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## PLAY TERM NOTES

### SCHOOL MONITORS

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Captain of Shooting

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 13th. Mr. Christmas Humphreys, Q.C., to address the Political and Literary Society at 5.15 p.m.  
14th. 1st XI v. Lancing up Fields.  
Fencing—1st team v. Pangbourne, at Pangbourne.  
21st. 1st XI v. Highgate up Fields.  
Fencing — 1st team v. Imperial College (Home)  
23rd. Christ Church Election begins.  
28th. 1st XI v. Charterhouse at Charterhouse.  
Fencing—1st team v. St. Paul's, at St. Paul's.  
Dec. 5th. 1st XI v. Old Carthusians, up Fields.  
7th. Trinity Election begins.  
8th. Fives v. Lancing at Lancing.  
18th. Concert by the Choral and Orchestral Societies, 7.45 p.m.  
21st. 1st XI v. Elizabeth College, Guernsey at Guernsey.  
22nd. Term ends.  
23rd. 1st XI v. Victoria College, Jersey at Jersey.

**The School Concert will take place on  
Friday, December 18th, at 7.45 p.m.**

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The Concert Secretary,  
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# A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

THE whole of College and a fair number of Town Boys attended the service for the re-opening of the Abbey on November 1st, and the daily school service is once more being held in Abbey. It is good to be back in our superb traditional place of worship, but it would be wrong to return without recording how deeply the school is indebted to the Vicar of St. Matthew's, Fr. Royle, for allowing the morning service to be held in his church since last December. There are many who have come to regard St. Matthew's with affection and who will wish that, in some way or another, our association with it may be continued.

In connection with the Save the Abbey Week, which starts on November 15th, a number of addresses will be given in Abbey. The speakers include the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, and Mr. J. T. Christie, late Head Master of Westminster.

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AN innovation this term is the School Monitors' Room, in the Willett Wing of Ashburnham House. It is the room on the ground floor which was occupied by Mr. Simpson before the Busby Library was reopened. Used exclusively by School Monitors, the room now appears to have found a very permanent and necessary use after so many years of indeterminate tenancy.

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THE School Dance was held last term on Saturday July 18th. Despite the counter-attractions of the North London Collegiate Girls' School Dance, which drew away a few Westminsters, there was a large number of guests. An enthusiastic band and an excellent supper prepared by Mrs. Burd helped to make the evening a most successful one, and the presence of our American visitor for the year, who was dressed typically in white tuxedo and mauve bow tie with imitation carnation to match, added a particular touch of gaiety to the whole proceedings.

Mr. C. H. Fisher retired from the Housemastership of Busby's last term, and Mr. F. R. Rawes has become the third Housemaster. The Housemastership of Ashburnham, left vacant by Mr. Rawes' move, has been filled by Mr. D. S. Brock, (O.W.)

Another change is on the Science Side, where Mr. J. K. Page has left to join the Scientific and Industrial Research Co. Ltd., and has been replaced by Dr. J. P. Hall, B.Sc., D.Phil. Dr. Hall, a graduate of London University, comes to Westminster from Epsom College, where he spent four years. He is married, with two children.

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THE Combined Cadet Force, too, has seen a big change. The command, formerly vested in Mr. R. E. Wigram, is now in the hands of Mr. E. R. D. French, newly gazetted Major. As Mr. Wigram is now on the staff of the Under School, he is unable to devote any time to the Corps. The first Field Day to be organized by Mr. French took place last month, and a large party were shown over the Royal Marine Gunnery Establishment near Portsmouth.

Mr. E. Craven has given up the Scoutmastership, and has been succeeded by Mr. C. Moor, aided by S. A. Cang (Ashburnham) as Assistant Scoutmaster.

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AT the first Assembly of term, the attention of the School was drawn to the newly-repaired Charles II chairs on which the Monitorial Council sits. Presented in memory of A. C. J. Mango, who was killed in the Second World War, the chairs come from Lord Brassey's estate at Apethorpe, and were purchased in 1948. To discourage unauthorized persons from mounting the monitorial dais and causing damage to the chairs, they are now surrounded by eight oak posts linked with red cord.

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FURTHER laboratory space has been provided for the scientists by the removal of the Armoury to the back of No. 19, Dean's Yard. No. 19, which was occupied by the then King's Scholars until the re-opening of College, and more lately by the Under School, now houses a part of Grant's and some formrooms.

# ELECTION DINNER

## REVIVAL AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS

AFTER 14 years Election Dinner was once again held this year in College Hall. Some 130 guests attended and for the first time a considerable number of young Old Westminsters were invited—mainly those who had achieved academic or athletic distinction during the past few years.

