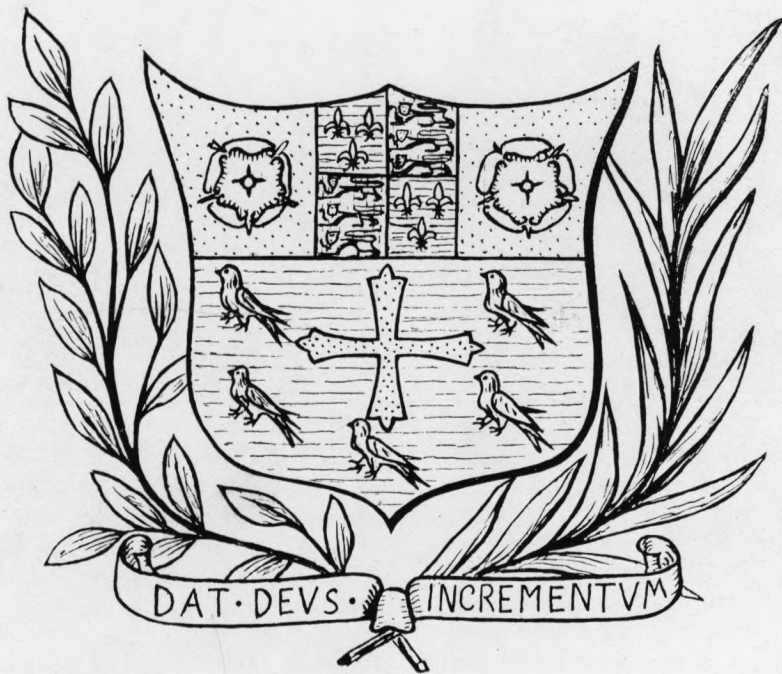


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### THE WATERS OF BABYLON

It is with a sad heart that the Editor takes up his pen to tell once more, in the face of all our hopes, the tale of a Westminster in exile from its home and once more scattered over the countryside. All the rejoicing of our friends, all the welcome of the Abbey and of Old Westminsters in London have been disappointed. But we learnt much from our evacuation last year, we made many friends, and have perhaps taught them as much as they taught us. And we are not unfortunate in our new surroundings. The countryside of Hereford is fair, even in autumn rain, and the country folk are kind and courteous and have extended to us a hospitality no less warm than the denizens of Devonshire and Sussex.

But one blow has been struck at the School which cannot easily be made good. The loss of the Busby Library from enemy action will be

mourned by all Old Westminsters, especially those who have spent two or three years of their lives in working there. The fine roof, the priceless books, a number of which, fortunately, were saved, the Smedley Panel, are all dear to the hearts of scores of former Westminsters, even of those who have only been impressed with the awe which they lend to a school case. But the decision to leave London once again when we had so nearly settled in was inevitable, and it was clear that the School could not always be spared the bombs which have taken so heavy a toll of life and property nearby. So, with however many regrets, we must turn to the future and to hope.

There is little danger, as far as one can see, that any member of the School will be any the worse for this, our fourth evacuation, and altogether our sixth move since September, 1938. But one danger we must guard against. There

are some customs—for example, the Play—which are so integral a part of the School's tradition, that if they were lost half the School's character would be gone for ever. This we must try hard to prevent, by keeping up a memory of past days and by doing all we can, who know the School life of old, to show our successors something in word if not in experience of our former glory. There is a danger that when we return no one except a few masters and the School servants will know how the Play is run, or will even have seen it in their lives. And so it is our duty, if the School is, in the days of peace which are to come, to regain its former London pride, always to keep warm the memory of those traditions from which we have so sorrowfully been parted.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY

In view of the present bombing of London and the destruction of the Busby Library, it is with grim humour that one reads a warning delivered in these very columns only three years ago; but three years ago we lived in the spacious days of peace. The following is an extract from a leading article in *THE ELIZABETHAN* of December, 1937, entitled "Warplanes over Westminster?"

"I read with interest that an institution similar to our own had had a new boarding house built which contained two bomb-proof shelters. This gives us a lead. If other schools in the heart of the country are to have bomb-proof shelters, how much more ought we! How often has it been remarked that we are conveniently central at Westminster. Exactly. We are in the very centre of the target. But this does not seem to perturb us. . . . There must be very few of us who have seen the inside of a gas-mask—personally I have only seen the outside of one, and that in photographs."

A far cry, one would think, from the present havoc within a quarter of a mile of the School! But in spite of the "conveniently central" position of the School, the buildings have so far sustained comparatively little damage. Schools in so-called safe areas have suffered quite as badly as we, and in some cases much worse. All the same, while the School buildings may be taking a change for the worse, those who make up the real Westminster, the boys and masters, are certainly changing for the better. It is becoming

a platitude to say that even evacuation has its advantages, but it cannot be denied that everybody's knowledge is being extended in ways that two years ago would have seemed, to say the least of it, surprising. Perhaps one of the most interesting problems facing the early Westminster settlers in Herefordshire was the question of water—the kind of water one drinks and washes in, that is, not what one rows on. There are apparently no water mains nearer than Worcester, and wells supply most of the houses. But how to get the water out of the well, and what to do when the well ran dry—these were some of the more urgent problems that faced the pioneers. Various electric engines, a petrol, or when in very dire straits a paraffin, engine, a hand pump and a water-wheel, all of very uncertain habits, solved the first question, and an overdose of heavy rain the second. And then, of course, there were drains! At Whitbourne the position is quite simple: most of the drains run into the stream, and the stream is used to fill the moat and to work the water-wheel at the Court. But at Buckenhill it was a very different matter; so much so, that even the Head Master was seen during one of his rapid tours of the School, muttering in a harrassed fashion, "Drains! Drains!" But seriously, down here in Herefordshire we have come by much useful knowledge, besides that of the drainage systems of the early nineteenth century, which even life at Lancing and Exeter could not teach us. Gardeners, road-menders, lumber-jacks, water-supply experts, carpenters, decorators and even, in dire necessity, cooks and billiard-table removers—all these occupations have at one time or another formed part of the ever-increasing curriculum, which even the most scholarly recluse has adopted with all the skill of a craftsman.

### ON KEEPING CALM

A year ago we thought we had moved into the country: we know now that those were only the suburbs. The Downs were always there, but we never set foot on them for weeks on end. Half an hour in the bus, and we were in Brighton, where fun came easy: there we could revel to our heart's content in mechanical amusements; bumping along in little electric cars or sitting in plush arm-chairs in front of an agitated screen.

But now we are in Herefordshire where

'The great houses remain but only half are inhabited, Dusty the gunrooms and the stable clocks stationary;' and looking out from the bow-windows of our mansions, we like to believe that we are leading the country life. It is true that there are waterhens on the lawn and a herd of bullocks just over the hedge, it is true that we cut down trees and dig for potato-planting, but it is the bullocks and the potatoes that are the country, not us. Our culture is the culture of cities, and it will take more than a year or two in Herefordshire to change it.

When we do anything we do it in a hurry: the tree must be down by tea-time, the stable reconditioned by next week. We look for enjoyment in particular places, in the cinema or the concert-hall, as a sharp contrast to our daily life. We belong by nature to the opposition and we are never happier than when we have a grievance. Being with men, we imagine that man is the measure of all things: when we look up it is towards the Government, not towards God.

When we go back to the city and the suburbs we shall have learnt how to dig, and while digging we may perhaps have discovered that there is really no hurry after all and that there is no need to be excited.

Leaning on a gate and looking at cattle is a truly satisfying occupation, but it needs more practice than you might expect.

### SCHOOL NOTES

The present centre of the School is Bromyard, Herefordshire. The address of Homeboarders and Busby's is Buckenhill, near Bromyard; of the King's Scholars, Whitbourne Court, Worcester; of Rigaud's, Whitbourne Rectory, Worcester; of Ashburnham, Clater, near Bromyard; of Grant's, Fernie Bank, near Whitbourne, Worcester. The Head Master's address is the King's Arms, Bromyard.

We welcome back to the Abbey as a Canon Dr. Hensley Henson, late Bishop of Durham, who was a Canon of Westminster and Rector of St. Margaret's some thirty years ago.

An abridged *Commendatio Benefactorum* was held in Bromyard Parish Church on November 16th. It was possible for most of the School to be present.

The Busby Library was partly destroyed by a bomb several weeks ago, but the rest of the School buildings are practically undamaged.

Mr. J. D. Carleton has very kindly offered to pay for the block of the new crest on the cover, which was designed by T. J. Brown.

The Elizabethan Club has contributed £20 to the Dean's appeal for funds for the A.R.P. services to the Abbey and School buildings.

Owing to wartime conditions, none of the usual Election ceremonies were held this year.

We were glad to welcome the Dean of Westminster to Exeter on Election Sunday, when he preached at Matins in St. David's Church.

### ELECTION, 1940

#### ELECTED TO CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

P. H. G. Lloyd-Jones.  
J. A. de Normann.  
M. W. O'Brien.  
J. M. Hartog.  
P. L. Gardiner (Hinchcliffe Scholarship).

#### TO EXHIBITIONS

M. H. Flanders.  
J. O. Blaksley.

#### ELECTED TO TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

T. B. Nicholas.  
J. B. Craig.  
J. A. Staynes

#### ELECTED TO TRIPLET EXHIBITIONS FOR THREE YEARS

D. S. Brock.  
J. B. Craig.  
J. A. Staynes.

### THE CHALLENGE, 1940

#### THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS—

J. N. Murphy (Tormore School).  
M. D. Longford (Westminster School).  
A. T. Sampson (Westminster School).  
B. St. C. Alcock (Tormore School).  
P. H. L. Willsher (The Mall School).  
R. A. Dennistone (Downsend School).

## WESTMINSTER UNDER SCOTT AND RUTHERFORD

By LIONEL JAMES (Q.S. 1882-1887)

(continued)

Though it does not fall strictly within the transition period which is my subject, a few words should be said here about the attempt made some years later to abolish College, for this was from very early implicit in his attitude. By that time I had become Sixth Form Master at Radley under the distinguished O.W. to whom general expectation had pointed as Scott's successor in 1883—Henry Lewis Thompson, the biographer of Scott's predecessor Liddell. I prepared a reasoned memorandum to the Governors, the gist of which was that the failure of College to attract promising boys, on which Rutherford based his plea for non-residency, was simply part of a general failure to attract, resulting from the unfortunate impression of uncertainty and distrust which his own arbitrary handling of School tradition had created. When Rutherford came to Westminster fortune had put in his hand all the cards for a brilliant and spectacular renaissance of the earlier glories of the School. After long years of waiting the School had entered into the goodly heritage of greater space—"lebensraum"—which the Public Schools Commission of 30 years before had seen to be vital. First the house of Turler the organist, and so the next year Ashburnham House, had fallen in to the School. For the first time there was room to grow, yet after 10 years of the new reign the School had not in fact grown at all—there was even some falling-off in numbers. In 1855 Scott took over from Liddell a school of 129 boys. By slow but steady increase the numbers by 1883 had nearly doubled. An Arnold or a Thring succeeding Scott would have made Westminster the most sought-after school in England, and almost any man of average ability could hardly have failed to carry on with increasing momentum the steady flow of numbers which had marked the quarter of a century of Scott's reign. But the first decade of Rutherford's rule had been numerically a period of stagnation.

