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THE LATIN PLAY

WHERE, WHEN AND WHY

THERE has been long and continuous agitation by successions of seniors in College, and by Old Westminsters, not only from College but also from Town Boy Houses, that the traditional Westminster Latin Play should be reinstated as part, if not the climax, of the yearly programme of the School. Such agitation has been repeatedly stalled, although it has been going on since the end of the war. Reconstruction in the school has been dealt with at length; the sports, reorganized after the evacuation, have been the subject of many controversial articles and correspondence; the intellect of the present Westminster has been analysed; but the Latin Play, which before the war was considered the one profitable surviving tradition, has been totally neglected.

The problems facing the aspiring actor are difficult to solve, but surely not insoluble. They are, briefly, Where have it? When have it? and Why have it?

Now that College Dormitory has been rebuilt on a wholly different plan, and has been divided up into dormitories and election rooms, bathrooms and studies, it is obviously impracticable to continue the old tradition of having it in the College Dormitory. The only place, as it appears, that is at all possible is School, in its new guise, its walls of bare grey stone hung with dark brown portraits. It is where "Everyman" was produced, and "Androcles the Lion," "Tobias and the Angel," "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Hamlet," and all our concerts. For them it has sufficed. But, one may well ask, if the Latin Play is to be produced there, if, perhaps, their Majesties or ambassadors or other notable public figures are to be invited, would it not be better to give them something more than the present dreary aspect of grey walls and a tin roof? Some would argue back that those are the traditional walls and it is right to keep it in its present form rather than modernize or reconstruct it completely. But the roof?

At the moment there is a temporary practical detail to be remedied soon; there can be no performance of a play up School which eminent people can attend owing to the non-existence of a fire-escape. This is being seen to at the moment, and the form room at the right hand side of

School will be the solution. But there still remains another point against School. Since the Latin Play is no longer being acted in its traditional setting, does it not lose half, no, not half, a quarter, of its point? College Dormitory recalled memories of the past, and was, when all is said, a romantic place (although doubtless many generations of King's Scholars did not find it so) to hold the Play. Now that it is acted in a Hall which even the charitable would hesitate to call romantic, it loses some of its original attraction.

When have it? This is a problem which, though superficially negligible, is in fact rather pressing. The seniors in College would bear the brunt of the acting, but yet would have to take Election in the same term, the examination practically coinciding with the performance of the play. King's Scholars of the past will comment unfavourably on the softness of the modern generation, but for the scholar on the border line of getting a scholarship will not be helped if he has to learn any amount of Terence or Plautus, whose educational value for writing a Latin Prose or a History essay is questionable. The Lent Term is perhaps the answer, but what is the point of the Play Term? It is the traditional time.

Tradition, then, is the main profit of the Latin Play, and if it is divorced from its tradition, or even from half its tradition, its value goes down. It is a problem that must quite prosaically and determinedly be discussed in terms of "value" and "profit." Its publicity value is enormous, but it would have to be a real social function, and who, in these times, is going to demand the old Westminsters who come to the Play to find white ties and tails?

It comes down finally to an argument "Traditional versus Practical." This is the core of the matter, and it is an extremely difficult problem to decide. The school itself, apart from, we must confess it, a slight indifference towards a tradition dropped eleven years ago, is in favour of restarting the Play, and although it is not the present generation who will support it when, and if, it gets going, thinks that great as may be the practical difficulties against it, Westminster would not truly be Westminster without it.

THE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE STAFF

WORK BEHIND THE SCENES

DURING the war many new words and phrases sprang up and took root. One of them was the mysterious term "Back Room Boys". The superficial meaning of that is obvious—people not in the limelight—but there is much more to it than this. For instance it does imply that these "people not in the limelight" are in reality no less essential to the life of a community than are Cabinet Ministers, Field Marshals or Archbishops. But it would be a mistake to imagine that back room boys only exist in communities as large as nations—they do of course exist in every form of community. We certainly have them here at Westminster. The School Maintenance Staff does not often come under the public eye, most of the time we are scarcely aware of its existence, so much is it taken for granted, but nevertheless, its work is absolutely vital. The plain fact is that without it life at Westminster just could not go on.

