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State Scholarships have been awarded to the following:—

W. J. F. JENNER
J. A. LAND
T. E. RADICE

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Secretary of Pol. and Lit. Soc.: H. BURNS
Secretary of the Debating Society: C. W. REDGRAVE

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This term's concert will take place on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7.45 p.m. It will be at the Grey Coat Hospital by permission of the Headmistress.

Tickets may be obtained from:—

The Concert Secretary,
3 Little Dean's Yard,
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OTHER APPOINTMENTS

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Concert Secretary	N. J. MILNER-GULLAND

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 8th	Exeat.
23rd	1st XI v. Highgate, up Fields.
25th	Christ Church Election begins.
30th	1st XI v. Charterhouse, (Away).
Dec. 9th	Trinity Election begins.
17th	Concert.
20th	Term ends.

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Influenza struck the School soon after the first week of term, at times accounting for 200 boys; even Field Day fell before it. The situation was eased by the acquisition of several nurses for the Sanatorium, which was filled completely.

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Busby's Play this term will be *Housemaster* by Ian Hay and again it will be performed in their Under.

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The School was granted an Early Play on October 18th, St. Luke's Day.

THE NEW UNDERMASTER

MR C. H. CHRISTIE is in no way a stranger to Westminster. Nephew of a former Head Master, Mr. J. T. Christie, he entered the school as a King's Scholar in 1937. He moved around the country under the evacuation scheme, first to Lancing, then Exeter, and finally Whitbourne, where in his last year he was Head of School Music and Head of the Water, although he professes that he was inefficient in running the one and that the other was in those days a sinecure. He was then called up and commissioned in the Navy. During his period of service he saw the world on board destroyers and on being demobilized he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge with an open exhibition in Mathematics. He read Mathematics and English, and was Captain of 1st and 3rd Trinity, winning the Lowe Double Sculls in 1947 with W. J. P. M. Garnett and with E. F. Clark in 1948. Since leaving Cambridge in 1949 he has been an assistant master at Eton. His other activities there included serving on the Urban District Council. Among Mr. Christie's many interests are music and walking. He was married in 1950 and now has three children, two girls and a boy, who have augmented the rapidly expanding children's playground in Yard.



Photograph by courtesy of *The Windsor, Slough and Eton Express*

Mr. C. H. Christie

NEW MASTERS

THE REV. H. C. HOLLIS is only new to the school as far as teaching is concerned. For some years he has played the organ at the Morning Service in Abbey and has taken a keen interest in the school's singing. Born in Australia, he took a B.Mus. at Melbourne University. He was then ordained and started clerical duties in Croydon in 1947. For some time he was an organist in Kensington before coming to Westminster Abbey as a Minor Canon. Besides music Mr. Hollis finds relaxation in gardening and is interested in railways. We welcome him as chaplain in succession to the Rev. M. S. Stancliffe.

MR. S. E. MURRAY was commissioned in the Parachute Regiment for his National Service and afterwards took his B.A. degree at Birmingham University. He replaces Mr. Cunningham as P.T. master, teaches Geography and Spanish, helps in the C.C.F. and also coaches the Colts football and cricket teams. In his spare time he enjoys playing the trumpet.

MR. J. S. WOODHOUSE was educated at St. Edward's School, Oxford. After National Service in the Army he went up to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge where he obtained a first in English. He helps with football Up Fields and is a keen yachtsman.

We also welcome the return to the staff of Mr. M. I. Ross.

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This year the School welcomes G. A. Ranney from Hotchkiss Academy, U.S.A. He is at present superintending Rigaud's juniors at No. 14 Barton Street.

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The Army camped at Wathgill, near Richmond, Yorks, this year; not so very far away were the Scouts, at Seathwaite, Lancashire.

WESTMINSTER'S MAGAZINES

DIVERSITY is the first and most engaging characteristic of the School's various magazines. At present the doyen of house magazines is *The Grantite Review*, which was founded in 1883 and appears once a term. Its recipe for longevity relies on a handsome admixture of Old Grantite support to the usual ingredients of House Notes, reports on the invariably successful House activities, and the so-called "Literary Section", which varies greatly. At the time of writing this part has reached a high standard as compared with a few years ago.

Similar in structure, but lacking the quality and regularity of its contemporary is *The Rigaudite Review*, whose yearly survey of Rigaud's achievements can hardly be called less than thorough. Its "Literary Section" provides the balance necessary; last year at least it was felt that the Editorial had lost the originality of its predecessors.

Busby's contribution, the duplicated *The College Street Clarion*, was honoured a few years ago by a special article in *The Elizabethan* and perhaps does not warrant a full description. It has appeared every Friday fortnight in term since 1938, testimony enough to its reliability. What might be called its climax came when it provided the one link between the various parts of the school scattered during the evacuation. Nowadays *The Clarion's* role is that of recording the school news as seen through the eyes of Busby's.

