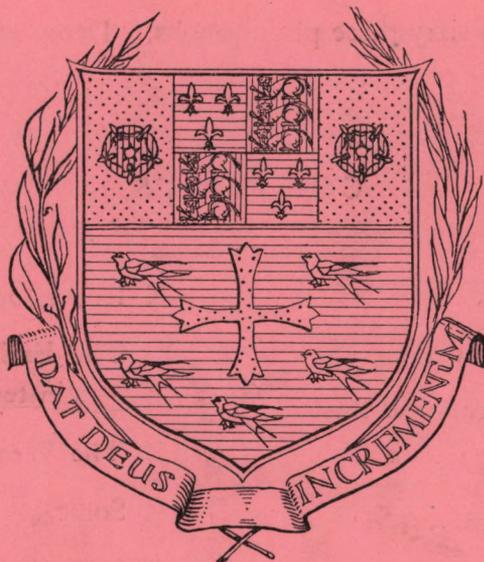


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PROGRESS

This number of THE ELIZABETHAN contains an article on the Westminster School Society and the first list of subscriptions to the Society. All Old Westminsters whose addresses are known have been sent copies of the appeal issued in July and last term present Westminsters received them too. There can therefore be very few who are not aware of the foundation of the Society and of its aims. These are further set out on page 182. But what we are primarily concerned with now is the progress of the appeal.

It is inevitable that the first response to an appeal of this sort should be slow; people are anxious to consider the question more carefully; to go into the details or find out what their friends think about it. But now everyone should have made up his mind: the appeal was launched last July and the details were made abundantly clear then. There can be no doubt

as to the desirability of such an appeal, there are no two opinions on the subject. Criticisms that a public appeal gives the School a bad name are sufficiently groundless to be disregarded, and enquiries as to who is responsible for the state of affairs resulting in the appeal betray the enquirers' lack of attention to the appeal. Let us emphasize once more, no one is responsible for the present state of affairs; there has been no foolhardy expenditure of the School's money: the plain fact is that Westminster has no endowment other than that made by Queen Elizabeth for the Head Master and the 40 King's Scholars. Our position and our traditions lay upon us burdens that other Schools do not have to bear. Ancient buildings need constant and careful attention and any rebuilding that is done within the precincts of the Abbey must only be of the highest order. There is therefore a continual expenditure on the maintenance of the School buildings alone, and when the time comes, as it inevitably does,

when the School wishes to extend or improve its equipment there is nothing in reserve to fall back on. It is to remedy this that the Westminster School Society has primarily been set up, and its activities have already begun with the purchase of No. 17 Dean's Yard for the School.

It will be seen then that an appeal of this kind, affecting as it does the very life of the School, demands the support of every Old Westminster. Without sentimentality it is safe to say that we owe to Westminster in a number of ways a debt it is very difficult to repay; the School Society opens one way of showing our gratitude. Financially the progress of the appeal has been satisfactory, so far nearly half the £100,000 set out as a primary object having been subscribed. But that is no reason why anyone should hang back. £100,000 has been estimated as the minimum necessary to meet the School's requirements, anything more than that will go to swell the fund, which is to stand as "financial friend" to the School through the years. But while financially the appeal has been satisfactory, it is some disappointment to see that only some 380 Old Westminsters have subscribed out of the 2,600 who were sent copies of the appeal, and that from the School the response has been proportionately even less. This is a movement in which every individual can co-operate no matter what his means. The Society not only wants financial support, it wants and should have the whole-hearted support of every Westminster past and present. The appeal is quite unprecedented at Westminster or anywhere else and it deserves a mass movement of support from the whole body of Westminsters.

During the 400 odd years since the refoundation of the School there has been no lack of benefactors to help the School in its need. The twentieth century presents a challenge unequalled by that of any other, the refusal of which may mean destruction. It is our duty to meet the challenge of our time, and meet it in no uncertain fashion.

G.O.L.

The Old Lady of Westminster, finding herself thus accosted, stirred slightly in that wide arm chair into which for many years now she had been gradually sinking. The arm chair was not

as young as it had been: the springs were decidedly weak and the pink coverlet, which had for so long kept off the dust, was now itself dusty and faded. The Old Lady was not so young as she had been; but though her legs were weak and her voice a little husky, her mind was as alert as ever. And as she stirred ever so slightly in that wide arm chair, her eyes twinkled with an eager light.

"Eh! my dear? What is that you say?"

The Old Lady was not really very hard of hearing, but she liked them to think she was.

"I was saying, ma'am," repeated the small boy whose shining face and spotless collar proclaimed him a newcomer to Westminster, "what does Lamprobatics mean?"

"Lamprobatics, eh? Ah! that is a very old match."

"It's a match between the King's Scholars and Town Boys, isn't it, ma'am?"

"Why yes, my dear, it is, and then again it isn't. If you are very good I will tell you all about it. Originally Lamprobatics was a match between the Aquatics (yes, yes, they call them Watermen now) and the Fields or Cricketers. They used to play both cricket and football. I can remember, in 1854, the cricketers won with two games to the Aquatics' one—that was at football. Of course, they often used to play in Green then, though that actual match was played at the Fields. Then they had another match between Queen's Scholars and Town Boys—that had no special name, but it was a good game and in the days when such sports did not flourish about the only other match that was played. Of course they had other games as well, the first seven against the next sixteen, the Shell or the Sixth against the rest, those with an e in their names and those without, but I mustn't muddle you, dear, with those.

"Well, as I was saying, these two old matches go back a very long way and were good games, but as time went on they stopped using the name Lamprobatics tho' a few historians kept a note of it. But as the years slipped by and the Aquatics and Cricketers' match died out, they brought the name back again, but they attached it to the wrong game and so the game between the Queen's Scholars and Town Boys came to be called Lamprobatics."

"And what does Lamprobaties mean, please, ma'am?"

"Ah, my dear, even I cannot tell you that. Some think it means gaining glory with the bat, others that it comes from the Greek words lampros and baino; do they teach you Greek in the Transitus, my dear? Prap's it's a corruption of something and aquatics; but I can't tell you definitely. Still, in the old days it was a good match; it still is sometimes, tho' they tell me they have so few King's Scholars in the first eleven it can't be very hard for the Town Boys to beat them."

"Oh, but they play the Third Eleven now," said the small boy; and then his jaw dropped in dismay.

The Old Lady had fainted in the wide arm chair.

STEALING STARS

"Halley mentioned a calumny Flamstead raised against him for stealing 110 stars from him, and that Dr. Hare answered that if it was true he knew of no law whereby to punish him for it." Such is an entry which appears in the diary of the Reverend William Stukely, M.D., for February the 23rd, 1721.

Dr. Hare was right and still is right. There is no law against stealing stars. We may go about our star-stealing confident that the arm of the law will not stretch out and grab us by the collar. After all, what does one star here or there matter?

Stars, I have seen them fall,
But when they drop and die
No star is lost at all
From all the star-sown sky.

You could go on stealing stars for countless ages without making much difference even on the Milky Way.

Now the Moon is quite a different matter. We have only got one Moon: and if there isn't a law against stealing it, there certainly ought to be. There are already recorded numerous attempts by enterprising grocers to make a corner in the cheese business by dragging down that enormous cheese from its exalted position in the heavens. Who knows but some day these attempts may be successful?