What does the Maintenance Staff do? The answer to that question might well be "everything." The Maintenance Staff, as its name suggests, is responsible for keeping the machine running. If anything goes wrong from a leak in a roof to a smashed window or a broken chair it is the job of the Maintenance Staff to put it right. But the Maintenance Staff do not only "maintain." They do more than that. At this moment anyone who walks round the back of either Grant's or Rigaud's will see a tremendous work of repointing and repainting going on. Nor is this an isolated incident. The Maintenance Staff are constantly tackling vast jobs for which the school would in the past have employed a firm of contractors.

The Maintenance Staff does not have large resources to call upon. If for the moment we leave out the women cleaners, we can say that it consists all told of no more than ten men. At the head of this gallant little brigade is Mr. Wilby who was originally engaged for eight weeks and has stayed for nineteen years. Mr. Wilby was born within ten minutes walk of the school and as a boy he used to shoot on the school rifle range on Saturday afternoons. He takes a tremendous pride in the Maintenance Staff's work—"Nothing's impossible till we're beat and I don't think we've been beat all the time I've been here." He was on the school fire-watching party during the war and was here on the famous nights of May 10th and 11th 1941, when the school

suffered so severely from enemy bombing. He was present when the King and Queen came to view the damage and he was presented to Their Majesties when College was reopened last June, as was Mr. Batchelor the school carpenter. Mr. Batchelor, a real craftsman if ever there was one, has been on the Maintenance Staff for over eighteen years, joining it just after Mr. Wilby. But Mr. Wilby and Mr. Batchelor are not the veterans of the Staff. Mr. Curr (the stoker), who used to be a College John, has been connected with the school for over twenty-five years. He is shortly due to retire. Mr. Curr is not the only member of the Maintenance Staff who used to be a house John—incidentally house Johns disappeared in 1939, presumably for ever. Mr. Payne was the Ashburnham John for many years. He is now a decorator in company with Mr. Funnel (who has been at Westminster for eighteen years), Mr. Gardener and Mr. Lilly. There are two carpenters on the Maintenance Staff—Mr. Batchelor and Mr. Brown—but there is more than enough work for both, as anyone who has ever been into the carpenters' shop at the back of Ashburnham will know. Most members of the school are familiar with the school electrician, Mr. Evans, for there must be few who have not at some time or another managed to fuse their house lights. Lastly, there is Mr. Bishop, the friend-of-all, who distributes the school's letters and performs the most essential task of keeping the Bursar quiet by providing him with frequent cups of tea.

The Maintenance Staff regards itself very much as part of the school. All its members read *The Elizabethan* and they take a keen interest in the doings of the various school teams. They also have definite views on both masters and boys. On the whole they think that the school has sadly deteriorated since before the war. Before the war they never saw a boy sitting in the Head Master's chair up school or standing upon the Mon. Os. stone but now they often do. Post-war Westminsters have not got the same respect for furniture that their forebears had. Mr. Wilby reckons that there are now more chairs broken in a single week than there used to be in a whole term. The Maintenance Staff are also very shocked at the way the Westminsters of to-day slouch into Yard every morning. Altogether it is rather a case of the "Good Old Days."

When the school breaks up and goes home for

the holidays the Maintenance Staff heave a sigh of relief. Now at last they can get on with the big jobs which they have been waiting to do for most of the term. The Maintenance Staff usually take their own holidays in term time so that they can make the most of the time in which they are able to work unhampered by the presence of some three hundred boys. What they most like about the holidays is that they can lock the school up at night and come back in the morning and find it exactly as they had left it the night before.

Every morning a small army of women cleaners descends upon the school. Its commanding officer is Mrs. Jordan, a veritable Pocket Hercules—she is scarcely as tall as the tables she polishes so vigorously. All the work of this little army has to be finished by half past nine for at that hour

the school itself begins to wonder whether it really ought not to start its work. During the holidays the cleaners are far from idle—they use this time when they can turn furniture upside down at will for tackling the massive task of the school's spring cleaning.

At the beginning of last holidays the entire school Maintenance, Domestic and Cleaning Staffs went for a day's outing to Margate. This was the first occasion of its kind but it is hoped that it will now become an annual event. Altogether fifty-two people piled into the coach which had been supplied on special terms by Rayner's Coaches Limited. The whole outing appears to have been a triumphant success. It was certainly well deserved.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Captain of the School :—C. C. P. Williams, Capt. of K.SS.

