

THE ELIZABETHAN



DAT DEUS INCREMENTUM

VERBA VOLANT, SCRIPTA MANENT

*(What is spoken flies abroad,
what is written remains behind)*

EXCEPT among those who have studied the Government's Social Schemes in detail, there is a general idea that everyone will be entitled to all the benefits. The cry "Pensions for all" has been accepted literally. What then is the position of those who are being helped by the G.B.I.?

Less than 50 per cent have qualified and now receive the "Retirement Pension". 20 per cent receive the Non-Contributory Old Age Pension, which is subject to a means test.

The remainder are either not yet qualified or are unlikely to receive a pension of any kind.

Those who can qualify will be required to do so and, if necessary, will be helped; but it will be at least thirty years before all our Beneficiaries are in receipt of a Retirement Pension. Over £20,000 per annum is paid out in Annuities to supplement their incomes, and these Annuities will have to continue if they are not to become wholly dependent on the State. Local Authorities are being given the responsibility to provide Homes for old people, but it will be many years before this accommodation is available for all who require it.

In the meantime this Institution is performing a public duty in helping some of those who have to depend on others for their livelihood. If you acknowledge that it still has a big part to play in the relief of real hardship, will you not become a partner with the G.B.I. in this very necessary task?

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58 VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.1

THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND

DONATIONS to the War Memorial Fund are still coming in steadily. Since the second list of subscribers was published in the December issue, a further £800 has been received in cash gifts and approximately £550 in covenants. This makes a total so far received in cash and promises since the fund was started three years ago of just under £41,500.

At a meeting of the Committee in April, it was felt that now that it was possible to start work on College, it would be of more value to the school to make a substantial contribution to this end than to hold money back for the problematical restoration of buildings for which no licences were yet in sight. It was accordingly decided to offer to the Governing Body a sum of £25,000 for this purpose.

It was also agreed that a contribution of £1,500 should be made towards the cost of converting No. 14 Barton Street into flats for married masters.

THE COMMITTEE FEELS SURE THAT DONORS WILL
BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THEIR GENEROUS GIFTS
ARE ALREADY BEING PUT TO PRACTICAL USE

ANOTHER

£ 10,000

IN addition to its generous gift of £10,000 the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths has promised a further £1 for every pound subscribed towards the cost of the School's war-time evacuation, up to a maximum of £10,000.

We appeal to all Old Westminsters, particularly those who have not so far subscribed to the War Memorial Fund, to make the utmost effort to ensure that this generous offer should not go by default.

Cheques should be made payable to

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SIR PELHAM WARNER AT RE-OPENING OF FIELDS



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ON June 17th, in brilliant sunshine, the Dean of Westminster declared Fields again officially open. The ceremony, which was attended by the Mayor of the City of Westminster, took place during the match between the School and the Forty Club (reported on another page) in the presence of a large and distinguished company, and never before in the history of Fields can so many famous cricketers have been seen either as players or spectators. The Dean, after calling attention to the magnificent recovery of the ground from its state of war-time desolation, handed over a gilt key to the Head Master as a token of the re-opening, and welcomed Sir Pelham

Warner (President of the Forty Club) who later presented a gift from the Club of six chairs for the pavilion. The Head Master, whose first public appearance this was since his illness, made a short speech of thanks, and said that the re-opening of Vincent Square would make all friends of Westminster feel that they were really home again.

Another part of the ground was at the same time occupied by a Colts' match against an XI of the Westminster Schools' Athletic Association—an event of significance, for it inaugurates on the part of the school a new policy whereby Fields will at times be thrown open to members of Westminster youth organisations.

THE PROBLEM OF TIME

IT is the common complaint of boys at Westminster that there is never enough time to do anything properly. This is hardly surprising in an age when life is regulated by the chronometer to a deplorable extent. But it is a harmful feeling, and is bound to bring a sense of frustration if it goes too far. The clock is the only satisfactory means of regulating our activities in a co-ordinated society. But let us be selective, and let us not, in our struggle to achieve the ideal of versatility which many Old Westminsters would claim as the school's strongest point, try to push every conceivable kind of activity and experience, both intellectual and physical, into the already overcrowded curriculum. Education is supposed to bring out all the potentialities and to develop them to the fullest possible extent, but, most important of all, it should leave people enough time to think, and enough time to develop personal relationships. Both of these things do take time; and the value

of religion or of friendship is rather underestimated in our age of materialism.

The reason is that we are situated in London. We take part in state occasions, and we have access to many people and many activities. We can go to a theatre, a cinema or a concert, we can watch the Boat Race or a Test Match, or we can debate with other schools or listen to addresses by men eminent in their several spheres. We can also maintain the close contact with our homes that is in danger of being lost by schools in the country, while still feeling that we are very much a community when at school. All this is of immense value, but of course we must pay a price. We have to travel to Putney or to Grove Park for our games, and we not only have less games but fewer school periods. The sacrifice is worth it, if we take full advantage of our position. The balance is bound to lie on the intellectual and cultural side, so let us be content merely to eat our cake—though for all that it is a very fine one.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 22nd Play term begins.
Oct. 2nd 2nd XI v. Latymer Upper School.
Oct. 9th 1st XI v. Old Reptonians (Home).
Fencing v. Harrow (Away).
Oct. 16th 1st XI v. Old Bradfieldians (Home).
Fencing v. Lancing (Home).
Oct. 23rd 1st XI v. Old Carthusians A XI
(Home).
Oct. 30th 1st and 2nd XIs v. Old Westminsters
(Home).
Colts v. Latymer Upper School
(Away).
Nov. 2nd 1st XI. v. Metropolitan Police
(Home).
Nov. 5th—8th Exeat.
Nov. 13th 1st XI and Colts v. Aldenham
(Home).
Fencing v. London Fencing Club
(Home).
Nov. 16th Fencing v. Eton (Home).
Colts v. Alleyn's (Away).
Nov. 20th 1st XI and Colts v. Lancing (Away).
Nov. 27th 1st XI and Colts v. Highgate (Away).
Fencing v. Stowe (Home).
Dec. 4th 1st XI. v. Charterhouse (Home).
Under 15 XI v. Chigwell (Home).
Fencing v. Haileybury and I.S.C.
(Away).
Dec. 18th 1st XI v. Corinthian Casuals (Home)
Dec. 21st Play term ends.