Of the more "popular" magazines, the undoubted leader is the *Queen's Scholars Chronicle* which for thirty years has amused the chosen forty by its wicked and almost "subversive" comments. "The School's Least Vulgar Magazine", as it entitles itself produces one copy a fortnight for College consumption only. Beneath it, in Wren's, is the rising *Number Eighteen*, a "wall-paper", (its typed sheets are affixed to a wall by the entrance). This magazine, with the advantage of being read by the majority of the School, has a sense of humour peculiar to Wren's, yet though the outsider cannot probe its deepest innuendoes, he cannot fail to be amused by it. Its contemporary, *The Ashtree*, has not been seen for some time, but we are assured it is still alive. *The Ashtree*, before Ashburnham moved to No. 6a Dean's Yard, used

to publish an excellent printed digest every year, featuring the most successful articles but unfortunately, for obvious reasons, omitting the most libellous which were generally the most entertaining.

The only magazine produced by the school yet unmentioned is *The Trifler*. This magazine, usually published towards the end of Election Term, can claim no similarity to any of the others. It is not produced by one house alone; it is a solely literary magazine to which anyone, whether present or past Westminster, can contribute. It is perhaps a magazine unique among schools, containing works in prose and verse and the occasional article on the visual, musical, and literary arts, yet with hardly a mention of the school itself or any of its activities.

The School's magazines between them cover a wide field, and it would be true to say that, if a total stranger were presented with one edition of each magazine, he would get a fair impression of life at Westminster. Friendly rivalry frequently exists between editors, which helps to maintain and improve the standard of their products; while this continues, there can be no danger that the healthy literary activities within the school will ever lose their interest.

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SPORTS SUMMARY

ATHLETICS:—Seldom if at all do Westminster athletes achieve anything outside the rather narrow scope of School Athletics, so R. J. T. Givan is all the more to be praised for his outstanding achievements this year. Last March he set up a new School record of 2 min. 0.9 secs in the Half-mile, and by July his time was 1 min. 56.9 secs., set up when he won the A.A.A. Southern Area Youth Championship. His best time at the present is 1 min. 54.8 secs., which he ran in a Junior Invitation 880 during the Britain v. U.S.S.R. match at the White City. Later in the holidays he recorded a time of 4 min. 21.2 secs. for the Mile, some 21 secs. better than his own School Record set up eighteen months previously.

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FOOTBALL:—Results so far this term:

1st XI v. Westminster Hospital	Lost 0—1
1st XI v. Old Bradfieldians	Lost 0—2
1st XI v. Aldenham	Lost 0—3

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GOLF:—The Summer Golf Meeting was held as in previous years on the Monday before the beginning of term. The course this year however, was the Royal Mid-Surrey and not Sudbrooke Park.

Twelve school players took part in a medal competition in the morning for the Barnes Challenge Cup, presented by Old Westminsters. This year there was a higher standard than at previous meetings, but there is still room for much general all-round improvement. The winning score came from F. M. F. Cox (L) who returned a nett 69; second was M. G. Hornsby (G) with a nett 75. Other results were as follows, (nett)

D. V. Harrison 76; J. Freeman 78; D. A. Roy 78; M. E. Clayton 86; P. M. Hornsby 87; T. L. Richardson 88; H. T. Lovenbury 97.

The afternoon golf consisted of a match against the Old Westminsters who produced a strong team of 7 players. All the matches were fought in miserable showery weather. The results were:

J. M. Hornsby lost to F. M. F. Cox (L) 6/5.
 Sir Max Page beat D. A. Roy (A) 3/1.
 Major R. C. Orper lost to J. Freeman (R) 3/2.
 Dr. B. I. Hallett lost to P. M. Hornsby (G) 5/4.

N. C. Roope beat T. L. Richardson (C) 7/6.

D. B. Wilkins beat D. V. Harrison (C) 3/1.

F. D. Hornsby halved with M. G. Hornsby (G).

The match was therefore squared with 3½ games each; the issue was in doubt until the very last match. Those not included in the match against the Old Westminsters played another Medal round, which resulted in a win for H. T. Lovenbury with a net score of 85 after his opponents had given up because of the weather.

The School warmly thanks the Old Westminsters' Golfing Society for making this and many other meetings possible. Without the Society's support much of the present enthusiasm for golf in the School would be missing.

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Full reports of Society meetings will appear in the next issue.