The kind of cheese that they would succeed in acquiring is still a matter open to question. The Moon is, of course, vulgarly referred to as a "green cheese"; but it is now looked upon by the general consensus of expert opinion to be a Lancashire cheese. This cheese is described as "a fine fellow, weighing forty pounds, which has the shape of a mill stone, some eighteen inches in diameter and some four inches thick. Very light in colour . . ." That is surely a description of the Moon itself—a great Lancashire cheese rolling its leisurely way across the heavens. But there are not those lacking (and they come mostly from Derby) who would claim that the Moon is in fact a Derbyshire cheese. This claim rests chiefly on the aspect of the Moon at September, for the Derbyshire, unlike the Lancashire, is a red cheese.

But this is beside the point. What matters is that the Moon should be preserved from these depredations of ambitious grocers. A Bill should be passed at once. Halley may have cause for complaint if 110 of his stars are stolen, but we are unaffected. The whole world will be injured if the Moon is taken.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Pancake Greaze was won by L. V. Worthington.

The Ireland Prize for Latin Verse was won by R. D. Kidner.

The Stebbing Prize was won by O. J. Peck.

Confirmation took place in Abbey on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th, at 2.30 in the afternoon. The candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Stepney.

The Elizabethan Club has generously presented to the School a copy of *Lucretius* which belonged to Robert Southey when he was at Westminster. It is a small octavo volume, bound in calf, and bears the poet's autograph inside the cover, "Robert Southey, Westminster, 1791."

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

PROGRESS OF THE APPEAL

The Westminster School Society was founded in July of last year with the object of providing a permanent financial "Friend" for the School controlled by members of the Society through its Council. In this new departure Westminster has led the way, and it will not be surprising if her example is followed by other ancient schools which also feel the need for a new capital endowment. The Society provides a means by which Westminsters and friends of the School now and in future years can show their gratitude and affection for the School by making donations according to their means, great or small as they may be.

The Society on its formation made an inaugural appeal for an initial fund of £100,000 required to meet urgent needs. In reply to this appeal Westminsters and friends of the School have now contributed the sum of £42,650 in cash, in covenants to pay stated amounts over a term of not less than seven years, and in securities. 274 have joined the Society as members, 66 as associates, and 74 as life associates.

Every Westminster may feel proud that our Visitor, the King, has not only given his gracious approval to the appeal and its aims, but has accompanied his good wishes for its success with a gift to the fund. Not for the first time in its history Westminster has cause to hail with deep and loyal gratitude the leadership of a Royal benefactor.

The energies of the Society have necessarily been devoted, and will be devoted, in this first year of its existence, to the task of building up a substantial capital fund. It was pointed out in the appeal itself that the Society will not be able to carry out its declared purposes for the benefit of the School unless it is equipped at the outset with resources adequate to meet certain urgent calls. The Society is a permanent institution. Its mission, year by year, will be to receive and accumulate sums that will, it is hoped, constitute in time a permanent endowment held and administered by the Society for the general purposes of the School. The School has no such

free endowment now. The lack of it has for years weighed upon its finances, and explains why the first business of the Society is to meet and discharge a number of obligations that are in fact overdue.

It should be made clear once more that £100,000 is not a fancy figure, chosen for its convincing sound. It is the sum which the School's immediate needs have been estimated to require.

£2,500 a year (representing a capital sum of not less than £70,000) is needed to wipe out current deficits; to provide annually for depreciation; to balance the loss of income arising from the exchange of No. 1 for No. 17 Dean's Yard and to meet the costs of maintenance; and to put the School in a position in which it will be able to do more for its staff than is at present possible.

In addition to this £70,000, another £30,000 represents the balance of the price of No. 17 Dean's Yard; the cost of its adaptation to School purposes; of the reconstruction of Grant's; of the wiping off of arrears of depreciation; of the replacement and enlargement of the School's fleet of rowing-boats; and of the rebuilding of the Boat House. Every one of the deficiencies in this list requires early action—and the list could be prolonged to include a number of items ranking little behind these in order of urgency.

The Society has travelled so far about half-way to its first goal—the first £100,000. One of the objectives listed above has been attained. The School has been enabled to seize the historic opportunity of acquiring No. 17 Dean's Yard and can already rely upon the money for its re-equipment. This is the most important and valuable addition to its buildings since Ashburnham House was taken over in the last century. The balance of the sum so far subscribed has not been lying idly by in the meantime. Pending the completion of the Society's initial undertaking, it is being used to relieve the School of certain current interest obligations.

This issue of THE ELIZABETHAN contains the first list of subscribers to the fund—among them, it may be noted, a number of contributors, not O.W.W., to whose generosity a particularly warm tribute is here due. For the rest, the appeal has been answered so far by 370 O.W.W. out of some 2,600 whose addresses are known.

Measured in money, the response so far has been extremely promising, but that measure, it will be agreed, is not exhaustive. The aim before the appeal is to secure a tale of subscribers that shall, as nearly as possible, be a complete list of all the O.W.W. whom it has been possible to approach.

It is most earnestly hoped that no one will hold back because he thinks that the contribution within his power is too small to be worth offering. The purpose set before Westminster is that one and all should take his share, larger or smaller according to circumstances, and his place in this modern roll of benefactors. To leave money for the moment out of the reckoning, there could be no greater tribute and service to the School than an answer to its needs which came from practically the whole body of O.W.W. This and nothing less is the ambition which the appeal has set itself. If, for example, every O.W. present and future who can afford no more were to subscribe a guinea a year, it would mean a large income for the Society. It is not too much to hope that such a minimum subscription will come to be regarded as the least which an O.W. can do for the School.

Subscriptions may take one of several forms. One way of subscribing is by the system of covenanted payments, which presents special advantages to benefactor and beneficiary alike. To give a simple illustration: with current rates of income tax, a donor wishing to give £105 covenants to pay that sum in seven yearly instalments of £15 each, but as he is entitled to deduct income tax his actual payment is only £11 5s. The Society is then entitled to recover the difference from the Revenue and thus receives the full £15. Fractions of that sum can be reckoned proportionately.

Thus the system enables donors both to spread their gift over several years and to increase its value to the Fund without extra cost

to themselves. A full explanation of how to make use of it has been circulated, and copies may be obtained on application to the Society's office at the address given below.

Promises to pay by this method naturally take seven years to mature. A fairly substantial deduction must therefore be made from the present total of subscriptions shown in the first list if a true picture is to be obtained of the achievement up to now. The Re-endowment Fund, as it can rightly be called, is not yet as large as the figures make it appear, and it has already had to bear the cost of acquiring No. 17, Dean's Yard.

Nothing that has been written here, therefore, must be taken to mean that the need for more money is not urgent. The immediate calls have been set out above. *To meet these alone a much larger sum is absolutely necessary.*

Not everyone answers an appeal on first reading. Few perhaps do. For a variety of reasons intending subscribers may have wished to deliberate on their decision. They are now asked to delay it no longer, but to join the common effort and to make the second list of subscriptions as creditable to Westminster as the first.

Associate membership of the Society is open to Westminsters while at the School on payment of £1.1.0 a year. They will be welcomed as Associate members and it is hoped that they will join with Old Westminsters in taking this great opportunity of service to the School.

Donations and enquiries should be addressed to:

THE HON. SECRETARY,
Westminster School Society,
The Bursary,
Little Dean's Yard,
London, S.W.1.
(Telephone No. Abbey 3764).

