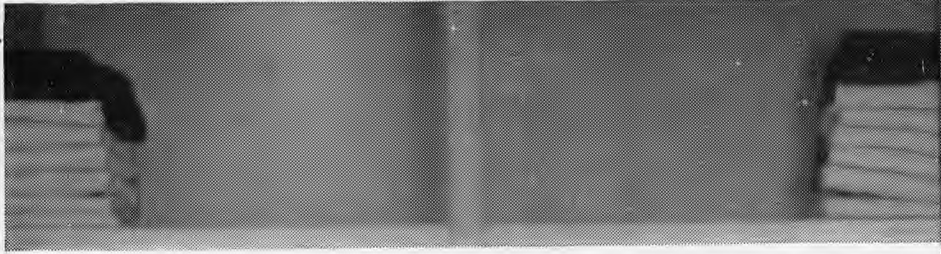


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TRINITY ELECTION

The following awards have been made at Trinity College, Cambridge:—

G. J. S. ROSS, Q.S. Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics and Westminster Exhibition.

M. A. MARSHALL, Q.S. Open Scholarship in Classics and Westminster Exhibition.

A. D. ROBERTS, Q.S. Open Scholarship in History and Westminster Exhibition.

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APPOINTMENTS

C. P. Danin, G. R. Elliston, J. A. Lauder, M. A. Marshall, C. H. Prince and I. F. Young have been appointed School Monitors.

N. B. J. P. Picarda has been appointed Secretary of the Debating Society.

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The Head Master has been elected Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference for 1955.

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The late Dr. C. C. J. Webb has made a bequest of £1 to each Queen's Scholar who was in College at the time of his death, and of £5 to the Captain.

It is the intention to distribute the legacy when the Liberty Boys inscription is formally unveiled. (Dr. Webb was Liberty Boy in 1880).

After various bequests he left the residue of his estate equally between the school and Magdalen College.

Mr. Godfrey G. R. Greene, who was at Westminster from 1902 to 1907, has announced his intention of giving to the school his valuable collection of books written by Old Westminsters. This collection, which contains many rare books, will be placed in a special book-case in the school Library.

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On Monday, March 7th, an old custom was revived when Sir John Troutbeck, G.B.E., attended Latin Prayers to beg a play in recognition of his recent honour. Sir John has recently retired from the Foreign Office, and he was British Ambassador at Baghdad from 1951-54. He is the brother of Mr. G. L. Troutbeck who was a member of the Staff until 1951.

As a result, the afternoon of March 21st, the day of the School Confirmation, was remitted.

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An Informal Concert was held in the Scott Library on Monday, February 28th. The standard of performance was rather low, and the evening was somewhat disappointing. Items were on the whole under-rehearsed, and some of the instruments went out of tune after the initial tuning, which of course spoilt the performances. The title of "Informal" Concert does not necessarily imply that any standard will pass, and it is hoped that more trouble will be taken over the Music Competitions and the later Informal Concerts next term.

Among the many losses which the school suffered during the war was that of the Liberty Boys' Tablets—the series of painted panels in College on which were inscribed the names of the Liberty Boys or those elected head into College until 1880, and after that date the names of the Captains.

Soon after the destruction of the panels a fund for their replacement was started by the late Sir Arthur Knapp, who had been Captain in 1888, and all living Captains were invited to contribute. When the reconstruction of College was completed in 1950 there was considerable debate as to how these records should be renewed, particularly as the original positions occupied by the Tablets no longer existed. Various alternatives were discussed, and finally it was decided that an inscription containing all the names recorded from 1580 to the present day should be painted on the wall of the Main Stairs of College. Sir Arthur Knapp's original fund was augmented by a generous gift of £250 from the Westminster School Society.

Initial sketches for the design were prepared by Mr. Andrew Carden, the school architect, and these were elaborated and finally executed by Miss Peggy Gick, the whole work being in oil colours on a plastered wall. As will be seen from the accompanying photographs, the names of the Liberty Boys are divided from those of the Captains by a Latin inscription which runs as follows:—

Haec nomina eorum qui aut primi scholarium
regiorum electi aut recentiore aetate collegio
praefecti fuerunt in dormitorio quondam
inscripta deinde hostium saevitia VI.ID.MAI.
A.D. MDCCCCXLI penitus deleta hoc in
muro redintegrandam curavit posterorum pietas
A.D. MDCCCCLIV
RESPICE PUER QUI PRAECUCUR-
RERINT ET IMITATIONE DIGNOS
IMITARE.