What weight my memorandum had with the Governing Body I cannot say; but Rutherford's proposal was—most happily—turned down. The good news came to me in a letter from E. L. Fox—

the day of the telephone had not yet come—in which he told how on the fateful morning of the Governing Body meeting the School was perturbed by signs and omens even in the wording of the Psalm for the day—"The foundation shall be cast down, and what hath the righteous done?"

This proved the turning point. Rutherford had got, by way of compromise, the added non-resident Scholarships<sup>2</sup>, and with them he saw he must be content. The remaining years of his rule were in peace. Old wounds had time to heal. After a gallant fight against weakening health, Rutherford found that he must give up the struggle; and when he left in 1901 he had lived down his early blunders and was a loved and honoured figure. I went over from Radley to the Dinner in Oxford, of which Dr. Webb has written, and listened to the moving speech in the rugged lowland accent and phrasing in which Rutherford called up the long procession of those he remembered—"some in the scholar's gown, some in the bonnet of the soldier"; and my heart went out to him when among the latter he gave the names of Robert Vavasseur, killed in Mashonaland, to which his grandfather had brought Christianity, and my own R.E. brother shot through the head when leading an attack on a stockaded village of the Chins in Burmah.

Some account of the moral standard of the School, as Rutherford found it, is essential to a fair estimate of his work—a subject not easy to discuss, but in the interest of the future historian it must not be shirked. Scott had been unquestionably a great "Head," to whom the School owes an unpayable debt. But 27 years of headship is too great a strain for any man, and during the

<sup>2</sup> These non-resident Scholarships have unquestionably trained a succession of distinguished men out of all proportion to their number—three names will suffice: Wilfred Greene, Prof. Adrian, Prof. Robertson. But it would, in my judgment, and that of many, have been better if the "non-residents" could have been brigaded with College for games and general purposes, much as Half Boarders are with Grant's and Rigaud's. And the *ne plus ultra* of illogicality is surely reached when a "non-resident" scholar resides as Boarder in a Boarding House!

last three or four of these, Scott was under the sore handicap of the serious illness of a dearly loved wife whom he nursed with tender devotion. His grip, which had been firm, was in some degree loosened, and the tone of the School suffered. There was much "slacking," a good deal of low talk, and some—not much—immoral practice. Admittedly a toning up was needed, and Rutherford, seizing the first opportunity that offered, faced the task with characteristic courage and thoroughness. In the Easter term of 1884 there was a "purge." Five boys were expelled; more were "removed" at the end of term—for some of these a home was found in other schools. I have always acclaimed the moral courage which Rutherford showed at this time, when the eye of the scholastic world was fixed upon him, and watchful critics were noting that numbers, so far from rising, tended to fall. For the heightening of moral standard which followed most of this, credit must go to him. But it should also be recorded that there was in the School itself a remarkable group of boys working quietly to this end, many of them from "evangelical" homes; Ernest Sharpe (now Archdeacon of London), "Jack" Salwey (now Canon of Chichester), Cecil Bompas (son of the eminent K.C., who has himself done notable work in the I.C.S.), Warington Smyth (for many years Secretary for Mines in the Dominion of South Africa), Cyril Page (grandson of William Page, Head Master of Westminster 1815-19), who was for many years Curate of Bicester, and died all too young the loved Vicar of Stoneleigh in Warwickshire; these and others were already working from within for higher standards; Rutherford's strong action with the surgeon's knife made their efforts more effective. It is my deliberate belief that for some years after this date there was not a School in the country where the tone was healthier or cleaner. May it be so still.

*(The Editor's regret that limitation of space demands yet a further postponement of the rest of this article.)*

## OBITUARY

We regret to have to announce the deaths of two members of the Chapter: Canon Vernon Faithfull Storr, Sub-dean of Westminster and Rector of St. Margaret's, and Canon W. Thompson Elliot.

Canon Storr, whose death occurred on October 25th, succeeded Canon Carnegie as Rector of St. Margaret's in October, 1936. He was a figure well known and beloved by the School, and admitted the present Seniors and fourth elections into College. He has also addressed informal meetings in No. 3 on more than one occasion, and his death is a great loss to all who know the Abbey, and to his wife and family to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Canon Thompson Elliot came from Leeds to be Canon of Westminster in 1938. His death, which occurred in August, is also a great loss to Westminster, although evacuation has brought it about that few of us were able to enjoy the privilege of his acquaintanceship. He leaves a widow and a family, to whom we express our warmest sympathy.

We also regret to record the death of Miss Mecey, the Head Master's secretary, who was one of several killed when a bomb hit the new Church House in the evening of October 14th. Ever since she came to Westminster in Coronation year, Miss Mecey has been a true, if unobtrusive, friend of the School and one of those pillars of loyalty that by quiet devotion to duty unflinchingly support it in times of stress. We offer our sympathy to her family, to the Head Master and Mrs. Christie, and to her many friends.

## LONDON

*Si monumentum requiris, circumspice*

Old London's time-encrusted walls  
Are but the work of human hands.  
What man has fashioned for us falls;  
What God has breathed into us stands.

What if the splendour of the past  
Is shattered into dust, we raise  
A monument that shall outlast  
Even the Abbey's span of days.

On broken homes we set our feet  
And raise proud heads that all may see,  
Immortal in each little street,  
The soul in its integrity.

A. A. MILNE.

These lines by a famous Old Westminster are reprinted here by the courtesy of the author and of the *Times*, in which they originally appeared.

## INTERIM

Everyone will by now have some idea of what the School is doing and how it is faring in Herefordshire. But there may be some who, from the time when they heard the first joyful news of our return to London up to the news that we had suddenly become ensconced in the West Country, heard nothing of the times of adventure and difficulty, of success and disappointment, that went between.

Before the end of August the homeward trek had already begun. At the end of Election term a few people had stayed behind to help pack up the school once more and cart it to one of the several collecting depots in the various Halls in which we had been staying. Arrangements for parties in Westminster in early September were discussed, and so the last vestiges of Westminster broke up and scattered for the summer.

But before we leave Exeter for good, we must renew our thanks to all those whose hospitality we enjoyed during our five-week stay. In the *melée* of crates and in our eagerness to be off and away home for the holidays, we may not all have realised how much we owe to those at Exeter who had to do with our visit. The very briefness of it meant a more sudden upheaval than if we had been going to settle in for the duration, and we are sincerely grateful to our hosts for thus providing us with temporary homes. Especially do we owe gratitude to the Principal, Dr. John Murray, and to the wardens and matrons of the various Halls. There is no space here to pay more than a passing tribute to their kindness; an account of the Principal's generous gift will be found elsewhere in this issue. We are also most grateful to the Vicar of St. David's for the use of his church, and to all those connected with St. David's who were so lavish in their hospitality. It is with many memories of the glorious country, the glorious cathedral and the kindness of the people that we look back from Herefordshire on our visit to Devon. But we must return to our subject and to London.

Before the end of August, then, lorries were moving. In London an army of six experts and a score of boys, under their various housemasters, began to dismantle the vast stacks of furniture which had for so long disfigured School and the Library beyond all recognition. The few air-

raid warnings we received did not worry us; no bombs fell. The windows of rooms in College that had been papered over by our Service visitors were scraped; black-out curtains gave College Hall its wartime dress; beds were set up, and houses in College labelled; School had almost regained its old form once more—and then the first real raid. The garrison in the School were taken by surprise, but after a day retreated in good order to the vault, which became the dormitory for everyone on the premises. Gradually our hopes of return faded; London was in for it this time. Bombs on the Choir School, in Parliament Square, in Barton Street, in Canon Barry's house; where we had once so assiduously scraped the paper off the windows there was paper once again—but without the glass, for the glass was blown out. The Master of the K.S.S. had a fire bomb on his very doorstep, and news of ruin and deaths in hundreds within a mile was hourly coming in. For a more vivid picture of life at Westminster in those days our readers are referred to our contemporary, the "College Street Clarion," which is still gallantly surviving from Buckenhill. Here space prevents such details, and the writer was but an occasional visitor to Yard from that time on—though much against his will and through no cowardice!

As soon as all hopes of return seemed gone, once more the task was taken up of finding a home. No one who has not tried to get possession of a large house since the war began can realise the immensity of such a task. England was combed—and I dare say Wales and Scotland too—by the willing emissaries of the School, but it was a task in which disappointment ran higher than hopes. For weeks we waited impatiently for news, and then at last it came, not of one House, but of four or five or six! This miracle—which did not include immediate possession with running hot water, telephones and every modern convenience—was worked by the labours of the Housemaster of Busby's not far from his own home. Everyone at Westminster—by now not yearning for a continued spell of blitzkrieg, and not sorry at the prospect of a good night's sleep—turned their face to the West and once more the great trek started. Informal classes had been going on for some time at Westminster, and had flourished with as many as sixty boys on some days; these gradually broke up and all hands

were turned to the task of moving out. Once more lorries left Westminster: this time the removal was to be complete.

It was by now about the second week-end in October. Vanguards were sent to Buckenhill and Whitbourne; a College contingent occupied the Rectory while the Court was being prepared, and within a week or so the Court was full of electricians, plumbers, sweeps and every sort of workman. College grew steadily in numbers at the rate of about one a day. Similar scenes were going on at Buckenhill, where most of the School staff, including the carpenter and the electrician, joined forces with the boys who were already there, and work went on apace. One by one the various centres sprang into life, until for five miles north and east of Bromyard the countryside teemed with Westminster. All those who could had by November returned to all the Houses, except College and Rigaud's at Whitbourne, where accommodation is still limited owing to the inefficiency of cooker companies!

Soon College was in the Court, where the Master reigns from the magnificent Oak Room which formed part of the old Bishop's Palace. Now everything is running—smoothly, especially down the hills, of which there are plenty. Football and fencing have been started; a prominent

King's Scholar has started Water on the moat; on Saturdays the streets of Bromyard may be seen inhabited by a tribe of strange folk in cap and gown, of whom the most impressive is the tall and dignified Doctor. One young shop-assistant in Bromyard is still recovering from the shock of a certain King's Scholar buying forty-eight buns at once—not for his own use, but how was she to know? Two swans and their cygnets sailed gracefully down and have made their home in the moat; members of Ashburnham may be seen enjoying week-end rides on Bringstey Common; at Buckenhill even the drive is settling down to a more civilised life, and every Saturday the School meets in Bromyard for Abbey in the parish church.