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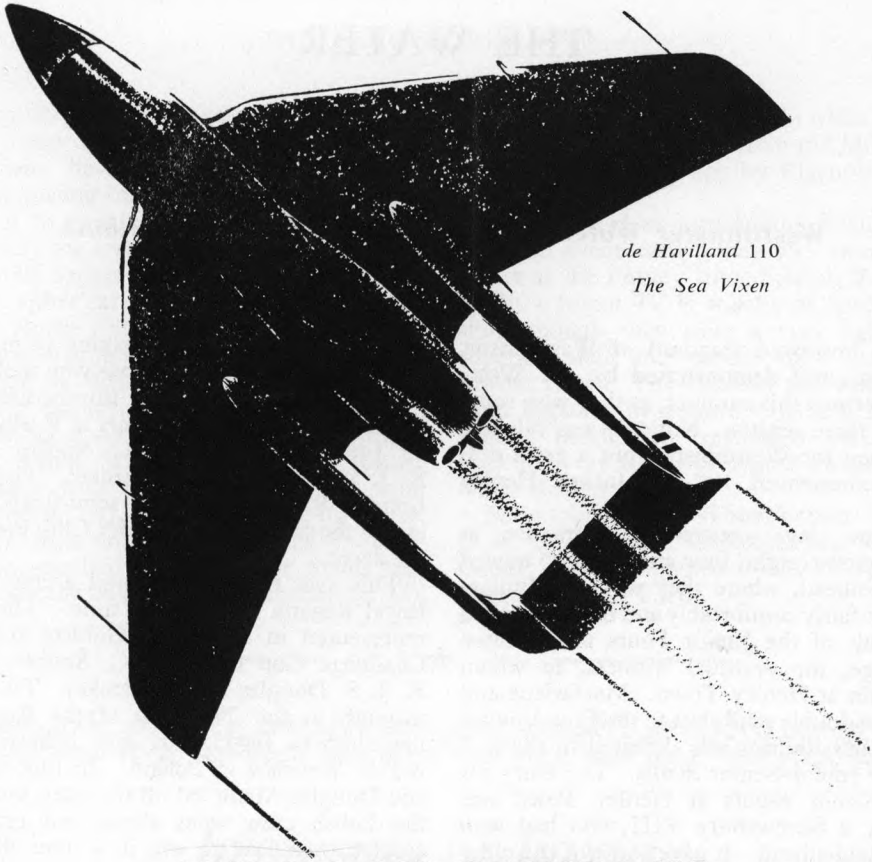
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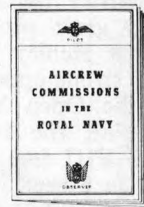
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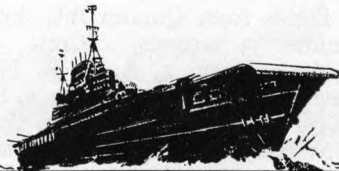
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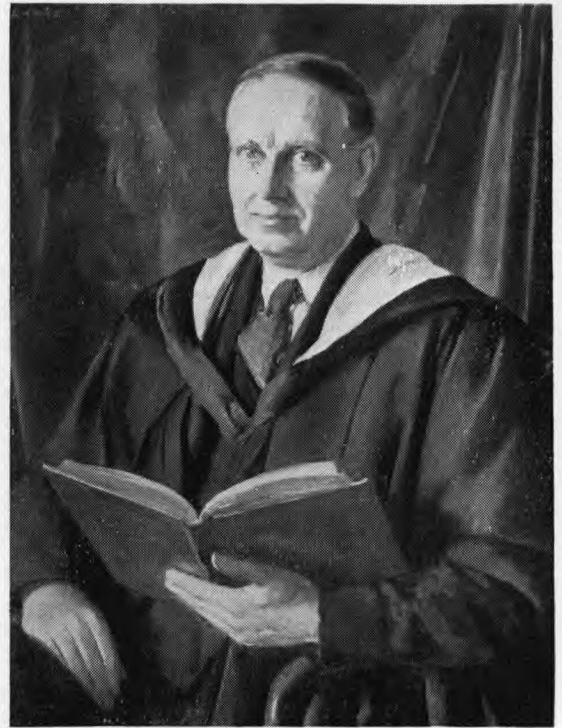
PRESENTATION TO MR. WALTER HAMILTON

DR. G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE, President of the Elizabethan Club, made a presentation to Mr. Hamilton on behalf of the Club at a Sherry Party in Ashburnham House on Wednesday, October 9th, 1957.

Dr. Radcliffe paid a very warm tribute to Mr. Hamilton for his great work for Westminster during the past seven years in further strengthening the position of the School, which had been built up by his predecessor in the immediate post-war years. The President presented Mr. Hamilton on behalf of the Club with his portrait, painted by Mr. Philip Lambe O.W., and also presented Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton with a cheque as a personal gift from members of Elizabethan Club Committees and from younger members of the Club who were at School during Mr. Hamilton's Head Mastership.

In thanking Dr. Radcliffe for these gifts, Mr. Hamilton said that he would always remember his years at the School especially for the fact that he and Mrs. Hamilton had married during his Head Mastership and his children had been born at Westminster.