Below is an oval panel showing a view of College and the Abbey from College Garden, with the present Under Master and the Captain in the foreground.

The lettering was designed by Miss Margery Wratten and executed by Mr. Norman Garner.

Grants is now almost completely restored. The twenty-eight single studies have been occupied by the boys since the beginning of the Lent Term. The only major part of the building not yet completed is the house dining room which will be ready in the near future.

THROUGH the kindness of the Lord Chamberlain and of Sir Terence Nugent a small party of boys from the Topographical Society visited St. James's Palace on February 23. Mr. Oliver Millar showed them the State Rooms and the collection of Royal and historical portraits, and they also visited the Chapel Royal, which is at present closed for repairs.

On March 16 the Society visited Churchill Gardens, the immense block of flats which is being built by the Westminster City Council on the Embankment near Dolphin Square. They were shown the arrangements by which hot water is brought underneath the Thames from Battersea Power Station and were also taken round specimen flats. The visit was kindly arranged by the Director of Housing and by Mr. B. Fitzgerald-Moore.

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The Pancake Greaze was held on Shrove Tuesday and won by D. J. A. Delmotte of the Modern Languages Sixth. It is interesting to note that in the past few years the Greaze has been won almost exclusively by members of the Modern Languages side.

This year, the maintenance staff erected a small platform of scaffolding near the side door of School, from which a film was made of the greaze. It is hoped that with material such as this a film will eventually be made of the School.

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The Choral and Orchestral Societies have been rehearsing Brahms' "Song of Destiny", and "Five Mystical Songs" by Vaughan Williams, for the School Concert on Friday, March 25th. Also on the programme is Haydn's 99th Symphony in E flat, and a pianoforte concerto by Saint-Saens.

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Friends of the late Mr. W. F. Monk (who was killed in the air disaster at Singapore last year) have set up a trust fund in his memory for his infant son Winston. Details can be obtained from K. G. Allison, Esq., 47 Morpeth Mansions, Morpeth Terrace, London, S.W.1, or from O. Kerensky, Esq., 72 Elizabeth Street, London, S.W.1.

THE CONCERT

THE School Concert, which was heard on December 17th of last year may be described as moderately successful. The programme was of comparatively simple music, designed to give the Choral Society, with its annually high proportion of new boys, something fairly well within its scope. This fact seemed to be reflected in a general feeling that variety was lacking; but, while the evening was unable to boast of any memorable highlights as have some recent concerts, it is pleasant to recall that those fatal moments of unease with which we are also familiar were kept down with remarkable success.

Mozart's Prague Symphony which opened the programme started with advantages; it is a satisfying and well-known work, and the Orchestra, which suffers less than the choir from boys leaving at the end of the Election Term, felt up to the occasion and gave a good performance. The performers enjoyed playing the symphony, which meant in consequence a greater appreciation by the audience.

Less confidence was apparent in Gordon Jacob's arrangement of some violin music of Tartini in the form of a Concertino for Clarinet and Strings. This gave the soloist, C. P. Danin (A.HH.), an opportunity to show off his instrument's addiction on the one hand to rapid arpeggio figures and to slow, arid melodies on the other; but in the former species, to be found particularly in the second movement, the Orchestra failed to provide a reliable or coherent accompaniment, without which the soloist's timing became irregular. However, although there was at times such an air of mutual mistrust, there was nothing in the per-

formance as a whole to prevent its being pleasant to listen to.

The remainder of the programme was given by the Choir with the Orchestra. Holst's Fantasy on Christmas Carols did not strike either Society as being particularly interesting or subtle during the term's rehearsing, but on the day most people enjoyed the effect of voices and Orchestra together. The carol melodies involved, which were with one exception very familiar, were agreeably contrasted and combined in the Holst manner. After the interval came the longest item—*Mirth and Melancholy*, selected, from Handel's setting of passages from *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso* of Milton, by Arnold Foster. This was given as a short cantata, with airs and recitatives taken by Tenor solo and Treble voices. R. A. C. Norrington, O.W., has a pleasant but not sufficiently strong Tenor voice for these quite robust airs, and the Orchestra made him sound overpowered and too legato in contrast to its own lively and brisk playing. As an experiment five of the boy Trebles were chosen to sing, in unison, the Treble solos. Curiously, not one of them possessed a strong voice together with good intonation and musicianship, although these assets were to be found individually among them. The result was quite acceptable, but as they could not combine as a unit there was some dragging out of the tempo. This little known music of Handel's is very agreeable, but one felt that in this, as in the Holst, the Choir could have made more of their singing. Once again the audience joined very heartily in singing a carol—*Hark! the herald angels sing*—with which the Concert came to an end.