Contributions for the June number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor, 3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1, by Tuesday, May 17th, 1938.

INFORMAL CONCERT

On Friday, March 4th, the Informal Concert was held up School in the presence of a small but distinguished audience. In every way it lived up to its name, for while most of the notes were good, some were truly informal or even wrong.

Good notes came from Bliss, who played Haydn perhaps a bit smudgily; they also came from Batten's oboe, Nicholas' and de Mowbray's violins, Garner's 'cello (we missed his trio) and Farley's piano. The critic might find fault with Garner's inaccuracies and with Nicholas' failure to represent the breadth and rich contentment of the 3rd Movement of Handel's Sonata in D; he might also accuse de Mowbray of using little more than the top half of his bow in the Beethoven-Kreisler Rondino, though his accompanist by hurrying hardly gave him a chance to bite and chew anything like enough; it was also noticeable that all the string players with the possible exception of Garner were afraid of attacking their phrases with that sheer *joie de vivre* which is one of the virtues of virtuosity—in fact the bows usually stuck to the strings instead of pouncing on to them, as lions after their prey. But in spite of these shortcomings, which are only to be expected in the immature artist, there was much to be praised in the intonation and general efficiency of these named players, all of whom show great promise.

One of the most enjoyable items was the Schubert Polonaise in F, played with great expression by Hampton-Smith and Swann on one piano. Another was the Grant's vocal ensemble, initiated by Hart, which gave a beautiful performance of "Strange Adventure" from the "Yeoman of the Guard"; this was a noble effort for a single house.

The remaining two items were provided by the King's Scholars' orchestra, a worthy band, who gave us a Handel Largo (from the Occasional Overture) and a wind trio. The wind trio was called Christ Church Bells, by Aldrich, but in spite of the title it sounded more like incidental music to a Micky Mouse film, and we couldn't fail to detect a blemish on the part of the flute in the 47th bar. The orchestra proper was a fine affair complete with conductor, trombone and bassoon, and they gave a very

pleasing performance of the Handel. The only regret was that the brass did not really let themselves go, but hid their blemishes behind the rest of the orchestra. Nevertheless, a good few escaped under the chairs and we knew something was occurring in that quarter. So we take off our hats to the King's Scholars, to Grants, and to all others who helped in this interesting concert.

R. G. R.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

At the beginning of the Play Term S. R. Asquith, who had been Secretary of the branch since September, 1936, had to resign that position owing to the increased pressure of his work and duties as head of Ashburnham, and F. E. Noel-Baker was appointed to take his place.

On October 4th Lord Allen of Hurtwood addressed the branch's annual whole-school meeting, for which the Head Master took the chair. A report of this meeting has already appeared in THE ELIZABETHAN.

Other speakers who have lately addressed the branch include: Mr. Liu Chieh, counsellor to the Chinese Embassy in London, who spoke to a remarkably large audience in Seniors' room on the Japanese invasion of China; Dr. Sindelkova, of Prague University, who spoke on the Central European problem; Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who spoke on Dictatorship and Democracy; and Mr. Alan Johnson, O.W., Secretary to the Leader of the Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons, who spoke on the Austro-German crisis.

The branch held a number of other meetings, including a lantern lecture on Ethiopia, which was given by Mr. Blake, and which attracted a very good audience.

After a decline lasting some terms, the branch seems at last to be reviving in membership and activity, and there is a much increased interest in it, especially among the younger members of the School. This is evident in the success with which all our meetings have met. The branch is still easily twice as large as any other school society.

F.N.B.

OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

SIR,

Flattered as we are by the interest with which Westminster regards this ancient seat of learning, we feel that two Oxford letters in one term may cause a surfeit and send potential undergraduates headlong to the other place, around which my colleague weaves such scintillating tales of idleness and pleasure.

The weather has caused a summer-like activity on the water, now that Torpids are over, and New College I containing Mr. Radcliffe is head of the River.

Last week witnessed two political demonstrations of the ever-ebullient Left Wing, one causing no little embarrassment to the Leader of the Opposition, who, an Oxford man himself, passed through the streets in acute discomfort on the bony shoulders of the Reds.

After Mr. Scott's retirement from the Ring last December, we welcome back Mr. Rayne to take his place. Mr. Scott has turned his muscular arms to rowing, and sat through Torpids in the House second togger. Mr. Young is to be congratulated on his blue, and Mr. Cherry on his sensational entry into the team of international spellers. Mr. Christie has been awarded a Half Blue for Fencing: the tie and scarf are very effective. He has also been chosen to fight for England against Scotland on March 19th. Mr. Head is treading the path of purple plutocracy on the accelerator of an Aston-Martin. Mr. O'Brien, alias Mr. MacBrian, of Winchester, played against Mr. Corrie in the Final of Soccer Cuppers. Mr. Geare retired to the Acland Nursing Home three weeks ago and, after the loss of his appendix, made a speedy recovery.

Most of us are working hard for, or resigning ourselves to, examinations at the end of this Term or in June; some of us may be away next term, it is thought.

I therefore, Sir, subscribe myself,
Your by no means permanent
OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

SIR,

Spring is in the Cambridge air. It is hard to believe with the Backs covered with crocuses and daffodils and the river filled with premature punts that this is the same term about which I wrote in my last letter. Yet the sun shines merrily on the Market Place and King's Parade, and even penetrates the dismal fastness of the lecture rooms trying to convince us that this is really the middle of the Summer term.

Among all these pleasant happenings the term is drawing to a close and only this welcome taste of summer can lift the shadow cast by the Tripos. Of the last half of the Lent term there is little to tell. Jesus remained Head of the River and celebrated the fact in no small way on Bump Night on Jesus Green. Several O.W.W. were present at the revelries on that auspicious occasion, not least conspicuous among whom were those stalwarts of Third Trinity, Messrs. Freeman, Aggs, Evans and Pirkis. Mr. Pirkis was next seen assisting at a conjuring display, a calling for which, it will be remembered, he showed remarkable aptitude at Westminster.

On more serious occasions we have heard Mr. Huxley speaking at a Mathematical Dinner, and have seen Mr. Wilkinson playing Eton Fives for the University. Mr. Bury may be found at David's bookstall and has even been obtained for one tea party. Mr. Paul Kemp-King attends regularly at the Union Debates and appears on occasion in the gossip column of the "Varsity Weekly." Apparently Mr. Petley should also make good copy for that scurrilous weekly, but we have as yet been unable to trace the rumours to any reliable source. Mr. Ivanovic was seen in Petty Cury after the Swimming Club dinner and heard even in Magdalene. Mr. Hamilton-Jones can sometimes be seen on the short journey from the lecture rooms to Caius, while Mr. Hogg is seldom met at dances.

We were very glad to meet Mr. Urquhart during the term and rumour has it that Mr. Pattle appeared during the Magdalene—Magdalen Rigger match. It was also very pleasant to see Mr. Garnett and Mr. Llewelyn once more in Cambridge. The film of the Greaze was given

good publicity at the Regal and O.W.W. were in great demand on Shrove Tuesday to explain the intricacies of the rites acted up School.

May I, through your columns, express my hope that all we hear about your Oxford Correspondent is not true or in self-defence I shall have to invent a private life for

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

RIFE RUMOUR

Spring is in the air—the rumours about that can hardly be unfounded. The Master of the King's Scholars' bulbs are sprouting, Barton Street is a glory of golden croci, our Cambridge Correspondent has discarded his usual gravity and become lyrical over the Backs, and although we cannot feel the earth swelling with new life that is probably because we have not a poet's soul.