In accordance with tradition, Mr. Hamilton handed over the portrait to the School.



Mr. W. Hamilton

ELECTION DINNER

ELECTION DINNER was held in College Hall on July 29th. The guests included members of the Governing Body, the Masters, and a well balanced cross-section of Westminsters, ranging from some who had been at school in the early 1890's to the 1957 School Monitors and College Seniors. There were also two or three non-Westminsters who had some connection with the school—amongst them Lord Albermarle, whose family has made its mark alike in the annals of Westminster and of the nation.

The proceedings after dinner opened with what must surely be one of the most graceful and most elegant speeches which have ever greeted a new Head Master of Westminster. "Cur non, Mopse," began Corydon, one of the Second Elections who had said Grace earlier in the evening, "fovet pecus hoc Meliboeus ut ante? Nam tu pascis oves, sed Meliboeus abest."

Corydon. Mopsus, I see you feed the sheep to-day. Does this mean Meliboeus is away?

Mopsus explained: Rusticus es, Corydon, fallit quem Tityrus unum.

Quod pecus ille olim foverat ecce! fovens.

Mopsus. Slow-witted! Canst not Tityrus behold? He now, not Meliboeus, guards the fold.

The eclogue continued:

Corydon. Peccavi, fateor; sed dic mihi, pastor, in aurem;
Tityrus hic vester, dic mihi, qualis homost?

Mopsus. Hic fuit a puero noster, nosterque remansit;
Hic in saeculorum saecula noster erit.

Corydon. Cur vobis O! Mopse manet tam fidus eisdem?
Cur alias numquam velle videtur oves?

Mopsus. Diligit hic mores nostrates, sic tamen ut non,
Cum colat antiquos, nolit amare novos.
Qui fuimus scripsit, qui nunc sumus ipse paravit,
Qui, dum nos ducit, possumus esse videt.

Diligit hic homines urbanos, diligit almos,
 Ipse, gregem nostrum quisquis amavit,
 amat.
 Hospitio pueros hilarat iuvenesque
 senesque;
 Gaudet colloquio: cena iocique placent.
 Sed tamen ante omnes atque omnia
 diligit aulam,
 Suspitor, hanc nostri quam fricure
 pedes.
 Est humanus homo, quo vix humanior
 ullus,
 Tityrus: hunc semper Jupiter ipse beet.

The English translation was as graceful as the Latin original:

Corydon. I knew not, shepherd; tell me, now I see
 Your Tityrus, what kind of man is he?
Mopsus. Our own from boyhood, and to-day our
 own,
 And through all future ages ours alone.
Corydon. Why to your flock so faithful does he stay,
 Nor seems to wish to other sheep to
 stray?
Mopsus. He loves our ways, but though with
 honour due
 He guards old customs, does not shun
 the new.
 Our past he told, our present needs
 supplies,
 Our future yet more glorious he
 describes.
 He seeks polite and kindly company,
 And whoso love this place, these loveth
 he.
 With him both young and old delight to
 dine
 'Mid laughter, conversation and good
 wine.
 And yet, I think, these stones, this Yard,
 this Hall,
 Worn by our feet, he loves the best of
 all.
 So apt to charm, so swift to sympathize,
 Long may he live with blessings from
 the skies!

In a year conspicuous for good epigrams one, from the pen of Mr. D. C. Simpson, stood out from the rest. It was on John Sargeant, the centenary of whose birth falls this year, and it was delivered by J. H. Simpson with feeling and restraint.

In JOHANNEM SARGEANT, natum prid. Id. Sext. MDCCCLVII.
 Labuntur anni: parva manus tamen,
 dulcis magister, discipuli tui,
 quos quondam inexpertos fovebas,
 usque tui memores supersunt.
 luxit per annos cordibus intimis,
 vitaeque in horam luxerit ultimam,
 conceptus ec te disciplinae
 verus amor quasi fax et ignis.

The years roll by: small is the company
 Dear Master, that can here remember thee,
 When thou our youth—how careless and
 untried!—
 Didst tend and guide.

Still in our hearts through the long years there
 glowed,
 And will glow till the ending of the road,
 Love of true learning which thou didst inspire—
 Light and a fire.

Another epigram evoked memories of J. S., but in a lighter vein:

In eundem, conclavi ubi docebat nuper ornato per largitionem W. D. MILLIKEN, alumni.
 Sextae cohortis Centurio, tuum,
 centesimo anno, sub specie tua,
 videsne perdoctum docentem
 discipulum, camera novata?

(The Sixth Form Room has recently been extensively renovated.)

Oh Sargeant of the Sixth, in your centenary
 Beneath your portrait's gaze behold
 One teaching whom you taught of old
 In the same room but in quite different scenery.