The company assembled in the Jerusalem Chamber and passed by way of the Jericho Parlour and the Deanery Courtyard into the Hall, where the soft light from the candelabra was reflected in gleaming silver, much of it of historic interest: the Warren Hastings Cup; the 18th century Hannes "Poculum" given by Lord Davidson last year; the Impey Cup (one of the few gold cups in the country); and the great silver urn presented to Dr. Samuel Smith, Head Master 1764-88, which was recently re-purchased for the school. Conspicuous also on the high table was the Pickering Loving Cup, the gift of Maurice Pickering, Keeper of the Gate House from 1551 to 1593, a Standing Cup which is one of the finest as well as the largest of its date and class in existence.

Grace was said by three Second Elections standing at the lower end of the Hall, and after the first course the Captain announced the theses for epigrams. "Vivat Regina Elizabetha" and "Tempora mutantur" were obvious choices for 1953, and the latter theme was implicit in the graceful elegiacs spoken by the Captain, in which the Electors were greeted and the revival of Election Dinner was acclaimed.

Heu mihi! quot quantasque vices Schola  
nostra peregit!

Quoque virum vultus usque requirit amor!  
Abripuit nobis mors immatura decanum;  
Nec non ille abiit quo duce parva manus  
Pertulit exilium et durando restituit rem.

A neat couplet rebuked any Senior Old Westminster who might be inclined to frown on the innovation of inviting comparative youngsters to dine.

"Tot pueros circum piget hac discernere  
cena!"

"Nec sunt hi pueri, garrule; tuque senex."  
and an English epigram gently mocked those diehards (if there were any) who might resent another innovation—dinner jackets.

The Dean of Westminster (whose name is tempting to the epigram-writer) was contrasted with the dons who were our ancestors' antagonists in the earlier Elizabethan age—"that auspicious reign that raised this Royal School and humbled Spain". The reluctance of the "horrida progenies Scotica" to accord the Queen her proper title was ridiculed, and polite incredulity was expressed (this time in Greek) at the political volte-face which followed the visit of Marshal Tito last March. The Westminster pronunciation of Latin also came in for comment:

Qui dicunt "Caesar", clamant et "Vivat  
Eliza!"

Quee deecunt Kaiser, "Weewat Eleeza"  
kient.

Other themes were the re-building of Grant's, the Abbey Appeal and the Latin Play.

For many years the epigrams at Election Dinner have been printed before-hand and handed round during dessert, and the custom of announcing the theses early in the proceedings, which in theory invites impromptu compositions, has long been an empty form. This year, however, an extempore epigram scribbled on the back of a menu-card, was handed to the Under Master during dinner. Its thesis was "Tempora Mutantur" and it neatly combined two themes which had been mentioned earlier:

Times change, I think I heard you say;  
Black ties, I see, instead of white  
Surround our festal board tonight;  
But please, oh please, don't change the Play!

It came from Sir Percival Waterfield and it would be pleasant if in future years others were to follow his admirable example.



## REBUILDING OF GRANT'S

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DURING August a start was made on the extensive programme of rebuilding Grant's. The centre portion of the house, running from the main building to the new block on Great College Street was pulled down and the site, together with Grant's and Rigaud's house-yards, at present temporarily forms a large open piazza.



The building now demolished could not lay claim to much architectural beauty. As Old Grantites will remember, it was a low two-storeyed building oddly resembling a row of cottages which had strayed in amongst grander neighbours. Its date was uncertain; perhaps early nineteenth century; certainly not earlier than 1790, when the main part of the house was erected, though early eighteenth-century plans show that there was a previous building of some sort on the site

running south towards College Street. In 1847 the ground-floor rooms previously used as sick-rooms (the Chiswicks) were converted into studies and continued to be used for that purpose until 1921, in which year the new building on the College Street frontage was erected and the studies converted into a dining hall. On the first floor were servants' bedrooms, each opening into the next and communicating by means of an outside iron staircase with a small subterranean bathroom. It was an inconvenient arrangement to put it mildly, and it says much for the devotion of the domestic staff under successive housemasters that they put up with such antiquated conditions.

The boys in the new building were not much better off than the servants in the old. Although designed only thirty years ago, both the planning and the construction of the 1921 block were singularly bad. A disproportionate amount of space was wasted on a forbidding stone staircase which trailed up to a non-existent third storey, the studies were cramped, and the baths were designed with a waywardness which few architects even in these days could hope to rival. Only in the Boys' Hall was there any attempt to create a dignified living space. In elevation the building was plain, except on the College Street side, where it incorporated part of the ancient monastic wall, but its severe outlines were relieved by a curious wooden hut on the roof, rather like a large sentry-box. Near this hut was an overflow pipe from which boiling water would gush from time to time when the boiler got over-heated—an architectural joke which provided much harmless fun.