This then, for those who have come in spirit with us on our travels, is a very rough picture of the events which have brought us to the West. Now we must leave the reader, his thoughts safely buried in the depths of the country, to read elsewhere how Westminster is adapting itself to its rural life. He may console himself with the thought that, however long and hard the hills that his thoughts must travel, however he must in imagination be drenched in the autumn rains which make our life so sticky, he will at least never hear the sound of a siren—until he wakes up.

## WESTMINSTER IN HEREFORDSHIRE

### BUCKENHILL

Buckenhill is perhaps the most remarkable example of the School's ability to make the best out of the very worst. Six weeks ago it was inhabited for the first time for twenty years and during that period had fallen into such a state of disrepair that it was a considerable gamble to attempt the conversion in such a short time. But now the miracle has been worked and Homeboarders and Busby's are installed in comfort and harmony.

The adaptation of the house at the beginning of the century to accommodate some Barnardo boys has lent itself very well to the requirements of the two Houses. Busby's have the rooms on the top floor as dormitories, while Homeboarders sleep "en masse" in the "Long Dormitory" built for the Barnardo boys. Each house has three

day rooms which, during school hours, are commandeered for use as form rooms.

The Schoolroom, now just "School," has been taken over by Mr. Claridge, who has succeeded very successfully in transforming it into a very useful Library, although the Historians are no longer in possession, having realized their usual standards of comfort in Homeboarders' Upper.

Work on the interior of the house has been largely completed, but roads are bad and Buckenhill is about a mile away from any main road, and the connecting drives are extraordinarily muddy and broken. "Station" is now divided between repairing these drives and digging in the extensive garden, with an occasional seven-a-side game of football on a very improvised pitch. These novel forms of exercise encourage individuality,



and everyone is given the opportunity of discovering his particular bent. The gardeners are expertly supervised by the Housemaster of Busby's, while the House Tutor wields a very pretty pick on the road.

There is yet a great deal to be done at Buckenhill, but with good will and hard work we are sure that it will soon be so much improved that those of our visitors who at present express polite doubt at our chance of success will become secretly envious of us, who have had the pleasure and satisfaction of helping with the transformation.

D. E. ST. J. B.

### FERNIE BANK

As we had arrived in total darkness the night before, we knew nothing of the house or the surroundings, except that the latter were very hilly. When we woke up our first morning we were agreeably surprised to find such a fine view, and descending to breakfast we found the rooms looking larger in daylight than they had by the light of oil lamps the previous night.

We soon started off on the work, chiefly that of furniture moving. We found not only a large garage and loft crammed full, but also several rooms piled to the ceiling with stuff from Westminster. After finding beds and assembling them, we next began to get the other rooms straight one by one. Everyone was allotted some daily job of house or manual work as well as the moving; everything was done cheerfully and willingly by all. Day by day this went on while we got first Fernie Bank ready and then Tiblands, our outlying possession, where most of the Junior boys sleep. This house had been empty, but we gradually made it ready and inviting to its inhabitants-to-be. Lastly, we prepared Huntlands and Hamish Park, where the remainder were to sleep, though here it was just a case of moving in beds and chests. Several novel rides, too, were experienced on the top of furniture piled on a lorry. Huntlands is about a mile away and those using it go to and fro on bicycles.

All was ready by November 11th and most of the remainder of the House arrived and inspected our new abode; reactions were interesting and varied, surprise, delight, wonder; but with everyone there was a sense of adventure and

pleasure at taking a job in hand. It was soon found by all that life can be just as enjoyable without electricity and the other amenities that most people have; within two days everyone was behaving as though they had been there for as many weeks. On settling in, it was found that everything was comfortable and well organised; the monitors with a larger study than at Westminster which they had distempered and decorated themselves. The Chiswickites were all together in one room, but with quite as much room for each person as had been enjoyed at 2, Little Dean's Yard. The Hallites now have two living rooms—Hall and the Dining Hall. Hall is to be used, as is customary, for ordinary free time occupations and prep., and in the Dining Hall the Housemaster has installed a wireless, easy chairs and the House Library, so that people can sit and read or listen-in.

As for outdoor activities, everyone set to with a will to the various tasks which took the place of station for the first few days and are now to be alternated with Football, Running and Fencing, the usual winter stations. There is a great deal of digging, sawing, hedging and all the other forms of country labour to be done on the estate which belongs to Fernie Bank. A House soccer ground has now been procured and will shortly be in use; it is hoped that members of the rest of the School will also be able to play there.

Sunday, apart from the morning service at Whitbourne, to which we cycle in tails (an object of amusement to the inhabitants), is free for one's own amusements and is used by many for cycle rides or walks into the countryside.

We must not forget to mention the hundred and one Grant's hens which made the long journey up from Dorset without mishap. An egg is expected daily.

R. O. I. B.

### CLATER AND BROCKHAMPTON

Once again Ashburnham has become a boarding-house, and this time with no half measures. At Hurst we were in billets, but here in Herefordshire we eat together, sleep in dormitories and generally behave as a good boarding-house should; lights out, House prayers, prep. and rising-bell have become part of our everyday lives, whereas in former days they were merely heard of in the

distance. It was no easy matter to transform a day house into a boarding-house, and in this Mr. Peebles has proved to be invaluable. The way in which he collected furniture, beds, blankets, mattresses and scores of other necessities puzzled even the monitors. It has been a difficult task, but a task made easy by the kindness and generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Mullins, our hosts at Clater, and by the willingness of everybody to co-operate.

At first we thought that Ashburnham would be able to live wholly at Clater, but this plan fell through and consequently half of us sleep at Brockhampton, a large house about half a mile away from Clater, where once again our hosts, Ethel Lady St. John and her brother, Colonel Nuttley, have been most obliging; they have placed seven rooms at our disposal and have also invited us to attend evensong in their chapel on Sundays. These rooms at Brockhampton had to be furnished too, and once again Mr. Peebles showed himself most energetic in procuring everything that was needed.

We have had to mend no leaky roofs here at Clater as other more unfortunate houses, but we have suffered as many domestic troubles as anybody else. At one period we had one cook preparing our breakfast and dinner, and another taking over for supper—an arrangement which was a trifle disconcerting; meals had an odd tendency not to be on time, and sometimes we found there was nobody to wash up afterwards—in this eventuality we washed up ourselves, and as nobody raised any objections we got along very well. Now, however, everything seems to be going smoothly with one cook and plenty of washers-up, so that the House can proceed with prep. uninterrupted.

So we have settled down at Clater in the short time we have been here, not without a great deal of hard work and thought at the start, but now that we have settled in we find we can enjoy this boarding-school life with its lights-out, House-prayers, prep. and rising-bell—a life which many of us used to think they would dislike heartily.

K. A. H. H.

#### WHITBOURNE

“Abbey” now refers to a village church and Rigaud’s is replaced by a Rectory.

Rigaud’s, now barely a third its normal size, has also altered. “Station” is now gardening, chopping and pumping in place of rowing, fencing and football. It is a House where amusement no longer means “I saw that colossal film, ‘Dawn Patrol,’ yesterday,” but “I cycled back from Clater in eleven and a half minutes this afternoon.” Newspapers at tea and return with the milk at night.

However, immediately these are accepted, Whitbourne becomes to College and Rigaud’s a haven where the siren has never been heard by some of the villagers and bomb-craters do not exist. This haven, more than four miles from the next School House, set in a country whose incredible hills are a perpetual nightmare to all cyclists, is a complete self-supporting world where over 60 people, normally accustomed to all the luxuries and advantages of life, live entirely by themselves.

Open-air occupations are strongly encouraged, and already various groups comprising gardeners, tree-cutters as well as the usual walkers and cyclists, have been formed. It’s a far cry from Dean’s Yard when King’s Scholars, aptly living at the Court, can be seen cutting down a dead tree while within shouting distance Rigaudites dig over their garden.

So much is easy, the bare superficial facts, the obvious changes. But what of the less obvious changes, the effect on the individual? After the usual easy life, during which even the walk from Yard to the Science Buildings was grumbled at, the rougher conditions of life seem to have swept away all the difficulties which normally seemed to mean so much. Now, however, new rivalries have sprung up, not for fame or favour, but for the place of the most energetic pumper or the most consistently early riser.

In retrospect, those old days take on a curious, rather Goldwynesque, appearance, so that from the present surroundings they seem remote and even unlikely for us ever to have lived in them.

R. M. O. H.

#### AN OXFORD LETTER

Dear Sir,

Up to this moment Hitler has been less successful than Lord Nuffield in the destruction of the beauties of Oxford. In spite of the vast crowds of refugees that throng the Corn, in spite

of the stern necessity that compels sharing quarters, Balliol with Trinity, Wadham with Keble, Brasenose with the House, in spite even of the continuous process of calling up, Oxford still flourishes, and O.W.W. flourish in Oxford. Your correspondent received this morning a circular issued by a relief committee; jostling with the signatures of Heads of Houses were those of Mr. E. J. Townroe, President of the Students' Christians Movement, and of Mr. M. Kinchin Smith, President of the Conservative Association. It was due to no lack of eloquence from Mr. Kinchin Smith that the "seedy rump," in the words of a recent writer, "that perpetuates the name of the Oxford Union," has refused to gratify the House of Lords by opposing its existence. Mr. Michael Cherniavsky, confined to his lodgings by the chicken-pox, terrified his neighbours by taking the air in blue plus-fours and purple dressing-gown. In the intervals of defying German bombers by frequent visits to London, Mr. Simon Asquith is teaching himself Latin after Shelley's fashion. Mr. David Pears is rumoured to have entertained the last two gentlemen while bombs were falling, and while Balliol shook beneath the distant impact, the gallant company burst into song. Mr. M. H. Flanders, under the pretext of organizing a Dramatic Society, has devised a scheme for facilitating intercourse between decadent elements in the University. Neither the war, which has compelled him to leave his ancient home, nor the Corps' demands on his time have curbed Mr. R. D. Kidner's appetite for learned research, and he is to be found in his rooms avidly consulting huge works of reference. Soho circles will be glad to learn that Mr. J. O. Blaksley has lost none of his old cheerfulness and energy, and Mr. R. M. T. Walker-Brash is still here to uphold Westminster's name in the world of sport. Mr. R. H. F. Carlyle has left Mathematics for English, and has won a high reputation as an interpreter of modern verse. Not content with his academic successes, Mr. A. T. P. Harrison lends the House valiant support on the river, and to the surprise of some Mr. P. L. Gardiner has followed his example.

That the School may remain secure in its new quarters, while its representatives astound their open competitors in December, is the earnest wish of your

OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

## A CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sirs,

As I hurriedly plot your latest move on my map of England, I cannot help reflecting with contentment that Cambridge at least has not yet had to evacuate. We are, in fact, comfortably static: the R.A.F. may do the goose-step down Trinity Street every day; they may even beat the University at football, but we are not unduly depressed.

