided a stimulating programme with no lack of pith or point.

Fourteen of the epigrams were in English, twelve in Latin, two in Greek, and one in French,

but the most remarkable was one in four languages produced by R. L. Batten :

Auribus teneo lupum
 Da immer muss ich bartlos sein,
 Il faut me raser chaque matin :
 Quotiens autem tondentur saetae,
 Τοσσάκι μείζων γίγνεται χαιτή.

To make a fair selection from such a mixed bag is not easy, but one that at any rate was well received, especially by members of the staff, also proved admirable subject matter for the thesis 'οί μὲν κάμον, οί δ' ὀνίανται' :

"Ha!" said the Bursar as he turned the pages;
 "The motto I've been looking for for ages:
 My job is paying other people wages."

The hardworked Masters wait unpaid in hordes,
 Shrieking, "We don't know how that man affords
 To go so many times a week to Lord's."

Another aired a more familiar topic of Westminster gossip :—

Auribus teneo lupum
 Because we are at peace, it is a fact
 That still the new Church House remains intact :
 Surely no war could be too great a price
 For the destruction of this edifice.

Two political epigrams, both on "*Auribus teneo lupum*," were nevertheless hardly consistent. It was already out of date to say :—

My umbrella is falling to pieces
 I'd throw it away with a will.
 But it served me so well at the crisis
 I fear I must cling to it still.

It was far more in accordance with the prevailing atmosphere to say defiantly :—

Are we afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?
 Chamberlain's told the world where we stand;
 The masks are issued; the meat is canned;
 The fleet's lit up and the guns are manned;
 We won the test (though we lost the Grand):
 We're not afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf!

To return to more domestic matters, a successful first day at Henley provided an obvious epigram on the Greek thesis :—

Octo laborantes remis certamine vincunt :
 Ter centum pueris otia habere licet.

But the most important domestic epigrams were propaganda for the Westminster School Society. It was appropriate that one of these was chosen to close a unique evening's entertainment :—

Οί μὲν κάμον, οί δ' ὀνίανται
 Praeteritis ditata viris, ditanda futuris,
 Numquam laude carens, floreat Alma Domus.

R. G. R.

OXFORD LETTER

Sir,—The curtain that at last rung down on the Academic Year enabled the weary players to take a well-earned four months off-stage. Meanwhile, your correspondent takes the opportunity of performing the function of dramatic critic.

The most evident change which has come over the University in the past year is the ever-growing intrusion of the military into everyday life. Oxford has at last realized how far mightier the sword is than the pen, and accordingly the sword is being whetted. It is not altogether with dissatisfaction that your correspondent observes that the dastardly rush to the O.T.C. recruiting booths during the few hours before the announcement of conscription has met with its just reward. The victims are enrolled as members without there being any remittance of their post-graduate imprisonment.

Aerodromes are now situated at every quarter of the compass; and the inmates are determined that if we are to escape the bomb in war-time, we shall have no escape from the bomber in peacetime. It is to be hoped that if the House is again to be turned into billets for the R.A.F., a closer watch will be kept on the cellar than was observed in 1914.

But these, Sir, are foolish generalities, in which you can have but little interest; and, alas, they have been the all too frequent topic of small talk for the past two months. What then of those figures once so familiar to Westminster, amongst whom, it may be, you shortly intend to number yourself?

Eights week produced the usual personality parade on the banks and the stream of the Isis. Such boats as survived to see the crowds that thronged the barges were largely propelled by the gentlemen of Westminster. Mr. James, profiting from some early practice under the able guidance of Mr. Franklin, was quick to overhaul Mr. Radcliffe, but was unable to touch a fast Trinity crew. Mr. Radcliffe, let us hasten to remark, redeemed his fortunes by a victory in the pairs later in the term. Mr. Pattle, now famous as the leader and organizer of many an expedition into darker Scandinavia, was also seen to be lending his weight to his college boat.

Mr. Long was cast on the shores of Prospero's magic island as the Duke of Naples ; and we had the pleasure of seeing him behind his fair and well-trimmed beard at the dress rehearsal. Amongst other honours accorded to Old Westminster is that to Mr. Lilly, who has acceded to the Presidency of the Roscommon Club—a position which has not been held by anyone from Westminster for some forty years.

Visitors to Oxford have been many and welcome. Mr. Bowle may be almost counted as a resident ; and the Exeat brought us Mr. Carleton and Mr. Peebles. Mr. Barnes was to be observed the same week-end dispensing a wealth of stories from the other University, and a fleeting glimpse was caught of Mr. Bury as he vanished like a wraith down Logic Lane. Last, but by no means least, we must mention Sir Francis Leveson, that fashionable roué, who (it is whispered) is not unknown at Westminster under an assumed name, and who has once more been seen in the haunts of his mis-spent youth.

And here, Sir, we must yield to the requirements of the Lord Privy Seal and his grim minions, the local Air Raid Wardens ; but before we black ourselves out let us affirm with pride that we are humbly and obediently

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

SIR,—The onus of having to write the Cambridge Letter having been laid on our doorstep after the end of Cambridge Full Term, inspiration is tarrying in no uncertain manner.

After scanning ELIZABETHANS of the past five years with the intention of serving up a rehash of forgotten correspondence, we have decided against this device, since the letters we have consulted turn out themselves to be only a rehash of yet earlier material. In fact, this discovery may become a fertile field of research, and any Old Westminster willing to trace back The Cambridge Letter to its original embryonic birth, will be doing the cause of evolution a great service.

But we trespass, Sir, upon your hospitality : we must restrain our craving for scientific knowledge, and return in spirit at least to Cambridge, whence this letter should be written, to wander once again amongst her mellowed buildings, to

laze again upon her torpid waters, and to revisit those of her inhabitants who, in years to come, may write after their names not only "O.W." but "Failed B.A." as well.