It is intended that the central block now demolished shall be rebuilt as boys' studies, room for a dining hall being found nearer College Street. Additional space will be gained by building over the passageway at the bottom of the Under Master's garden. The main part of the house fronting Little Dean's Yard will be preserved.

## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

THE School Concert at the end of the Election Term can always be relied upon to produce, from the midst of a highly varied selection of works, at least one or two stimulating performances. At the same time the risk that the general standard may tend towards unevenness is one which must of necessity be undergone : however it does, perhaps, add to the interest of the Concert as a whole.

One would possess a catholic taste indeed if one were fully to appreciate every one of the works which occurred in the very ample range of the programme we were offered on July 24th. The Concert opened by Grant's House Choir, winners of the Erskine Cup in the Music Competitions, who concentrated too hard, perhaps, on overcoming the technical difficulties of their song, Ireland's *In Praise of Neptune*, to enter fully into the spirit of the piece. Inevitably, therefore, the performance lacked inspiration, and failed to give the Concert the brisk start it might well have done. It was most unfortunate that R. L. G. Flower was prevented by indisposition from performing his piano solo : those who had been lucky enough to hear him in the Music Competitions were looking forward keenly to a second performance. As it was, P. J. Dunlop, accompanied by A. S. Cairns, followed on immediately with Handel's treble aria, *How beautiful Are The Feet*, and was deservedly encored. M. M. Aufenast gave his customary polished performance as the string soloist, but his

piece *Légende* by Wieniawski, was spoiled in some degree by a rather loud accompaniment. The winning pair from the Senior Piano Duet, D.M. Lloyd-Jones and M. S. Makower, gave a rendering of a Bagatelle by Dvorak which was full of rhythm and life, but lacking somewhat in technical control. J. C. H. Armstrong's tone was most pleasant to the ear, and C. P. Smith's accompaniment admirably restrained in the Handel Oboe Sonata, although Armstrong seemed to find himself rather short of breath in the last movement. The first half of the Concert was rounded off with a most accomplished performance of Mozart's Piano Trio in D Minor. The 'cello and piano parts were both handled with great competence by C. P. Smith and C. K. H. Davison, while Aufenast executed the violin part with fire and brilliance. The performance had vigour and good dynamics, and struck one as being a real piece of *ensemble* playing.

The orchestra opened the second half with Weber's *Oberon* Overture. Save for the slow movement of Greig's Piano Concerto, in which Davison was a sympathetic soloist, the rest of the Concert was devoted to Russian music for Choir and Orchestra. The Choir lacked vigour in the short *Polonaise* by Rimsky-Korsakov, but rose to the occasion in the *Choral Dances* from Borodin's *Prince Igor*, which, enlivened by good orchestral playing, brought the Concert to as stimulating end as could be desired.

## SCOUT CAMP

THE camp this year was situated about six miles from Moffat in Dumfriesshire. The site was an extremely suitable one, fresh water being available from an allegedly uncontaminated stream that ran right through the camp if the weather was sufficiently wet. Luckily, the local inhabitants had enjoyed three weeks of solid rain before we arrived, and consequently the stream was almost overflowing. But only three days were in any way spoilt for us by the weather, and even then we merely had half-hearted showers at intermittent periods. When we left the stream was almost, but not quite dry.

Climbing the nearby hills, visiting the Grey Mare's Tail and St. Mary's Loch, dipping sheep (in arsenic baths) and hiking were the most popular occupations. One gentleman even thought it his duty to go for a bathe, and later he made a small bracken bivouac for himself and even slept in it. Retribution, however, came swift and sure : he left camp on a stretcher.

A very welcome addition to our equipment this year was Mr. Craven's car. On the rare occasions when the owner drove it, the passengers were invariably at ease. When the Troop Leader drove to a nearby farm to get the milk, one had all the thrills of trying to turn it into butter, a feat that was never achieved in spite of very able encouragement from the Highland roads, the car itself and, not least, the T/L. It must, however, be said that Mr. Craven had done his best to convert the entire contents of a milk-float into butter, by the simple expedient of bumping into it when driving to the site from London.

We were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Carleton. This was the last camp to be organized by Mr. Craven, who has now arranged seven camps for the Troop absolutely flawlessly and very efficiently. All those who have been with him in these camps owe him a real debt of gratitude for all he has done, and we thank him most sincerely.

# THE REGATTA

## KEEN RACING

THE School Regatta is more than just a procession of races culminating in the Finals Day and tea in the Boathouse at 4.30 p.m. From start to finish it affords a very valuable opportunity for watching, discussing and trying out future material. As Henley is to those who select the Boat Race crews, so is our Regatta to those who will coach and form the next year's eights. This is a fact that was not generally appreciated until this Regatta, when it was gratifying to find that people were regarding the event more in this light and less as a means of winning cups. The standard of racing was higher than usual, and the general keenness and enthusiasm were most encouraging and far more prevalent throughout the Boat Club. Westminster can boast only one Blue since the war, and it is only if this feeling of increased and increasing competition can be carefully fostered that we shall see Westminsters once again laying down pink blades for blue ones.