Comfortably static, or damned monotonous: just two ways of looking at it. Who does not have every day the same cold toast for breakfast, bicycle rides in the rain, prolonged struggles with firelighters and the inevitable penny fine at night? Who does not have every day the same problem of choosing what lectures to cut?

The term has passed and looks as if it will pass off quietly. On November 5th, nobody let off any fireworks or burnt their landladies. On Armistice Day, poppies were sold as usual: fortunately undergraduates that were selling them did not add to the anachronism, as they did last year, by dressing up as Red Indians. On November 16th, Professor G. M. Trevelyan, the new Master of Trinity, was installed with due ceremony, and welcomed, in his speech at the lunch that followed, the Dean of Westminster as guest of honour, which led him to mention the deep historic connection of Trinity College with Westminster School.

Just as the numbers as a whole have considerably decreased since the beginning of the war, so there are fewer Old Westminsters up this term. But we are a fair-sized colony all the same.

To name but a few, beginning in strict order of precedence, we have first Mr. Thorold, undisputably the senior member of the undergraduate batch. He is at King's, that College where every good Etonian goes. He much regrets that there are no hansom cabs in Cambridge. Mr. Ivan Clout, another third-year man, is a prominent figure in Trinity, where he is extremely good at arranging anything from a dance to a change on the Hall menu. Mr. Hawthorne has, of course, greatest claim to public fame: we hope that the new rowing season will be as successful for him as the last. Mr. Fitz Hugh fills the office of Secretary of the Fencing Club. Mr. Woodwark plays for the

University at football. And there our sporting bulletin must end.

As for other personalities, Mr. Abrahams, for instance, is set like a jewel in a Victorian background of wallpaper and aspidistras, whence he sallies forth to lose his bicycle every week. But bicycles are a very old Cambridge joke . . .

One thing, however, applies to all : everybody one meets is equally concerned for the welfare and whereabouts of Westminster, even your

CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

## THE ELIZABETHAN

Owing to the pressure of space which wartime economy has forced upon us, it has been decided to withhold the current list of O.W.W. serving with the Forces and to publish a revised edition of it in a supplement early in the New Year. For the same reason accounts of the meetings of School societies will be published in the next issue.

The Editors must beg the indulgence of their correspondents for any delay they may have experienced in receiving answers to their letters. The difficulties inherent in our present evacuation are in some ways even more formidable than before, and must bear the chief blame for these delays.

The address of the Editors is : Whitbourne Court, Worcester.

Correspondents are reminded that no letters can be accepted for publication unless the name of the writer is enclosed, whether for disclosure or not.

Criticisms of any part of this issue will be welcomed by the Editors.

## FOOTBALL

At present, football is being played separately by Houses ; at Buckenhill, Homeboarders and Busby's play together ; at Clater, Grant's and Ashburnham have combined in one or two games, although by now Grant's should have managed to get their ground at Fernie Bank ; so far Rigaud's and College have not played any games at all—a state of affairs which is not satisfactory and can be easily criticised. The difficulty comes in trying to find a remedy ; the ground at Clater, which is the most central, is very uneven and not

suitable for School games, although with some attention it may become better ; the ground at Buckenhill is only suitable for six a side games and is naturally no good for School games ; the ground at Fernie Bank may be the best of the three, but it is a long way to go for those at Buckenhill, and if this ground were used for School games it would mean that we would not be able to start until after three o'clock. For the moment, then, football must be played by Houses, with the 1st XI getting its practice in Big Games played at Clater. Once we have got settled down it is hoped that another and better arrangement will be made.

The problem of getting together a School XI is a difficult one ; there are three old colours—Hinge, Borradaile and Renny—a good foundation for any side ; to back up these three there are J. C. Trebucq, Casper and M. Trebucq, all of whom played last year ; Ferrers-Guy and Young are both hard-working and strong-tackling halves who ought to develop well ; Holloway and Woodwark are both safe goalkeepers, and the former is also a sound, but rather slow, back ; Whitehead proved his worth as an inside forward at the end of last football year, and will be a useful addition to a forward line which is already strong. Other useful players are Hodges and Plummer, backs ; Cooper and Fursdon, halves ; Fowler, Lee-Warner, Russ and Bodley, forwards.

It is hoped that a Colt's game will soon be organised so as to get together an under 16 side, but at the moment this is not possible.

### Westminster "A" XI v. Bromyard Grammar School and Old Boys Played at Bromyard Won 9-2

This is the only match that has been played up to now, and it was the first time that the side had played together ; the combination was remarkably good, especially between the forwards. At half-time the score was 3-0, Whitehead having scored 2 and the other being kicked in by the Bromyard left-back. After half-time Whitehead added another, Hinge scored 2 and the other forwards got one each. M. Trebucq and Whitehead combined very well on the right and the forwards were well backed-up by all three halves. Bromyard scored twice towards the end of the game, once from a penalty for hands.

The game was played at a fast pace and was enjoyed by both sides—the tackling was hard and there were few free-kicks.

TEAM.—G. M. Woodwork; J. A. Holloway, P. Casper; R. W. Young, R. O. I. Borradaile, J. H. Ferrers-Guy; M. Trebucq, E. F. R. Whitehead, K. A. H. Hinge, I. A. Renny, J. C. Trebucq.

## CRICKET

The 1st XI played seven matches, of which three were lost and four were drawn.

M.C.C., 233—4 declared. Westminster, 138—6 (Borradaile 38, Hinge 37, Evans nt. 29). Match drawn.

Hurstpierpoint College, 186 (Whittington 4—47, Tenison 3—39). Westminster, 133 (Hinge 32, Renny 28). Match lost.

Westminster, 136 (Young 24, Tenison 23). Christ Church Warrigals, 150—2. Match lost.

Sidmouth C.C., 189—4 declared. Westminster, 88—5. Match drawn.

The matches against Stowe, Lancing and Dover College are reported below.

The 2nd XI played two matches, which were both drawn.

Lancing College 2nd XI, 134—3. Westminster 2nd XI, 171—6 declared (Ferrers-Guy 35, Russ 33). Match drawn.

Westminster 2nd XI, 177 (Peck 54, Bodley 45). Hurstpierpoint College 2nd XI, 87—5 (Sleightholm 2 wkts. for 3 runs). Match drawn.

The Colts played 5 matches, 3 of which were drawn and 2 won.

Hurstpierpoint, 87 (Cremer 4—22, Whitehead 3—8). Westminster, 52—7. Match drawn.

Westminster, 120—7 declared (Whitehead 42). Shoreham G.S., 114—7. (Fowler 3—18, Dec 2—11). Match drawn.

Hurstpierpoint, 132 (Cremer 6—42). Westminster, 144—3 (Fowler 56, Sherrard 43). Match won.

Westminster, 124—5 declared (Barnes 34, Fowler 31). Dover College, 72—9 (Whitehead 3—12, Sinclair 3—37). Match drawn.

Exeter School "A" XI, 91 (Sinclair 5—31, Smith 4—15). Westminster, 186 (Sherrard 60 ret'd., Whitehead 54 ret'd.). Match won.

### Westminster v. Stowe

Played on the Bank of England Ground,  
Roehampton

Stowe won by 107 runs

Stowe won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket; they lost 2 wickets for a meagre 36 runs and then went on to make 265 for 5

declared. Farnell-Watson and Hickling (the latter made 115 in the same match the previous year) put on 160 for the third wicket, the former going on to make 156, after being missed when he had scored 30. Whittington and Cremer got the wickets between them, the former bowling tirelessly for most of the innings.

When Westminster began their innings the wicket was wearing and the Stowe fast bowlers made the ball come sharply off the wicket. Borradaile was bowled without scoring and none of the other batsmen, except Hinge, who made 73, and Whittington, looked at all comfortable against bowling that was never anything more than steady. Whittington helped to add 42 for the seventh wicket but, after Hinge was out, found no one to stay with him.

### STOWE

P. A. Bates, c. Evans, b. Cremer .. .. .	0
J. A. McDonald, b. Whittington .. .. .	19
A. V. Farnell-Watson, c. Renny, b. Whittington ..	156
E. P. Hickling, c. Ferrers-Guy, b. Whittington ..	67
W. R. Mallory, c. Tenison, b. Cremer .. .. .	1
A. D. Thompson, not out .. .. .	14
A. B. Higham, not out .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	8

Total for 5 wickets declared .. .. 265

C. M. Griffin, J. D. Le Bouvier and R. H. Hawkins did not bat.

### BOWLING

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
R. G. Whittington ..	24	5	69	3
R. J. Cremer ..	18	1	108	2

### WESTMINSTER

R. O. I. Borradaile, b. Savery .. .. .	0
S. J. W. Nicol, b. Hawkins .. .. .	15
D. C. Evans, l.b.w., b. Savery .. .. .	10
K. A. H. Hinge, c. Farnell-Watson, b. Hawkins ..	73
I. A. Renny, b. Le Bouvier .. .. .	8
T. D. C. Saunders, c. Bates, b. Hawkins .. .. .	0
V. T. M. R. Tenison, c. and b. Farnell-Watson ..	5
R. G. Whittington, not out .. .. .	21
J. H. Ferrers-Guy, c. Farnell-Watson, b. Hawkins	17
R. J. Cremer, c. Hawkins, b. Farnell-Watson ..	0
J. W. Sinclair, b. Farnell-Watson .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	9

Total .. 158

### BOWLING

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
W. M. Savery ..	12	3	38	2
J. D. Le Bouvier ..	11	5	34	1
R. H. Hawkins ..	8	0	22	4
R. V. Farnell-Watson	85	1	36	3

**Westminster v. Lancing**

Played at Lancing on June 14th

Match was drawn

This was a strange game of changing fortunes ; before lunch on the first day Lancing were 47-7, Whittington having taken all the wickets ; by tea-time they had passed the 200 mark with one wicket yet to fall ; eventually they were all out for 250, of which Macintyre made a brilliant 141 and Burton, batting at No. 10, a chancey 83—he was dropped before he scored. In the closing stages of the first day's play Borradaile and Nicol were quickly out, and Hinge, after getting well set, lofted a ball to extra cover where Bradley held an easy catch. On the second day Westminster failed to save the follow-on by 2 runs and then batted so confidently in their second innings that they were able to declare after tea, leaving Lancing the gigantic task of scoring 100 runs in 45 minutes—a challenge which was not accepted. Hinge and Nicol batted well, the former hitting anything short of a length and the latter refusing to be tempted, and put on 106 for the second wicket. Borradaile, too, played a forceful innings and kept the score going along at a fast pace. In the Lancing second innings neither Spearing nor Pierrepoint seemed inclined to go for the runs, and so the match ended in a draw after two days of exciting cricket.