There is a tendency to retreat from the whirl of social life during the months preceding the examinations, and this monastic hibernation made itself acutely felt during the past term. Many are the Old Westminsters whom your Cambridge Correspondent failed to meet in any of the well-known haunts : many there are of whose very existence there is no authoritative report. Rumour has it that they were last seen in a cloud of smoke in their rooms, with a book open before them, a wet towel wrapped round their head and a glassy stare in their eyes.

But some still made a public appearance now and then. Mr. Barnes might be found in the Pitt Club most days of his life. Mr. Barlow continued to smoke more cigarettes than was good for him, in public as well as private. Mr. Watson-Gandy staunchly resisted the temptation to work, and was charmed to entertain anyone at any time. An occasional glimpse of Mr. Harston was sometimes accorded to the patient observer.

As to incidents of more general interest, the term culminated in four days of magnificent weather for the May Races, in which Mr. Batten and Mr. Rich, amongst others, were rowing. Jesus remained Head of the River.

In the same week there was entertainment for lowbrows in the Footlights Review and for highbrows in the B minor Mass in King's Chapel, both well attended as relaxation from an all too strenuous period of examination.

The May Week Balls took place in the following week. Great preparations, in the form of immense marquees and miles of pink-and-white awning, were visible on the Backs, but the actual scenes of revelry and gaiety on the nights of entertainment must be left to the imagination, since one of the many unfortunates who could not afford to stay until after the ball was over was

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

[Editor's Note : Our Oxford and Cambridge correspondents both obliged with their letters during the last few days of peace, which is the reason why they relate only last term's activities, and contain no mention of the war.]

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

Once more the winner of the Cup for the Music Competitions was College, this year Busby's being the runner-up.

In the morning the individual events were judged by Dr. Arnold Goldsbrough, assisted by Mr. R. G. Carritt and Mr. J. R. C. Engleheart, O.W. The standard of performance was high throughout, the vocal solos being especially good.

For the combined events in the afternoon Dr. Thomas Armstrong kindly consented to be the adjudicator. For the House Choirs the set piece was "The Keeper" (a Warwickshire folk song), houses making their own choice for a second song. Although winning the whole competition for many years, it is some time since College last won the House Choirs, and Grant's regained their prestige by finishing second. For their own choice College sang "Stille Nacht" (trad. German), which was most suitable since they were able to sing softly with such good control and balance that the result was really beautiful. Grant's were in a lighter vein with "Waltzing Matilda," which they obviously enjoyed and consequently sang well.

Of the three Vocal Quartet entries, all were good, but Busby's showed a real understanding of the song "The Winter it is past," in which the Treble has the most important part, the others providing an accompaniment. College and Grant's were placed equal second.

All six Houses produced orchestras this year, each being quite a different combination from the others. College produced the largest, but the winners were Busby's who, with a flute, violin and piano gave a wonderfully balanced rendering, each instrument having an equal share and playing with confidence and accuracy. Grant's were somewhat similar with three violins, flute and piano, and though very good were not quite so accurate. College had many good players, but had not quite such a good balance. The set piece was Grieg's "Norwegian Dance," No. 3.

As Dr. Armstrong remarked, the best was kept till the last, for in the Chamber Music the playing was really excellent and it is certain that few schools could produce a trio to rival College in this class. In their rendering of a Beethoven trio one felt that each playing his part to fit with

the other two and not as a solo with each trying to be more brilliant than the others. Busby's, with the same combination as their orchestra played a Bach trio, and here again there was very good musical feeling and a very pleasant ensemble.

We are very thankful to Dr. Armstrong for his helpful criticism, and the Houses may well be proud of his praise for their soft singing and absence of the shouting which so often spoils school choirs.

The Winners were :—

Piano Solo—

Senior—Nicholas, *K.S.* Junior—Swann, *K.S.*

String Solo—

Senior—Garner, *K.S.* Junior—Whitehead.

Wind Solo—

Senior—Nye. Junior—Swann, *K.S.*

Vocal Solo—

Broken—Nye } Unbroken—Crisp.
Bullock }

Piano Duet—

Senior— Swann, *K.S.*, & Junior— Swann, *K.S.*, &
Hampton-Smith, *K.S.* Hewitt-Jones, *K.S.*

Piano Sightreading—

Swann, *K.S.* }
Hewitt-Jones, *K.S.* }

Instrumental Sightreading—

de Mowbray.

Vocal Sightreading—

Nye }
N. Brown, *K.S.* }

Organ Solo—

Farley.

Original Compositions—

Swann, *K.S.*, and Hampton-Smith, *K.S.*

Vocal Ensemble—

College.

The final positions were :—

College (A. V. Adams)	486½
Busby's (R. E. Nye)	250
Grant's (D. L. B. Farley)	194
Homeboarders (M. Bullock)	122½
Ashburnham (A. B. Whitelegge)	11
Rigaud's (V. M. Leveaux)	0

THE CONCERT

The Musical and Orchestral Societies' Concert on July 28th was the first to be held under the direction of Arnold Foster. For this reason the concert was one of great moment to all those who take an interest in what was until recently the most neglected of all school functions—the Music.

The concert was noteworthy for the fine performances given by two instrumental soloists. D. L. B. Farley gave a polished and technically perfect rendering of the Schumann A minor Piano Concerto, in which he and the orchestra fully entered into the romantic spirit of the work. There was a tendency to hurry at the beginning, but the soloist soon settled down to the correct tempo, and delighted us with his playing of the difficult cadenza towards the end of the work, after which the orchestra entered triumphantly in march-time, forming a stirring finish.

The other instrumental performer was E. F. R. Whitehead, who gave us the Vivaldi-Nachez violin concerto. His technique was excellent, and outshone a certain muddiness amongst the orchestral strings.

The earlier part of the programme was interesting in that two houses, College and Busby's, each presented an instrumental trio. In the case of Busby's, a dance for violin, flute and piano, by Grieg, was performed by M. S. de Mowbray, R. E. Nye and C. M. Turnbull. They showed good co-ordination, which is essential in such a work; Turnbull is a pianist worth watching, and it was a pleasure to hear Nye, usually to be found handling the "tymps," playing the flute. De Mowbray played the violin in his usual effortless, deft fashion, completing a fine trio. The King's Scholars' trio, however, did not come up to the usual College standard. They performed Beethoven's B flat trio for violin, 'cello and piano. The violinist played a microtone flat throughout the whole work, and was not at all at ease when attempting to play the more difficult passages. Swann, as the pianist, was the redeeming feature; he played with true feeling and fine interpretation, and made gallant efforts to rally his companions.