ATHLETICS

THE athletics season opened on February 22nd with the Long Distance races at Putney. The condition of the towpath was not at all good, and no outstanding times were recorded. The winner of the senior race was A. J. Griffin (A.HH.) in 19 mins. 16.8 secs. followed by J. U. Salvi (GG.), D. J. A. Delmotte (BB.), J. C. Overstall (GG.) and J. W. Myring (A.HH.). The House Challenge Cup, which was very closely contested, was won by Ashburnham from Busby's and Grant's who tied for second place. The junior race was won in 16 mins. 18.2 secs. by J. H. N. Thomas

(A.HH.), and Ashburnham also won the Junior House Cup.

On March 8th, there followed the Bringsty Relay races on Wimbledon Common. Here again the conditions were poor and in fact much of the race was run in falling snow. The race was won in a good time by Grant's, who just managed to hold off Ashburnham. Busby's were third. This year, for the first time, the matches against Eastbourne and King's School, Canterbury have preceded Finals Day which will be held on Saturday, March 26th.

THE POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

FOR its first meeting this year, the Society was privileged to hear perhaps the most distinguished, and certainly the most influential, of living British architects. On January 31st, Sir Hugh Casson gave an exciting talk about his recent visit to Peking as a member of a cultural delegation from this country. Those who had read Sir Hugh's articles in the *Observer* on his Chinese visit were not surprised at the humour and vividness of his talk ; and the highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the precise and charming coloured sketches with which Sir Hugh illustrated his observations.

Modern Russian architecture and decoration Sir Hugh had found Imperialist and rather Victorian in atmosphere—much as one had suspected ; although Malenkov's brief régime had advocated a somewhat lighter, more up-to-date Western approach. Peking, naturally, was less affected by prevailing Moscow doctrine ; and it still has very little industry to speak of. Communism has left its mark on the customs of the Chinese, if not their manners—as devastatingly polite as ever ; but the Forbidden City of the Emperors remains the epitome of timelessness.

On February 14th, Sir George Thomson, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and Nobel prizewinner for physics in 1937, spoke

about "Foreseeable Inventions". Sir George talked, of course, with particular authority about Energy, the first of the modern world's requirements in which inventions might be forthcoming in the near future. Nuclear energy is by far the most promising alternative to the fossil fuels—coal and oil ; though Sir George saw no reason to be specially pessimistic about future resources of these. Speaking of food supplies, he foresaw a problem of finding food not so much for ourselves as for the animals whose meat we would eat much more of than we do now, a refreshing change from the views of gloomier prognosticators.

Sir George talked also of the probable future of transport, but it was in vain that he withheld the topic of space-travel from his audience ; and in response to questions he soon had informed it of the very real obstacles for which those who undertake such enterprises must be prepared.

The last meeting of the term, on March 14th, heard an address on Detective Fiction by Mr. J. I. M. Stewart, student of Christ Church. It was distinguished by the speaker's acquaintance, well-known to connoisseurs, with the contribution of Michael Innes to this *genre*.

J. M. Goldman, Q.S., has been appointed secretary of the Society as from the beginning of next term.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THIS term, in comparison with the Play Term, the Society has become quite active and much new and varied interest has been shown. The attendance at the meetings has steadily risen and the quality of the speaking has also shown marked improvement.

The highlight of the term's debating was an inter-debate with St. Paul's Girls' School to discuss the motion that, "This house would like to see brighter fashions for men." Miss Davidson, the secretary of the St. Paul's Society, proposed the motion. Her main argument turned on the point that the stronger of the sexes was too repressed to come forth with different and unusual things in the form of brighter fashions. N. B. J. P. Picarda, secretary of the Westminster Society, opposed the motion. D. Dewar seconded the proposal, while Miss Cotterill seconded the opposition with a well received, amusing doggerel.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the meeting was the large response from the floor when the motion was opened to discussion. Leading speeches were given by J. W. Wolseley and R. H. G. Charles. It was unfortunate that the meeting was brought to a premature end by the approach of dinner. The motion was lost by the narrow margin of 22-24.

The Society's opening meeting of the Lent Term discussed the proposal, "This house would rather be blown up by the Hydrogen Bomb than submit to Communism". Picarda proposed the motion and was seconded by Dewar. A. D. Roberts was the opposer seconded by D. Cammell. The proposers took the view that lack of religion and civil liberties under Communism would be intolerable whereas the opposition retorted with the fact that where there is life there is hope.