At Election Dinner this year the Under Master's chair was vacant and the Head Master combined the duties of Under Master with his own; but the Under Master-elect, Mr. Henry Christie was present as a guest, and was saluted in the following epigram:

In HENRICUM CHRISTIE, hypodidascaalum designatum.

O Submagister, qui geris his locis
 insigne nomen, tu pueros scholae
 regressus antiquae decebis
 destituens iuvenes Etonae.

Oh Under Master Christie—name renowned
 In Westminster, the place where you were
 gowned—

Eton bereft, you'll teach on your own ground.

Up till this point the epigrams had required no thesis to launch them, but the remaining epigrams were, as is customary, variations on a theme, and the two theses "Quis custodiet Ipsos custodes?" and *παθήματα μολήματα* were neatly twisted to mock the men and events of the hour.

Tu nostras pateris tele-interrumpere-phonas?
 Non igitur Primus, Prome, Minister eris.

If Mr. Butler means to sit back when
 Our 'phones are tapped, he's not for Number
 Ten.

After 'phone-tapping, premium bonds:
 Urna dabit numeros, sed quis moderabitur
 urnae?

Ernie decided.
 Who guided Ernie?

These, needless to say, were on the thesis "Quis custodiet?" The Greek thesis produced some good epigrams of a more general application.

*Πλήθος μὲν σοφίαν ἔμαθεν μοχθήμασιν ἀνδρῶν.
 ὃς δὲ πέφυκε σοφός, μήποθ' ὁμοία παθεῖν.*

To learn by suffering is for the duffer:
 The wise are they who learn how not to suffer.

And in case anyone should still be in doubt about the meaning of the thesis, there was this, *auctore et oratore* J. A. Land, the Captain-elect:

Sic veteres: "soli patientes discere possunt!"
quis ego: "me curam cura docere solet".

"Woe teaches wisdom"—so they say; but no!
Woe teaches one thing and one only—woe.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the School on Friday, October 4th, 1957. The President, Dr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, D.C.L., presided.

The General Committee's ninety-third Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1957, were approved and adopted.

Colonel Stuart Horner, O.B.E., Mr. C. M. O'Brien and Mr. Raymond Plummer were re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively, and Mr. G. P. Stevens and Mr. C. H. Christie were elected new members of the General Committee.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Elizabethan Club was held in the Harcourt Room of the House of Commons on Friday, October 4th, 1957. This was arranged for the Club by Mr. G. P. Stevens, M.P.

The Club's guests included the Dean of Westminster and the Head Master, who spoke in reply to the President's toast of Floreat. Mr. Carleton's speech was warmly received. He spoke of the happy state in which his predecessors had handed the school over to him, and of his confidence in Westminster's ability to adapt itself to the times, even to such trying times as might lie ahead of the public schools in the near future. Old Westminsters were particularly gratified when he emphasized the good which they could do for the school and singled out Dr. Radcliffe, Mr. Graham and Mr. Carey as three who in their several ways had already done much. The health of the President was proposed by Mr. Stevens, and the President replied, gracefully alluding to his own candidature for Parliament.

GAMES

Football

A full list of fixtures has again been arranged by the Club for the 1st and "A" teams. It is also hoped to play some Extra "A" fixtures. The Captain of the 1st XI this season is Dr. H. F. B. Symons (Tel.: Kensington 8636). The Club has been drawn to play Lancing Old Boys in the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup at Lancing on December 14th. Among the other fixtures arranged for the 1st XI are the following:—

Nov. 9th	Charterhouse	at Godalming
Nov. 23rd	Queens College	at Cambridge
Nov. 30th	Ibis	at Chiswick
Jan. 11th	Old Malvernians	at Grove Park
Jan. 18th	Old Etonians	at Eton
Jan. 25th	Highgate School	at Highgate
Feb. 1st	Christ Church	at Oxford
Mar. 1st	The School	at Vincent Square

Cricket

The Club was able to play a full list of 15 matches, and were fortunate in a rather wet season that only one had to be abandoned due to rain. Of the matches played 5 were won, 4 lost and remaining 6 drawn.

A noticeable feature of the Club's sides this year was the youthfulness of the players. During the season centuries were scored by D. G. Higgins, J. Myring and the next year's school Captain, G. Lewis. Once again the Fortnight at Vincent Square proved a great success.

Members will be sorry to hear of J. D. Stocker's retirement from the Secretaryship of the Cricket Club. The Club owes him a debt of gratitude for all the work he has done during the past nine years. The Club have been most fortunate in securing D. C. Higgins as Hon. Secretary. All future correspondence should be sent to 253 Church Road, Hayes, Middlesex. Telephone: Hayes 1489.