In the sculling events, Steve Fairbairn was once again proved correct. It is mileage that makes winners. Junior Sculls were eventually won by J. C. Bartlett, who beat S. C. H. Douglas-Mann by one length after a very badly steered final. This, however, should not be taken as discouraging, for Bartlett richly deserved his victory over very much heavier and larger opponents. In Junior-Senior Sculls, R. H. de Vere Green beat J. C. H. Armstrong. This event gave us some of the closest and best-contested races of the Regatta. In Senior Sculls, surprises followed each other with amazing rapidity, culminating in an unprecedented situation where three out of the four finalists were members of the Second Eight, and none of them very heavy. C. P. Smith, the only First Eight semi-finalist, was beaten by H. H. M. Rogers. In the other semi-final, R. A. Bulgin had the misfortune to fall in while rowing against R. T. Fowler-Farkas. In the final, Rogers won after a good and well contested race.

### THE DOUBLE SCULLS

For the second year running, G. A. D. Saward and M. A. B. Harrison (Busby's) had to row over

the course, their opponents having to scratch because of illness. Last year they were, frankly, lucky, and this year the result was very far indeed from a foregone conclusion. P. S. Meadows and G. Francis (Rigaud's) who should have raced them in the Final were a powerful and well co-ordinated pair.

For those who like to talk about rowing non-stop, the four-oared events this year provided non-stop material. In the Junior Fours, Busby's were the favourites, and looked together and well-polished. Their earlier races provided excitement, because one member of the crew had a great affinity for catching crabs. However, they reached the final quite easily. But from the other side of the draw a powerful Wren's A crew swept through to the final with little difficulty, and power versus style exceptionally fine for juniors was the situation on Finals Day. Power won, although on a longer course things might well have been different, for Wren's were too inclined to waste a great deal of their energy both during and between strokes. Busby's were also favourites on paper for the Junior-Senior Fours. Ashburnham, however, having produced a very good crew for the second time running, were too good for them in the final. In Senior Fours, Busby's won without any difficulty, defeating Ashburnham in the final. The Busby's crew consisted of four Pinks and an ex-First Eight cox.

Other results were : Coxes Handicap ; A. R. M. Pickering (Fourth Eight) : Lamprobatiks ; T.BB. beat Q.SS : O.WW. Sculls ; H. Ward beat K. J. Douglas-Mann and J. A. C. Spokes : Challenge race (Busby's v. The School) ; The School beat Busby's.

Group-Captain H. R. A. Edwards, (O.W.), kindly presented the prizes. He gave us all some very welcome encouragement, and we were very fortunate to have the advice and opinions of one of Westminster's greatest oarsmen. Busby's won the Halahan Cup fairly easily, but next year should see this cup much more closely contested. The order in the competition for the cup was as follows : Busby's, Wren's, Ashburnham, Rigaud's, Grant's, College.



# SCHOOL GOLF

## THREE MEETINGS

**D**URING 1953 the Golfing Society has had three meetings. The first of these was a very informal affair which took place in thick fog at Coombe Wood, Kingston, on January 20th. A medal round was played in the morning and the leading scores were :

R. A. Bulgin 80—10 = 70  
A. W. Abbott 91—16 = 75  
R. P. Hillyard 88—12 = 76  
J. W. Tourlmain 93—16 = 77

A four-ball Stapleford competition after lunch was won by Tourlmain and Hillyard with a fine score of 45 points.

During the Easter holidays four Westminsters took part in the Carris Trophy at Moor Park. One of them gained fifth place in a field of 130 which included seven junior international players. On the last day of the holidays a School meeting was held at Richmond. The Pitamber Cup was won for the second year by S. L. Henry with a score of 82—14 = 68. The runner-up was R. A. Bulgin who returned 79—9 = 70.

The Old Westminsters produced a strong team, three members of which had just returned from the Halford-Hewitt. A very close match took place which the last Old Westminster won

for his team on the eighteenth green. The results were :—

Raj. K. Pitamber lost to R. A. Bulgin 3/2  
A. C. Grover, Esq. lost to S. L. Henry 6/4  
T. J. Davies, Esq., beat R. P. Hillyard 3/2  
F. N. Hornsby, Esq., beat A. W. Abbott 5/4  
L. Leighton, Esq., beat J. W. Tourlmain 4/3  
Mr. Justice Hallett halved with C. P. Danin.

The Old Westminsters beat the School by three matches to two, with one halved.

On September 21st the Society met at Sudbrook Park to compete for the Barnes Cup, which was won by R. A. Bulgin, 76—9 = 67. The runner-up was Hillyard, 81—12 = 69. Third was Tourlmain, 89—16 = 73.