School Monitors:—J. B. Clipson, Prin. Opp., Head of Wren's.

J. W. G. Leigh-Clare, Head of Rigaud's.

R. P. Harben, Head of Grant's.

B. R. Cuzner, Head of Busby's.

R. Plant, Head of Ashburnham.

G. R. Smith, Captain of Football.

Captain of Cricker—C. C. P. Williams.

Captain of Football—G. R. Smith.

Head of Water—R. P. Harben.

Captain of Lawn Tennis—G. R. Smith.

Captain of Fencing—M. Miller.

Captain of Running—L. E. Lowe.

Captain of Gymnastics—D. J. Chanter.

Captain of Fives—C. C. P. Williams.

Captain of Boxing—B. R. Cuzner.

Captain of Shooting—J. W. B. Coates.

Head of Music—A. H. R. Martindale.

Editors of the *Elizabethan*—C. C. P. Williams, R.

Plant, M. D. Birt, A. M. Howard, P.

Makower and T. M. Robinson.

NEW MASTERS

WE are joined this term by three new masters: Mr. C. F. Whorwell, Mr. T. L. Zinn, Mr. A. J. Moyes. Mr. Whorwell is taking the place of Mr. Rudwick, teaching Physics to the Science Side, and has been appointed Assistant Scout Master to the Scout Troop. Mr. Zinn, recently down from Oxford, is now the form master of the Classical Seventh, filling the place left vacant by Mr. Sloman last term. Mr. Moyes, who rowed in Trial Eights at Cambridge, has come to coach and to teach the General Sixth. He was in the R.N.V.R. Mr. Stirley is another acquisition for the water world.

There are two noticeable gaps among the Staff. Mr. Rudwick, who has been with the School for thirty-two years, has decided to retire. Suffice it to say that he will be missed by all, not only for his admirable qualities as a science teacher (oblivious to complaints of overwork) but as a housemaster of Rigaud's and a friend to everyone. Mr. Sloman, who came here after a very much more important post, has also left. A first-class scholar, he was greatly admired by those whom he taught and those who made his acquaintance.

GREEN

LONG CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL



A VIEW OF THE OLD DORMITORY IN 1758.

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FOR the first time since 1939, the whole of Green is this term being used for football and this innovation marks yet another stage in the School's return to normal after the war. Green, the cradle of Westminster Football, and thus to some extent of the Association Game, suffered heavily between 1939 and 1945. When the School returned from Herefordshire it found the north end occupied by air-raid shelters and static water-tanks. The iron railings had been taken down in 1941 to provide metal for war purposes, and within a month of the School's return the area at the south end, about one third of the total expanse, was commandeered to provide car-parking space for UNO which held its first post-war session in Church House. Since 1945, the northern portion has been sown with grass and has remained virtually unused, and the

southern portion has been left bare and has been used for P.T., for Netball, and for kick-about practice for the Under School and the Choir School.

It has been a nuisance, admittedly, for footballers to be deprived of their nearest—and oldest—ground, but Old Westminsters who have been tempted to deplore the loss probably do not realize how comparatively recently Dean's Yard has assumed its modern open appearance and thus been available for regular games. Until 1756, the southern half of the Yard, opposite No. 17 and No. 18 was occupied by the monastic Granary which until about 1730 had been the dormitory of the King's Scholars. In the former year William Markham (Head Master from 1753 to 1764) suggested that the old dormitory should be demolished and Dean's Yard enlarged, and in