But Spring is not the only thing in the air, rumour is there too. Wars and rumours of wars we have got used to, indeed in this sensational and chaotic world we live in they are such everyday occurrences that we disregard them, but we hear other rumours; rumours of dark plots to change the even tenor of our ways; rumours of far-reaching changes that will disrupt the complacent smoothness of our life. This is hard to bear and we did our best to disregard the rumours as being the malicious manufactures of rumour mongers. We stuffed our ears with cotton wool and retired once more into our shell, but our retirement was short-lived. The cotton wool was torn rudely from our ears and we were forced to hear. "Have you heard," they said, "the Corps is going to be compulsory all through the summer." "Surely," said another, "you must have heard about the week-ends—you haven't—well, they're going to be abolished so that a lot more societies can be founded . . ." and so on. All this makes life very difficult, but it is even worse when no sooner have we heard the latest rumour than it is immediately contradicted, so that we are rapidly being convinced that the Corps is to be abolished and everyone and everything is completely different to what we thought it was and the Bursary is to be turned into an air raid shelter into the bargain. Will no one rescue us from this situation; we are being swung from side to side, and it really does complicate life so.

The only way out that we can see is to take a very firm line, we shall have to retire into rigid seclusion, stuff our ears once more with cotton wool, keep everything out that will in any way disturb the prim smugness of our life, and with the poet sigh

How hard is life,
When rumour's rife.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ITS WORSHIP AND ORNAMENTS. VOL. I

By JOCELYN PERKINS, D.C.L., F.S.A.,

Sacrist of Westminster Abbey

(Alcuin Club Collections, xxxiii. Pub. Oxford University Press. 25/-)

Westminster Abbey, like most of our Cathedrals and Abbeys, has received harsh treatment in the past. Its history is one of continual destruction, renovation and rebuilding; each age has left its mark behind, each trying to improve on the original as taste and opinion altered, and each, for the most part, failing as signally as its predecessors. In this latest work Dr. Perkins approaches his subject from a new angle; he is concerned primarily with the worship of the Abbey, and thus the architecture has been left on one side in so far as it does not affect the worship, but those parts of the Abbey that are in continual use for daily worship naturally come within the scope of his work. In this volume Dr. Perkins deals with the High Altar and Presbytery and the Choir.

The Presbytery has seen a number of changes. The original altar, which had no screen and allowed a clear view of the Confessor's Shrine and the royal tombs behind it, was destroyed in the 15th century. This step was taken from severely practical considerations, the Abbot and Convent hoping that the seclusion of the royal tombs would encourage more pilgrims to pay the fee for admission. Some idea of this screen can be gained from the eastern side of it which still survives, though in a mutilated condition. From the dissolution of the Monastery to the Restoration of the Stuarts there are but scanty records of the fate of the altar, but it certainly received hard treatment, though the 15th century work was allowed to remain.

During the 18th century, when Wren was surveyor to the Abbey, it was decided to put the heavy classical altar piece, that had been in James II's Roman Catholic chapel at Whitehall, in the Abbey. The step was typical of the age, but it is difficult to imagine anything more incongruous; the glaring whiteness of the marble design of Wren and Gibbons against the grey of the Abbey, and the violent clash of two quite incompatible styles. The altar was semi-circular and rose almost to the Triforium, and in putting it in position considerable damage was done to the fine mosaic floor in front of the altar. This altar remained in place for just over a hundred years. It was moved to make room for a stand to be built in the east end of the Abbey at the Coronation of George IV. After the Coronation Benjamin Wyatt, the Abbey surveyor, was asked to submit a design for a new altar "in the model of the Confessor's Chapel," the Gothic revival had begun.

The new altar was less pretentious than its predecessor, but equally unsuitable. It was in a Gothic style and made of plaster instead of stone. Although it was praised by contemporaries, it was a cheap and inaccurate imitation of the 15th century work, quite unworthy of the dignity of the Abbey. But in building this altar one thing was achieved—the tombs and the sedilia on the north and south side of the Presbytery, which had for so long been covered in tapestry and wainscoting, were once more uncovered.

This altar was not allowed to remain long, and in 1866 it was demolished. The new surveyor, Sir Gilbert Scott, set to work on the new altar, which we still have. He followed as closely as possible the original design as far as it was traceable. The whole work was finished by 1873 and, except for some additional gilding before the Coronation of Edward VII, it has remained fundamentally the same ever since.

The history of the choir is quite as devastating as that of the altar, though the changes have been fewer. In the medieval church the choir was almost a separate church within the main church. It was raised above the level of the Nave and the Transepts were shut off from it by screens and the choir stalls took up much less room than they do to-day so that there was a wider passageway. During the latter half of

the 18th century the Dean and Chapter, wishing to make preparation for Coronations easier, proposed the destruction of the 13th century choir stalls and the stone walls that separated the choir from the Transepts. At the same time they asked the opinion of their surveyor "in regard to the propriety of erecting a new choir in the eastern part of the Abbey from the Nave to the upper end of St. Edward's Chapel." This implied among other things the removal of the Confessor's Shrine and other royal monuments to another part of the church, and it is fortunate that it was not carried through. The new choir kept the broad passage down the centre, but the stalls themselves were of very poor quality. They were half the number of the 13th century stalls and mixed a number of architectural styles topping all with pinnacles of cast iron. The Transepts were shut off with wooden screens instead of stone walls, and to harmonize the whole Presbytery was boarded up with oak wainscoting.

The beginning of the 19th century, having seen the removal of the classical altar piece, saw further alteration to the choir. The population of Westminster had been increasing rapidly as houses spread over Tuttle Fields and the Dean and Chapter were anxious at all costs to make more room in the Abbey. Work was begun in 1847 on rebuilding the choir to give more room. The floor was made level with that of the Nave, and the stalls, which remain to-day, were made to stretch out further thus making 4 rows in place of 2, though the front row was removed later. The very great detail of the stalls shows that considerable trouble was taken with them, but at best they can only be said to be in keeping with the mock Gothic altar piece of Wyatt's and with that quite unsuitable for the Abbey.

The story of these changes is told by Dr. Perkins in a clear and interesting way with detailed accounts of the disputes that raged round them. The history of the past degradation of the Abbey does bring out the great work that is being done now to repair before it is too late the vandalism of the past. With its admirable illustrations and clear detail this book is an important addition to the bibliography of Westminster Abbey.

R. W.

DEATH OF A DESIGNER

By NEVILLE BRAND, O.W.

(The Bodley Head. 7/6)

"Death of a Designer" is one of those light-hearted detective stories that are a joy to solve. Timothy Burden, famous designer of aeroplanes, was found dead in the cabin of a passenger monoplane at the Aero Exhibition. There were pacifists who made interruptions at the opening ceremony of the Exhibition; there were the people who had been engaged in sabotage in factories and aerodromes; there were Burden's lady friends (and their husbands). Were any of them involved? It is for the reader to decide, and the decision should not be difficult, especially as there are so few characters. It is merely a matter of eliminating those who could not possibly have done it, plus the slight ability required to perceive that throughout the book all the characters' thoughts are at one time or another related to us except One Person's, who, we deduce, must be the murderer.