RECENT EVENTS

On St. Barnabas' Day the school was addressed by the Rev. John Phillips, Secretary of the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry; the Head Master preached on the Feast of St. Peter.

The Ven. S. J. Marriott, Archdeacon of Westminster, has given talks on two Wednesday evenings during the term.

P. C. Petrie has been appointed Captain of Fencing for 1948—9.

A Gym and P.T. Display was given in College Garden on June 25th.



STEPHEN POTTER

As part of the Wednesday afternoon activities, Mr. Stephen Potter (o.w.) gave an informal talk on May 23rd to an audience from the VII and VI forms on Broadcasting. Mr. Potter dealt chiefly with the difficulties and problems which the radio producer has to face. The talk was much appreciated for the interesting information it contained and for the refreshing and witty style of the speaker. It was a successful afternoon and the number and variety of questions put to the speaker after his talk were an indication of how much we enjoyed Mr. Potter's talk.

COLLEGE HALL THROUGH FOUR CENTURIES

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

To the present generation of Westminster Election Dinner means nothing, for the last Election Dinner was held in 1939, and this year again austerity forbids this pleasant climax to the term.

But College Hall, to which the thoughts of some Old Westminsterers will be turning this week-end, fortunately survives, and can still provide a majestic background even to a humble cup of tea and a bun. From the 1370's, when Abbot Nicholas Litlyngton (whose arms are on the roof corbels) built it, to 1540, when the Monastery was dissolved, it was the State Dining Hall of the Abbots of Westminster, and it was probably there that Queen Elizabeth Woodville, wife of Edward IV, took sanctuary in 1483 and "sat alone on the rushes all desolate and dismaied" with the young Prince Richard who was subsequently murdered with his brother Edward in the Tower.

When in 1540 the Abbot's House passed to the Bishop of Westminster the Hall passed with it, and it may have been in 1550, when the bishopric was suppressed, that the King's Scholars first began to have their meals there. That the meals were not always harmonious is shown by a Chapter minute of 1555 imposing a fine of a shilling "if any of the petty canons scolemasters or other of the clarkes or otherwyse in their comons above the adge of xvii yers shall calle any of these before namyed in their communes fools knave or any other contumelious or slanderus worde". It would be interesting to know what arrangement was come to when Queen Mary restored the Benedictine monastery in 1556. The Refectory (where Ashburnham Garden now is) had been destroyed in 1544, and although the Misericorde still survived, it seems likely that it was transferred to the Prior, and in any case it can hardly have accommodated the entire Marian establishment of 20 monks and 66 other persons entitled to commons. College Hall, on the other hand, holds some 130 persons, and it is possible that for three years monks and King's Scholars had their meals together—a mingling of the old world and the new.

It was intended by the Elizabethan Statutes that the whole College, Dean and Canons as well as masters and boys, should dine together in Hall, and for a time at least this praiseworthy custom obtained. But by the seventeenth century the system was beginning to break down, and a Chapter order of 1631 decreed that "forasmuch as the most part of our society are married men and have



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A CORBEL ON THE GALLERY
STAIRCASE

families of their own and live here in residence" they may be excused attendance. Since that time Election Dinner, attended by the Dean and Chapter, has preserved a semblance of the former custom, but it required the impact of war to bring the "College" in its original sense once more together. In September, 1939, before the School moved off to Lancing, College Hall became a centre where all who had any business in the precincts could obtain a meal. Abbey vergers, school and Abbey maintenance staff, masters, boys who were helping with the move, Canons, and on occasion the Dean himself sat down together, and the Kitchen staff worked overtime to supply their needs. It was a scene which a visitor from the sixteenth century would have instantly recognised.

In its long history College Hall has been often used for purposes other than eating. In Tudor times the Play was acted there, and it was there in 1569 that Queen Elizabeth and the Princess

Cecilia of Sweden witnessed a performance of the *Sapientia Solomonis*. The entry in the accounts for "coloring the children faces" and the five shillings "geven to a painter for drawing the cytee and temple of Jerusalem and for paynting towres" must be among the earliest recorded instances of make-up and scenery in the history of the English stage. The first school Concert, in 1866, was held in College Hall, and in 1888 and for a few subsequent years the admission of Queen's Scholars took place there. During the late war the hall was once again used for acting. In 1942-3, when the school was at Bromyard, King Lear, Hamlet and King Henry IV were performed there during the holidays, and it was impressive to see the famous death-bed scene in King Henry IV acted within a few feet of where the king actually died. In 1943-4, Convocation met in the Hall (which with antiquarian zeal the clergy consistently called "Abbot's Hall" until corrected by the Bishop of Grantham, who knew better, having been at Westminster) and since the war the hall has again from time to time resounded with flights of oratory, for until July, 1947—while School was roofless—the end-of-term Orations were held there.

But such activities are side-lines. The primary business of College Hall is food, and apart from the Head Master's house and the Abbey itself, it has a longer continuous record of use by the school than any other building in Westminster. At a conservative estimate some 360,000 meals have been served there since 1550, and the number of separate "covers" is incalculable. From 1606, when "sea-coal" was first used in the Kitchen, until 1935, when the kitchen equipment was completely overhauled and brought up to date, and a miniature funicular railway was installed to bring the dishes up to Hall, a long line of College Cooks has tried to satisfy schoolboy appetites. In past ages the results were often mediocre, and the boys went hungry. "It takes me only four or five minutes to eat my dinner" wrote Dacres Adams in 1820; "the seniors have all the potatoes, so we have only bread and meat to eat, and that takes us less time." Even sixty years later there was much wastage and peculation. When Rutherford came in 1883 he found a friendly system in operation whereby the cook undertook to contract personally for Election Dinner, then got someone else to contract to him for it, added to the sub-contract price such a sum as he thought fit, and lastly gave the resulting price in as his own contract price. Needless to say, Rutherford put a stop to this and other abuses and his reforms were so effective that by 1889, when seventy day-boys were lunching daily in College Hall, the cost was only a trifle more than it had been in 1882 when only twelve day-boys lunched there.