After lunch the Old Westminsters inflicted a heavy defeat on the School, whose only point was gained by M. A. Marshall, while Hyam and Henry succeeded in halving their matches. Pitamber played extremely well and gained a crushing 5/4 victory over Bulgin, who was later heard murmuring threats against people who were 'four under fours when the match ended'. The Old Westminsters beat the School by seven matches to one with two halved.

All those members of the School who have attended these meetings would like to thank the Old Westminsters for their unceasing hospitality and generosity on these occasions.

## CONTEMPORARIES

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

*The Arrow, The Beaumont Review, The Brentwoodian, Britannia Magazine, The Carthusian, The Christ's College Register, The Eagle, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Elizabethan (magazine of Elizabeth College, Guernsey), The English Public Schools Association Journal, The Eton College Chronicle, The Felstedian, The Glenalmond Chronicle, The Haileyburian and I.S.C. Chronicle, The Harrovian, The Hurst-fchnian, The Impala, Kearsney College Chronicle, The Leys Fortnightly, The Log, The Magus, The Meteor, The Ousel, The Queenswoodian, The Rossalian, The St. Edward's School Chronicle, The Sedberghian, The Tonbridgian, The Taylorian, The Wellingtonian, and The Wykehamist.*

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## LAWN TENNIS

THE 1st VI won eight of their last nine matches, including those against Mill Hill, Lancing, Aldenham and Sandhurst. In these four matches, Gordon and Clarke did not lose at all and finished the season with a score of 31 victories against 10 defeats. Rudd and Richter played with success and determination against Eltham (our only loss) winning all three of their matches against good pairs : and the final choice for 3rd pair, Sutton and Prince, were of real help by winning at least once in each match. After this strong finish to the season it was disappointing that quarantine forced us to scratch from the Youll Cup.

This year no cricketers managed to penetrate the closing rounds of the school competitions ; and the standard of sportsmanship and good temper was an excellent one, even in the house doubles, a notorious provoker of violent feelings. Gordon won the Barnes Cup after hard three-set matches, against Clarke in the semi-final, and Richter in the final. Mr. Stanley Barnes (O.W.) himself an ex-Wimbledon player thought the standard of the final the highest he had yet seen.

Wren's (Gordon and Richter) after a tough game against Grant's (Clarke and Prince) won the final against Rigaud's (Rudd and Campbell-Jones) fairly comfortably to retain the cup.

Injury and quarantine prevented a decision in the Junior Finals : Prince and Saunders—a cricketer—divided the singles after reaching 7 all in the 1st set, and Ashburnham and Busby's the doubles.

During the holidays Gordon reached the semi-final of the schoolboys under 16 singles at Queen's, losing to the winner. Richter had two match points against the losing finalist in an earlier round. Later Gordon won the Evening News Junior Singles, and both Gordon and Clarke were accepted for Junior Wimbledon.

Prospects for the future are good ; four of the team have two or three more years at school and there are several young members of the 2nd VI left to compete for the last two places. Surviving colours are : Pinks—D. P. Gordon (Captain), G. S. Clarke ; Pink and Whites—T. F. Richter ; Thirds—C. H. Prince (Secretary).

## OLD WESTMINSTERS

Dr. E. D. Adrian, O.M., has been awarded the Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for his work in neuro-physiology. He has also received the degree of LL.D. of the University of Wales, and of Doctor of Medicine of the University of Montreal and of McGill University. Dr. Adrian is President of the British Association for the current year.

The Cambridge University Press has published *A Catalogue of the Musical Manuscripts at Peterhouse, Cambridge*, by Dom Anselm Hughes, O.S.B. ; and *The Measurement of Consumers' Expenditure and Behaviour in the U. K. 1920-1938, Vol. 1*, by Mr. J. R. N. Stone.

Mr. Hugh Massingham has published a new novel called *The Wandering Eye*.

Commander (E.) K. M. Symonds, D.S.C., R.N., has been promoted Captain (E.), and has been appointed Naval Deputy Superintendent, Admiralty Gunnery Establishment, Teddington.

Mr. C. T. Sims-Williams was successful in the special entry for Cadets, R.N.

Captain B. K. Atkins, U.S.N., has been appointed Current Plans Officer on the Staff of Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

The Queen's Prize at Bisley was won by Major N. N. W. McCaw.

Air Vice-Marshal G. D. Harvey has been appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 23 Group.

Mr. S. J. Barrett has been successful in the examination for the Foreign Service.

Mr. R. M. Howe has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the C.I.D.

The Rev. R. J. E. Dix has been appointed vicar of St. Matthias', Malvern Link.

Captain Henry Harrison has received an honorary degree of LL.D. from Dublin University.