Not that the tale is badly told. Above all, the author shrinks from the conventional phrases. He rightly refuses to say "Sir Crumplehorn was done to death with a Heavy Blunt Instrument," or "'Murder Most Foul,' she gasped hoarsely, ashen to the lips," or that fatal "It is my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used in evidence against you"; one sympathises with Inspector Peach's embarrassment when he is finally compelled to utter the age-worn Murder Charge. The author's style is certainly a welcome change. But for all that, he does not play fair for a writer of a straight detective story. A threatening letter is proved by the Inspector in the last chapter to have been typed on a Certain Typewriter (whose owner shall be nameless) because of its certain irregularities of type—the "e" is faulty, and the "T" curls at one end. Now the poor reader cannot hope to discover this beforehand because the threatening note is not reproduced in its original type, but is printed in the normal capital lettering of the book. Needless to say it was this discovery that pointed to the murderer. The author was unwise to mention some Rubber Gloves belonging to A Certain Person. To the reader of detective fiction this can only suggest that Someone is highly desirous of leaving no fingerprints.

The book, however, is pleasant to read, and Inspector Peach is an efficient and unaffected detective, though he can be unnecessarily rude: we read that when a publicity representative, Mr. Antony Carrick, turns amateur sleuth one day, and chases a sinister car through London to the intense exasperation, doubtless, of the Minister of Transport, and finally suffers agonising bodily injuries in the cause of Justice, the Inspector cannot resist the urge to boom "Mr. Carrick, in some ways I hate the sight of you just at the moment," which, you must admit, is a rather heartless way of thanking him.

A. B.

ELEMENTS OF HUNTING

By R. S. SUMMERHAYS, O.W.

(Country Life. 7/6)

The author of "Elements of Hunting" tells us in his Foreword that his main object is to allay the doubts of the would-be rider to hounds. There are many who would like to hunt but are lacking in knowledge, and fear that they will commit breaches of etiquette. It is for these mainly that the book is written. After reading this book the beginner should certainly feel more confident, and the hours before the first hunt should not be so nerve-racking as they often are. The book is written in a chatty, conversational style, and throughout the main purpose is to give confidence. It embraces all the aspects of hunting except the training and keeping of hunters. The author's anxiety to impart confidence and the desire to hunt tend to make the book slightly over-optimistic. This is evident in his estimate of the cost of clothing. Some controversial points are glossed over; it is doubtful, for instance, if the horse does enjoy a hunt; he may get excited, but excitement and pleasure are not the same thing. It is also doubtful whether the advantage of being able to hold one's hat at arm's length is sufficient reason for discarding the hatguard. Despite these small points the book is an excellent introduction to hunting. There are sound chapters on general behaviour and etiquette, the duties of the hunt servants and the life of the fox and hounds. The advice on jumps and riding a line is especially good.

E. N. S.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

At a meeting held on February 28th it was decided to revive this Society, whose aim is to interest members of the School in all branches of Aviation and Model Aeronautics. Officers were elected as follows:—

President: C. W. A. Scott, Esq., O.W.

Hon. Secretary: M. Kinchin Smith, K.S.

Hon. Treasurer: G. C. F. Hayes.

Other members of the Committee are: C. S. Jagger and P. FitzHugh.

A lecture has been arranged for March 23rd, and an outing to visit Heston Airport for March 22nd. The Society's termly subscription is 6d., and it possesses an interesting library of aeronautical books. Membership is open to the whole School.

THE FIELDS

A REVIEW OF THE SEASON

1ST XI

The 1st XI were fortunate in having a forward as fast as Woodbridge, a centre-half so tireless and so quick in recovery as Neal, and a goalkeeper so brilliant as Patterson. There were, however, two weaknesses, which were never eradicated from the team, a weakness in front of goal and the poor constructive work of two very hard working wing halves. Both these weaknesses can be traced to poor kicking, and this is to a large extent a weakness throughout the School.

The Eleven was seen at its best against Aldenham last term, when the forward line, given many more passes than in most games, showed how constructive it could be. It was seen at its worst in one or two of the club matches this term, when a starved forward line missed what chances it got and a harassed defence was forced to kick too often into touch.

Yet only against Trinity College, Cambridge, was the side ever completely overwhelmed. In all the other matches, especially the School matches, the team displayed a dogged fearlessness that was cheerful to see. It was at its best

as a team towards the end of the Play Term: the football this term never quite reached the same standard, although the fight with Highgate was very creditable, especially as they were regarded as an exceptional team this year.

2ND XI

The 2nd XI improved steadily. In the Play Term they lost their three School matches by the odd goal. This term they won both their School matches by a handsome margin. Several of the 2nd XI played in 1st XI matches and acquitted themselves well; yet while this speaks well for individual talent, it meant that the 2nd XI had to make a number of changes during the season; this is the common fate of all School 2nd XI's, and it is greatly to their credit that they made the best of it.

COLTS

The Colts have had a good season. After an exceptionally heavy defeat from Highgate (12-0), they improved sufficiently to win three School matches, lose only one more, and draw with Highgate in the return game. The side took some time to settle down as there were few outstanding players and many whose claims had to be considered.

School match results:—

1st XI.	<i>v.</i> Lancing	Drawn	(0-0)
	<i>v.</i> Malvern	Lost	(4-1)
	<i>v.</i> Charterhouse	Drawn	(1-1)
	<i>v.</i> Aldenham	Won	(2-1)
	<i>v.</i> Highgate	Lost	(1-0)
2nd XI	<i>v.</i> Winchester	Lost	(4-1)
	<i>v.</i> Lancing	Lost	(2-1)
	<i>v.</i> Aldenham	Lost	(2-1)
	<i>v.</i> Highgate	Lost	(2-1)
	<i>v.</i> Ealing Priory	Won	(4-1)
Colts.	<i>v.</i> Ealing Priory	Won	(8-3)
	<i>v.</i> Highgate	Lost	(12-0)
	<i>v.</i> Aldenham	Lost	(5-3)
	<i>v.</i> Aldenham	Won	(3-1)
	<i>v.</i> Lancing	Won	(4-3)
<i>v.</i> Charterhouse	Won	(4-2)	
	<i>v.</i> Highgate	Drawn	(3-3)

W. F. M.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HIGHGATE

Played at Highgate

Highgate beat Westminster 1-0 after there had been no score at half-time. The game was played under unpleasant conditions, and there was a strong wind blowing across the ground which brought with it periodical hailstorms.

Highgate by no means dominated the play, although it must be admitted that their forwards seemed to be on the attack more. Highgate's attacks, however, were warded off by the Westminster defence, and Patterson in goal did a number of fine saves. Before half-time J. I. P. Hunt was injured, and as his place had to be taken in the half-back line, it meant that Westminster's attacking power was decreased through the fact that there were only four forwards. Shortly before half-time Hunt came back and Westminster were once more at full strength.

After the interval Highgate continued to attack, but it was not until fifteen minutes before the end that D. C. Turquand received a pass from W. V. Crell, and Patterson let the ball slip out of his hands over the goal line. This gave Highgate the lead. The Westminster forwards returned hard to the attack and a long shot from Goatly was saved by C. P. Turquand. Several good movements were unfortunately spoilt by one of the forwards being off-side.