his petition to Parliament to enable the work to be carried out he urged that several of the boarding-houses were at an inconvenient distance from the School and that under the new scheme "proper and commodious houses" could be built where the boys could be more closely under the eye of their masters. The project aroused fierce opposition. In an anonymous pamphlet one of the Canons, Dr. Wilson, urged that "the undertaking to regulate boarders by such confinement would *disgust* more of them than it would *restrain*—that being once confined no *porters* or *gatekeepers* would bear to withstand them; and, when they sallied out, they would strike Terror thro' the whole Neighbourhood." In the end Markham carried the day, but the Canon's charge was not entirely without justice. The 18th century was a lawless time at the School and only a few years later, in 1779, Thomas Carter and five other boys were tried for assault on a man in Dean's Yard when they "beat and wounded him in a most shocking manner," threatening to "rip him up" if he would not kneel down and ask their pardon. One of the boys was acquitted for want of evidence; the evidence against another was doubtful, and he was fined a shilling. The charges against the remaining four being fully proved, they were sentenced to a month's imprisonment and to pay a fine of £100 among them unless they in their turn would ask the prosecutor's pardon. This they resolutely refused to do, and would have gone to Bridewell had not Carter's father represented that his son was elected to Christ Church and must go there in a few days, or lose the benefit of his election. The plea was successful; the magistrates reversed the verdict and the end "the petty classical braves" escaped with £50 and costs.

The materials of the old dormitory were employed by Markham in building the Terrace at the south end of Dean's Yard, and in 1815 when the row of three houses which ran across Green opposite No. 19 was demolished, Dean's Yard finally assumed its present dimensions. In the following year it was first lit by gas and in 1828 iron railings took the place of the old wooden fence. Even in its modern form Dean's Yard continued for a time to serve the double purpose of football field and battlefield. The *London Evening Post* of 9th May, 1828, gives an account of one such fracas: "It being customary at this season of the year for the youths of Westminster School, and the other schoolboys in the liberty of Westminster, to attack one another with clubs and staves, the former were apprehensive that the latter would be too hard for them, and hired the apprentices of Bridewell Hospital as auxiliaries, who went down, and their assistance last Tuesday

night made their masters victorious; for which services they were so bountifully rewarded that they afterwards got into an ale-house in King Street, where they became drunk, and quarrelled with the constable and the watch, and wounded several of them, causing such a riot and disorder, that the Guards came from Whitehall and seized fifteen of the Bluecoat boys, who were secured in the Gatehouse, and this day carried before the Bench of Justices to be examined."

Gradually milder manners prevailed and by the middle of the century the footballers were left in undisputed possession of Green, although occasional games of hockey were still played and in frosty weather the authorities were sometimes prevailed to flood the ground to make a rough skating-rink. Often enough Green became flooded without any assistance and the pages of early *Elizabethans* are full of references to its unsatisfactory state. In 1861, an attempt had been made to provide proper drainage, but the turf which had been taken up for the purpose of draining never recovered itself, so that lines of bare earth intersected the ground, and the re-building of Nos. 1 and 2 Dean's Yard did not improve matters since the builders, finding themselves in possession of a quantity of loose earth had the happy idea of dumping it upon Green with the avowed object of "levelling" it. Nevertheless, little by little, improvements were made. Every year the ground was ploughed up and re-sown and as late as 1937 the annual arrival of the horse and plough brought a touch of the country into the centre of London. In 1877 for unknown reasons the plough was replaced by two labourers who succeeded in digging up the whole of Green in something under three weeks. "Occasionally," the *Elizabethan* relates, "the farmer would come into the Yard in a four-wheeler and be driven round Green by the railings; he seemed to be pleased with his labourers' work; we never saw him out of the cab, but perhaps his large dimensions would not permit of his using his legs."

In the opinion of many it was in a great measure to Green that Westminster owed her position in the football world in early days. It certainly taught the art of dribbling, but already by 1888, the *Westminster Review*, an ephemeral school paper, was questioning whether dribbling was not carried too far. "At all events," adds the *Review*, "fellows who use the Green for the purpose of playing football should be careful to keep the ball as much as possible inside the railings. Moreover, shooting at windows, passers-by, street-lamps and hansom-cabs is both expensive and always unnecessary." There is a pleasantly archaic ring about the paragraph, but the advice holds good to-day.

ART COMPETITION

MR. KENNETH HAUFF, a portrait painter, kindly agreed this year to take on the task of judging the annual Art Competition. Like all professional painters faced with non-professional work, he had first to free his mind of professional standards of technique and content, and judge from the more important of fundamental capacity to put over a pictorial idea imaginatively. The prizes were accordingly awarded to work where design and colour were used expressively, rather than the pieces of technical virtuosity devoid of imaginative content and indicative only of good eyesight and clever fingers.