Mr. G. G. F. Greig was ordained deacon at the Trinity ordination, and licensed to the curacy of Bramley, Surrey.

Mr. R. F. Byers has resigned his Liberal candidature for North Dorset.

Three new items in the revue, *Airs on a Shoestring*, have been contributed by Mr. Michael Flanders and Mr. Donald Swann.

Mr. Geoffrey Feiling has been called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn.

### BIRTHS

ALEXANDER—On August 2nd 1953 to Peggy, wife of R. J. P. Alexander, a son.

ALLCHIN—On August 18th 1953 in London to Bridget, wife of F. R. Allchin, a son.

BOWEN—On September 4th 1953 at Hull to Isobel, wife of I. I. Bowen, a son.

EVERINGTON—On August 22nd at Limpsfield, Surrey, to Laila, wife of G. D. Everington, a son.

FEILING—On January 9th 1953 to Eva Veronika, wife of Geoffrey Feiling, a daughter.

GLANFIELD—On August 28th 1953 in London to Joan, wife of John Glanfield, a daughter.

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HAMBURGER—On July 3rd in London to Anne, wife of Michael Hamburger, a daughter.

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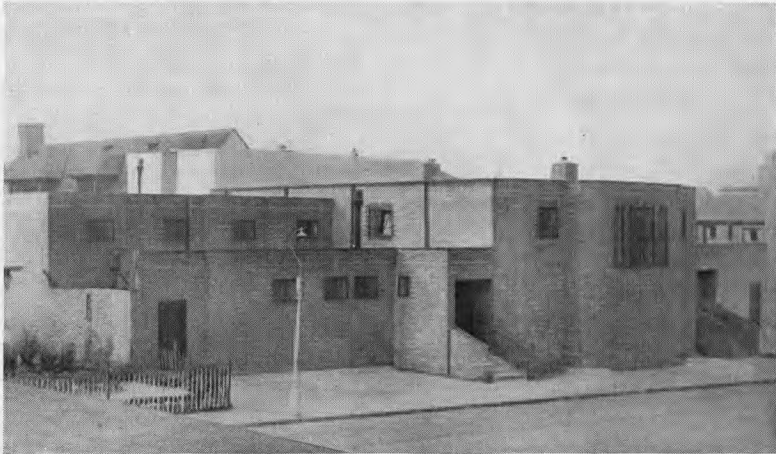
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 WILLIAMSON—On August 9th 1953 to Diana, wife of P. B. Williamson, a son.  
 WINCHESTER—On July 24th 1953 at Lymbourne Close, Surrey, to Helen, wife of Alan Winchester, a son.  
 WINGATE—On August 30th 1953 in London to Pam, wife of Dr. P. C. F. Wingate, a son.  
 YEALLAND—On September 2nd 1953 in London to Susan, wife of Dr. Michael Yealland, a son.

#### MARRIAGES

BALFOUR-SMITH : TUPMAN—On June 29th 1953, C. R. Balfour-Smith to June Celia Anne Tupman.  
 BEECHMAN : CARADOC WILLIAMS—On July 11th 1953 at Amberley, Captain N. A. Beechman to Mrs. Mary Gwendolen Caradoc Williams.  
 EVANS : STUART—On August 29th 1953 at Exeter, G. A. Evans and Dorothy Isabelle, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stuart, of Exeter.  
 FISHER : THOMAS—On May 30th 1953 at Nunton, Salisbury, Major Peter Fisher, R.A., to Susan Caroline, only daughter of Mr. Geoffrey Thomas of Alvediston, and Mrs. Arderne Clarence of Nunton House, Salisbury.  
 JOHNSON : SEGAR—On July 25th 1953 at Holy Trinity, Brompton, H. C. E. Johnson and Jane Moore, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Segar, of Putney.  
 LLOYD-JONES : HEDLEY—On July 30th 1953 in London, P. H. J. Lloyd-Jones to Frances Elisabeth Hedley.  
 LONDON : HERNMARCK—On September 5th 1953 in Stockholm, L. S. London to Kerstin Hernmarck, youngest daughter of Dr. and Fru. M. Simon of Stockholm.  
 MANSFIELD : COMMINS—On August 15th 1953 at St. Chad's, Devonport, E. G. Mansfield to Dorothy Ada, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. J. Commins and Mrs. Commins of Anderton, Plymouth.  
 SWEET-ESCOTT : BLAESTERDALEN—On July 10th 1953 at Follfal, Norway, M. W. Sweet-Escott to Ragnhild, only daughter of Hr. and Fru Johannes Blaesterdalen of Oslo.  
 TANNER : SHAW—On August 5th 1953 in London, P. R. E. Tanner, son of the late Captain R. E. Tanner, O.W., to Jean Shaw, younger daughter of Sir Hugh Beaver.  
 WILLISHER : ST. HILL-WARREN—On July 11th 1953 at Kensington, J. R. Willissher to Shirley, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. St. Hill-Warren of Proangahan, New Zealand.