The results were as follows:—

Henley C.C. : O.W.W. 204 (Lummis 96), Henley 172 (Bloom 5 for 44)—WON.
Esher C.C. : O.W.W. 148, Esher 232 for 8 Dec.—LOST
Wimbledon C.C. : O.W.W. 164, Wimbledon 168 for 2—LOST
School : O.W.W. 122 (Wakely 7 for 42), School 32 for 2 (Rain)—DRAWN
Old Cliftonians : Old Cliftonians 263, O.W.W. 245 for 6 (Higgins 59)—DRAWN
Refreshers C.C. : O.W.W. 142 for 5, Refreshers 133—WON
Lancing Rovers : O.W.W. 193 (Higgins 108), Lancing Rovers 197 for 4—LOST
Old Cholmeleians : O.W.W. 195 (Myring 102), Old Cholmeleians 152 for 8—DRAWN
Eton Ramblers : O.W.W. 259 for 6 (Lewis 124), Eton Ramblers 212 for 10 (Hyam 6 for 82)—DRAWN
Adastrians C.C. : O.W.W. 216 (Lewis 124 not out), Adastrians 217 for 6—LOST
Dragon Flies : Dragon Flies 242 for 9, O.W.W. 177 for 8—DRAWN
An Old Malvernians XI : O.W.W. 225 (Gardiner 63), Old Malvernians 123 (Stocker 8 for 24)—WON
Beckenham Wizards : O.W.W. 165 (Gardiner 76), Beckenham Wizards 110—WON
Old Cheltonians : Old Cheltonians 104, O.W.W. 105 for 6—WON

Golf

At the Summer Meeting held at Crowborough Beacon Golf Club on Sunday, July 28th, 1957, the results were as follows:—

Morning—Stilgoe Bowl

G. P. Pakenham-Walsh 77—4 : 73 nett.

Runner-up: F. D. Hornsby 82—8 : 74 nett.

Afternoon—Stableford Bogey

J. Sinclair 42 points.

Runners up: D. Ryland
J. H. T. Barley } 41 points.

Qualifiers for Mellow Salver

F. D. Hornsby 82—8 : 74 nett.

G. P. Packenham-Walsh 77—4 : 73 nett.

J. H. T. Barley 78—2 : 76 nett.

L. Hunt 90—10 : 80 nett.

The Society entertained the School at Royal Mid-Surrey on Monday, September 23rd, 1957; a report is to be found on another page.

Lawn Tennis

As usual a team was entered for the D'Abernon Cup and in the first round the Club had a fairly comfortable win against the Old Framlinghamians by 5 matches to 2 with two unfinished. In the next round the Club received a heavy beating from the Old Carthusians who, as in previous years, were far too strong in their second and third pairs. The Old Carthusians won by 6 matches to nil.

The usual fixture against the school was held in July and was won very easily. The season finished with a match against the Roehampton Club and after a most enjoyable afternoon the Club won by 7 matches to 2. The team representing O.W.W. at Roehampton was, 1st Pair J. Lowden and J. Quertier, 2nd Pair K. Harrison

and B. Manners, 3rd Pair T. Farquhar-Smith and T. Richter. At the end of the season B. Peroni resigned as Hon. Secretary. K. Harrison of 5 Ernie Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19 (Telephone: Wimbledon 0045), has been appointed Hon. Secretary and all future correspondence should be addressed to him.

Squash Rackets

The usual fixtures have again been arranged for the new season. Members are reminded that the Hon. Secretary, R. E. Plummer, 25 Elvaston Place, S.W.7, is most anxious to be contacted by anyone who would like to play.

Fives

The Old Westminster Fives Club have now commenced its season 1957/58. Members are asked to contact W. J. Gerrish, Hon. Secretary, at 129/133 Mare Street, E.8 (Telephone Amhurst 2352), if they are interested in playing Fives and have not yet received any information from the Secretary.

Yachting

The Club was beaten by the Old Stoics in the first round of the Bembridge Trophy for Public Schools Old Boys' sailing teams by 41½-36 pts. In the final Old Oundleans beat Old Wellingtonians 40½- 38½ pts.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Sir David Watherston has been appointed special counsellor to the High Commission for the Federation of Malaya.

The Revd. F. T. C. Byron has been appointed hospitalier of St. Thomas' Hospital.

The Revd. G. H. Stevens has been appointed vicar of Bussage, Gloucestershire.

The Revd. M. E. Adie has been appointed domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The following entered the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in September: C. G. C. Brousson, R. P. Paul, B. A. F. Randel, K. G. Wakely.

Mr. H. A. Meyer, author of *Savoy Episode*, has written a new novel, *Out of the Night*, under his pen-name of Hugh Merrick.

BIRTHS

ALMOND—On July 17th 1957 at Jos, Nigeria, to Heather, wife of F. R. H. Almond, a daughter.

CLOUT—On October 1st 1957 to Audrey, wife of Dr. Ivan Clout, a daughter.