R. B. Kirk, however, has not only considerable skill, but a great deal to say with it besides. He was awarded first prize without hesitation. I. L. Hunt's good colour and design received second prize, M. S. D. Munday third prize. A fourth prize went to P. Makower for a very thorough piece of painting, good in colour and competent in drawing. The fifth prize was given to J. Mountain, whose knowledge of colour, and natural feeling for landscape is most promising.

House Order: Wren's, Busby's, King's Scholars, Rigaud's, Grant's and Ashburnham.

SCHOOL DANCE

It was decided last term to have an experimental dance up Library, in the hope of making it a regular event, if it proved successful. Accordingly it took place on Saturday, 29th July, at 7.30 p.m. It was a great success; the band played vigorously, and an enthusiastic M.C. piloted bewildered classicists and historians through the intricacies of the latest dances with great tact and patience. The winners of the Elimination Dance prize certainly deserved their good fortune at his hands—the gentleman combined a healthy scorn of sock suspenders and hot water bottles with his other intriguing virtues, and the lady (so she claimed) had eaten only two ice-creams. The evening passed quickly, and all too soon the School Song, which has recently undergone a subtle adaption to waltz time, summoned us to our feet with its noble strains. What did the dancers think of it all? In the words of one of them “We enjoyed Mrs. Burd's refreshments tremendously.”

THE UNDER SCHOOL

A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION TERM

A SUMMARY of the cricket season shows that 5 matches were won, 1 drawn, and 3 lost. On three occasions the School scored over 100 runs and on three occasions dismissed their opponents for less than 15 runs. Turner, the captain, and Perrett were usually so successful with the ball that the change bowlers rarely got a chance. The fielding was uncertain to begin with, but improved. The side was keen, and with more confidence and more will to attack the bowling, several would have scored many more runs than they did. Turner had the best figures, and more than once played a real captain's innings to save what looked like being a desperate situation.

As many of the photographs of the re-opening of College show, the School had an excellent view of the proceedings. Both the service in Abbey and the ceremonies in College Garden and indeed the departure of Their Majesties through Little Dean's Yard will long be remembered by the School.

The numbers attending the camp in the Isle of Wight this year were sadly depleted by the extravagant press statements about infantile paralysis in the island. Those who did attend

had a good time and on the whole seem to have had rather better weather than people in other parts of the country.

There are several changes in the teaching staff. Mr. W. K. Pridmore is doing much of Mr. Ingram's work, who has now joined the “visiting” staff from Westminster. He will be missed not only in School but up Fields and on the rifle range. So too will Mr. Carleton, who has been closely associated with the Under School ever since it started seven years ago. To complete the visiting staff Mr. Moyes now teaches History and Geography to Form II.

THE CONCERT

The School Concert will be held up School on Friday, 15th of December. The programme will include Quilter's Children's Overture, Beethoven's 1st Symphony and Schumann's Piano Concerto, in which the soloist will be A. H. R. Martindale. The Choir will sing Handel's Sixth Chandos Anthem, and three modern arrangements of Old English Carols. Old Westminsterers who want tickets should apply in writing to the Concert Secretary, 3 Little Dean's Yard, London, S.W.1 before 1st December.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

GOOD PERFORMANCES OF DIFFICULT WORKS

THE Election term concert, as usual, consisted in part of the winning entries of the Music Competitions. In these there was a greater variety than in the past year or two, of composers and periods. The concert began conventionally enough with Grant's, as winners of the Exeter Cup for House Choirs, giving a performance of Dyson's "The Seekers."

The next item was Handel's violin Sonata in D, played by R.A.C. Norrington. This was in many ways an excellent performance, though the tone was liable to be a bit thin, largely owing to the acoustic disadvantages of School. However, it was refreshing to have a violin solo again after many years. D. M. Collison, winner of the Unbroken Voice Solo, followed with a capable rendering of "My Lovely Celia." Then came two amusing pieces for piano duet from a nursery suite by the modern French Composer Inglebrecht, played by C. K. H. Davison and C. P. Smith. C. C. P. Williams and J. R. D'Arcy Dawson then gave a very good performance indeed of the slow movement from Hindemith's sonata for Clarinet and Piano. This work is in the composer's more meditative and less atonal style, and demands thoughtful interpretation as well as a good tone, and both players gave us these in full measure. The first part of the concert concluded with Michael Este's "How Merrily We Live," sung by the Busby's vocal ensemble, and the slow movement from Bach's Fifth Brandenburg Concerto. Again the concert failed to escape without the absence of some performer through illness; but this time M. D. Birt proved a good substitute for M. Miller, as flautist in the chamber music.