#### OBITUARY

We record with deep regret the death of the following Old Westminsters :

The Reverend SPENCER HUGH HAMILTON, who died in June after a long illness, was at the School from 1919 to 1923. He went up to Queen's College, Cambridge, and

was ordained in 1929 to a curacy at St. Matthew's, Surbiton. He was subsequently curate-in-charge of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, and was appointed to the living of St. Elisabeth's, Eastbourne.

The Right Reverend EDWARD WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, third Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who died on September 23rd at the age of 61, was admitted as a King's Scholar in 1905. He won the Mure Scholarship at Westminster, and obtained a First Class in Honour Moderations at Oxford. He was ordained in 1915 and was curate at Potternewton and afterwards at Lambeth. He then went to St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, of which he became a fellow, and in 1926 was appointed Warden of St. Michael's College, Llandaff. He was consecrated Bishop of Swansea and Brecon in 1939. He achieved distinction as a scholar and an antiquary and published a number of works, mostly antiquarian, of which the most important was his edition of the *Letters of Osbert of Clare*. He always maintained an interest in the School and possessed a considerable number of interesting prints of Westminster. He was a Busby Trustee since 1946.

PHILIP EDWARD BERKELEY WODEHOUSE was admitted to Westminster from Rugby School in 1903, but only stayed for two terms. He was a member of Lloyds.

FRANCIS RICHARD WORTHINGTON, who was killed in a R.A.F. aircraft which crashed in the Isle of Man on September 5th, entered the School in 1921, and in 1925 went to the R.A.F. College at Cranwell, where he was awarded the Sword of Honour. At the outbreak of war he was Squadron-Leader and rose to be Group Captain in 1948. He married in 1939 Audrey, daughter of Lt.-Col. S. N. de Joux, C.M.G.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR SIRS,

On the 18th September 1953 at a meeting held at the School, an Elizabethan Boat Club was formed. All O.WW are eligible for membership, subject to approval by the Committee.

When the idea for the formation of this club was originated, a very incomplete list of people who might be interested was compiled. It is fully realized that there must be many O.WW who have not yet been approached. We are hoping, therefore, to get in contact with many possible members through the medium of this letter. Would all O.WW who might be interested in joining kindly let me know, and I will forward them an application for membership. Your support is urgently required, and the subscription decided upon at the first meeting was £1 1s. od. for one year or £2 11s. 6d. for three years. We are anxious to make it quite clear that the club will exist for both actively rowing and non-rowing O.WW alike. It is the intention of the Committee to produce a tie fairly shortly : and this will be made available to all members.

The primary objects of the club are to provide a link with O.WW and the Westminster School Boat Club, and to obtain a boat and blades at the earliest opportunity, in order to encourage members to join together and represent the Club whenever possible. It is intended to form headquarters on a tideway club at Putney.

All these steps will have to depend on the support forthcoming. Therefore it is hoped that all O.WW who are interested in the Elizabethan Boat Club, and its progress, will come forward. In conclusion I would add that the formation of this Club brings Westminster into line with a number of other famous Public Schools who have had similar organizations going for some time.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. S. DOUGLAS-MANN,

Hon. Sec.

DEAR SIRs,

Since the War, one cannot help feeling that the Commemoration Service has been shorn of much of its beauty and solemnity, owing to its being held at 5.30 in the evening and by the informality of the dress worn.

Prior to 1939, the Service was the most impressive function held by the School, unique in that it is the only service sung in Latin in a Protestant Church since the Reformation. Furthermore, it is almost the only social function the School has which caters for a large number of guests and parents.

May I make a plea, therefore, to those concerned that the next Commem. should be celebrated by a return to its full splendour, worthy of such an occasion—full evening dress for O.W.W and their ladies and also for parents, and held at 8 p.m. as of old ?

Many of those who have had to stand in the forecourt of Ashburnham House on a November night as a necessary preliminary to ascending the staircase to be received by the Headmaster and Governing Body have not only suffered acute discomfort but also contracted severe colds. Could not an awning be hired to enclose the exit from the Cloisters to the Archway and over the stairs leading up School ?

The Headmaster could receive his guests up School, and the assembled company could leave at their leisure by the passage through to the Library and Ashburnham staircase without the congestion which occurs by the reverse process.

If such a function could be held towards the middle of the Election Term, it would add much to the comfort of those attending.

Yours faithfully,

N. C. CHAMPNESS.

#### THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held up School on Thursday, 24th September, and attended by some 150 members.