**LANCING**

(1st Innings)

M. J. S. Spearing, b. Whittington .. .. .	0
P. W. Pierrepoint, b. Whittington .. .. .	1
A. A. Macintyre, c. Ferrers-Guy, b. Cremer ..	141
A. C. Burnett, c. Hinge, b. Whittington ..	0
R. B. R. Wilson, l.b.w., b. Whittington ..	0
J. R. Lamb, c. Hinge, b. Whittington .. ..	0
W. J. Thomas, b. Whittington .. .. .	2
B. Roberts, b. Cremer .. .. .	5
R. H. Bradley, l.b.w., b. Whittington .. ..	5
R. H. Burton, c. Whittington, b. Cremer ..	83
R. F. Young, not out .. .. .	7
Extras .. .. .	6

Total .. 250

(2nd Innings)

M. J. S. Spearing, not out .. .. .	10
P. W. Pierrepoint, not out .. .. .	12
Extras .. .. .	3

Total for 0 wickets .. 25

**BOWLING**

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
R. G. Whittington ..	34	11	75	7
R. J. Cremer ..	18	8	44	2
J. W. Sinclair ..	11	0	47	1

**WESTMINSTER**

(1st Innings)

R. O. I. Borradaile, b. Young .. .. .	0
S. J. W. Nicol, c. Pierrepoint, b. Macintyre ..	1
D. C. Evans, b. Bradley .. .. .	8
K. A. H. Hinge, c. Bradley, b. Young .. ..	41
R. W. Young, b. Young .. .. .	26
V. T. M. R. Tenison, st. Wilson, b. Young ..	31
I. A. Renny, c. Wilson, b. Macintyre .. ..	13
J. H. Ferrers-Guy, c. Pierrepoint, b. Macintyre ..	6
R. G. Whittington, c. Wilson, b. Macintyre ..	0
R. J. Cremer, not out .. .. .	15
J. W. Sinclair, c. Wilson, b. Young .. ..	5
Extras .. .. .	3

Total .. 148

(2nd Innings)

R. O. I. Borradaile, c. Burnett, b. Bradley ..	25
S. J. W. Nicol, c. Wilson, b. Young .. ..	61
D. C. Evans, st. Wilson, b. Burton .. ..	4
K. A. H. Hinge, st. Wilson, b. Burton .. ..	67
R. W. Young, not out .. .. .	12
V. T. M. R. Tenison, c. Pierrepoint, b. Young ..	2
I. A. Renny, not out .. .. .	11
R. G. Whittington, b. Young .. .. .	22
Extras .. .. .	6

Total for 6 wickets declared .. 210

**BOWLING**

(1st Innings)

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
R. F. Young ..	21.3	7	41	5
A. A. Macintyre ..	22	4	53	4
R. H. Bradley ..	10	2	29	1

(2nd Innings)

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
R. F. Young ..	26	6	65	3
R. H. Burton ..	16	2	43	2
R. H. Bradley ..	18	3	44	1

**Westminster v. Dover College**

Played on the Devon County Ground at Exeter

Match Drawn

Once again Westminster lost the toss, and Dover batted first, slowly scoring 167 for 7 before they declared ; Bloy, the Dover captain, scored 56 of these before being l.b.w. to Cooper, who bowled very well in his first match, getting four of the seven wickets that fell. Westminster had half an hour less in which to get the runs, but it looked as if they might get them while Borradaile and Hinge were together ; unfortunately, Borradaile was l.b.w. to a ball that kept low ; and after

he had left there was nobody able to help Hinge push the score along fast enough. At the close of play Westminster were 45 behind the Dover total with 4 wickets in hand and Hinge still in, not out 63. Both sides fielded well, and Young in particular made a brilliant catch on the boundary.

## DOVER

M. L. A. Hill, c. Hinge, b. Cooper	..	..	24
P. H. R. Hawkes, c. Borradaile, b. Tenison	..	..	15
P. J. D. Pearce, c. Young, b. Cooper	..	..	9
N. C. F. Bloy, l.b.w., b. Cooper	..	..	56
P. H. Davy, c. Evans, b. Hinge	..	..	1
N. L. Dixon, b. Tenison	..	..	19
P. M. L. D. Godfrey, c. and b. Cooper	..	..	36
F. M. F. Elliott, not out	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	5

Total for 7 wkts. declared .. 167

L. G. Buck, S. F. McCray and J. C. Farrar did not bat.

## WESTMINSTER

S. J. W. Nicol, l.b.w., b. Davy	..	..	0
D. C. Evans, c. McCray, b. Farrar	..	..	14
K. A. H. Hinge, not out	..	..	63
R. O. I. Borradaile, l.b.w., b. Hawkes	..	..	23
R. W. Young, l.b.w., b. Hawkes	..	..	5
I. A. Renny, c. McCray, b. Pearce	..	..	10
V. T. M. R. Tenison, b. Pearce	..	..	2
R. G. Whittington, not out	..	..	3
Extras	..	..	2

Total for 6 wkts. .. 122

J. H. Ferrers-Guy, T. D. C. Saunders and W. A. Cooper did not bat.

## BOWLING

## Dover

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
K. A. H. Hinge	.. 14	1	48	1
V. T. M. R. Tenison	.. 7	2	14	2
W. A. Cooper	.. 12.2	0	51	4

## Westminster

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.
P. H. Davy	.. 7	2	24	1
J. C. Farrar	.. 7	1	15	1
P. J. D. Pearce	.. 10	0	37	2
P. H. R. Hawkes	.. 6	1	27	2

There were only two old colours—Borradaile and Hinge—although Whittington and Nicol had both had good experience. Borradaile captained the side well, although he was inclined to worry too much; his fielding was an example for the rest of the side to follow. Hinge was the only outstanding batsman, although Young played several good innings; Borradaile was unfortunate,

often coming out to a really good ball before getting his eye in. Whittington was the most energetic and most successful of the bowlers; it is a great pity he has left. Cremer, too, bowled well, but lacked variety, as did Tenison. Cooper and Sinclair, both bowling leg-breaks, are staying on next year and will be very useful. The fielding was always good, but never brilliant; Borradaile, Young, Renny and Tenison all fielded well, and Hinge turned out to be a good wicket-keeper. If only a fast bowler can be found, the side ought to be strong next year.

The 2nd XI were strong in batting, but weak in bowling. Sleightholm was probably the best of the bowlers, but he, too, was sometimes erratic. Peck and De Mowbray both batted well and were backed up by Russ, Bates and Cawston.

The Colt's side was keenly and very ably captained by Whitehead, who made most of the runs and took some of the wickets. Fowler was another batsman-bowler who ought to be successful in higher spheres, although his bowling lacked variety. Cremer and Sinclair, when they played, made this Colt's side a very strong one; Barnes kept wicket well, but not brilliantly, and Sherrard was a most useful opening bat. The fielding was keen, although the throwing-in was erratic in some cases. Nevertheless, the Colts were once again the most successful of the three sides, and the Colts Master has a right to feel pleased with both his side and himself.

## 1ST XI AVERAGES

## BATTING

	Runs	Inns.	Not Out	Aver.
K. A. H. Hinge	.. 328	8	1	46.85
R. W. Young	.. 89	5	1	22.25
I. A. Renny	.. 108	8	2	18.00
R. G. Whittington	.. 70	6	2	17.50
V. T. M. R. Tenison	.. 96	7	1	16.00
D. C. Evans	.. 104	8	1	14.85
R. O. I. Borradaile	.. 105	8	0	13.12

## BOWLING

	Overs	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
R. G. Whittington	122	25	375	15	25.00
R. J. Cremer	.. 42	10	167	5	35.40
V. T. M. R. Tenison	50	8	181	5	36.20
R. O. I. Borradaile	30	3	183	5	36.61
Also bowled:—					
W. A. Cooper	.. 15.2	0	86	5	17.20
J. W. Sinclair	.. 38.1	2	227	5	45.40
K. A. H. Hinge	.. 20	1	76	1	76.00

Lamprobaties was won by Town Boys, by 8 wickets; Seniors was won by Ashburnham, by 26 runs.

## THE WATER

Watermen are for the present without a river to row on. This unhappy state may be rectified next summer if arrangements can be made to row on the Severn.

As was reported in the last issue, we moved into the Port Royal boat-house only three days after our arrival at Exeter, and house station started at once. The regatta course was a straight stretch of canal below the Double Locks, and an awning was erected by the river which served as a boat-house during the two weeks of racing. Some alterations had to be made in the regulations as we only had the tub fours and clinker sculling boats with us. The Light Pairs event was replaced by a series of challenge races in tub pairs.

The first week was devoted entirely to the early rounds of the sculling events. There were some close finishes and fewer collisions than had been expected. This was partly due to the new system whereby steerers can shout instructions from the bank, but also there is no doubt that the practice we had at Lancing stood us in good stead. Whereas at Putney you could row blithely down the middle with nothing to fear but an occasional tug, on the Adur a false stroke usually landed you on the rocks.

The four heats were rowed off on Thursday, 25th July. In the Senior Fours, Rigaud's, who had had no chance to row at Lancing, put up a tremendous fight against Grant's. Their stroke, Passman, gave them spurt after spurt, keeping them level until the last few lengths.

On Friday the semi-finals of all the sculling events were held. There was a particularly thrilling race between Taylor and Andrews. Taylor started well and got half a length's lead, but Andrews held on gallantly right up to within a few yards of the post when he had the bad luck to crash into one of Taylor's skulls.

Saturday was the finals day and we were lucky in having fine weather, though there was a slight but persistent head wind. Homeboarders and Grant's fought hard for the Halahan Cup, and no one knew which would win until almost the last race had been rowed. Homeboarders eventually won it by 52 points to 44. In the Junior Fours King's Scholars had the better start, but were soon caught up by Grant's. From then on the crews seemed to be dead level, but

the Scholars "took her home" with a fine effort and just won. In Lamprobatocs two of the Scholars' crew had not rowed for a year. This was countered by the fact that all of the Townboys had rowed in one or two races on the same day. The Scholars led from start to finish and won by two lengths.

During the afternoon certain non-watermen rowed a series of entertaining challenge races. In many cases stroke and bow had different ideas on rhythm, which resulted in "crabs" being caught by the dozen. Strangely enough no one fell in.

The Principal of the University kindly consented to present the cups and attended the Boat-house Supper. The following are the full results:—

### SENIOR SCULLS

Blackburn } Blackburn	} Featherstone	} Featherstone	} Taylor
Briggs } Blackburn			
Featherstone } Featherstone	} Featherstone	} W. Benn	
Evans } Featherstone			
Buckley } Buckley	} Overbury	} W. Benn	
Ellis } Buckley			
Hartog } Overbury	} Overbury	} W. Benn	
Overbury } Overbury			
W. Benn } W. Benn	} W. Benn	} Taylor	
Flanders } W. Benn			
Davison } Lever	} Lever	} Andrews	
Lever } Lever			
Christie } S. Barrett	} S. Barrett	} Taylor	
S. Barrett } S. Barrett			
Kirbyshire } Andrews	} Andrews	} Taylor	
Andrews } Andrews			
Clarke } Clarke	} Clarke	} Taylor	
Earle } Clarke			
Passman } Taylor	} Taylor	} Taylor	
Taylor } Taylor			

### SENIOR FOURS

Rigaud's } Grant's	} Homeboarders
Grant's } Grant's	
Homeboarders } Homeboarders	} Homeboarders
Busby's } Homeboarders	

Homeboarders IV.—L. O'B. D. Featherstone (bow), 10.11; (2) A. J. M. Clarke, 10.3; (3) M. J. Wedgewood-Benn, 11.5; P. B. Taylor (stroke), 12.2; G. Denman (cox), 5.11.