Picarda's opening speech was inspiring and was

a cheerful beginning to a good debate which brought forth an excellent response from the floor with good speeches by Wolseley and C. F. Rye. The motion was defeated 12-2 with one abstention.

The Society next met to debate the motion, "That this house 'Drinks to live and lives to eat'." J-P. A. Gross proposed the motion with an amusing speech putting forth the point that it

is the fineness of food which one enjoys while one drinks out of necessity. R. G. Monbiot, the opposer, felt that alcoholism would eventually be encountered by one who drank to live. S. E. P. Hayward and Rye, as seconders, proceeded along similar lines of thought. The good response from the floor was continued in this debate with speeches by M. Rossdale and Charles. The motion was carried.

SHOOTING

IT is both fitting and creditable that in Mr. Kilvington's last year as master in charge of shooting, the Eight should win its two major fixtures, especially as only one member remained from the previous season.

Halfway through last term, at about the time when we switched from the "Tin Hat" targets to "Country Life", we beat Lancing at home. Four people fired on each type of target and we won for the first time for three years. Later in the term we lost to St. Pauls, but we beat the Staff (under their conditions), the 2nd VIII (with a handicap of 40 pts.), and the Old Westminster.

This term we again lost to St. Pauls, and it is hoped that the 2nd VIII will avenge these defeats. But on the 22nd of February we beat Winchester (612) and Guildford (597) in a triangular match by the very good score of 654. If anybody is to be singled out for special mention after these victories

it must be C. B. M. Hunt, who has shot consistently well.

A number of postal matches have taken place, and after the Country Life competition, House matches will begin.

Shooting at Westminster is a flourishing minor sport with two eights and a good reserve of about twenty more junior people firing regularly every week. And the credit for this state of affairs goes largely to Mr. Kilvington who has now been in charge six seasons. The W.S.S.C. must always be grateful to him.

1st VIII : S. E. P. Hayward (Capt.), C. B. M. Hunt, J. M. Goldman, P. Pilkington, C. D. Gorman, R. T. J. A. Clark, A. C. B. Hunter, A. J. Griffin.

2nd VIII : J. S. Craig, W. E. Hill, A. C. E. Pleasance, B. W. O. Chicken, M. J. Hall, F. A. Warholm, J. P. C. Fry, D. B. K. Harrison.

FENCING

AFTER losing very respectably at the end of last term to a team sent us from Salle Beaufoy, we began this term with the usual return fixture against Winchester : last term we lost this match 13-14 when the result was decided in the last fight, but this term we were if anything a slightly weaker team owing to the departure of Croft, and we acquitted ourselves well by winning the sabre 5-4. Our weak épée and mediocre foil, however, resulted in our losing 11-16 what had turned out to be a very enjoyable match.

This was followed a fortnight later by a match against Pangbourne, with both teams perhaps a little too determined to win to fight with style. Here our superior foil scored heavily, and Pangbourne succeeded only in winning two hard-fought fights, though in the sabre the loss of Croft and the comparative inexperience of our team was

to tell, and we only managed to draw the match 9-9. Only Makower really distinguished himself by winning five out of his six fights. There was no épée.

There was then a first team match against Lancing, another of the matches which are somewhat more rough than stylish. In the foil we only conceded one fight fought to the last point, but again in épée and sabre lack of experience was very largely responsible for Westminster's failure to complete the rout : we won the match 7-1, 5-4, 4-5, by a closer margin than the scores would suggest.

The colts this term, Redgrave, Emberson and Gray, won at Winchester yet lost 4-5 to Pangbourne in a match which could have had a more favourable result. Nevertheless there appears to be some promise in the younger generation.

FOOTBALL

A MIXED SEASON

ALTHOUGH results as a whole would seem to point to a more successful season than last year's, the team's performance in school matches was most disappointing. Once again, Westminster adopted the close-passing game, which was probably best suited to the talent at hand. For the team was markedly lacking in weight and thrust, and this is particularly true of the forwards. They were not lacking in skill, and indeed on practically every occasion were undoubtedly superior to the opposing defence in midfield. But they had not the determination and the ability to make the most of their opportunities in the penalty area. This weakness was seen throughout the season and was only partially cured when D. J. A. Delmotte was moved from half-back to the forward line. He was indefatigable in his efforts to send home shots, and it is owing to his opportunism in the penalty area that he has emerged top goal-scorer by a wide margin.