The second half of the concert began with a performance by the orchestra of Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" overture. This work presents many difficulties to all players, and it is an ambitious undertaking for a school orchestra; however, under Mr. Foster's sure guidance, they produced a very creditable version. It opens with a series of wind chords, in which the intonation was faulty, perhaps owing to the atmosphere up School and the difficulty of obtaining perfect tuning there. After that, however, all went well, and the Orchestra was playing very well indeed during the "Theseus" theme. Even in the next part, a masterpiece of intricate scoring, which is proof of the precocity of the still youthful Mendelssohn, the Orchestra was beautifully controlled, and never tended to become scrappy. The delicate final section received the careful

playing it demands, and the final chords were in tune this time. A notable performance.

For the next item, *Allegro Appassionato* for Piano and Orchestra by Saint-Saens, the orchestra was joined by C. F. Kingdon as soloist. The work is typical of the composer. It has the brilliant and typically French lightness of scoring, in all technical considerations it is ideal, yet it is not great music. Owing to the thinness of the orchestration, every small mistake would have shown up, but there were few, and the soloist held his own very well, producing flashing technique for the long and difficult cadenza. After a lyrical passage for the strings which follows the cadenza, the long coda which concludes the work ends up noisily in C sharp major, and is difficult for soloist and orchestra. However, it was played with great verve and accuracy, and the work ended triumphantly.

Finally there came the main piece of the evening, the cantata "In Windsor Forest" by Vaughan Williams. The word "cantata" nowadays almost always conveys the impression of a religious work: this, far from it, is a selection from the choral parts of the opera "Sir John in Love," itself based on "The Merry Wives of Windsor." It consists of five choruses: the first, for sopranos and altos only, was well played and sung, especially considering that there were fewer ladies in the Chorus on this occasion. The next, a drinking-song for the tenors and basses, went at considerable speed, and this sometimes prevented the words from being quite as clear as one could wish—though the vigour of the singing largely redeemed it. In the third number, there is a solo recitative, which Miss Eileen McLoughlin sang with skill and expression. The only criticism would be a slight tendency among the two top parts to slide about on the higher notes without getting them accurately and immediately. In the last two, the delightful wedding chorus, and the superb epilogue, unquestionably we had the best performance of the evening. Choir and orchestra together gave a superb display of artistry and technique.

The music all round was difficult, but that did not overwhelm the performers. The orchestra's playing in the Mendelssohn, the soloist's in the Saint-Saens, and the combination of choir and orchestra in the Vaughan Williams set a high standard for future concerts. It was a fitting end to a year which has also seen Vaughan William's "Christmas Carol" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion."

A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

THE complete removal of the old Westminster Hospital building opposite the sanctuary has provided not only a new view of the Abbey from the Central Hall, but, less fortunately, a new view of the Central Hall from the Abbey. The new Colonial Office building which is to be erected on the now vacant site will, if the drawing in this year's Royal Academy is to be trusted, be of more modern and, let us hope, less ephemeral design. Half of Abbey House is now refaced in a style more in keeping with the London Transport-Festival Hall spirit that is obviously destined to dominate the architecture surrounding the school.

The recent gas strike was not without its repercussions on Westminster, though the ingenuity and hard work of the various school catering staffs shielded the body of the school very effectively from its impact. In College Hall, where nearly six hundred meals are prepared every day, the chef and his staff worked wonders of improvisation for eight full days when they could use no gas at all. Six primus stoves and a blow lamp were conscripted, the last being known affectionately as Big Bertha. Marshalled under a large iron grid supported by bricks on the kitchen floor, they (the stove and the blow lamp, not the staff) consumed over five gallons of paraffin between them every day, and covered the pots and pans with a liberal coating of soot. By now the kitchen staff have recovered from their week of hectic work, starting at six every morning, have polished their pots until they are as shining as ever, and are more pleased than sorry that most of the school did not even notice the absence of hot sweets at lunch.