Grant's IV.—F. G. Overbury (bow), 11.2; (2) J. A. Holloway, 11.0; (3) M. H. Flanders, 12.3; D. P. Davison (stroke), 9.12; I. D. Kingsley (cox), 6.7.



**JUNIOR SCULLS**

Thomas Crisp	} Crisp	} Scott	} Gregg	} Pite
Bernard Scott	} Scott			
Fanshawe Dumper	} Dumper	} Dickinson		
Kingsley Dickinson	} Dickinson			
Wedgwood Benn Gregg	} Gregg	} Gregg		
Abrahams Southworth	} Abrahams			
	} Priestman	} Priestman		
	} Milne			
	} Semple Geidt	} Geidt		
	} Hewitt- Jones Gayer			
	} Baron Hampton Smith	} H. Smith		
	} Denman Pite		} Pite	

**JUNIOR FOURS**

Homeboarders } Grant's	} Grant's	} King's Scholars
Grant's } Busby's "A"		
	} King's	
King's } Busby's "B"		
Scholars } Busby's "B"	} King's	
	} King's	
	} King's	
	} King's	

King's Scholars IV.—C. G. Dumper (bow), 7.3 ; (2) J. D. Priestman, 7.8 ; (3) D. A. Hewitt-Jones, 9.6 ; M. G. Scott (stroke), 9.0 ; J. M. Whiskard (cox), 8.7.  
 Grant's IV.—R. J. M. Baron (bow), 8.2 ; (2) C. A. F. Fanshawe, 9.3 ; (3) A. J. Abrahams, 10.2 ; D. I. Gregg (stroke), 8.4 ; I. D. Kingsley (cox), 6.7.

**JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS**

Busby's } Grant's	} Grant's
Grant's } Homeboarders	
	} Grant's
	} Grant's
	} Grant's
	} Grant's
	} Grant's

Grant's IV.—D. O'R. Dickey (bow), 8.6 ; (2) F. J. Earle, 10.9 ; (3) C. I. A. Beale, 11.3 ; J. D. B. Andrews (stroke), 11.0 ; I. D. Kingsley (cox), 6.7.  
 Homeboarders IV.—R. S. Langrish (bow), 9.0 ; (2) P. H. F. Johnson, 9.0 ; (3) D. E. St. J. Burrowes, 12.0 ; M. C. M. Blackburn (stroke), 9.5 ; G. Denman (cox), 5.11.

**SILVER SCULLS**

Burrowes } Moller	} Dickey	} Holloway
Moller } Eady Dickey		
Holloway } Holloway	} Holloway	
Beale } Cunningham Hadfield		
Turnbull } Lofthouse	} Langrish	
Lofthouse } Ray Langrish		
Reid } Johnson	} Johnson	
Johnson } Faber Hare		
Faber } Hare	} Johnson	
Hare } Hare		

**FENCING**

The Election term was a very successful one for fencing. The first team fought five matches, winning four of them, and there were two Colts matches, of which they won one. The other two were drawn.

We started off against Winchester, who had, as usual, a strong team. Right from the beginning it was obvious that it was going to be an even match, as each fight was long drawn-out ; and, in fact, the result was a draw in both foil and épée. Meanwhile the Colts had been fighting a 4-a-side foil match, which was also drawn. The next match was a 5-a-side foil contest against Epsom, which we won by the comfortable margin of 19 wins to 6, against opponents who lacked any delicacy of touch with a foil. The Harrow match was fought just in time, before the School went to Exeter, and was won 18½-13½. We started off well in the foil, which was our stronger point, losing only 4 fights out of 16. In the épée, however, we lost by 6½ wins to 9½.

While we were at Exeter we had two matches with schools near by. The first, against Exeter School, was rather an easy 4-a-side foil win for us, 15-1, but apparently they specialise in sabre, which we have, unfortunately, had to drop, owing to the lack of instruction. The other, against Blundell's, included a Colts match, and the total result was 18-7 in our favour.

The House Foil Cup was won, after a very close competition, by Ashburnham, with Grant's and College both second, one fight behind.

D. S. Brock, who was Captain last year, has just left, and will be very much missed in the fencing club. It is a great pity, too, that J. Corsellis has left a year earlier than was expected, as we had counted on a lot from him this year as Captain. He proved himself on many occasions to be an exceptionally good left-handed fencer, notably in the Public Schools' Championships. We have lost one other member of the team, J. A. Staynes, who fought in all last term's matches except one.

The prospects of fencing here are still pretty uncertain, but we have been lent a loft at Clater, and it is hoped to have station there at least once a week.

L. A. W.

### LAWN TENNIS

Unfortunately several matches had to be cancelled on account of the evacuation to Exeter, but there were two while we were there; one at Blundell's, which was unfinished owing to lack of time, and the Masters' Match, which the School won 6-3. During the whole term, out of 6 matches played, we won 3 and lost 2, the other one being drawn.

Seniors were played at Exeter, and won by Ashburnham, who beat Grant's in the final.

We are very sorry to lose J. O. Blaksley, who has played in the team for three seasons, and has been Captain this last year. It was due entirely to his efforts that tennis went on right through the winter at Lancing, in spite of the fact that there were only three courts available. Only one other member of the VI has left, J. A. de Normann, so the prospects seem good for next year.

The team was: J. O. Blaksley and G. M. Woodwark (Pinks); L. A. Wilson and J. A. de Normann; M. Trebucq and P. J. McCheane (Half-pinks).

G. M. W.

### FIVES

Owing to the absence of any Fives courts at any of the Houses here, and the impossibility of finding any in the vicinity or of building them, it seems inevitable that, at any rate for the present, Fives will have to be discontinued. This is most unfortunate, but at a later date somewhere may be found to play; at the moment, however, there seems small chance of this.

R. O. I. B.

### THE CONCERT

On July 29th an informal concert was held in the Gymnasium of the University College of Exeter, thanks to the kindness of the Registrar. Its success was mainly due to the efforts of N. J. Brown, Head of the Music, who organized it, and of the performers, who, in the face of the difficulties of a second evacuation, gave a performance of an unusually high standard. It took the place of the concert usually held at the end of Election Term and included several items which were successful in the Music Competitions held in June. The audience was large and appreciative, and, if the glitter of evening dress and the panelling of School were lacking in the Gym, there was no lack of musical atmosphere.

First of all the King's Scholars sang an arrangement of a folk song, "William Taylor," which was ably conducted by N. J. Brown, and clearly enjoyed by everyone. It was, however, rather spoiled by the use of some rather dubious falsettos, though Henderson, who took the other solo part, sang very well. Swann, who then played two by no means easy pieces from a piano suite of Debussy, is always pleasant to listen to, and on this occasion we were not disappointed: by his spirited and understanding playing he enabled the audience to appreciate thoroughly the impressionism of Debussy. Two vocal ensembles followed. First Grant's gave a really enjoyable performance of Brahms' "The Dustman's Coming"; they sang well together, but towards the end inclined to go somewhat flat, though the length of the song to a large extent accounted for this. The King's Scholars were not so good as Grant's, but their singing of Brother James' Air was competent; and Longford, who sang the solo part, has a good voice, though he will undoubtedly be able to use it to better effect when he has gained in experience. Next came the great work of the evening: the first and second movements of César Franck's Sonata for violin and piano. It was de Mowbray's last concert, and he played magnificently, as well as he ever has; he will be a real loss to Westminster music. Swann gave the piano just the right amount of prominence, and his interpretation was both sound and poetic. Any lack of polish that might have made their performance even better must be attributed to the stringencies of evacuation. The success of the "Old Superb,"

which Ashburnham sang, was mainly due to the good conducting of Cooper, who had his choir well under control and made excellent use of his rather limited material, and to the excellent singing of the solo part by Mr. Bonhote, an old favourite we were glad to hear again. After Hampton Smith played two pieces of his own well-written piano suite, Swann and Hampton Smith, a partnership we seem to have heard before somewhere, gave a really accomplished performance of Ravel's "Beauty and the Beast," the delicacy of which they succeeded in conveying by the sureness of their touch. The concert ended with the King's Scholars singing two ensembles: "The Farmer's Son," a pleasing folk-song, was correctly sung, and with a little more attention to detail would have been more effective; but the second piece, a parody of Handel, "Old Mother Hubbard," was probably more generally enjoyed. It was difficult, but had been more carefully practised, and the pathos was considerably helped by some amusing "sob-stuff," led by the Master of the King's Scholars.

And so ended a very enjoyable concert; or so at least we thought. But there were surprises in store for us. The Head Master mounted the platform, and disclosed an elegant silver cup, the gift of the Principal of the University College, which, it was decided, should be used as an award for music. The Head Master then expressed the deep gratitude of the School to all those who had made our stay at Exeter so pleasant, and especially to the Principal, both for the warm welcome he had extended to us on our arrival, for his kindness during our stay, and the generosity which prompted him to present us with so magnificent a memorial of our visit. ONLOOKER.

### GO TO IT!

Towards the end of our stay at Exeter a revue, entitled "Go To It!" was given by members of the School in aid of St. David's Church. It was chiefly due to the hard work and initiative of M. H. Flanders and I. J. Abrahams that the show was a complete success, the more so because nothing of this sort has ever appeared before at Westminster.

Michael Flanders, who is well known at Westminster for his acting in several short plays which have been performed from time to time,

really excelled in a performance of this kind. For besides producing practically the whole show by himself, he acted as *compère* and appeared in almost every scene, thus displaying his remarkable versatility. His two most successful acts were the News Reel and Lord Haw-Haw, which were both performed in front of the microphone. He was well supported by D. S. Brock and I. J. Abrahams, whose entry from the audience caused much amusement. We must mention, too, D. I. Swann, who accompanied the show throughout on the piano, and adapted himself expertly to a large range of items. The money received from the sale of seats and programmes amounted to nearly £17, and was given to St. David's Church.

The show was felt to be such a success that it was repeated in London twice in the holidays; first at Moreland Hall, Hampstead, when the profits went to the P.D.S.A., and afterwards at the Rudolf Steiner Hall, Baker Street, when St. Dunstan's received the proceeds. Many of the cast were summoned from all parts of England, though some were unable to take part. The programme was modified and there were several additions, but in spite of air raids, both shows were an enormous success.