The summer concert usually has a duet for piano, and we were not disappointed this time. D. I. Swann and D. C. Hampton-Smith played

two pieces—one an original composition by Hampton-Smith and the other the well-known "Laideronnette, Imperatrice des Pagodes" from the suite "Ma mere l'Oye," by Ravel. Hampton-Smith's composition was a theme and variations. This is an art-form especially indicative of a composer's ingenuity; variations which do not display enough variety or are not set forth subtly enough are a boring and unfortunately rather common type of composition nowadays. Hampton-Smith, however, passed through the ordeal with flying colours; his variations were all interesting and well graded. In the second piece they were obviously not at ease with Ravel's delicate impressionism. Nevertheless, their technical finish was good.

The Orchestral Society has generally been the most neglected of the music activities. It re-asserted itself well on this evening, for, under the excellent guidance of Arnold Foster, it played us the difficult "Gopak" of Moussorgsky, an interesting effort for a small orchestra. How the "effects department" enjoyed itself!

Lastly, I must deal with the choral side of the concert—always the most important subject. This year the Madrigal Society was in difficulties numerically owing to the introduction of voluntary attendance. However, all fears were dispelled by a good performance of Thomas Wood's "Master Mariners." The voices penetrated the orchestral mass easily and one could appreciate the harmonic side of the choral singing—a thing which, with the complex orchestral accompaniment involved, one is usually unable to do. The soloist, Mr. Denis Dowling, tackled well the mystic sensitivity of John Masefield's verse.

Before the "Master Mariners" two House-choirs, Grant's and King's Scholars, had sung for us. College sang much the better, although both sung well, as was exemplified when they combined into one choir to sing "The Keeper." But the hit of the evening was a solo by J. P. Crisp of Busby's. He sang the Skye Boat Song very well, and showed no nervousness whatever. This song made a fitting prelude to the last choral event of the evening, when the choir and orchestra combined to give us the "Non Nobis Domine" of Quilter. This was stirring music, and how well the singers knew it! An excellent performance.

THE O.T.C.

PROMOTIONS, PLAY TERM, 1939

At Lancing : L/Sgt. Blaksley, to be Under-Officer. Cpls. Nicholas, Borradaile and Deakin, to be Sergeants. L/Cpls. Macwhinnie, Peck, Blake, Morton, de Mowbray, Flanders, Scarfe, Self and Waite, to be Corporals. Cdt. Hadwick, to be Lance-Corporal.

At Hurstpierpoint : Sgt. Wakeford, to be Under-Officer. L/Sgt. Bayley, to be Under-Officer. L/Cpls. Nicol, Bates and Hartog, to be Lance-Sergeants. L/Cpls. Corbould, Ellis, Scott-Barrett and Eady, to be Corporals.

CAMP, 1939

The cancellation of the official O.T.C. camps this year was accepted by Westminster as a challenge. The opportunity was too good to be missed, and even before the end of the Easter holidays possible sites for an all-Westminster camp were being discussed and canvassed. Fairwarp, a Sussex village bred up in the right tradition by John Sargeant and Mr. Willett, seemed a likely place, and a preliminary journey was reassuring. By the second week in May a decision had been reached, and later in the term Sunday parties of volunteers went down to prepare the site.

The choice was fully justified. The rain, which played havoc with the Militia at Beaulieu and elsewhere, fell in torrents during part of every day, but it drained away as quickly as it had come, and never once did it seriously interfere with either military exercises or enjoyment. As is fitting in modern warfare, petrol played a large part in the day's proceedings, and those who had vivid memories of climbing up the hill behind the Park or the Pennings could only stand and stare. Each morning a fleet of cars, including the C.O.'s (specially camouflaged for the occasion), stood waiting by the officers' tents, and a rapid shuttle service conveyed the troops, or some section of them, swiftly and surely to their training ground. Each morning, manoeuvres ended, the mechanized columns were hurtled home to lunch. And meanwhile the home front had been as active as the battle zone. If honours had been awarded at the end of camp, they would have gone to Q.S.M. Bayley and the kitchen staff, who, working under

exacting conditions, never failed to contrive that meals appeared punctually and appetisingly, and were as cheerful as they were unobtrusively competent.

On the Saturday we were honoured by a visit from the Head Master, who stayed the night in camp and attended night ops. On Sunday, preceded by the Band, the Contingent marched to Fairwarp church, and on return to camp after the service the lines were inspected by the C.O. The afternoon was devoted to entertaining the numerous visitors who drove down from London.

The eight days of camp were too full to chronicle in detail, and it was this activity which, more than anything else, gave the camp its especial flavour. The sensation of organized aimlessness which is sometimes present in the official O.T.C. camps was entirely absent. On the military side we felt that we were running our own show, and that we had no one to blame but ourselves if things went wrong, and this acted as a stimulus and contributed to the success of the tactical exercises carefully planned by the Adjutant and Mr. Murray-Rust. Everyone seemed to have a job and to be getting on with it, and even the only civilian in camp, Mr. Carleton, who, disguised under the title "Sports Officer," collected the vegetables each morning, must have managed to pick up a little military knowledge. Of especial interest were the visits to the R.A.F. at Biggin Hill, kindly arranged by Sir Henry Tizard (O.W.) and to the Headquarters of the A.A. (Searchlight Section) at Forest Row, where we were allowed to see something of the technical side of modern warfare. That everything went so smoothly and efficiently was a tribute to Captain Young's organizing ability and to the immense amount of time and trouble he gave to every detail for weeks, even months, before camp began. The success of the whole undertaking was the measure of his reward, but even so, our thanks must be recorded. The Visiting Officer from the War Office who inspected us professed himself well pleased with what he saw.