CUNNINGHAM—On August 15th 1957 in London to Eileen, wife of M. F. Cunningham, a son.

DAVIDSON—On August 17th 1957 in London to Mary, wife of Aubrey Davidson, L.D.S., a daughter.

INSTONE—On September 10th 1957 in London to Sybil, wife of R. B. Instone, a son.

KELEMEN—On October 2nd 1957 in London to Marianne, wife of Jan Kelemen, a daughter.

LIPERT—On September 24th 1957 in London to Ruth, wife of Leslie Lipert, a son.

LUMMIS—On September 24th 1957 in London to Cicely, wife of C. J. Lummis, a daughter.

NORDON—On July 31st 1957 at Halsham, Yorks. to Jean, wife of Brian Nordon, a daughter.

PITE—On February 19th 1957 at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, to Gillian, wife of J. C. Pite, a daughter.

SCHNEIDERS—On August 9th 1957 at Amersham to Gill, wife of George Schneiders, a son.

WHITTOW—On August 24th 1957 at Cambridge to Joan, wife of J. M. H. Whittow, a son.

WILLIAMS—On May 4th 1957 to Mary, wife of J. K. Williams, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

FEASEY : PICARD—On May 23rd 1957 D. C. Feasey to Margaret Sophia, daughter of the late Herr Carl Picard and Frau Picard of Remscheid, Germany.

GARNER : WILKINSON—On August 31st 1957 at Meldon Methodist Church H. C. Garner to Heather Cecilia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Wilkinson of New Maldon, Surrey.

KINGDON : COCK—On September 9th 1957 at St. Ives Parish Church C. F. Kingdon to June Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Cock of St. Ives.

LEVISON : MEYER—On October 3rd 1957 at the Irene Dutch Reform Church, Johannesburg, John Levison to Bettie, daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. G. Meyer of Johannesburg.

LOCHHEAD : MARSH—On September 21st 1957 at St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace A. D. Lochhead to Cicely Cristall Marsh.

NOEL-BAKER : SONANDER—On July 26th 1957 F. E. Noel-Baker to Barbro Kristina, youngest daughter of the late Inj. Josef Sonander and Mrs. Sonander of Norrkoping, Sweden.

PALMER : THEOPHILUS—On December 20th 1956 N. H. Palmer to Elizabeth Packiam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Theophilus of Tambaran, S. India.

POWER : REVELS—On April 27th 1957 at St. Paul's, Quarndon, Derbyshire, J. C. Power to Jean Helen, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Revels of Quarndon.

ROSS : LEIGH—On June 2nd 1957 A. J. D. Ross to Valerie June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leigh of Hampstead.

SECKER-WALKER : LEA—On September 7th 1957 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, D. Secker-Walker to Lorna Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lea of Golder's Green.

UNDERWOOD : HUNT—On September 12th 1957 S. G. B. Underwood to Pamela, younger daughter of Mr. Archibald Hunt of East Molesey.

DEATHS

BROOKE—On July 10th 1957 at Hastings B. S. Brooke aged 66.

CARLING—On September 4th 1957 in London T. I. de B. C. Carling aged 48.

COOPER-WILLIS—On September 6th 1957 G. Cooper-Willis, O.B.E., M.C., aged 72.

GRAY—On September 17th 1957 W. S. Gray aged 65.

HARRIS—On August 5th 1957 at Hawkhurst, Kent, W. B. Harris aged 68.

SANKEY—On July 10th 1957 at Hastings G. B. Sankey aged 69.

STEWART—On July 21st 1957 at Ballater Col. A. E. Stewart aged 79.

WHITMORE—On October 4th 1957 in London J. B. Whitmore aged 75.

Edmund James Loftus Stanford Brooke was at Westminster from 1903 to 1906. In the first world war he held a commission in the Leicestershires and the Hampshires, and saw service in France, Egypt and Palestine. He was awarded the Military Cross. He married in 1921 Eileen, daughter of Lewis Hughes.

Tom In de Beton Courtney Carling was admitted in 1922. In the last war he served in the R.A.S.C., and since then was in business in London.

Guy Cooper-Willis entered the School in 1898 and went into College in the following year. He became an Assistant in the office of the Public Trustee. In the 1914 war he was a Captain on the Staff of the 180th Infantry Brigade. In 1919 he married Dorothy, daughter of J. A. Blackie of Edinburgh.

Walter Bruce Harris, succeeded his brother, S. S. Harris, as headmaster of St. Ronan's in 1926, where he maintained, and even enhanced, the great reputation of the school. He came to Westminster in 1902, and went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge. He played football for the University and for England. He became a master at Lancing, where he remained until his brother's death. His loss will be deeply felt by many generations of his pupils.