### SCOUT CAMP

The Scout Camp this year was held near Withypool on Exmoor. Owing to the war conditions there were fewer scouts than usual and, unfortunately, no Rovers. We did not go on so many long walking expeditions, but bicycles made up for this, and we explored a fairly large area of the moor. The weather was perfect, without a single rainy day. We were lucky to get such an ideal camping site beside a stream in a valley surrounded by trees. The difficulty was that every time we went out we had to climb a long hill up on to the road. Food, in spite of rationing, was plentiful, as we had a farm within 400 yards, and delivery vans called on most days.

The surrounding country was not as exciting as in former years, but we visited some very pleasant districts. There were several visits to the sea on bicycles; the journey was hilly and 20 miles long, but was rewarded by some magnificent cliff scenery, once we were rid of seaside resorts. One day the whole troop climbed Dunkerry Beacon—not a very strenuous ascent

even on bicycles. Another party walked down the Doone Valley; it was so obscure that we could not tell which valley it was.

One novel activity was riding. The farmer was kind enough to lend us three horses, and his son and daughter took several parties out. Most of the scouts were fairly skilful, but one was so expert that he was mistaken for a racing jockey. Only one person fell off, surprisingly enough. The probable reason for this was that the S.M. was riding just behind.

Camp ended up with an extremely sumptuous dinner at Withypool, when everyone ate and drank far too much, but nevertheless managed to walk the one and a half miles back to camp without any incidents.

We were very sorry that an unfortunate accident at the last minute prevented D. S. Winkworth coming to Camp as the only Rover representative. He was very much missed in all that we did, but we are very glad to hear that he is now making a rapid recovery. R. W. Y.

## HARVEST CAMP

During the last half of August a harvesting camp was held in Monmouthshire by a contingent from Busby's headed by Messrs. Fisher, Carlton and Young. Help was given to several farmers in the district with their carting, stacking and threshing, and payment was given at the rate of sixpence an hour and generous supplies of cider. Those who took part lived a life without restrictions, and, though the work was hard, enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and hope to return in larger numbers next harvest.

## CONTEMPORARIES

The Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions, some of which may have arisen through the wrong addressing or re-direction of the magazine concerned:—

The Alleynian, Blue, Carthusian Caulfield Grammarian, Cliftonian, El Nopal, Eton College Chronicle (6), Fettesian, Haileyburian, Harrovian (4), Lancing College Magazine, Marlburian Melburnian, Meteor (3), Radleian, St. Edward's School Chronicle, Salopian (2), Uppingham School Magazine, Wellingtonian Wykehamist.

## TWO POEMS

### DAPPLED BEAUTY

A mottled gazelle on a blue, blue day  
 With a cold, cold wind like a salt sea spray,  
 Gazelle mottled with dabs of calm clear white,  
 Hard brown black and light bluey grey;  
 Gazelle, did I say? 'Twas a girl gazelle-like,  
 As porcelain, Copenhagen glazed, to the sight,  
 Almost a memory or wisp of a girl,  
 Pirouetting madly in a smooth spiral twirl,  
 Round-careering on long and slender leg,  
 Sending the leaves in the air with a swirl  
 In golden madness ecstatically to jig,  
 Hoping for a dance and daring to beg;  
 Her other leg points to the birds so high;  
 Her body sways forward, arm stretched to the sky;  
 Undaunted by danger she longs to be free;  
 Then up to the laughing sun she'd fly.  
 Dappled Beauty? Come and see  
 Where stands a London shell-shocked tree.

J. M. E.

### MOONLIGHT

Night with her veil has caught the spangled stars  
 And holds their glitter on her pensive brow;  
 Over the dark blue depths the moon-vessel  
 Sails slowly, with her silver sails outspread,  
 And gust-whipt breakers fleck her prow with surf—  
 White waves of cloud,—and hasten, foaming, on.

So Moonlight courted Shadow by the lake,  
 And Shadow yielded, melting . . . But the house,  
 Laved in pale light, stands secret and remote.

A fountain's column leaps into the light,  
 Sparkles, and falls; faint gold lights up the backs  
 Of marble fauns, whose breasts are steeped in  
 black;

And all the treetops toss their sable cloaks.

This is a time for things we know not of;  
 For silver lacings on the sunken lawn,  
 And crystal ripllets shimmer on the lake,  
 And all the world is bathed in fantasy.

R. S. F.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## WESTMINSTER UNDER SCOTT AND RUTHERFORD

Sir,

In November, 1938, you published a short article on Dr. Rutherford's Head Mastership, which I have reason to believe was generally appreciated. I emphasised (as the B.B.C. has it) the need for impartiality in dealing with the subject, which could best be treated by someone with knowledge of the facts, but unconnected with the School.

That a Captain of the School can display so much *animus* against his former Head Master as to refer to him as a "generous foe," and to suggest that the advice given by his Head Master was to get rid of opposition to "reform," clearly shows that the passage of time fails to dull these ancient controversies amongst the "Conservatives." "The actual condition and tone of the School" would be much better known to the Governing Body than to the Captain. Let Mr. Lionel James produce the evidence that someone had "pumped an ill opinion of the School" into the new Head Master's ears, or that he believed it to be "desperately wicked."

There is too much of the personal element in this account of the "transition" period, if it is intended seriously, as it seems to be. But that Rutherford would be deterred from initiating or carrying through any "reforms" by the administration of such pinpricks, whether by the Captain, or other boys in the School, is a delusion which they may find some satisfaction in cherishing.

Yours faithfully,  
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

Sirs,

You have been good enough to let me have a "preview" of a letter which you have received from *The Writer of the Article on William Gunion Rutherford in THE ELIZABETHAN* of November, 1938, and to allow me to reply to it in your current number. Why doesn't he sign his name? If the common attribution of the article is correct, "the personal experience of the old régime" which he censured would not make him a very good judge, as he was barely eleven when it ended! But I thank him for writing his letter, since it reminded me of his article, which I have now re-read—with a considerable measure of agreement. With two points in his letter, however, I can by no means agree. I have had (for my sins) some bitter experience of Governing Bodies, and can say with some confidence that it would be a very remarkable Governing Body which knew more of "the actual condition and tone of the school" than the senior boys at my particular period. And as to his, very natural, desire to hear the story told by someone with "knowledge of the facts" but unconnected with the School, with which I sympathize, it is unhappily by the very nature of things a desire for the impossible. It is precisely because I was the only survivor from that remote epoch with complete "knowledge of the facts," about (for example) the commandeering of the Cap, the censoring of THE ELIZABETHAN, and the making of the new Monitorial Council, that, with some reluctance, I agreed to the suggestion that I should carry on Doctor Clement Webb's story of the transition from Scott to Rutherford. I regret at least as much as my critic the "personal" element which this "knowledge of the facts" brings into the story.

Has not my critic perhaps been a little hasty? With a little more patience he would have had before him the whole story. He will certainly find the second part less "personal" and more objective; and I should be surprised if he would have brought his charge of "animus against my former head master," for whose great qualities I have a sincere admiration. For 40 years a copy of the fine portrait of him by Seymour Lucas has hung over the desk at which I write; though I should frankly own that the very clever caricature by *Spy* in *Vanity Fair* hangs on the staircase just outside. There were, indeed, two Rutherfords. I knew both. Every new Head Master at a Public School must find a good deal needing "reform." Special conditions at Westminster in 1883 stressed this need. I seem to notice a tendency to belittle the work of Scott and to magnify to "reforms" of Rutherford. One who was under both has two loyalties—which may conflict. Comparisons may be "odious," but the historian must make them. If the services to the School of these two men must be assessed, I say without hesitation that history will record those of Scott to have been the greater. There would be some truth in saying that Scott laboured and Rutherford entered into his labour. And the suggestion that Scott's hand had lost its cunning in his last years is sufficiently refuted by the distinctions won at the Universities and in their later lives by the boys of those last four or five years. These include an All Souls' Fellowship (F. W. Bain), an Oxford Professorship (Dr. Clement Webb), the Deanery of Christ Church and the Bishopric of Oxford (Dr. T. B. Strong), the Presidency of the leading Indian University in Calcutta (H. R. James), and First Classes in Oxford Schools, H. B. Cox (2), H. R. James (2), J. B. Hodge (3), F. W. Bain, Strong, Webb and Benbow.

May I add two small corrections?

1. By a printer's error I am said to have taken "Rigaud's Form." I am not really quite so old as that; the Rev. Stephen Rigaud (later Bishop of Antigua), whose name survives at Westminster in the boarding house which was for a short time in his charge, was a classical master at the School under Liddell from 1846 to 1850. It was Raynor's form that I was taking.

2. Dr. Webb has kindly pointed out to me that the first election direct into College from outside the School was not in 1880, but in 1879, when there were three boys so admitted: C. J. Shebbear, M. R. Bethune and S. H. Clarke.

With apologies for this long footnote,

Yours faithfully,  
LIONEL JAMES.

Moyses,  
Five Ashes,  
Sussex.

LONDON

Sir,

If the School returns to Westminster, may I say "Welcome Home"? It is fitting that London's oldest children should participate in London's glory. Floreat.

Your obedient servant,  
HAROLD MCKENNA.

Bow Street Police Court,  
London, W.C.2.

## BOOK REVIEW

### JUBILATE DEO

By LIONEL JAMES (Q.S. 1882-1887)

A compilation is always difficult to review, especially one that has for its subject-matter so wide a range of material as that at present under consideration. For "Jubilate Deo" is a collection of prayers from scholars and saints of every race and doctrine, and as such a collection it is both useful and successful. It is intended for school use, and contains many fine prayers not usually met with, at least in schools, and much biographical detail which adds greatly to the interest of the prayers. Of particular interest to Westminster readers are the prayers of Warren Hastings (K.S. 1743-1748), which, in their beauty and dignity, are well suited to the character of their author. They were compiled chiefly for use at the family prayers of an evening at Daylesford House, where he spent the last 23 years of his life in managing his estate and living the life of a country squire. There is no room to quote here the whole of one of these prayers, and a short quotation would not do justice to their form and dignity.

As a compilation of noble prayers, then, the book is a success, and it is chiefly that aspect of it which must come under review. But although this is not the place for a discussion on religious teaching in schools, some criticism of the introduction will perhaps not be out of place. The writer is in full sympathy with Mr. James' desire that religion should not be confined to chapel and divinity lessons, but he cannot help feeling that this book, excellent as it is in many ways, provides no real answer to the fundamental difficulty of making religion a real influence for

boys. The reviewer would do nothing here but to suggest that there is need of more of that specifically doctrinal teaching and emphasis on the sacraments that Mr. James would brand as sectarian. In these days of loose thinking a Christian school should be the last place to teach that "it doesn't really matter what you think provided that you're a good fellow." The schoolboy, as Mr. James says, is not irreligious, but he will never, in the writer's opinion, make a success of his religion if he limits his ambitions to the standards of an Elizabethan adventurer.