On the non-military side everyone professed themselves more than pleased. Highlight of the week was Fairwarp fete, where the O.T.C. vainly endeavoured to win a pig as mascot for the band and thereby returned in cash the Vicar's kindness in lending cups and benches for the visitors' tea

on Sunday, and the band itself, with shining brass and spotless equipment, marched and countermarched, pigless but indefatigable, before an admiring crowd. And then there was the sing-song, where, in the blaze of as yet unshaded headlights, everything from P.T. officials to modern linguists were burlesqued and parodied, and the King's Scholars' theme-song floated off over the still night air to be picked up in a market garden two miles away. Last but not least there was the swimming-pool, which Sir Bernard Eckstein generously placed at our disposal—de luxe, electrically heated, hundred per cent., with its statues and rose garden and clear blue water, into which we hurled ourselves (or were hurled) with never-failing enjoyment. It all seems rather far away now, but it was good fun while it lasted, and there were regrets on the last evening when the dusk gathered and the gigantic ring of searchlights round the camp sprang into life and Last Post sounded and the tent lights went out one by one.

SCOUT CAMP, 1939

This year's camp was at Gruline, near Salen, in the Isle of Mull. The journey to the camp site took very nearly 24 hours, owing to the necessity of a long wait in Oban before catching the boat to Mull. Naturally, it poured with rain, and the prospect of pitching camp in a rainstorm after an all-night train journey and a rough sea crossing did not enthrall even the toughest in the troop. Fortunately though, the rain abated, and our first evening on Mull was almost dry.

Apart from the midges, the most dangerous thing we experienced on Mull was the S.M.'s driving, on roads which were little more than cart-tracks, and very narrow. But this we endured with fortitude, as trips in the car were essential to take patrols to distant parts of the island, from which they could walk back. This method considerably enlarged the scope of our expeditions, and some very enjoyable walks were had in this way.

Of course, the *piece de resistance* was Beinn More, the highest mountain on Mull, which attains the height of over three thousand feet: this mountain each patrol conquered in turn,

taking almost in their stride its lesser counterpart, Beinn Graigh. Only the very credulous could be induced to set out in search of the mythical Beinn Willet, although the joke was enjoyed almost as much as the Troop Leader's excellent chocolate buns.

Apart from patrol expeditions, various members of the troop enjoyed themselves by fishing at the invitation of one of the local lairds, and on the day before we struck camp we were all entertained to tea by our landlord at Gruline House. Besides these social engagements, a large part of the troop availed itself of the opportunity of visiting the Isle of Iona, whither they were conveyed by two of the very few buses on Mull.

With all these enjoyments on the credit side of camp, and only the rain (or midges, of course, when the rain stopped) and orderlies on the debit side, the troop had a very happy time in the Western Isles; and despite such minor incidents as the (partial) dislocation of Bill Budgett's neck, and a heavy attack of lumbago on the person of a certain other scout, it was everywhere agreed that the 1939 Camp had been one of the most successful in recent years.

ELECTION, 1939

ELECTED TO CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

- A. T. P. Harrison (Scholarship in Classics).
- E. S. Meyer, K.S. (Scholarship in Science).
- R. D. Kidner (Exhibition in Classics).
- R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S. (Exhibition in Mathematics).
- M. Kinchin-Smith (Hinchliffe Scholarship in Modern History).

ELECTED TO TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

- A. V. Adams, K.S. (Exhibition in Science).
- R. L. Batten, K.S. (Exhibition in Science).
- E. P. Hawthorne (Exhibition in Mathematics).

ELECTED TO TRIPLETT EXHIBITIONS

- D. F. Pears (Classics).
- V. G. H. Hallett (History).
- A. V. Adams, K.S. (Science).

DEBATING SOCIETY

This Westminster institution has suffered very little inconvenience from our change of quarters, and has held its first meeting with an attendance of some sixty people. On October 21st the President took the chair while the House discussed the motion, "That the Devil is an indispensable institution." Some delay was caused by the four speakers, who attempted to hold a debate on Surrealism over the heads of the rest of the House; but this disturbance was quelled, and the debate proceeded after new speakers had been found.

DR. CRISP, proposing the motion, showed that although evil had no independent existence, it played a very real part in the notion of the mind. Unless the evil were clearly exposed, the good could not gain the mastery; and who could better expose the pitfalls of evil than this charming mythological character?

T. B. NICHOLAS, K.S., opposing, exposed the spurious attractions with which the Devil tried to conceal his moral short-comings, and drew a lurid picture of mediæval Christianity as a murky superstition which compelled its votaries to do good by threatening them with this loathsome Bogey.

H. LLOYD-JONES, seconding the motion, relapsed into a conversational style of oratory and proved by means of a parallel that even the best cause cannot thrive without opposition. He adduced the cases of several Saints, who owed their sanctity to the Devil's active intervention, and wound up by maintaining that though in the past the Devil's behaviour had been ungentlemanly and anti-social, it did not merit liquidation.

T. J. BROWN, K.S., repeated Mr. Nicholas' warning against the Devil's blandishments, and directed a general attack against the motion on moral grounds.

J. A. STAYNES, K.S., proved that the Devil's ungentlemanly behaviour was directly responsible for the success of the evening.

D. C. FEASEY, K.S., quarrelled with Mr. Brown's contention that the Devil personified Fear; "Go to the Devil," said he, had quite a different meaning.

E. W. LONGFORD, K.S., asserted the divine principle of free will with canonical rotundity.

M. H. FLANDERS accused Mr. Nicholas of plagiarising Mr. Bowle, and delivered a general attack on all the speakers.

DR. CRISP, in his summing-up, corrected Mr. Nicholas' view of mediæval Christianity, which, he said, preserved in its conception of good and evil certain values which were lacking in the world today.

MR. NICHOLAS opposed the conception of the Devil on the ground of the terror he inspired. It was possible to avoid evil without compassing its avoidance by underhand means; the Devil's only justification was his utility as a term of abuse.