As P. G. K. Saunders, the secretary of football, was unable to play until the Lent term after an early injury, W. D. J. Turner, the Captain, dropped back into his position at right-half, and with Delmotte on the left, worked hard to secure the initiative in midfield. In the centre J. A. Lauder gave a most skilful, if at times somewhat lethargic performance. Playing a firmly defensive rôle, his talents were put to very good use in covering the backs. For these last were inexperienced and hesitant at the outset, and were apt to be too easily drawn out of position. As the season progressed, however, improvement was made all round although heading and covering remained to the end uncertain. As in the past the team relied on the square defence which on the whole worked well and broke down on surprisingly few occasions. In goal, R. T. J. A. Clark could always be relied on to play soundly, and at times, as in the Highgate match, his play showed touches of brilliance. His only weakness was in the dropping long shot which gave away an odd goal here and there, as against Elizabeth College and Winchester.

Between the Charterhouse match in the play term and the Winchester match in the Lent term five club matches were played up Fields of which three were won, and it was with confidence that the team went down to Winchester. Once again far too many opportunities were missed in the

first half, after Lauder had scored a fine goal early on, while a chance long shot beat Clark a little later. The second half was a dismal one for Westminster. With the advantage of the slope the forwards and the defence seemed more out of touch with each other than ever and Winchester scored twice more. In the closing minutes it is true, a more concerted effort on the part of the Westminster team was seen but it failed to alter the score. The Eton match had unfortunately to be cancelled owing to the condition of the ground, but the match against the O.W.W. provided a fitting finale to the season, and was drawn 1-1.

But if the short-passing game was the best game we could play, it was soon seen that it was our only game. Up Fields this did not matter very much but elsewhere it did, and in fact all the away matches were lost. Both Repton and Highgate, and even more so Lancing, were too muddy and thick for our tactics, and the inability of the team to adapt itself to these unfamiliar conditions goes a long way towards explaining why the season was in some respects disappointing. The weakness is perhaps endemic in Westminster football and it is difficult to see how it can be overcome. But one thing is quite clear; as long as the present habit of hesitation in the opponents' penalty area continues goals will not be scored.

The 2nd XI enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in recent years winning seven of its twelve matches. The composition of the team changed a great deal during the season, but of the regular players, I. F. Young, the Captain, and M. C. M. Frances played consistently well, as did also L. G. Marks apart from occasional lapses.

The Colts too were fairly successful even though they gave up some of their better players to the 1st XI, and were unfortunate in that a number of their later fixtures had to be cancelled. The Junior Colts on the other hand were not successful, but this was only to be expected considering the rather small amount of individual talent at hand. The under fourteen XI showed quite a lot of promise winning four out of their six matches, but like the Colts their fixture list was sadly curtailed by the weather.

THE WATER

SINCE the Tideway Head of the River Race took place only four days before the Schools Head of the River Race, it was decided to enter the first VIII for the Head of the River Race at Reading, which was held the week before the Tideway, on Saturday, March 12th.

The race was held over a $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile course and was started by the Bishop of Willesden (OW). Thirty-four college Lent and Torpid boats, and 21 from other universities, helped to make a record entry of 78 crews. Westminster was the only school crew.

In the Shell Division Westminster finished 30th out of 58 entries, to beat the second boats of all the colleges except Jesus, and the first boats of seven. A comparison with the Clinker Division is not possible as this was raced later when the wind had dropped.

As last year the first four VIIIs have been training hard all this term with strenuous sessions of P.T., later giving way to five outings a week. Much illness has caused continual changes in the crews and made practise very difficult. The first VIII has not been too badly affected by this and has developed well under the supervision of

Mr. Hamerton. The work is solid and determined and the crew looks quite businesslike. They suffer from the usual Westminster fault of not being firmly on their feet, and they are not as heavy as in recent years. The second and third VIIIs have been badly affected by illness and are consequently very much slower developing, having missed many outings. They are both extremely light but show some promise. The Colts A crew, coached as usual by Mr. Fisher, is comparatively large, and looks powerful and hardworking. The Colts B crew have also been hit by illness, and by providing substitutes when others are ill. Although lacking experience and confidence, they are a remarkably determined crew.

For the Ninth School's head of the River Race, which took place on Wednesday, March 23rd, there was a record entry of 60 crews, one or two formidable crews having joined the regulars, which include nearly all the Henley Schools. Competition for the first few places is always very stiff. The organisation this year has been the work of Mr. Hamerton who has taken over from Mr. Fisher.