Mr. W. E. Gerrish, O.B.E. was elected Chairman in succession to Mr. D. C. Simpson, and Mr. A. C. Feasey and Mr. D. M. M. Carey were re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Mr. J. D. Carleton, Mr. K. C. Keymer, Raj. K. Pitamber and Colonel B. Stuart Horner, O.B.E., were elected new members of the General Committee.

Before the Annual General Meeting a Special General Meeting passed three resolutions :

- (1) To convert the Club's loan of £1,000 to the School into an absolute gift.
- (2) To grant from capital funds 100 guineas to the Westminster Abbey Appeal.
- (3) To defray from capital funds the cost of refurbishing the Crimean Memorial.

A short notice in *The Times* about the late Bishop of Swansea and Brecon (whose death is recorded on another page of this issue) drew attention to his facility for writing Latin verses. By permission of Mr. J. T. Christie we print below some verses which the Bishop sent him after attending the first post-war Commemoration Service. Dated xvi Kal. dec. a.s. MDCCCCXLVI, they were written in the train on his return journey, and the metre obviously derives from one of the hymns which he had just heard in the Abbey.

POST COMMENDATIONEM BENEFACITORUM  
(Carmen Redeuntis Monastico Modo Compositum)

Piae nomen fundatricis,  
Seculis volventibus,  
Nubilosis et apricis  
Celebrant temporibus  
Cinctus senior amicis,  
Puer cum parentibus.

Scholae cumulos honorum  
Foverat in melius  
Principum grex devotorum  
Praesulumque numerus,  
Coetus sollers  
magistrorum,  
Recens et antiquitus.

Severant fidi sementes,  
Auxerunt egregie  
Alumni, qui servientes  
Foro et ecclesiae,  
Quique sibi non parentes  
Profuere patriae.

Gratuletur et laetetur  
Hic nutrita soboles,  
Poetarum, oratorum  
Contemplans imagines,  
Tot doctorum, tot  
sanctorum,  
Fortiumque series.

Sunt quos longe tumulatos  
Vasta terra detinet ;  
Sunt quos aedes honoratos  
In aeterna proteget ;  
Omnes aequae memoratos,  
Omnes Deus adiuvet !

Antiquorum sic murorum  
Compages reverberet ;  
Sic solennis iubilus  
Plena voce personet :  
Dedit incrementum Deus,  
Incrementum Deus det.

Mr. Christie replied as follows :

Felix ille, qui Musarum  
Cultor olim strenuus,  
Puer artium bonarum  
Studio exercitus,  
Carmen senior praeclarum  
Cecinit divinitus.

Canit ille, nec canentis  
Mulcet aura animum :  
Audit machinae ingentis  
Odiosum strepitum ;  
Vir imperturbatae mentis,  
Nil te facit anxium !

Multi nobis Sacerdotes  
Multi Vates inclity ;  
Pauci tamen sunt nepotes  
Vel hac stirpe geniti,  
Qui in uno praestant dotes  
Vatis et Episcopi.

Te, exemplum pietatis,  
Signifer fidelium,  
Lumen te humanitatis,  
Verum et ingenium  
Animis vocamus gratis  
Elizabethae filium.

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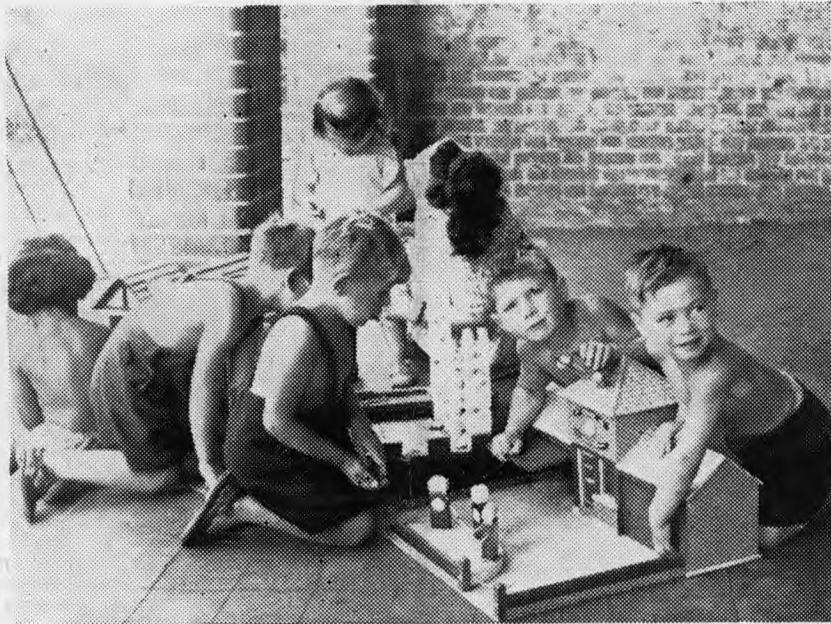
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