The motion was put to the vote, and was carried by 23 votes to 10.

ESSAY SOCIETY

At the end of the Election term, J. A. Staynes, K.S., and T. J. Brown, K.S., were appointed President and Secretary of the Society respectively.

At a General Meeting at the beginning of this term new members were elected, and it was decided that the Society should continue on the same lines as last year. Two essays have been read so far.

The first, on October 1st, by the President, was headed "Shaw: Exponent of Realism." Shaw was not, as was often supposed, an iconoclast of the essential, but one whose object was to dispel the glamour which surrounds the essential. He was frequently treated by the English as a mere humorist, but in fact he was a man whose ideas dominated his writings. The illogical nature of his philosophy was shown up in the discussion afterwards when it was discovered that Art, which he held supreme, could never exist in the perfect society of which he is the prophet.

On October 15th N. J. P. Brown, K.S., gave an essay on "Program Music," with special reference to Elgar, whom he considered the best example of that type of composer. Program music was music of a narrative or evocative nature, which could not be fully appreciated without the help of a program.

It was a recent development, because complete mastery of the classical form, with which descriptive music must coincide, had only been achieved within a relatively short time. The essay was illustrated by gramophone records of Elgar's "Enigma Variations"; typical was the evocative variation on the composer's wife, and the sound-picture that represented the composer's dog splashing about in the river Wye.

T. J. B.

THOUGHT WHILE THINKING

"Oremus!" Is it not unjust
That one of two such brothers must
Be mentioned in our daily prayer
And not the other? Is that fair?
Why not, the next time prayers are said
Proclaim "Oromulus!" instead?

(By kind permission of the College Street Clarion.)

FRAGMENT OF A BUSBIAD

Book XII—THE FLIGHT.

Canto 1 —The Forerunners.

Now at the boding blast of War's dire strain,
 See Peter's flock in exile strew the plain.
 Stirred from their ancient Cloyster's grey repose
 Forth to new haunts the banished column goes :
 Nor all unknown the mark to which they roam ;
 Not all unready is the xiles' home.
 For thrice seven days a band had laboured there
 To till the waste, and warm th' untempered air.
 From morn to eve had Champions, fit though few,
 Toiled to receive at length th' adventurous crew :
 Had wrought, had run, on divers errands sped,
 Up winding stairs had hauled th' unyielding bed.

Sing, heavenly Muse, these Chiefs, remembered long,
 And with their names lend lustre to my song.
 First *Glaucus** sing, of huge and sinewy girth
 To unload the lorry or to delve the Earth :
 Robust of arm to build th' embattled wall,
 But loved to knock it over best of all.
 And next his henchman, bland *Cootes* hight
 In radiant vest and stripen doublet dight :
 Then *Fergus*, ever young, whose martial throat
 Vied with the Clarion's brazen-sounding note :
 Born to command the herd, in halls or huts,
 To rule battalions, or to reign in Ruts.
 Nor *Ferga* fair forget, of mien demure,
 With tongue to dart a wound and smile to cure.
Murrus and *Murra* next bestride the Scene,
 Proud tenants of a Farm, all spotless clean.
 Hail *Murra*, foe to sloth and dirt and dust :
 Surprising Mistress for a house of Rust!
Jacobus too, well wont from tender age
 To charm the Bus-man or refute the Sage.
 Youngest, but tallest far of all the Troop
 See *Rovus* 'neath the lowly lintel stoop ;
 Skilled the frail shallop with the arm to speed,
 With feet to ply the dwarf Velocipede.
 Much ancient lore his fertile mind contains,
 The dates of Kings but not the times of Trains.
 Not far behind sits *Mecia*, born to please,
 And taps neat-fingered on the dancing keys.
 Last but not least see stout *Colinus* come
 From Western snows to seek a warmer home ;
 Firm without fuss and without bluster bold,
 A new ally, by right of service old.
 These the Forerunners who had toiled amain,
 And counted all their Toil but joyful gain,
 What time St. Peter's flock in exile strewed the plain.

* *Glaucus* : a famed Fisher of Antiquity.

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* denotes Lancing

† denotes Hurstpierpoint

THE PLAY

The Captain of the King's Scholars regrets to announce that there will be no Play this year.

This decision was only taken after every consideration had been taken into account. Setting-up actually took place for the parts of the *Rudens*, but it has been obvious for some time that the performance of the Play was not feasible.

EXCHANGES

The Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN acknowledges the receipt of magazines from the following schools:—

Rossall, King's College School (Wimbledon), Winchester, Fettes, Durham, Gordonstoun, Dulwich,

Cheltenham, Blundells, King Edward VI School, Southampton, St. Paul's, Zeitschrift der Nationalpolitischen Erziehungsanstalt Schulpforta, Chicago Latin School (U.S.A.), The William Penn Charter School, Germanstown (U.S.A.), Sedbergh, Marlborough, Edinburgh Academy, Lancing, Saraspotak (Hungary), Glenalmond, Milton Academy (U.S.A.), Charterhouse, El Nopal (Texas), Shrewsbury, Harrow, Malvern, Bedford, R.N.C. Dartmouth, King's School (Canterbury), Radley, St. Edward's School (Oxford), Rugby, Felsted, Beaumont, St. John's (Leatherhead), Wellington, Bradfield, Clifton, Eton College, Christ's Hospital, Tonbridge, Christ's College (New Zealand), Aldenham, Wycombe Abbey, Haileybury, Sherborne, High School, Binghampton (U.S.A.), Brighton, Uppingham, Repton. And also of copies of the:—

Trinity University Review, I.P.C. News Letter, Public Schools Assoc. Bulletin, Artists Rifles Gazette, Boy Scout's News Bulletin, The Boy's Magazine.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEBATING SOCIETY

Sir,

In your June number it is stated that a debate which is there reported as having taken place this term "concluded the fiftieth year of the [Debating] Society's existence." Should it not be "the sixtieth"? The Society certainly existed when I was at Westminster more than fifty years ago, and in THE ELIZABETHAN for December, 1881, will be found a leading article which says that it was then three years old, which would give 1879 for the date of its foundation. I was already in the School then, but my recollections of the Debating Society belong to my years in College, 1880-1884.