William Stanger Gray was a slightly junior contemporary of Harris both at Westminster and at Pembroke. He served in the first war in the R.F.A. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple, and later became a member of Lloyd's. He married Enid Florence, daughter of E. A. Selby, and had a son at the School.

Geoffrey Barham Sankey was at Westminster from 1900 to 1905, and became a solicitor in London. He held a commission in the first war, was a Staff Officer in India, and for a time D.A.A.G. He married in 1919 Constance, daughter of the Revd. R. F. Bevan.

Arthur Easdale Stewart was admitted in 1891. He entered the army with a commission in the Black Watch, but was afterwards in the Indian army. He fought in the Boer War, and he was on General Smuts' staff in the 1914 war, and was awarded the M.C. For the last 17 years he was a member of the Aberdeen County Council.

John Beach Whitmore entered the School in 1895, and was elected with an exhibition to Christ Church. He became a solicitor. A correspondent writes:—

The only son of William Beach Whitmore, M.B., he was born in 1882 and admitted as a Home Boarder in June 1895. Three of his Whitmore Uncles had been at Westminster, and three of his Cousins were more or less his own contemporaries at the School. In 1901 he was elected to an exhibition at Ch.Ch. Oxford. Always a keen Territorial he served with his Regiment, The Queen's Westminster Rifles, in France and Belgium 1914-18. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1919. In 1920 he was admitted a Solicitor, and from 1924 to 1925 he was Secretary of the Elizabethan Club.

It is, however, for his work in connexion with The Record of Old Westminsters, and as joint editor with Dr. Radcliffe of the Supplementary Volume, that he was best known to O.W.W. A born genealogist, every moment he could spare from his professional duties he devoted to the Record, and to research connected with the identification and careers of Westminsters of every generation from the earliest times.

Such work can be very laborious, but it has its own rewards, and to Whitmore it was throughout his life of absorbing and never failing interest. He had an almost uncanny "flair" for identifying Westminsters. The slenderest of clues, perhaps a mere surname and a date, was sufficient for him to work upon. He accepted nothing on trust, but took infinite pains to verify and prove every fact until his chain of evidence was complete. Then one could be certain that sooner or later one's telephone bell would ring and his well-known voice would follow:—"Hul-lo. You remember 'Snooks' admitted 176-, of whom we knew nothing . . . it occurred to me . . . so I had the will looked up . . . I wrote to the Rector . . . it was a long shot . . . I don't think that there can be any possible doubt . . .", and one knew that yet another name and biography had been added triumphantly to the Record. It is almost impossible to say how much the Record owes to his patient and unselfish work.

Some recognition of all that Westminster owed to him was given in 1953 when he was elected a Busby Trustee, and a wider circle of genealogists will always hold him in grateful remembrance, not only for his unflinching readiness to share his knowledge with others, but for the quite invaluable supplement to Marshall's Genealogist's Guide which he compiled and published in four volumes ("A Genealogical Guide") for the Harleian Society.

Death came to him as he would have wished, instantaneously, while sitting at his table surrounded by Westminster memoranda and working on the Record with which his name must always be associated.

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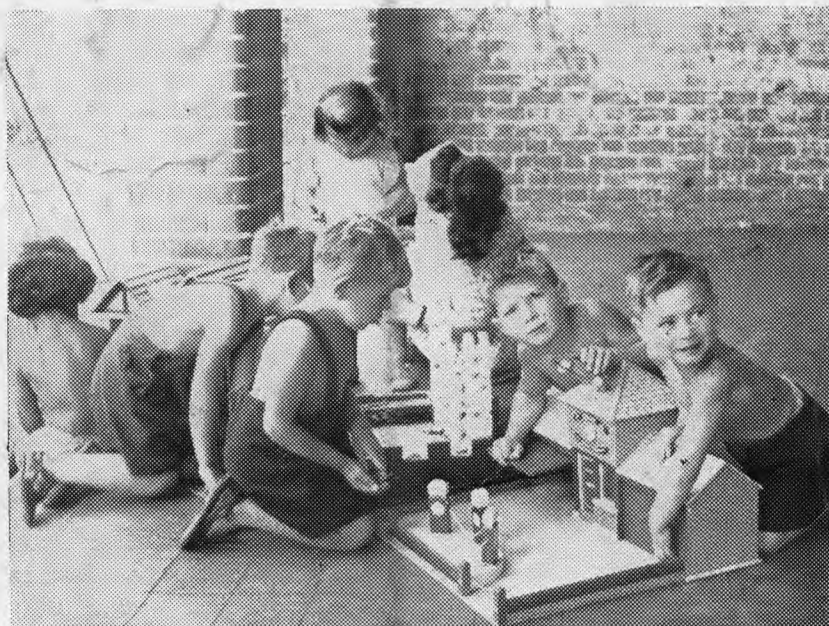
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