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FIVES

THE season has so far been disappointing in many ways, yet for the first time a revival of interest in the game has been shown. Wednesday afternoon practice has undoubtedly improved the general standard of play, particularly among the more senior players. But unfortunately so many members of the team have been ill that at no time has it been at full strength. The early promise of a good match against the Old Cholmelians has not been fulfilled, and during the succeeding matches it became obvious that we were not good enough for our opponents.

This term's school matches are just about to begin as this issue goes to press. Unluckily, Cohen, the Captain, is unable to play at all owing to injury. Farquhar-Smith and J. A. Lauder are a respectable first pair, though they will have difficulties against the holders of the Public School Fives at Aldenham. Young has been trying tremendously hard in club matches and has been awarded his Thirds. A. G. Gordon and M. C. M. Frances have also improved considerably with practise, though Frances' right

hand is still weak. What the team chiefly lacks is quickness of anticipation. It is a pity that the increased facilities for practise this year have not coincided with much natural talent for they have certainly been useful. Again, the number of seniors playing Fives regularly is so small that illness raises great difficulties.

The final of Juniors will be between College and Rigaud's, each side having one of the School Colts Pair. There has been noticeably more interest in Fives among juniors this year, which gives a little hope for the future.

CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries and apologise for any errors and omissions :—

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“WELL, this is it.” So said the First Lord just before the curtain rose on the first (and only) night of the first production of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Looking back from that moment it seemed to us a long time since Cashell, deliberately non-committal, had announced in July that the society would be rehearsing “H.M.S. Pinafore” ‘up to production standard’ in the Play Term. From the outset it was clear that the main difficulty would be finding possible times for rehearsal on the stage so as to interfere with neither the Busby play nor the School play. So after completing the off-stage work by Christmas, we undertook two weeks of hard work on-stage, mostly at week-ends, at the beginning of the Lent Term.

So here, on Friday, February 4th, we were ; and this was it. The costumes had been comparatively easy : after all, what is a Naval Section for, if not to provide uniforms for Pinafore ? Sisters, cousins and aunts had mostly provided their own dresses, assisted by Mrs. Hilary and other ladies of the staff ; and very fetching some of them looked. Scenery too had presented no great difficulties, thanks to the inspiration of Mr. Spaul and the co-operation of the Maintenance Staff. Grant’s matron had lent her sick-room bed-sheets, College matron had tacked them into a sail. Lighting by the tried firm of Gray, Brenchley and Lloyd, and a professional touch added to our make-up by Charles Lewsen and Ursula Dicks. Mr. Moore and his orchestra were ready to support us.

From the beginning the performance was a great success. We had carefully schooled the audience not to expect too much, and they were agreeably surprised to find that we sang more or less in tune and more or less in time with the orchestra. We even sometimes showed the rudiments of acting. What was particularly impressive was the gay atmosphere which quickly communicated itself to the audience—the players were obviously enjoying themselves and did not care overmuch if the odd note or the odd gesture went overboard ; and not too many did, even though the chorus contained two or three reserves, hands who had but lately returned from sick-bay or been impressed to replace those who had not. Admittedly Deadeye went off the note where he had always gone off the note ; we knew he would, and so did he. But set against that his exquisite villainy throughout, and his excellent singing (and dancing) in the “Kind Captain” duet. Admittedly Josephine was a little unsure on her first entry. But think of the beautiful duet she sang with Ralph, “Refrain, audacious tar”, when even strong members of the audience were seen to be surreptitiously dabbing their eyes. And remember how delightfully the First Lord danced and how proudly the Midshipmite presented his Union Jack. Altogether we felt that we were a “right, good crew”, doing a rough, but good and seamanlike job. The audience apparently agreed.

What of the future ? Are we going to produce another opera next year ? We don’t know ; and meanwhile we are enjoying singing Iolanthe.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

The following appeared in the New Year’s Honours :

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| Dr. E. D. Adrian | Baron |
| Sir John Troutbeck | G.B.E. |
| Mr. R. M. Howe | Knight |

The Rt. Rev. G. H. Ellison has been nominated and elected Bishop of Chester.

The Rev. J. G. Baker has been appointed general secretary of the Overseas Council of the Church Assembly, and also guild church vicar of St. Nicholas, Cole Abbey.

The Rev. R. S. Chalk has been appointed Vicar of St. Philip’s, Weston Mill, Devon.

Lord Adrian is to receive the honorary degree of D.Sc. from Sheffield and Hull Universities.

Mr. J. W. Roxbee Cox was placed in the First Class in the school of Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford.