Faithfully yours,

CLEMENT C. J. WEBB.

Old Rectory,
Pitchcott, nr. Aylesbury.

[The Debating Society is grateful for this piece of information which proves that it is an older institution than was believed when the article in question was written.—ED.]

OLD WESTMINSTER GAMES DURING WAR

Dear Sir,

There must obviously be many difficulties in arranging and transporting sides at the present time. The Games Committee are, however, anxious to inform O.W.W. through your columns of their intention to arrange matches whenever possible.

At the moment the chief interest is Football, and the Football Secretary, Mr. T. G. Hardy, will be glad to hear from those wanting to play, either by letter to 45, Bramham Gardens, S.W.5, or by telephone, day or night, to Albert Dock 2744. The fixtures that can be arranged must depend to a large extent on footballers keeping in touch with their Secretary, who will be grateful to hear from those who cannot play as well as those who can.

All Golf matches for this year have been scratched, but it is hoped to arrange a few fixtures in 1940, having due regard to the restricted facilities for travelling.

Squash Rackets and Fives matches are similarly suspended, although their respective secretaries:—

Squash Rackets: Mr. P. W. G. Kann,
Orchard Way, Ottershaw,

Fives: Mr. T. H. S. Wyllie,
The War Office, Whitehall,
S.W.1,

will be glad to hear of players who would like an occasional game against the Schools.

The Games Secretary will welcome any suggestions regarding games in general, realising at the moment that it is almost impossible to take any long-distance views.

Yours sincerely,

Ashburnham,
Sandown Road, Esher,

W. E. GERRISH.

THE WATER

Except for Finals Day the weather was good and the water fairly calm for the whole regatta. There were not many surprises this year, except in the Pairs and the Senior Fours. Once again no one was able to give Hawthorne a really good race for the Senior Sculls.

The water was very rough on Finals Day and the Senior Fours were nearly postponed, but fortunately all the races were rowed without a hitch. Films of the year's activities were shown during the tea interval, including a coloured film of the race with Radley at Henley. The prize table was adorned with the Marlow Eights Cup and the Vesta Dashes Cup, which was won by Hawthorne; and the Boat House was further decorated by the oars of the VIII beautifully inscribed with the names of the crew and their successes at Marlow and Henley. The prizes were presented by Lady Davidson.

There was a record attendance at the Boat House Supper this year, which included several members of the Governing Body.

The Halahan Cup was won by Homeboarders, Rigaud's being second.

SENIOR FOURS

Grant's } Rigaud's } Rigaud's } Home-
 Rigaud's } Ashburnham } Homeboarders } boarders
 Homeboarders }
 College }

This year the Pinks were fairly evenly divided between Homeboarders, Rigaud's and College, and some close races were expected. Rigaud's, who had defeated Ashburnham rather more easily than was expected, were heavier and more powerful than Homeboarders, and it looked as if the very rough water would favour their extra weight. Rigaud's led at the start, but ran into some bad water after the mile, and Homeboarders on the Surrey side, began to lead and eventually won a close race by 1½ lengths.

Homeboarders IV.—M. J. Wedgwood-Benn (bow), 10.7; J. Morton, 11.12; E. P. Hawthorne, 9.11; P. B. Taylor (stroke), 11.5; E. Priestley-Cooper (cox), 7.7.

Rigaud's IV.—V. W. Hall (bow), 10.7; S. R. I. Knox, 11.4; D. V. L. Odhams, 11.10; R. Wakeford (stroke), 10.12; R. W. Gray (cox), 6.3.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS

Ashburnham A } Ashburnham A } Ashburnham A } Ashburnham A }
 Rigaud's A } Grant's } Rigaud's B } Rigaud's }
 Busby's B } Homeboarders } Homeboarders } Homeboarders }
 College } Busby's }
 Busby's A } A }

Ashburnham were the stronger crew and won fairly comfortably.

Ashburnham IV.—F. R. Allchin (bow), 9.5; J. D. Lever, 10.6; D. W. Scott-Barrett, 12.0; B. A. Bernacchi (stroke), 10.12; A. T. P. Harrison (cox), 8.12.

Homeboarders IV.—D. Featherstone (bow), 8.0; M. C. M. Blackburn, 9.3; J. Wilson, 13.9; A. J. M. Clark (stroke), 10.0; J. N. Milne (cox), 7.12.

JUNIOR FOURS

Busby's A } Rigaud's A } Rigaud's A }
 Rigaud's A } Grant's }
 Busby's B } Homeboarders } Homeboarders }
 Grant's }
 College }
 Homeboarders } Rigaud's B } Homeb'drs. }

Rigaud's led at the start and were quickly clear, and won by 1¼ lengths.

Rigaud's IV.—K. L. Ellis (bow), 8.0; M. L. de Buy, 8.10; J. B. Graham, 9.6; A. H. Fewell (stroke), 10.7; R. W. Gray (cox), 6.3.

Homeboarders IV.—R. S. Langrish (bow), 8.3; P. M. Johnson, 8.8; S. J. G. Neal, 8.4; D. R. Holloway (stroke), 9.5; J. D. Priestman (cox), 6.8.

HOUSE PAIRS

Flanders (G.) & Hadfield (B.) } College } Homeboarders B }
 Carlyle & Nicholas (College) } Hawthorne & Morton (H.B., A.) } Homeboarders B }
 W.-Benn & Taylor (H.B., B.) } Taylor & Namias (A.H.) } Ashburnham }
 Archer & Davison (G.) } Odhams & Wakeford (R., A.) } Rigaud's A }
 Hall & Knox (R., B.) } A }

The pairs produced some surprises this year, when Wedgwood-Benn and Taylor, who were very well together, and controlled their boat

beautifully, defeated 4 Pinks and reached the Final. Wedgwood-Benn and Taylor led at the start and raced gallantly the whole way, but the superior weight and strength of the Rigaud's pair proved too much for them over the long course from Harrod's to the Stone; and the veterans, Odhams and Wakeford, won for the second year in succession easily.