Two points might be mentioned about the general layout of the book: first, that the biographical notes might with advantage have been separated from the prayers; they are meant to stir a boy's interest, in which they will succeed, but not to ward off boredom in service time! The layout of the whole book is possibly more like a text-book than a boy's prayer-book, but in the case of masters this would, of course, be immaterial.

Secondly, it seems unnecessary to go to such an exaggerated length of purism as to print a form of the Lord's Prayer which, if nearer the original Greek, is yet both less familiar and less comely than the longer version, and can, it seems, serve no useful purpose denied to the other.

But these points are small in comparison with the taste and care displayed in the arrangement of services, and the book should prove most useful to all who seek a healthy variety and a true sincerity in their services.

N. J. P. B.

## OLD WESTMINSTERS

The Hon. Maxwell Aitken has been awarded the D.F.C.

Mr. H. F. Charrington has been awarded the Empire Medal for Gallantry for bravery in an air crash in Palestine.

Squadron-Leader G. B. Keily, A.F.C., has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry while on air reconnaissance in Libya.

### Birthday Honours :

- C.B.E. Col. G. E. G. Shearman, D.S.O., M.C., late Beds. and Herts. Regt.
- O.B.E. Lt.-Col. C. L. H. Humphreys, T.D., M.C., R. Corps of Signals, T.A.
- Capt. A. G. Hildesley.
- M.B.E. Major C. P. Warren, M.C., Rifle Brigade.

D.S.C. Lt.-Cdr. D. R. F. Cambell, R.N.,  
Fleet Air Arm.

Major-General H. S. Gaskell, C.B., D.S.O.,  
has been appointed a Colonel Commandant,  
Corps of Royal Engineers.

Mr. A. S. H. Kemp has been appointed to the  
Colonial Administrative Service in Malaya.

Captain Oliver Lyttelton has been appointed  
President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. A. K. N. Williams Treffgarne has divided  
the Robert Ross Scholarship at the Slade School  
of Fine Art.

### BIRTHS

ABBOTT.—On June 15th, the wife of James A.  
Abbott, a son.

ALDERSON.—On September 18th, the wife of  
Second-Lieutenant John Alderson, Seaforth  
Highlanders, a son.

BENNETT.—On August 18th, the wife of E. F. P.  
Bennett, a son.

BRODIE-GRIFFITH.—On July 24th, the wife of  
R. Brodie-Griffith, a son.

CHISHOLME.—On July 28th, the wife of A. H. T.  
Chisholme, a daughter.

CUNYNGHAME.—On May 23rd, the wife of Ian  
F. R. Cunyngame, a daughter.

DEAN.—On October 6th, the wife of Surgeon  
Lieutenant-Commander D. M. Dean, R.N.V.R.,  
a daughter.

DULLEY.—On July 25th, the wife of H. W.  
Dulley, of Hong-Kong, a son.

FREEMAN.—On June 5th, the wife of Denys  
Freeman, a daughter.

FROST.—On October 14th, the wife of Richard  
Frost, a daughter.

HARROD.—On August 21st, the wife of Roy  
Harrod, a son.

HOWLETT.—On July 13th, the wife of Bernard  
Hamilton Howlett, Sergeant, London Scottish,  
a son.

LOUSADA.—On July 10th, the wife of Antony  
Lousada, a daughter.

LYGON.—On July 1st, the wife of the Hon.  
Richard E. Lygon, a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—On September 10th, the wife of  
Richard Groves Nicholson, a son.

O'MALLEY.—On July 21st, the wife of Flying  
Officer D. K. C. O'Malley, R.A.F., a son.

WAKELY.—On June 12th, at Chakrata, India, the  
wife of Capt. W. H. D. Wakely, R.E., a  
daughter.

WALKER.—On May 10th, at Murree, India, the  
wife of J. W. B. Walker, 11th Sikh Regiment,  
a daughter.

### MARRIAGES

ALBERT-ETHERIDGE.—On June 20th, David  
Fenwick Albert to Muriel Rita, daughter of  
Mr. G. Etheridge, of St. Leonards-on-Sea.

ASHLEY-CHURCH.—On March 20th, Major J. O.  
M. Ashley, R.A., to Sheila, only daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Church, Broomhill,  
Spratton, Northants.

BRIGHT-RICHARDS.—On October 12th, Vernon  
Maxwell Bright, R.A.F., to Monica, elder  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Richards, of  
Regent's Court, N.W.1.

CHERRY-ROWE.—On September 22nd, Sub-  
Lieutenant Conrad Cherry, R.N.V.R., to  
Glory, daughter of Mr. George Rowe.

JOHNSON-LANG.—On June 13th, Flight-  
Lieutenant D. H. Johnson, R.A.F.V.R., to  
Assistant Section Officer Evelyn Lang,  
W.A.A.F., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
A. H. Lang, of London.

KEMP-BOSTOCK.—On August 3rd, A. S. H.  
Kemp, R.A., to Marjorie Alison, younger  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Bostock, of  
3, Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead.

ORANGE-HARVEY.—On March 30th, R. B. Orange  
to Mary Alice, younger daughter of the late  
Lieutenant-Colonel C. D. Harvey, D.S.O.,  
Sherwood Foresters, and Mrs. Harvey, of  
Polsted Manor, Guildford.

RAIKES-WILSON.—On August 10th, Flight-  
Lieutenant H. V. A. M. Raikes, M.P., to  
Audrey Elizabeth Joyce, only daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wilson, of Repton.

ROBERTSON-MAXWELL.—On October 28th,  
Major C. A. A. Robertson, Scots Guards, to  
Mrs. I. D. Maxwell.

TURQUET-HUNTER.—On October 12th, Lieutenant Pierre Turquet to Ellen Clare Hunter, of Easeway, Frensham.

WALKER-GREENFIELD.—On July 12th, Sub-Lieutenant Robert Fulton Walker, R.N.V.R., to Phyllis Mary Greenfield.

### OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of the following Old Westminsters :—

JOHN SCOTT ABERNETHY (1872-78), on August 22nd.

GEORGE POLLOCK ANTROBUS, O.B.E. (1904-11), in November.

WILLIAM JAMES ARMITAGE (1881-86), on July 6th.

JOHN CAMPBELL-JOHNSTONE (1869-73), on June 15th.

FREDERICK DAVID GAMMON (1935-40), killed in an air raid during October.

RANDOLPH LEA GROSVENOR (1880-84), killed in an air raid in September.

CHARLES EVELYN GWILT (1871-75), on October 25th, accidentally.

WILLOUGHBY ROSS LE GRAND JACOB (1894-9), in October.

ROLAND WILLIAM REED, Priest, (1900-5), on September 6th.

CHARLES ATMORE SHERRING (1882-6), on October 9th.

FREDERICK WATERFIELD (1893-8), recently.

ANTHONY WHITTOW (1890-6), died at Langholm, Bushey, on September 8th.

### ON ACTIVE SERVICE

FRANCIS ROBERT BAILEY (1927-31). Accidentally killed on October 19th.

GEORGE BYAM-SHAW (1914-17). Major, Royal Scots ; killed in action in Belgium, May, 1940.

EDWARD CECIL THEODORE EDWARDS (1919-24). Wing-Commander, R.A.F. ; killed in action during August.

JOHN MATTHEW HAMPDEN HOARE (1920-5). Flying Officer, R.A.F. Reserve ; killed over France on May 23rd.

ROY ACHILLE MARCHAND (1932-6). Pilot Officer, R.A.F. ; died in action on September 15th.

DEREK KEPPEL COLERIDGE O'MALLEY (1923-9). Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R. ; killed while flying in night-operations, September 4th.

### REPORTED MISSING

Second-Lieutenant W. K. Laing, Sherwood Foresters, was reported missing in the Casualty List of May 22nd.

Pilot Officer D. G. E. Fevez, R.A.F., was reported missing in *The Times* on June 22nd.

Mr. T. C. N. Gibbons, R.A.M.C., is also reported missing.

### PRISONERS OF WAR

Second-Lieutenant R. K. Archer, Wiltshire Regiment, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mr. R. A. Calkin, who was serving on the staff of Toc H in Flanders, is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Total funds to date, in cash, promises and securities ..... £61,717

### MEMBERSHIP TOTALS :

Full Members	449
Life Associates	122
Annual „	62
Junior „	38

Mr. A. C. Grover having been called up for military service, Mr. A. T. Willet has been appointed Hon. Sec. As Miss Francis, the Assistant Secretary, has temporarily undertaken other work, the London office of the Society has been closed and all correspondence should now be addressed to Mr. Willet at 40, New Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire, during term-time and to the Old Vicarage, Turners Hill, Crawley, Sussex, during the holidays. The respective telephone numbers are Bromyard 119 and Turners Hill 235.



## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1940-1

### SCHOOL MONITORS

K. A. H. HINGE	.. CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL. Head of Ashburnham. Captain of Football. Secretary of Cricket.
R. O. I. BORRADAILE	Head of Grant's. Captain of Cricket. Secretary of Football. Captain of Fives.
N. J. P. BROWN	.. CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S SCHOLARS. Head of School Music. Co-Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN. President of the Debating Society.
D. E. ST. J. BURROWES	Head of Homeboarders.
R. M. O. HAVERS	.. Head of Rigaud's.
J. L. FERRERS-GUY	.. Head of Busby's.

### OTHER OFFICERS

Head of the Water	.. D. P. Davison.
Secretary of the Boat Club	P. B. Taylor.
Captain of Fencing	.. L. A. Wilson.

Captain of Lawn Tennis	.. G. M. Woodwark.
Captain of Running	.. D. C. Hampton Smith.
Captain of Boxing	.. J. M. Allan.
Captain of Gymnasium	.. R. W. Young.
Captain of Swimming	.. T. O. Cary.
Leader of the Scout Troop	R. W. Young.
Co-Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN	.. .. M. W. Sweet-Escott.
Games Editor	.. .. L. A. Wilson.
Secretary of the Debating Society	.. .. T. J. Brown.
Secretary of the Political and Literary Society	.. R. A. Wollheim.
President of the Essay Society	.. .. T. J. Brown.
Secretary of the Archaeological Society	.. .. A. R. Bridberg.
Secretary of the Aeronautical Society	.. P. F. Alcock.
Captain of Chess	.. D. I. Swann.
Assistant Head of Music	D. I. Swann.

## LATE NEWS

It is with great regret that we learn of the death of Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, O.W., who was for many years Receiver-General of the Abbey and Secretary to the Governing Body of the School. He died in November. To his wife and family we extend our sincere sympathy on the death of one of the most prominent O.W.W.

The Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN also wish to express their sympathy with Wellington College on the untimely death of the Master, Mr. R. P. Longden, news of which has just been announced.