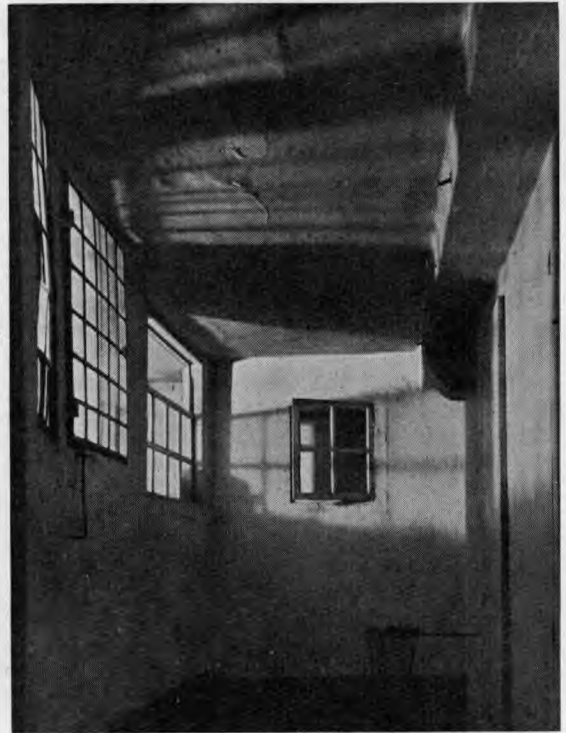


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A WINDOW ON THE STAIRCASE

The 1880's are only sixty years distant from us, but so far as College Hall is concerned, they might be six hundred. A new and efficient atmosphere reigns, and in spite of rationing, miracles of food production are performed daily by Mrs. L. H. Burd and her staff of nine, headed by S. C. Sellars, who once a year on Shrove Tuesday appears resplendent as "College Cook," debonair and photogenic, but all the year round is plain "Chef" to his many friends. Each week they contrive to serve 1,650 lunches, 580 breakfasts and the same number of suppers. Every evening they send out 76 buns for Bevers (and let Bever-eaters note a Chapter Order of 1601, still unrepealed, "It shall not be lawful for any to sell or alienate to any out of his own household the allowance called Bevers, upon pain of the loss of his Bever . . . for a fortnight). Every year they peel 201,000 potatoes. They supply meals for the maintenance staff; they supply lunches for matches up Fields; they provide picnic-suppers for Scouts to take away on camping week-ends and sandwiches for boys to consume on Wednesdays on their way to long-distance "Cultures". For a great part of the School, at any rate, they are "essential workers" in the fullest sense, and their efficient service, set off and accentuated by its medieval background, means much to Westminster.

M R . T . M . M U R R A Y - R U S T

OUR school community will suffer loss at many points when Mr. Murray-Rust leaves us in July to become one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Education in the north of England. His tenure of Grant's was to end in any case in 1949 after his term of fifteen years, but he has elected to move to his new post this year, though even without his duties as housemaster his activities in school and out of school might have continued to satisfy for many years a man of less abounding vitality.

All that he did—and it was much—has been marked by versatility, energy and understanding. A mathematician by training, he is equally effective as a teacher of English, Divinity and Latin: informal, original and alive. A cross-country runner, in his day, of University standard, he has also been a tireless player of football, cricket and fives (not to mention darts, as those will remember who played with him in the Stoke Hole when the bombs were arriving as regularly as the evening papers).

His versatility was fully tested by evacuation and he emerged triumphant as plumber, motor mechanic, caterer and above all soldier. After a period at Lancing where he made lasting friendships he arrived in Herefordshire, commander of our small J.T.C. contingent. He quickly became a mainstay of the local Home Guard, and weapon training officer for most of the county. In

memory of that link, which he did so much to create, our J.T.C. to-day wears the Herefordshire badge.

But it is of course by his service as a housemaster that he will be most widely remembered with gratitude. To his versatility and his energy (his normal mode of progression is to run and not to walk) he has added an individual understanding of his boys to a quite unusual degree. It was his ideal—and increasingly as the years passed—to make of his house one large family with little formal distinction between senior and junior, and eventually a complete abolition of fagging. The system might not have worked as well as it did under a man less fatherly in his rule and less understanding of the individual boy. It certainly gained for him the unbounded respect of his "parents", and of the great majority of their sons.

All the best families should have a mother as well as a father, and in this rôle Mrs. Murray-Rust has been triumphantly successful, combining a humorous love of boys and their peculiarities with the acumen of a professional housekeeper and the adaptability of an experienced hostess.

They take with them to the north of England the grateful good wishes of all who love Westminster, and the confidence that they will quickly establish in Yorkshire a circle of wide circumference of which they will be the twin centres, radiating good fellowship and good will.



RECONSTRUCTION REPORT

COLLEGE AND NO. 14 BARTON STREET

During the last two months the work of reconstruction has made progress. The underpinning of the foundations of College has now been completed and the twelve-foot deep holes through which the concrete was poured under Burlington's foundations have now been filled in. A start on the internal construction work is to be made shortly. No. 14 Barton Street, which before the war contained rooms for bachelor masters, has

been converted into married quarters and now contains three attractive flats. Up Fields, the Pavilion has been repainted, re-glazed and partially re-tiled.

But the greatest work of all has been one of destruction. The air-raid shelters which for seven years have been an eye-sore in Little Dean's Yard have been demolished, and Yard has regained its pre-war appearance.



COUNTRY LIFE SHOOTING

The school entered for the Class B cup of the Country Life Competition and were placed thirteenth out of twenty-nine.

The score was Group 65; Rapid 367; Snap 190; Landscape 164; total 786 out of a possible total of 872.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr. D. C. Simpson retires from his post as Master of the King's Scholars at the end of his fifteen years' tenure at Easter, 1949. He will be succeeded by Mr. J. D. Carleton.

Mr. J. M. Wilson has been appointed to succeed Mr. T. M. Murray-Rust as housemaster of Grant's.