The chief feature of the game was the excellent play of the Westminster defence against a forward line whose good scoring ability is well known. Neal held off Turquand's attacks, while Upsdell and Greenish both did a great deal of able defensive play. Mention must once again be made of Patterson's excellent goal-keeping, which saved Westminster from what might have been a more serious defeat.

Teams :—

Westminster.—M. L. Patterson, goal ; B. V. I. Greenish and J. S. E. Duke, backs ; J. I. P. Hunt, K. G. Neal and J. Upsdell, half-backs ; P. P. Gawthorne, K. A. H. Hinge, P. Goatly, E. A. Robie and J. W. Woodbridge, forwards.

Highgate.—C. P. Turquand, goal ; L. J. Lambert and G. G. Harris, backs ; M. H. Webb, J. C. Rhodes and G. A. Eldridge, half-backs ; D. F. Townsend, J. A. A. Morton, D. C. Turquand, D. W. Chamberlain and W. V. Crell, forwards.

BOXING

The House Competition, held in the Play Term, was won by Grants, who provided no less than 7 of the 10 winners, with Rigauds second.

A match with Lancing took place in December. Lancing proved superior in the lighter weights and won by 7 fights to 4, the School representatives suffering from lack of experience.

The match arranged with Merchant Taylors was scratched because of illness.

In the Eastbourne match this term our lighter boxers did better, and Westminster won by 7 fights to 4.

No free date could be found for the Highgate fixture.

Woodbridge, as Captain, has done much for the club by his own keenness. In his fights, though no stylist, he hit very hard and very often, seldom giving his opponent a chance to settle down. The most improved boxer of the team is Greenish, the heavy-weight. He appeared to be beaten in the Eastbourne match, but not only did he last the full time but won his fight in no uncertain manner. Of the others, Finn and Abrahams did well in both matches, while among the lighter-weights Dorling and Meyer show some promise. It was unfortunate that Nichols was not fit enough to box this term.

M. F. Y.

FIVES

WESTMINSTER *v.* LANCING

Played at Lancing

Westminster visited Lancing on Tuesday, March 1st, and were beaten by three matches to two, which adds another defeat to the already none too successful season. The first pair, J. F. Reid Dick and E. M. H. Wilkinson, lost by three games to one. After they had lost the first two games, they began to get used to the courts and succeeded in winning the third game, but Lancing were much quicker on the ball than they were and won the fourth game after a hard match. The second and third pairs both lost in three straight games.

The two wins were contributed by the two Colts pairs, who both played extremely well.

Winckworth and Newman won their match in three easy games, whilst the second Colts pair, Hinge and Trehearne, won by three games to one.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HIGHGATE

Played at Highgate

Westminster received the heaviest defeat of the season when they were beaten by Highgate on Saturday, March 5th, by six games to none. From the start Highgate was all over our first three pairs and won all three matches by three games to none. The colts, who had done so well in the last match, were completely overwhelmed and were unable to win a single game between them.

PURLIEUS OF PUTNEY

The purlieus of Putney are a very real danger for the unwary. The shades of those strange and mythical figures "Steve" and "The Master" hang round with mournful persistence. The technicalities of the sport or, as some would have it, the art of rowing are thick in the air, and the uninitiated must mind their step. Your Correspondent was invited to report the Trial Eights Race mainly apparently because he knows nothing of rowing: being uninitiated he minded his step.

The Races were rowed on Tuesday, February 22nd. It was one of those days when everything is grey, bitterly cold, but not windy, and a day when the River looks particularly fine. There is something very strange about the River, for it can look beautiful in its way in almost any weather. The first race was the Junior Trial Eights over a course from the U.B.R. stone to Harrods. The two eights were the Martlet and the Fly. The Fly drew away at the start and steadily, but slowly, increased its lead. Although the Martlet made a great effort just past the Mile Post and caught up a bit, the Fly won by 2 lengths.

The second race was the more important of the two, for in the two crews was the material from which this year's eight will be made up. The two eights were the Centaur and the

Defiance. Centaur drew Surrey and Defiance Middlesex. Defiance got away first, but just past Beverley Brook they were level. At the Mile Post Centaur went up about half a length, but at Harrod's the two crews came very close together and Defiance caught up again. At Hammersmith Bridge Centaur was again leading and had the advantage of the bend round to the Stork, but Defiance made a tremendous spurt and in spite of Centaur's advantage beat it by $\frac{1}{4}$ length. How far the victory was due to the encouragement of Mr. Rowe's cap is still disputed.

And so the umpire's launch left the exhausted crews to make their own way back, and Your Correspondent was left wondering what the layman who knew nothing of rowing could find to write about the races.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

On March 2nd, 1938, Mr. E. R. B. Graham submitted the Westminster Ball Accounts and his Report as Hon. Secretary for the four years ended January 31st, 1938, to the Committee of the Elizabethan Club. The Account showed a sum of £146 14s. 7d. in hand. Mr. R. S. Barnes (as Chairman of the Meeting of the General Ball Committee held on February 22nd, 1938, at which the Report and Accounts were passed) moved and Mr. Wyatt seconded that the following two resolutions passed at such meeting should be adopted, viz. :—

(1) That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. E. R. B. Graham for his valuable services as Hon. Secretary of the Entertainments Committee during his long tenure of office.

(2) That Mr. Graham be requested to continue to act in this capacity for a further period of six years.

These were unanimously agreed to. Mr. Graham, having accepted the appointment, it was resolved that the Entertainments Committee should be reconstituted by him on the understanding that the Elizabethan Club accepted no financial responsibility for any of its activities.

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner of the Westminster students at the Law Society's School of Law was held on March 1st, when Mr. H. R. Blaker presided in the unavoidable absence of the Principal.

Those present included :—

The Head Master (Mr. J. T. Christie), Messrs. J. A. Abbott, R. L. Bennett, G. C. Brend, P. C. Carter, D. Cragg Hamilton, W. B. Enever, A. Ensor, H. P. Gould, E. N. Grace, C. J. E. Grundy, R. N. H. Hamilton, P. B. Henderson, B. H. Howlett, H. C. E. Johnson, G. R. Johnston, R. H. Lloyd-Jones, T. G. Lund, E. H. McDougall, A. W. H. Matcham, R. B. Orange, G. M. E. Paulson, E. C. Robbins, J. F. B. Stevens, J. D. Stocker, P. J. Sutton, F. J. Tabor, G. E. Tunnicliffe, J. B. Whitmore, P. B. Williamson, P. Winckworth, J. T. Woodgate.

TESTIMONIAL TO JACK RUSSELL

Many Old Westminsters will be sorry to learn that Jack Russell is leaving Vincent Square at Easter. During his seven years at Westminster as cricket professional and head groundsman he has made numerous friends, and there are many

who owe their present interest in cricket to Russell's patient understanding of their difficulties and his unflinching and cheerful encouragement.

It is felt that those who were at Westminster during Russell's years, as well as Old Westminsters who knew him through their interest in cricket and football, will wish to make some recognition of his service.

The undersigned, who are recent captains of cricket, football or athletics, are acting as a committee, and donations (which, it is suggested, should not exceed 10/-) will be gratefully acknowledged by—

J. D. Stocker,
232, Stanley Park Road,
Carshalton, Surrey,

or

W. E. Gerrish,
Ashburnham,
Sandown Road,
Esher, Surrey.

H. A. Budgett, F. Byers, J. A. G. Corrie,
A. E. F. C. Long, F. F. Richardson, J. D. Stocker, H. F. B. Symons and W. E. Gerrish
(Hon. Sec. Elizabethan Club Games Committee).