SENIOR SCULLS

Final: E. P. Hawthorne (H.B.) *v.* R. H. Namias (A.H.).

Once again Hawthorne led from the start and sculling beautifully went away to win by 3 lengths.

JUNIOR-SENIOR SCULLS

Final: A. D. Self (G.) *v.* W. H. Allchin (A.).

Self won comfortably.

JUNIOR SCULLS

Final: J. D. B. Andrews (G.) *v.* C. H. Christie, K.S.

Andrews led from the start and won by 5 lengths.

COXSWAIN'S HANDICAP SCULLING RACE

N. M. Briggs, 7.7 } Best Boats. Scratch.
N. D. Sandelson, 7.0 }

D. S. Wilde, 7.5, Sliding-seat Rum-Tum, 10 secs.

R. W. Gray, 6.3 } Fixed-seat Rum-Tums,
H. T. McA. Grumitt, 5.10 } 40 secs.

After a close race Wilde finished a length ahead of Briggs, who was a length up on Sandelson. Time 6 mins. 9 secs.

LAMPROBATICS

Town Boys' IV.—E. P. Hawthorne (bow), R. Wakeford, D. V. L. Odhams, R. H. Namias (stroke), N. M. Briggs (cox).

College IV.—C. H. Christie, K.S. (bow), M. Kinchin-Smith, K.S., R. H. F. Carlyle, K.S., T. B. Nicholas, K.S. (stroke), J. M. Whiskard, K.S. (cox).

Course: Mile Post to Boat House.

The Town Boys led from the start and won by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

PLAY TERM

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to arrange for Water at Lancing this term, as was hoped. The condition of the river, difficulties of tides and the inadequacy of the Shoreham Boat Club's quarters made rowing obviously impossible, at any rate, during the winter. Unfortunate though this has been for Water, it has enabled watermen to co-operate in the other school sports and in many cases to learn new games.

W. S. B. C.

THE FIELDS

CRICKET

The 1939 Cricket Eleven were a much-travelled team. With the very pleasant exception of the Old Westminsters' match, all matches were played away. The state of the ground, owing to the digging of trenches, did not permit the use of the normal wickets, and did not leave a sufficient playing area nor a good enough wicket for School or Club matches. But it should be permanently recorded that, in our difficulties, the Bank of England, through the good offices of Mr. Humphrey Wyatt and Mr. Gerrish, very generously offered the use of a wicket on at least one day a week, and the Headmaster of Charterhouse gave us the use of a ground for two matches, against Mr. C. H. Taylor's XI and the Free Foresters.

Without the use of proper nets and without their own ground to play on, it is perhaps not surprising that the results were disappointing. But taking these disadvantages into consideration, the side did not do itself justice, and so few runs were scored against Stowe, Charterhouse and Sherborne that the bowling, which was quite strong, seldom had a chance. Radley alone were defeated; the remaining matches were well and truly lost, with the exception of the Wellington match, which was lost after a good fight.

The Second Eleven, under the very efficient captaincy of Nicol, had a good season, and all the Colt's matches were well fought by a very promising side, enthusiastically coached by Mr. Murray-Rust. Nor should the invaluable work of Mr. Peebles in the nets be allowed to pass without mention.

It was possible to have two pitches on the football ground, and here the House matches were played. Grant's proved to be the winners after a good struggle with Ashburnham.

W. F. M.

FOOTBALL

v. Lancing

On Saturday, 21st October, the Westminster XI took the field against Lancing. In the earlier stages Lancing had most of the play; their defence was sound, while the forwards made good use of their wings. The Lancing centre-forward opened the scoring, after Trehearne and Macwhinnie had made a desperate attempt to save a goal; before half-time Hinge equalised with a great drive. After the interval Lancing's better condition and longer practice as a team began to tell; Cole, at outside-left, scored twice, and Wilson, at inside-left, added a fourth goal. Cole completed the "hat-trick" by converting a penalty kick, and Marriott made the total six. Considering that this was their first game together, the Westminster side showed up remarkably well; Hinge and Taylor did much excellent work, and during the first half a youthful defence more than held out against a powerful opposing side.

TEAMS.—*Westminster*: G. S. Blake; P. Casper, G. M. Macwhinnie; R. O. I. Borradaile, I. J. Abrahams, D. A. Trehearne; R. G. Whittington, A. F. Taylor, I. A. Renny, K. A. H. Hinge (Capt.), J. C. Trebucq.

Lancing: J. Zinn; T. R. I. R. Sanceau (Capt.), W. T. Thomas; D. B. Emley, R. H. Bradley, P. A. C. Marriott; A. A. Macintyre, R. B. R. Wilson, J. B. Sheldon, A. D. Potter, B. R. Cole.

SWIMMING

During the summer term the system of training was greatly improved by the use of the swimming bath at Thames House, which was made available for the whole school. The Swimming Sports were held at Thames House on the afternoon of Friday, July 14th. The programme was very successful and the House Swimming Cup was won easily by Rigaud's, who attained a high standard. Among creditable performances, mention should be made of Meldrum's victory in the Open Diving, of V. W. Hall, who won three open

events and of Bengough, who beat the open record in the plunge. The School attained some measure of success during the season, and although handicapped in three of the matches by under-strength in the team, succeeded in winning two out of the five school matches, namely, those against Aldenham and Eastbourne.

The match against Charterhouse was only lost on the relay. We are sorry to lose, even temporarily, Mr. Llewelyn, whose help and influence has been so much appreciated by the team. The team trainer, Mr. Ray, also gave invaluable assistance during the course of the year.

The team was as follows:—

D. L. Stevenson*, P. D. Leveaux*, V. W. Hall*, B. Nordon*, H. Racic*, D. G. Meldrum*, T. O. Cary, K.S.*, M. H. Flanders, N. Clout, J. M. Dalton.

* Denotes half-Pinks.