INSPECTION OF THE J.T.C.



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THE highlight of our activities this term has been the annual inspection. This was held on Tuesday, June 8th, and we were pleased to welcome as Inspecting Officer an Old Westminster, Lt.-Col. E. H. G. Lonsdale, M.B.E., (up Grant's 1931-1936). We introduced more ceremonial this year : we began with the general salute, with the Inspecting Officer standing before the Union Jack, followed by the formal inspection of the contingent, which was drawn up in two companies. During the inspection of the ranks the oppressive heat and tension proved too much for some cadets, and we had casualties. The inspection over, the contingent formed up in the roadway in Dean's Yard and marched past the Inspecting Officer, who took his stand on the steps of Church House. The rest of the morning was devoted to routine training ; Colonel Lonsdale was able to see the cadet N.C.Os, instructing their platoons in weapon training, drill and minor tactics, and also the cadre classes whose future instructors were receiving training. A visit was also paid to a specialist class working on the internal combustion engine.

After lunch the contingent watched a demonstration at Richmond Park of a platoon in the attack. This was ably organised by Captain T. M. Murray-Rust and was faultless—a credit to all who took part, particularly the senior cadet N.C.Os. : C.S.M. M. E. Adie (as platoon commander), Sgt. D. L. Almond (platoon sergeant), and Sgts. S. L. H. Clarke, R. E. Nagle, I. N. Momtchiloff and S. J. Steele (section commanders).

We have this term run cadre courses for junior N.C.Os. and the twenty-four cadets who passed Certificate A last March. There were four courses : one in weapon training, one in drill, one on the principles of instruction, and the specialist one on the engine. First impressions are that these courses have been welcomed and have proved a success.

Visits to Wormwood Scrubs to fire on the open range with live ammunition have again figured on the programme.

A party of twenty-five N.C.Os. and cadets watched the rehearsal for the Trooping of the Colour.

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

THE Music Competitions were held this year on Wednesday, June 9th. Individual events took place in the morning, other events in the afternoon, and we were able to use School once again, which was a great help to singers and wind-players on account of its resonance, while rather hand-capping pianists. The adjudicators were Mr. Steuart Wilson and Mr. Norman Hearn. The morning began with the Senior Piano Solo, won by E. L. Wildner with an almost flawless performance of Chopin's Black Key Study, and a very polished one of the Grieg set piece, which was noticeably better prepared than in previous years by all the entrants. His rubato in particular was well under control, and his playing was as musical as it was technically skilled. Meanwhile J. L. Lee and T. E. V. Pearce provided a surprise by winning the Junior Piano Duet with a movement from a Mozart Sonata.

In the Wind Solo D. L. Almond repeated his victory of last year with movements from Corelli's Oboe Concerto. In the string solo, won by A. P. Graham-Dixon, the chief fault was careless intonation, which spoilt nearly all the playing. The Senior Piano Duet was rather disappointing. Each time the final cadence came, it was rather abrupt or else there was a wrong note. The correct balance between the four hands was never really achieved, and the sustaining pedal had to work overtime to smudge over careless playing. The event was won by C. F. Kingdon and Graham-Dixon playing Schubert. In the Junior Piano Solo C. P. Smith won from A. H. R. Martindale—another surprise—playing Mozart. The Broken Voice Solo was won by Graham-Dixon, singing Schubert's *Erkönig*, with A. M. Allchin second, singing Dowland. Among the unbroken voices clearly the best was R. A. C. Norrington, though he should perhaps have chosen something a little less taxing than "I know that my redeemer liveth". The Original Composition, for which there were three entries, was won by Martindale with a violin sonata in one movement.

The other events were held up School in the afternoon. In the Vocal Ensemble two out of the four groups were in trouble over their intonation, and one even smacked of Schönberg. King's Scholars won with Weelkes' "Ha ha, this world doth pass". The words were incomprehensible, though perfectly audible, and the excellence of their performance was marred only by the fact that they used copies, when they could have sung by heart. For the House Choirs the set piece was the Warwickshire folk-song "The Keeper", and it proved unexpectedly difficult. No choir succeeded in finding the right speed, and all except the King's Scholars suffered from what Mr. Steuart Wilson termed "wanderers", unable to pitch a note. In one case a purge of these "wanderers" was suggested. Of the Own Choice pieces "Nothing is here for tears" by Vaughan Williams, sung by King's Scholars, was the best on account of clarity, incision and good intonation. The Exeter cup was therefore awarded to King's Scholars.

For the chamber music there were four entries: a Mozart Trio, a Duo by Mazas, a Trio Sonata by Loeillet and a Mozart string quartet. Once again intonation was often faulty, and it was largely owing to care in avoiding this that the prize was awarded to the Mozart trio (C. A. Gane, clarinet, Graham-Dixon, viola, and Martindale, piano).

Altogether the day proved very instructive and well spent. The comments of the adjudicators were always constructive and sympathetic, and Mr. Steuart Wilson's good-humoured and witty criticisms in particular did the school's music a great deal of good. It also became evident that there is an abundance of keen young musicians who will be able to carry on our present musical tradition.

Points for the Erskine Music Cup were: King's Scholars, 28½; Grant's, 13; Busby's, 9½; Rigaud's, 4½ and Ashburnham and Homeboarders, 4½.



DRAMA

A drama class is now held as an alternative to other Wednesday afternoon activities and the first performance by its members took place up School on July 7th. The play was Shaw's *Androcles and the Lion*. M. Miller and D. J. P. Wade, as Lavinia and her handsome captain, showed that they could play human beings as

well as the abstractions of *Everyman*. P. R. Hatt and E. S. Chesser were an effective contrast as the largest and smallest of the captive Christians; K. J. S. Douglas-Mann presented a most Shavian Emperor, and the argument between the Wordsworth brothers was so lifelike that it must have been rehearsed for years.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

ON Monday, June 21st the Society held an inter-debate with Old Westminster. The motion was "That Imperial Commonwealth is incompatible with Western Union and infinitely preferable to it", and it provoked a lively debate.