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

FOUNDER'S DAY

Sir,

Forshall, at page 22 of his "Westminster School Past and Present," mentions among the former duties of the Captain of the School "the writing and reading of the oration on Founder's Day." A footnote adds that this custom had been obsolete for many years.

Is anything more known about this Founder's Day? What was its date and what was the nature of the celebration? And who was the "Founder" in whose honour it was held?

These questions derive special interest from the fact that Westminster is coming very near to the completion of four hundred years of definitely established existence. If we start our present history from Queen Elizabeth's re-foundation there are twenty-two years still to wait. But should we do so? That our forbears celebrated a "Founder's" and not a "Foundress" day may not be of great significance, but our formal recognition of Henry VIII as a Benefactor, and the fact that all our lists of Head Masters start with John Adams (1540), while Sergeaunt practically adopts that date as the

starting point of his "Annals," seem to point to 1940 and not to 1960 as the proper occasion for our centenary celebration.

If that is so, I submit that it is not too soon to begin a consideration of the form which such a celebration (in which Old Westminsters would wish to take their part) should take.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR KNAPP.

5, Albert Road, Regent's Park, N.W.1.

February 27th, 1938.

Sir,

Westminster is perhaps unique amongst schools in that no one can say exactly when it was founded. Many people think that the School was first founded by Queen Elizabeth—I have even heard this belief expressed at Westminster itself—and this is what the wording of the School Prayer, for example, would lead us to believe, although, paradoxically enough, King Henry VIII was one of our Primary Benefactors.

But, although it is, in point of fact, almost certainly much older, the official date of the School's foundation is 1339, in the reign of King Edward III; that is five hundred and ninety-nine years ago. Next year, therefore, Westminster celebrates its sescentenary, but I doubt whether one Westminster in ten is aware of this. Certainly there has not been, so far as I know, any talk, official or otherwise, of any sescentennial celebrations next year. Surely such a centenary—one which very few schools can claim to have reached, and which is unquestionably a great event in the annals of Westminster—should not be entirely ignored?

Yours faithfully,

SPENCER G. MAURICE.

6, St. Mark's Square,
Regent's Park, N.W.1.

March 2nd, 1938.

ASHBURNHAM GARDEN

Sir,

May I draw attention to the extreme degradation that the Ashburnham Garden has suffered. During the latter half of the last century, as can be seen from pictures up Lib, this was a really beautiful garden; now, with the erection of a hideous carpenter's shop, the School lavatories, and, worst of all, a despicable little O.T.C. shed, it has become a small and muddy plot of grass.

Probably in their blindness, few people will have noticed that behind this superficial ugliness lies an exceptionally fine medieval wall; if they have, it is even more deplorable that such a state of affairs should be allowed to remain undisturbed. There seems no reason why this quiet and beautiful spot should have become the muck-heap of the School.

I remain, yours very truly,

A. V. ADAMS.

3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE, 1887

Sir,

As one of the School "generation" (1883-90) which was privileged to witness the Jubilee of 1887, I can recall very vividly the experience of attending the service in the Abbey and of seeing from our position high up at the east end of the sacrum the little figure of the Queen seated in her chair clothed in black with the exception of the white ribbon in her bonnet. Another public spectacle which it fell to our lot in those days to view was Victoria's drive to open Parliament for, I think, Lord Salisbury's second administration, after the General Election of 1886. Whatever the date, I remember that it was regarded as notable as a sign of the Queen's emergence from the long semi-retirement from public functions which followed the death of the Prince Consort.

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN LIBERTY.

Bledington Vicarage,
Oxford.

March 4th, 1938.

Sir,

In the last ELIZABETHAN you asked for any names of O.W.W. who were present at Queen Victoria's 1887 Jubilee Service in the Abbey and any remarks.

I was a 2nd Election at the time and remember the scene very vividly. We had breakfast soon after 7 as we had to be in the Abbey by 8, and, being very much excited, we did not eat much.

My place was in the Triforium on the north side overlooking the Altar enclosure. My seat was in the second row with nothing behind so I could get up and walk about the Triforium until the time approached. I ran across to a window and watched the ruling princes and bigwigs ride past and then the Royal carriage. I then went to the part of the Triforium facing the west end of Abbey and looked down on the procession passing up from the north entrance.

The finest figure was the German Emperor Frederick (then Crown Prince) in a magnificent Cuirassier's uniform of white with a silver helmet surmounted by a gold eagle. From where I stood both the Lords' and Commons' galleries were under my eye, and as I used to go fairly often to the House of Commons I could pick out a good many statesmen whom I knew by sight.

From my proper seat I could see nothing, but a perfectly heavenly clergyman sitting in front with a friend made room between them so that I could see the Queen and all the company perfectly all the time. What bound me still more to him was that about 1 o'clock, when I was feeling desperately hungry after practically no breakfast, he produced a large tin of sandwiches which he generously shared with me. If ever I met a saint.

We got out soon after two and thought it a very long day but well worth it.

I am, yours very truly,

J. S. SHEARME.

(Q.S. 1886—1892. Capt. 1892.)

Llanberis,

Langton Green,
Tunbridge Wells.

March 6th, 1938.

Sir,

You may add my name to the list of those who attended the Abbey Thanksgiving Service on June 21st, 1887.

I still have my card of admittance to the Abbey—Triforium, North East—and it is signed by "Lathom, Lord Chamberlain."

Yours truly,

C. C. SHARPE,

West Lulworth Vicarage,
Wareham, Dorset.

T.B. 1881—1884.

Q.S. 1884—1888.

March 10th, 1938.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Mr. A. P. Waterfield, C.B., has been appointed a member of the Palestine Partition Commission.

Chancellor Kenneth Macmorran, K.C., has been elected Chairman of the Standing Committee of the S.P.G.

Mr. A. M. Armstrong has been elected to a Slade exhibition at Christ Church.

Mr. H. M. Young has been awarded his Blue and will row for Oxford in the University Boat Race. This year's race will be the third in which Mr. J. C. Cherry (President, O.U.B.C.) has rowed.

In the Torpids at Oxford Mr. G. L. Y. Radcliffe rowed in the New College boat which went head of the river, and Mr. I. E. Humphreys rowed in the Jesus head of the river crew in the Lent Races at Cambridge.

Mr. C. M. O'Brien played Fives for Oxford *v.* Cambridge.

Mr. E. B. Christie fenced for Oxford *v.* Cambridge.

BIRTHS

BOGGIS-ROLFE.—On March 3rd, the wife of Paul Boggis-Rolfe, a son.

DEARMER.—On February 12th, the wife of Geoffrey Dearmer, a daughter.

GWINNER.—On February 14th, the wife of Dudley Gwinner, a son.

HOLMES.—On February 13th, the wife of Edward T. Holmes, a son.

WALKER.—On December 16th, 1937, the wife of Capt. J. G. B. Walker, a son.

MARRIAGES

HALE—SMYTHE.—On February 19th, Edward Norman Marten Hale to Patricia Barbara Cicely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smythe.

JONES—TATHAM.—On January 27th, at Lusaka, N. Rhodesia, Humphrey Lloyd Jones to Edith, daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Tatham, of Natal, and of Mrs. Tatham, of Bexhill-on-Sea.