Mr. J. R. N. Stone has been elected P. D. Leake Professor of Finance and Accounting at Cambridge.

Mr. A. M. Howard has been elected President of the Oxford Union for the ensuing term.

Rear-Admiral M. Richmond has been promoted Vice-Admiral.

Lt.-Col. N. L. Foster, R.A., has been promoted Colonel.

Mr. D. M. M. Carey has been appointed principal secretary of the Diocese of Canterbury, and joint registrar of the Court of Arches and the Court of Faculties.

Mr. W. Cleveland-Stevens, Q.C., has been elected Treasurer of Lincoln’s Inn for 1955.

Dr. A. J. Glyn has been called to the bar at Gray’s Inn.

Mr. M. J. Rawlinson and Mr. D. J. Swan have passed the Law Society’s Final Examination.

Mr. R. N. D. Hamilton has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the Buckinghamshire County Council and Deputy Clerk of the Peace for the County.

Dr. H. B. Carter-Locke has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for Bromley, Chislehurst and Sidcup, and Orpington.

Mr. M. Arnet Robinson has been elected chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Mr. P. E. Lazarus, Ministry of Transport, has been appointed secretary of the Committee to review London speed limits.

Mr. H. N. Hume has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Mr. J. L. Lee and Mr. I. R. Cameron have been selected to fence for Oxford against Cambridge.

Mr. R. V. Taylor rowed in the Trial Eights at Cambridge.

BIRTHS

- ABRAHAMS—On January 30th 1955 in London to Cynthia, wife of Anthony Abrahams, a son.
COLCLOUGH—On December 10th 1954 to Joyce, wife of J. R. Colclough, a son.
CUMMING—On February 9th 1955 at Aylesbury to Betty, wife of J. A. Cumming, a son.
DENNISTON—On February 4th 1955 in London to Anne, wife of R. A. Denniston, a son.
DENNY—On January 21st 1955 in London to Pamela, wife of A. M. Denny, a daughter.
DOWNES—On January 2nd 1955 at Maidenhead to Pamela Jane, wife of Michael Downes, a daughter.
GAINSBOROUGH—On January 23rd 1955 at Exton Park to the Countess of Gainsborough, a son.
HAYWARD—On December 20th 1954 at Weybridge to Ruth, wife of John Hayward, a daughter.
INSTONE—On December 22nd 1954 in London to Sybil, wife of Ralph Instone, a son.
JAGGER—On September 19th 1954 to the wife of Cedric Jagger, a daughter.
KIRBYSHIRE—On January 26th 1955 at Isleworth to Joy, wife of J. A. Kirbyshire, a daughter.
KIRKNESS—On December 19th 1954 at Gerrard's Cross to Pauline, wife of Desmond Kirkness, a son.
MULLIS—On February 21st 1955 at Beaconsfield to Margaret, wife of Derek Mullis, a daughter.
MURRAY—On January 23rd 1955 at Hurstmonceux to Mary, wife of Andrew Murray, a son.
PATON—On February 8th 1955 in London to Mary, wife of J. L. Paton, a daughter.
SMITH—On January 31st 1955 in London to Judy, wife of Rodney Smith, M.S., F.R.C.S., a son.
WYKE-SMITH—On December 28th 1954 to Sheila, wife of E. S. Wyke-Smith, a son.
HAMILTON—On January 24th 1955 at 17 Dean's Yard to Jane, wife of Walter Hamilton, a son.

MARRIAGES

- BATTEN : LONGFORD—On December 11th 1954 in London, R. L. Batten, F.R.C.S., to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Longford.
HERRMAN : ROBINSON—On October 16th 1954 at Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church, Frank Herrmann to Patricia Robinson.
HOGG : HUGGETT—On October 16th 1954 at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol, R. W. Hogg to June, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Huggett of Bristol.
HAMILTON-JONES : FOLEY—On February 5th 1955 J. Hamilton-Jones to Elizabeth Eileen, daughter of Mr. R. E. Foley of Worthing, and the late Mrs. Foley.
LAW : SPIRA—On February 11th 1955 R. L. Law to Joy, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Jacques Spira of Chesterfield House, W.1.

PUXON : BAIRSTOW—On January 28th 1955 at Colchester, F. E. M. Puxon to Mary Cecilia Bairstow.

SMITH : TURNBULL—On September 18th 1954, J. R. B. Smith to Ann Roy, daughter of Mr. R. Turnbull, M.R.C.V.S., of Eastbourne.