The Proposer, A. M. Allchin, deplored the present unrealistic enthusiasm for Western Union. The Imperial Commonwealth was a free association tied by bonds of common affection and a common tradition of life, whereas fear of Russia alone united the Western European powers. The Secretary, O. Kerensky, opposing, felt that the widely scattered Dominions had too many conflicting interests, and the colonies mostly hated us. Our interests lay with western Europe, where nationalism was declining, and co-ordinated economic planning was the only hope.

S. J. Steele thought Western Union impracticable. The government should do more to ensure Empire unity. W. R. van Straubenzee (o.w.) believed that the communist threat would prove lasting. Unity against this might be followed by deeper bonds. Europe was closer than the empire, and must come first, but the two were not incompatible. A. Herbert

(o.w.) held that Western Union was a step towards world union. A free trade area in western Europe, possibly jointly with the Commonwealth, was necessary for survival. J. L. C. Dribbell (o.w.) believed Britain to be an integral part of Europe. Union could amalgamate with Commonwealth.

A. P. Graham-Dixon stated the economic case. The Ruhr, the industrial nucleus, should be internationally controlled. Our rôle was that of intermediary between Commonwealth and Union. J. A. C. Spokes felt that in keeping a finger in both pies we should lose both, while H. A. Isaacs pointed out how foolish we should be to abandon the ties of the Dominions to their mother country. J. King-Farlow urged a Christian approach, not a materialistic one. After the summing up, the motion was defeated 13—9, with 5 absentions.

At meetings this term the following motions have been carried: "That materialism is inherent in the structure of our present civilisation" (8—6); and "That His Majesty's Government should now recognise the independent State of Israel" (11—7). A debate has also been held against St. Paul's Girls School.



THE UNDER SCHOOL

Four boys moved on to Westminster at Easter. One of them was P. J. Morley-Jacob, the school Captain, who had been at the school since it started in 1943. He excelled in all its activities and fully deserved the good wishes, mingled with regrets, extended to him on leaving.

With four new boys the total is the same. R. D. E. Pope is now Captain, and T. R. Noble and J. M. Blume are new monitors.

I. L. Hunt, who left last July on gaining a Westminster exhibition, is to be congratulated on appearing third in the list of successful Challenge candidates this term.

After watching part of the Westminster v. Radley match up Fields, about a dozen boys went to Putney for the St. Paul's races. There they boarded the *David*—a craft not built for speed. By cruising off Harrods, however, a good view of the finishes was seen.

The upper forms have been fortunate to be allowed the use of Fields for cricket most of the term. In a low scoring game with Arnold House XI the school XI was successful by 14 runs. On the same day the three lower forms had a change of programme. One paid a visit to Hampton Court, including the Maze, one to Windsor Castle and the third to Kew Gardens.

THE CHALLENGE 1948

The following have been elected to resident scholarships:—

J. W. MASLEN—Mr. D. Fraser, Durston House School.

I. L. HUNT—Westminster School.

E. A. FARMER—Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School.

J. M. T. WILLOUGHBY—Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School.

D. M. RENSHAW—Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School.

A. R. M. FREEMAN—Westminster School.

D. J. C. DAVIES—Mr. D. Fraser, Durston House School.

R. J. WATTS-TOBIN—Westminster School.

Honorary non-resident scholarships have been awarded to:—

B. D. LENNARD—Mr. H. A. C. Evans and Mr. C. N. Wynn, Swanbourne House.

T. M. ROBINSON—Westminster School.

G. BARTON—Westminster School.

An exhibition has been awarded to B. D. LENNARD.

THE OUTLOOK IN EUROPE

ON May 21st The Political and Literary Society met to hear Professor G. P. Gooch give a talk on "The Outlook in Europe". His address, refreshingly clear in thought and expression, formed a discussion of our chances for and against war with Soviet Russia. He first confessed an ignorance of life inside Russia—he quoted General Robertson: "the mist which encircles us"—but believed that from an examination of the historical tendencies, internal and foreign, of Russia, we can obtain a very fair idea of what the men in the Kremlin are trying to do. They are dominated, he thought, by the two basic traditions of Tzarist political life—desire to expand, and fear of all things European.

Professor Gooch brought out the modern justification for such a view. The establishment of buffer states, such as Poland and Czechoslovakia, testified to both fear and expansion. So did the present deadlock in Germany and Greece. Russia has now got all she can without fighting a world war. Dr. Gooch believes that there is a fifty-fifty chance for peace, and that depends, on our side on the success of the Benelux Union and the Marshall plan, and on theirs on realising that we will fight if necessary.

The Society was pleased and honoured to hear a talk by the President of the Historical Association.



THE ESSAY SOCIETY

ON May 28th C. C. C. Tickell read a paper entitled "Gerard Manley Hopkins: a Critical Study of his Life and Work". This was a fascinating discussion of a man whose strange religious poetry was claimed by the essayist to be the greatest and the most influential written in the Victorian age. As his work had not been published until 1918, it might be treated as contemporary with that of Mr. T. S. Eliot or Mr. W. H. Auden. Like them, he was searching for a new technique to express something that had never been expressed in poetry before. Himself a Jesuit, his religious poems were the natural product of a trained and logical Catholic mind. He wrote with a strange indifference to the advice

of his friends or the taunts of his critics and was concerned solely to satisfy his own desire for clarification of the relationship between God, Nature and Man. He sometimes used a peculiar personal vocabulary and his poetry will never have more than a limited public.

The essayist did not claim to have said the last word on his subject but his essay had the merits of being extremely engrossing and giving rise to much spirited discussion. He was obviously very sympathetic to the poet, at times almost too sympathetic, but his style has greatly improved of late and the society is fortunate in having such an interesting essayist among its members.



CORRESPONDENCE

ETON v. WESTMINSTER

To the Editors of THE ELIZABETHAN

Dear Sirs,

It is generally believed that while the first recorded cricket match between Eton and Westminster took place on Hounslow Heath in 1796, the first Eton and Westminster boat race was in 1829. But I have found in the Memoir of Edward Harbord, third Lord Suffield, which was privately printed in 1838, the following passage in a letter written by Lord Suffield to his father from Eton on July 8th, 1796, which certainly suggests the possibility of "water matches" between the two schools much earlier.