D. L. S.

LAWN TENNIS

The 1939 tennis season was a success. Although the results were not outstandingly good, there was that keenness throughout the team which inspired enthusiasm among all the other players. At Stowe the School was unfortunately beaten 8—1, but most of the other matches were lost by the odd game in nine. The first two pairs settled down quickly under the admirable leadership of R. G. Woodwark—a player whom we are all sorry to lose. There was not a great deal of difference in standard between the first two pairs, although the first pair played a more attacking game; the second, however, relied, especially at the beginning of the season, on their ground shots. The third pair was difficult to settle, the choice lying between Wilson, Boggon, FitzHugh, Treffgarne and G. M. Woodwark.

Of the 13 matches played two were won, three drawn and eight lost. The team was: first pair, R. G. Woodwark (Capt.) and J. O. Blaksley, K.S. (Pinks); second pair, V. G. H. Hallett and K. B. Suenson-Taylor (Half Pinks) and third pair, L. A. Wilson and M. G. Boggon (Half Pinks).

Through the kindness of the Captain of Lancing Tennis, it is possible to play tennis as a station this winter at Lancing.

J. O. B.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

BIRTHS

THOMSON.—On June 23, the wife of Gilmour W. Thomson, a son.

MARRIAGES

MACGREGOR-GREES-COLEMAN.—On August 26, at St. Stephen's, Gloucester Road, Captain S. W. MacGregor-Grees, B.Sc., Royal Artillery, to Mary Newfold Roebuck Coleman, B.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coleman, of Montreal, Canada.

APPOINTMENTS

MORTON, J. C.
2nd Lieut., 111th Field Regiment R.A. (T.A.).

WALKER-BRASH, J. D.
2nd Lieut., E. Yorkshire Regiment.

Mr. D. F. HUBBACK was successful in the examination for the Home Civil Service.

Mr. F. L. SIMPSON was successful in the examination for the Foreign Office and the Diplomatic Corps.

[The Editors regret the scarcity of O.W.W. news, which will be rectified in the next issue.]

THE WESTMINSTER BALL

The Westminster Ball, which was to have been held on Friday, December 15th, has been cancelled, but O.W.W. are asked to keep the afternoon and evening of that day free until further notice, as it is hoped to have some informal function at the Dorchester Hotel on that day.

The Entertainments Committee for the duration of the War will be :

Lt.-Col. H. M. DAVSON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
(Chairman).

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CRICKET

From the commencement of the season we knew there could be no Fortnight at Vincent Square, but arrangements were made to transfer the fixtures to Esher, and Pagan and Rea worked hard to ensure a success of this venture. Unfortunately, the nine days cricket had to be reduced to four owing to almost continuous rain. As a result only twelve of the seventeen matches arranged were actually played and of these, three were won, three drawn and six lost.

There were some interesting finishes, Henley being beaten by the sixth ball of the last over and the Old Cholmelians by one wicket. Against Northwood, their last pair were together a considerable time to save the game.

The calls of territorial training made sides very variable, and forty-two Old Westminsters played for the Club, among whom we were extremely pleased to welcome six members of this year's School side. Smith took a characteristic hundred off the Eton Ramblers, Gawthorne one against the School and Cunliffe a century against Wimbledon. Pagan, Symington, Stratford, Harvey, Gerrish, Kann and Gardiner reached the half-century in other matches.

Our bowling was rather a problem, and amongst twenty-three bowlers only Gerrish reached double figures among the wickets. Claude Taylor showed his mastery of the "wrong 'un" against the School, and Heard worked as hard as ever bowling thirty overs in one innings against the Ramblers.

The following information is published for the benefit of readers:—

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

President—SIR REGINALD HOSKINS, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Hon. Treasurer—SIR ERNEST GOODHART, Bart., 122, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, W.2.

Hon. Secretary—MR. G. E. TUNNICLIFFE, 15, Arundel Street, W.C.2.

Hon. Secretary (Games)—MR. W. E. GERRISH, Ashburnham, Sandown Road, Esher.

The Elizabethan Club was founded in 1861 as the Old Boys' Club of Westminster School. In 1923 the Old Westminsters' Football and Cricket Clubs were amalgamated with The Elizabethan Club. Parents of boys in the School are given the opportunity of securing the eligibility of their sons for election to life membership of the Club by a system of termly payments. This is rapidly identifying the Elizabethan Club with the whole body of Old Westminsters. Its objects are to preserve the associations and to further the interests and prosperity of the School, to promote the intercourse of Old Westminsters, and to encourage games, sports and athletics amongst Old Westminsters. The Hon. Secretary, G. E. Tunncliffe, Esq., 15, Arundel Street, W.C.2, will be pleased to give any further information.

THE SCHOOL MISSION

The Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a Boys' Club in Soho. In 1891 it moved to Westminster.

It maintains a Club at Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Square, for working boys of the Westminster district. The Club is managed by a Superintendent who will welcome visits from present or past Westminsters on the nights when the Club is open (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except from July to September, when the Club opens only one night a week). The Mission also assists in the maintenance of the Westminster Company, 1st Cadet Batt. London Regiment, "The Queen's," at Lammas Hall, Battersea, where Westminster visitors are also welcome.

Regular help from young O.W.W. in the Boys' Club and as officers of the Cadet Company is much needed. Further information will be given by the Hon. Secretary, P. A. Tyser, Esq., 9, Ardwich Road, N.W.2.

Contributions towards the expenses of the Mission may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Sir Arthur R. Knapp, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.B.E., 5, Albert Road, Regent's Park, N.W.1.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE, No. 2233

This Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminsters. It meets at Westminster School four times a year—in March, June, October, and December. It is the senior Public School Lodge belonging to the Public Schools Union, which holds an Annual Festival at each school in turn.

Old Westminsters desiring to join the Lodge should communicate with the Secretary, W. J. Armitage, Esq., Longholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

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WESTMINSTER. By J. D. Carleton, B.A., [O.W.] *Blackie*, 1938. 5/- net, 7/6 leather. Illustrated.

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