OBITUARY

- ANDRADE—On January 2nd 1955, S. J. H. D. da C. Andrade, aged 54.
BRYAN—On November 28th 1954 at Croughton, Brackley, C. W. G. Bryan, M.C., F.R.C.S., aged 70.
HIPPISEY—On December 9th 1954 at Leamington Spa, E. T. Hippisey, A.M.I.C.E., aged 61.
ILES—On December 12th 1954 at Starcross, Devon, J. H. Iles, M.B., B.Ch., aged 76.
KIRLEW—On November 26th 1954 at Bromley, Kent, E. O. Kirlew, aged 79.
NATHAN—On December 19th 1954 at Denham, Bucks., R. A. Nathan, aged 49.
REED—On February 6th 1955 at Calcot, Reading, C. G. Reed, aged 65.
THOMPSON—On February 23rd 1955, M. S. Thompson, aged 73.

Samuel Jacob Henry Dan da Costa Andrade was up Rigaud's from 1913 to 1916.

Charles Walter Gordon Bryan was admitted to the School in 1899. He studied medicine at St. Mary's Hospital and took his F.R.C.S. in 1910. During the 1914 war he held a commission in the R.A.M.C. and was awarded the Military Cross. He married in 1917 Helen Christine, daughter of Maj-Gen. P. W. Pirie, and secondly in 1941 Molly, daughter of J. C. Sinclair. In the last war he was appointed officer in charge of the Surgical Division of the R.A.M.C. He was a member of the council of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Edward Townsend Hippisey was admitted as a King's Scholar in 1908, and went up to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1912, where he studied engineering. On the outbreak of war he joined the R.E. as a despatch rider, but he later received a commission in the R.G.A. After the war he joined the British Thomson-Houston Company. In 1923 he entered the Traction Department and rapidly became a leading authority on electric traction. He rose to be manager of the Department in 1936. In 1918 he married Mary, daughter of J. S. Clark of Edinburgh.

John Hyde Iles was admitted in 1891 as a Queen's Scholar. He went up to Caius College, Cambridge, and was awarded the Tancred Studentship. He worked subsequently at the London Hospital, and in the 1914 war he held a commission in the R.A.M.C.

Edward Oliver Kirlew was at Westminster from 1889 to 1894 and went up to Christ Church. At school he won both the High Jump and the Long Jump for several years, and was given his blue at Oxford. In 1897 he married Emily, daughter of Dr. Donald Macrae. He was admitted a solicitor in 1900. He served in the Durham Light Infantry from 1916 to 1917, and then transferred to the Censor's department of the War Office.

Richard Alfred Nathan was admitted in 1918 and left the School in 1923. He became a solicitor in 1929.

Charles Gordon Reed was admitted in 1902 and went up as a scholar to Brasenose College in 1908. He was for many years an assistant master at Wixenford School and afterwards joint headmaster.

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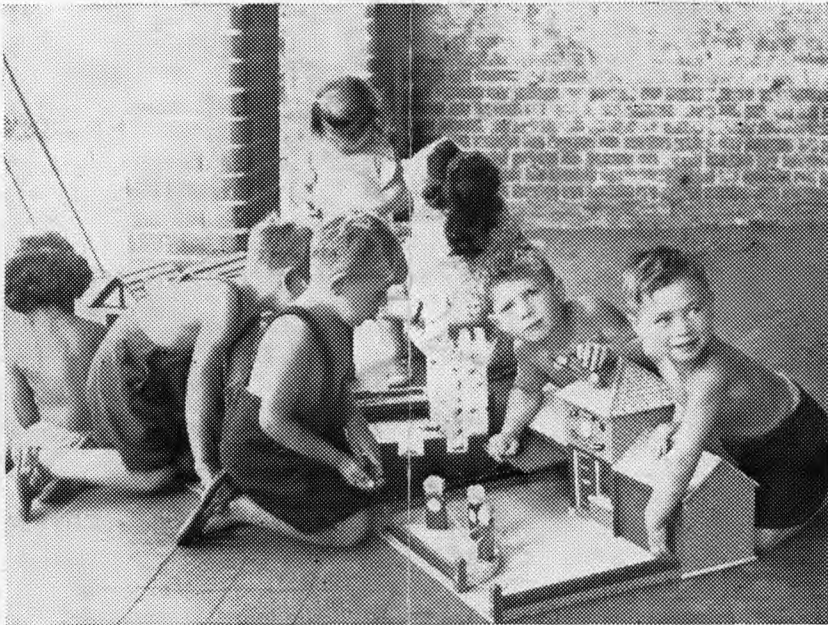
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