"The Westminster boys are going to play us at cricket: we meet at Hounslow, and there is to be determined the fate of Eton! or I rather think of Westminster. The Masters know nothing about it, nor are they intended to do so, I believe, till it is over. So I suppose the Eton boys when they come back will be rewarded

with a comfortable, reasonable, and proper present of birch, together with a few thousand lines of some book to translate or say by heart, or whatever pleases Dr. Heath, which most likely the heroic eleven will submit to, supposing that they return conquerors. I think the Etonians can now overcome the Westminster boys in anything. To give you a specimen of the Etonians' rowing, pray what do you think of six of them the other day, against wind and stream, rowing ten miles in an hour and a quarter? But I hope you will not think that I am engaged the least in water matches, for though I am very fond of the water, my great amusement now is cricket, and I wait for the holidays and my new bat at home to exercise my skill in that art, which I suppose you own is not to be equalled."

The "heroic eleven" lost their match by sixty-six runs.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE.

CRICKET

FIRST MATCHES UP FIELDS SINCE 1939

THE use of Fields as a match ground has made a considerable difference to cricket in the school and we played two of our school matches at Vincent Square.

In the match against Radley the school batted first on a good wicket which was quick to dry after some morning rain. It was unfortunate that the early batsmen did not settle down and play good cricket, and the uncertainty and lack of confidence spread among the team. We were all out for 65 before lunch. Radley started to bat cautiously but were at one point 18 for 4. Hopes of victory flickered out when the batsmen were able to carry the score past 65 without further loss. The match was lost by 6 wickets. Their innings continued and they were finally all out for 136 (D. J. P. Wade 5 for 49, S. L. H. Clarke 4 for 32).

Against the M.C.C. up Fields we did well to dismiss their good batting side for 125. Clarke bowled well and took 5 for 30. The bowlers were helped by keen fielding. The M.C.C. attack proved too much for our opening batsmen until our score was 26 for 5, when two slow bowlers were put on and C. C. P. Williams and Wade were able to score comfortably. The score reached 84 before Wade (36) was bowled by the opening bowler, who now returned to do further damage; with the next ball he had Wall caught at the wicket. Williams and D. M. Steward added 30 runs before Williams was stumped, having made a confident and polished 38. It was an exciting finish, but the later batsmen could not survive and we were finally all out for 117, 8 runs short.

On Thursday, June 10th, the team went down to Shoreham to play Lancing. Lancing started batting cautiously on a drying wicket and at lunch they were 66 for 2. In the afternoon they continued scoring without forcing the pace until, at 135 for 8, the last three batsmen attacked the bowling and Lancing were all out for 167. This left the school about three hours in which to make the runs. Time enough, but when the score was 12, three wickets fell in four balls, and a little later it became 27 for 5. Wade then brightened the game by hitting 29 while R. T. Robinson remained steady at the other end. The score increased slowly but wickets fell without the required stand, and we were all out for 130 (Robinson 34).

Rain in the morning of June 17th might have completely spoilt the match against the XL Club, but the weather improved just before lunch and

the teams enjoyed an afternoon of cricket. Westminster batted first and D. L. Almond hit a competent 67. There was also some good hitting by R. K. Pitamber, who made 28 before being caught off E. P. Hendren. At tea we declared at 143 for 8; I. A. R. Peebles, who overcame trouble with an injured leg, had taken 5 for 49. After the re-opening ceremony, D. J. Knight and A. Sandham opened the innings to Wade and Wall. Knight was soon bowled by Wade and the Forty Club could never attack the bowling, due more to their age than our accuracy. There was, however, no easy way of disposing of Hendren, though his wicket was worth half a crown from the Dean. The Over Forties continued and pushed the score to 65 for 7, Hendren still not out, before a heavy shower ended cricket for the day. Wade took 3 for 21, Williams 2 for 9.

The school played Charterhouse up Fields on June 19th. It was a good match, probably the best we have had with Charterhouse for many years, if only because the school came so near to winning. Charterhouse batted first and lost two wickets in the second over. Wade, Wall and Clarke did all the bowling and kept them going hard for runs all the time. A slight recovery in the middle, and two dropped catches, gave them a final score of 77. In the Westminster innings, Almond was run out almost before we had started to bat, and some good bowling from S. Kimmins put us in the unhappy position of 17 for 4 at tea time (rain stopping most of the play). The score proceeded slowly and unsteadily until we were all out for 66, losing by 11 runs. Though the batting may not have been good, all due credit must be given to the Charterhouse fielding, which was excellent. Wall took 4 for 17, Wade 3 for 25 and 3 for 28.

Other results were:—

Wimbledon C.C. 150 for 9 dec. (Wall 5 for 13); Westminster 69 for 7 (Williams 33 not out). Westminster 134 (Wade 52); Eton Ramblers 117 (Wade 7 for 45).

The results of the Colts' matches were:—

Westminster 75 (K. J. M. Kemp 22); Aldenham 76 for 9 (Williams 3 for 16, Kemp 3 for 24). Westminster 98 (Williams 25); Whitgift 101 (G. N. P. Lee 4 for 13, Kemp 3 for 14). Lancing 137 for 6 dec. (Kemp 5 for 34); Westminster 14. Westminster 68; Westminster Schools' Athletic Association 53 for 7 (Kemp 6 for 18).

Pinks have been re-awarded to S. L. H. Clarke and D. L. Almond; Pinks have been awarded to D. M. Steward; Pink-and-Whites to R. T. Robinson; Thirds to G. N. P. Lee and C. C. P. Williams; Colts to K. J. M. Kemp.

THE WATER

THE VESTA DASHES

In the first round of the Vesta Dashes, Westminster beat Imperial II by three feet, Owen's School coming third, while Thames III and Vesta won the other heats, the former beating St. Paul's by three quarters of a length in the same time. The final was an excellent race—Westminster getting away faster took the lead, but Thames put in an extremely strong spurt at Beverley, and won by two feet, again in 1 min. 20 secs.