MCNEIL—STRAIN.—On February 12th, Charles McNeil to Jean Mary, younger daughter of the late Capt. T. Strain, M.D., R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Strain, of 2, Southwood Court, London.

RANDOLPH—KENRICK.—On March 5th, Richard Seymour Randolph to Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of the late Lt.-Col. W. H. Kenrick, I.M.S., and of Mrs. A. C. Larmour, of Crowthorne, Berks.

OBITUARY

We have to record with deep regret the death of Mr. F. T. Barrington-Ward, which took place in London on February 22nd. Born in 1880, FREDERICK TEMPLE BARRINGTON-WARD was the eldest son of Canon M. J. Barrington-Ward, D.D., rector of Duloe, Cornwall, and the brother of Sir Lancelot Barrington-Ward, F.R.C.S., Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Barrington-Ward, of the L.N.E. Railway, Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward, and Mr. J. G. Barrington-Ward, of Christ Church, all of whom followed him to Westminster. He was admitted Q.S. in 1893, and in 1899 went up to Oxford to Hertford College, where he was a scholar. In 1904 he obtained the Vinerian law scholarship and was elected a Fellow of All Souls, a distinction which had been conferred two years previously on one of his schoolfellows, Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, and which another, Sir Wilfrid Greene, Master of the Rolls, was to obtain shortly afterwards.

In 1905 he was called to the Bar, joining the South-Eastern Circuit, and soon acquired a large practice. He took silk in 1919, and in 1923 he was elected a bencher of Lincoln's Inn. He had been appointed Recorder of Hythe in 1914, and in 1928, the same year as he was appointed Chairman of the West Sussex Quarter Sessions, he was transferred to the Recordship of Chichester. Reasons of health compelled him to

give up his large practice at the Bar, but in 1930 he was offered and accepted a Metropolitan Magistracy, in which office, both at Thames and Lambeth Courts, his exceptional legal knowledge and wide sympathy won for him the respect and affection of all those with whom he came in contact.

He married, in 1908, Mary Alice Forster, second daughter of the late A. L. Smith, Master of Balliol College, Oxford.

MILFORD HALLETT was one of six brothers who were all at Westminster in the 'sixties and 'seventies, the sons of James Alfred Hallett, navy agent and banker, who was admitted in 1829 and was himself the son of a Westminster, Charles William Hallett, who had been at School under Vincent, and had been Treasurer of the Old Westminster Cricket Club, established in 1828. Like his father and his grandfather, Milford Hallett became a navy agent, entering the family firm of Hallett and Co. He died from the effects of a motor accident on February 15th, aged 82.

The sudden death of HAROLD MICHAEL GARDINER, recorded briefly in the last ELIZABETHAN, will be very deeply regretted by his many Westminster friends, both those who have recently left and those still at the School. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gardiner, of Wimbledon, and was up Homeboarders from 1930 to 1935. Like his elder brother, who was up Ashburnham, he was an oarsman, and both in School and at Putney he quickly became a recognized character. His gaiety was infectious, and his high spirits were not easily to be damped. In a boat (he rowed in the Eight in 1934 and 1935) he was a tireless worker, who could be depended upon to fight a race to the last stroke, and when he left he joined London R.C. and continued what promised to become a successful rowing career. Saturday after Saturday he was a welcome guest at the Boathouse during the winter months, and he was a familiar figure at Henley. He rowed for London R.C. in the Grand last year, and it was a grief to him when, in January last, the offer of an engineering appointment in Coventry made it necessary for him to give up his rowing.

He died suddenly, from pneumonia, on February 5th, aged 21.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. T. H. Guttridge, teacher of trombone to the School.

A correspondent writes:—

The music school lost a splendid teacher and a kind friend when Thomas H. Guttridge died on February 23rd, at the age of 68. He had taught the trombone in the School for some years, and though the scope of his activities was of necessity limited, none of those who came into contact with him failed to gain benefit from his brilliant teaching and mature advice.

In the musical world the loss is also very great. He was a member of the London Symphony Orchestra and was justly reputed to be the finest bass trombonist in England. He has also left his mark both on the Continent and in America. He had played at three Coronations and at every major musical occasion in the last forty years. He was one of the few remaining members of the Royal Band.

His passing is deeply felt in musical circles, at the School and by everyone who knew and admired him.

An intimate friend writes:—"Some of the best if not always the most prominent players I have known owe their abilities to his tuition. In this little, he leaves the world better than he found it, and surely there is no finer epitaph than that."

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB DINNER

The above Dinner will be held at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W.1, on Tuesday, July 5th, 1938. Tickets will be 10/- each, exclusive of wine.

MISSION NOTES

The Football XI of the Boys' Club has had once again a very successful season, and indoor activities have been well patronized, the Table Tennis team getting further in the Inter-Club Tournament than ever before.

The Jubilee of the founding of the Mission occurs this year. Plans for celebrating this event will be announced in due course.

STUART HORNER.

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	<u>£272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Reserve Fund	240	7	3	By Investment (£300 3½% Con- version Loan) at Cost	240	7	3
„ Balance 1/1/37	52	9	10	„ Cash at Bank	8	3	4
„ Loss on Year	44	6	6				
	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£248</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
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March, 1938.

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RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from Westminster Ball, 1936.....	84	2	0	By Dorchester Hotel—Ball A/C.	441	0	0
<i>Less—</i>				Do. At Home A/C.	10	12	0
Printing, 1936				„ Jack Jackson's Orchestra	66	3	0
Ball A/Cs. £1 4 6				„ Coldstream Guards—Ball A/C.....	15	15	0
Purchase of Die	3	0	0	Do. At Home A/C.	10	10	0
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	„ Scots Guards Pipers—Ball A/C.	14	9	4
			79 17 6	„ Printing, Stationery & Notices	45	11	11
„ Sale of Tickets	704	11	0	„ Staff Gratuities	19	8	0
<i>Less—Returns</i>	7	0	0	„ Postages	17	15	11
			697 11 0	„ Photographs	2	16	0
„ Donations			26 3 0	„ Stewards' Badges	2	8	6
			<u>£803</u>	„ Advertising	1	1	0
			<u>11</u>	„ Sundry Expenses	4	1	3
			<u>6</u>	„ Donation to School Mission	5	5	0
				„ Balance carried forward to next Account, being Cash at Bank	146	14	7
					<u>£803</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

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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, Captain B. Stuart Horner, 3, Harcourt Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.

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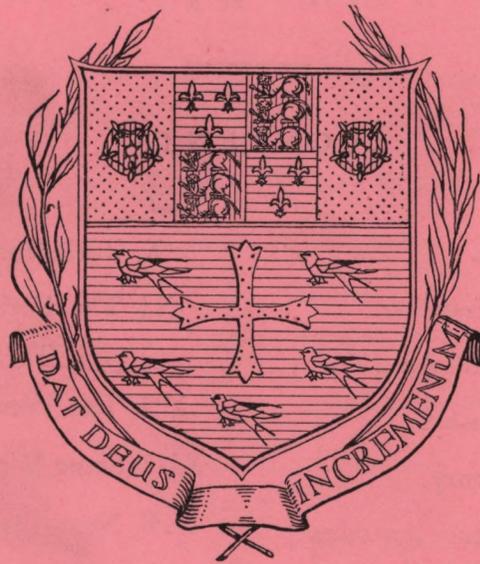
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