The crew was as follows:—J. M. Gray (bow), P. C. Pearson, S. J. Barrett, R. W. Beard, D. N. Croft, S. J. Steele, J. A. C. Spokes, V. Herbert (stroke), D. Secker Walker (cox).

In the junior sculling dashes, Pearson and Gray were entered for the School, and Pearson won the cup, which has now been held by Westminster since E. P. Hawthorne's victory in 1939.

THE LEAGUES

At a meeting of fourteen London schools it was decided to arrange our inter-school fixtures on a league basis. The fifteen shell eights were arranged in three senior leagues, and nineteen clinker eights in three junior leagues. Crews coming top of their leagues may qualify to go up to the league above next year, and so after a year or two crews should find their proper level.

In League 1, our First VIII have come top with 6 points, winning all their races. They raced Owen's from Hammersmith to the Stone, and taking the lead at once won comfortably by 4 lengths. They then met St. Paul's; starting from the Stone, they went down a canvas at the start, but had gained the lead at Beverley, and steering a much better course were well clear by the Mile Post. Near Harrod's St. Paul's caught a crab, and Westminster won by $3\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. They also won comfortably by 3 lengths against University College School on their course at Richmond.

In League 2, over the same course, the Second VIII have had an uphill fight. They lost to King's College School I by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, to St. Paul's II by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, and to Latymer Upper I by 3 lengths, while in their last race against University College School II they won by 3 lengths. St. Paul's II came top of this league, winning all their races; Westminster came fourth.

In League 5, the Third VIII beat Owen's III and Quintin II, and lost to St. Paul's III, and

University College School III. The Third VIII was therefore placed third with 6 points. The Fourth and Fifth VIIIs are both in League 6 this year, and the best race of the season was the struggle between these two crews, when the Fourth VIII, after a neck-and-neck race, won by a third of a length. They have also beaten University College School IV, Latymer Upper IV and St. Paul's IV, while the Fifth VIII have beaten Latymer Upper IV, St. Paul's V and University College School IV. Westminster IV came first with 10 points, and Westminster V second with 8 points.

The course for the junior leagues was the Mile.

MARLOW REGATTA

On June 19th, the first two VIIIs took part in Marlow Regatta. The First VIII entered for the Marlow Eights, and drew Westminster Bank and Weybridge. After losing a canvas on a crooked start, the crew soon settled down, and for the first half of the race, were only half a length down. But when a spurt at Bisham Abbey failed, the crew became ragged and unsteady. Finally Westminster Bank beat Weybridge by a canvas and the school by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 38 secs.

The Second VIII, competing in the Junior Eights, drew Brasenose College II. After an excellent start they went off with a lead of a canvas, which they increased to half a length after two minutes. But Brasenose began to go up, and Westminster were unable to spurt. Weight told against them, and Brasenose won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 42 secs.

HENLEY REGATTA

Westminster drew Bryanston and had to concede 24 lbs. a man. At the Barrier (2.2) Bryanston had a length, and at Fawley (3.29) were $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths up. Here Westminster spurted and pulled them back half a length. Taking her in from Barn Elms they struck 41 up the Stewards, but Bryanston were rowing beautifully and won by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. This was the best row Westminster had done.

Bryanston withdrew from the Princess Elizabeth on Friday and lost to Eton by two thirds of a length in the final of the Ladies' Plate.

LAWN TENNIS

WE have taken a step forward this year by acquiring a coach, Mr. Stanley Harris, who comes for two hours every Wednesday afternoon. He takes the team for the first hour and a larger group for the second.

Courts are harder than ever to get, especially on Saturdays, so the number of boys allowed to play tennis as their main station has been reduced to twenty-four. This ensures that as far as is possible all of them get a proper game on each station day. By next year the courts at Vincent Square should be ready, and it is to be hoped that there will be at least three. Two are insufficient for a match, and we should like to return the hospitality of other schools.

The school played the Masters at Sydenham on May 20th and were beaten 5—3 with one game unfinished. The match was much closer than last year, and J. J. Potter, who has improved considerably, and J. R. Wall made a good first pair. The Aldenham match was cancelled owing to rain; three other matches, including those against Lancing and Queenswood, were also arranged.

We have some promising younger players and so the prospects for next year are quite good.



THE LODGE UP FIELDS

Repairs to what used to be known as the Long Room adjoining the old Lodge up Fields have uncovered the ancient stone with which it is constructed. In this connection it may be interesting to recall that "Sir Gilbert Scott longed to demolish the Vincent Square Lodge because it was first built with ancient fragments many of them brought from the Abbey triforium" (Poole in R.I.B.A. Journal, March 6th, 1890).

The original Specification and Memorandum of Agreement for the building of the Lodge is among the Abbey Muniments (W.A.M. 52182 A—B 52183). It is dated October, 1827. It states that the work is to be carried out by Francis Richman, builder, under the supervision of Edward Blore, the Abbey Surveyor, and "that the said Lodge Room . . . shall be built with the stone that has been taken down from the facing of Westminster Abbey on the late repairs there and now lying on the ground on the North side of the said Church."

FENCING PRESENTATIONS

On Wednesday, May 19th, Mr. E. R. B. Graham came to the school and very kindly presented various weapons to the finalists in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships. Amongst these were a number of electric épées, one of which was used by P. Webb in the final of the Junior Épée Competition in which he was placed eighth.

As a token of our gratitude the Captain of Fencing, S. L. H. Clarke, presented Mr. Graham with a signed photograph of the team. Mr. Graham thanked the team not only for the photograph, but also for winning his cup, at the same time expressing the hope that this would be the first of many victories for Westminster.



BLACK REDSTARTS AT WESTMINSTER

Black redstarts, quite common on the continent, are still rare in this country. They first nested in England twenty-five years ago, in the London area just before the war and at Westminster in 1940. They came again in 1941, but then there was a gap, as far as is known, until this year, when they have reared a brood of five in College Dormitory. The birds were tame and photographs were finally taken at a range of six feet. Unfortunately the cats in College Garden are strongly suspected of infanticide, but the cock's rattling song has been heard again and there are hopes of a second brood.



CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following, and apologise for any omissions:

Academy Monthly, Aldenhamian, Ardingly Annals, Arrow, Brightonian, Bryanston Saga, Cantuarian, Carthusian, Chicago Latin School News, Choate News, Cholmelian, Christ's College Register, Crimson Comet, Cromwellian, Deerfield Scroll, Delphian, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, El Nopal, Eton College Chronicle, Felstedian, Fettesian, Fish and Pumpkin, Glenalmond Chronicle, Gordonstoun Record, Gower, Grotonian, Haileyburian, Kearnsey College Chronicle, Kent News, Lancing College Magazine, Log, City of London School Magazine, Magus, Mansfield College Chronicle, Marlburian, Mercers' School Magazine, Meteor, Mill Hill School Magazine, Milton Bulletin, Ousel, Portcullis, Radleian, Reptonian, Rossallian, St. Edward's School Chronicle, St. Peter's College Magazine, Sedberghian, Shirburnian, Stonyhurst Magazine, Tabor Academy Magazine, Taylorian, Wish Stream, Wykhamist.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

The following names appeared in the Birthday Honours :

Mr. J. M. Troutbeck,—K.C.M.G.

Mr. T. G. Lund,—C.B.E.

Mr. L. E. Tanner, M.V.O.—Promotion to M.V.O. 4th Class.

Mr. H. J. Kemp was awarded the O.B.E. in last year's Birthday Honours.

Dr. W. T. S. Stallybrass, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, has been made a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

Mr. J. P. Honour, Mr. A. C. H. Barlow and Dr. F. I. McD. Paterson have been called to the bar.

Major D. B. Huxley has been appointed head of a Board of Inquiry into the labour dispute in Bermuda.

Captain M. Richmond has been appointed Naval liaison officer (U.K. Service Liaison Staff) New Zealand.

Mr. E. E. S. Montagu, K.C., has been appointed deputy-chairman of the County of Southampton Quarter Sessions.

The Reverend H. W. Dunn has been appointed Vicar of Ogbourne St. George.

Mr. I. D. Macfarlane has been elected a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Dr. P. M. Turquet has been chosen as a member of the British Fencing team at the Olympic Games.

BIRTHS

ASQUITH—On May 2nd, 1948, at Hove, to Vivien, wife of Simon Asquith, a daughter.

GIBSON—On May 3rd, 1948, in London, to Carmela Luisa, wife of James A. W. Gibson, a daughter.

JONES—On February 2nd, 1948, at Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, to the wife of Humphrey Lloyd Jones, a son.

KANN—On May 15th, 1948, in Woking, to Lilian, wife of P. W. G. Kann, a son.

MASEFIELD—On June 10th, 1948, in London, to Patricia, wife of Peter G. Masefield, F.R.Ae.S., a son.

QUIXLEY—On March 26th, 1948, to Betsy, wife of Peter Quixley, a daughter.

REYNOLDS—On June 6th, 1948, at Bishop's Stortford, to Joan, wife of Dr. Stewart Russell Reynolds, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

CAREY : CHAPPELL—On May 29th, 1948, at the King's Chapel of the Savoy, Myles Francis Maxwell Carey to Sheila Mary, only daughter of the late Mr. R. K. Chappell, K.C., and of Mrs. Chappell of Mallord St., Chelsea.

FREEMAN : WHATMOUGH—On May 15th, 1948, at St. Peter's Vere Street, Edgar James Albert Freeman to Shirley Lake, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Whatmough, of Arnall's Road, S.W.16.

OBITUARY

JOHN HARWOOD CLARKE was the youngest of five brothers who were at Westminster. He was admitted as a Queen's Scholar in 1884 and went to the Durham College of Science. He became an engineer and was manager of the firm of Laing and Sons, the Sunderland shipbuilders. He married Ethel, daughter of Walter Sprott, of Mayfield, Sussex. He died on February 11th in his seventy-eighth year.

Many Westminsters, and especially those to whom Fields and the tradition of Fields are dear, will have seen with sorrow the passing of LOUIS AUGUSTE MARIE FEVEZ, which took place on May 9th, 1948 at the age of 81. He was the elder son of Victor Antoine Fevez and was a Home-boarder from 1882-1885. A double Pink in his Westminster days, he was Captain of a Football XI which contained such giants as R. R. Sandilands and W. R. Moon. Afterwards for many years he played regularly for the Old Westminsters. Even when he was nearer fifty than forty he would occasionally bring a team against the School and play back himself with massive and imperturbable authority. He was Hon. Treasurer of the O.W.W. Football and Cricket Clubs from 1900-1923. An enthusiastic and loyal Westminister he remained throughout his life young at heart, and he will be much missed at Westminster gatherings, where there were few better known or more popular figures.

He married in 1924, Evelyn Grace, youngest daughter of G. R. Ord, of Basingstoke.

ADRIAN LESLIE STEPHEN was born in 1883 and admitted to Westminster in 1896. He went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, and was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn. He married in 1914, Karin, daughter of Benjamin Costelloe, of Haslemere. He died on May 3rd at the age of 64.

T H E E L I Z A B E T H A N C L U B

A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G A N D D I N N E R

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place up School on Friday, October 1st, 1948, at 6 p.m., and will be followed by the Annual Club Dinner, which is to be held at the Church House Restaurant, Dean's Yard, S.W.1. The

Head Master has again given permission for those attending to adjourn to Ashburnham House after dinner. Full details will be issued in due course and it is hoped that last year's record number of 150 will be exceeded.

T H E G A M E S C O M M I T T E E

L A W N T E N N I S

The first match since the re-formation of the Old Westminster Lawn Tennis Section took place on Saturday, June 12th and resulted in a win over Epsom College (6—2 and 1 halved).

Two evening matches against Essendine Club and a Saturday match against Imperial College were also arranged.

The Honorary Secretary, D. R. Mullis, 59 Braxted Park, Streatham Common, S.W.16, would be very glad to learn of Old Westminsters who would like to play so that a more ambitious programme can be arranged for next year. It would also be a help to receive suggestions for fixtures.

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