Busby's is again producing a play. Those who saw *The Blind Goddess* and *Laburnam Grove* will have no apprehensions at the prospect of a single house attempting this feat, even when the high standard of the whole school's production of *Hamlet* is still fresh in their minds as a convenient standard to judge it by; but they will be no less full of admiration for the sustained achievement of Mr. Fisher and the Busby's dramatic tradition over the last ten years. This term's play will be Noel Coward's *Peace in Our Time*, dealing with an imagined German occupation of Britain. The choice of a play with a particularly large cast—thirty-six, reduced to twenty-four—has been deliberate, for it is designed to foster the acting tradition among the younger Busbites as well as to continue it among such old stagers as A. M. Howard, R.A.C. Norrington (here a German officer), and J. F. Ormond. The need for a public bar on the stage has been met by the

dismantling of the reception desk of the Churchill Club from the ground floor of Ashburnham House, and it is hoped by some that this new fixture up School will long survive the performance of the play.

The dates of the performances of *Peace in Our Time*, by the way, are Thursday the 7th and Saturday the 9th of December, and the Business Manager welcomes any enquiries addressed to him at 26, Great College Street, S.W.1.

In spite of the persistent efforts of sports organizers to encroach on still more of the time set aside for education, Wednesday afternoon Culture still flourishes, and indeed probably offers a wider choice of interests than ever before. A section of the Archaeological Society, under the energetic Presidency of Mr. Keeley, not only meets and hears lectures at this time, but actually produces a journal of its own, and choral and artistic activities continue as ever. But visits to the Swiss Roll machines at Cadby Hall have now been superseded in popularity by visits to the wine-tasting proceedings under London Bridge, and although the idea that any of the boys should taste the wine themselves was as inconceivable as the idea that they should eat the Swiss Rolls belonging to Messrs. Lyons, the very aroma of some of the forbidden fruit appears to have told on the unsullied mouths and untroubled heads of some of the visitors.

COMING EVENTS

November 3rd	Exam.
November 7th	1st XI v. Metropolitan Police.
November 11th	1st XI v. Aldenham (Home).
November 18th	1st XI v. Lancing (Away). 1st Fencing Team v. Lansdowne Club (Away).
November 20th	Christ Church Election begins.
November 25th	1st XI v. Highgate (Away) 1st Fencing Team v. O.W.W. (Home).
December 2nd	1st XI v. Charterhouse (Home). 1st Fencing Team v. Imperial College.
December 7th	First Performance of Busby's Play.
December 9th	1st XI v. Old Carthusians (Home).
December 15th	School Concert.
December 19th	End of Term.



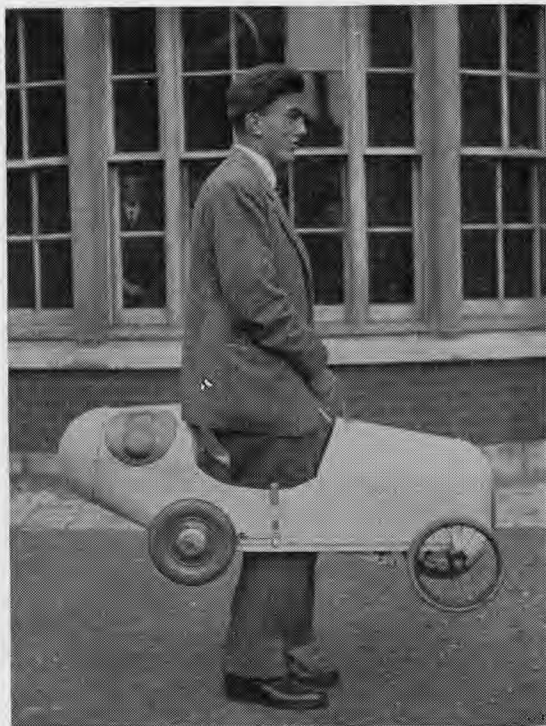
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NATIONAL DEFENCE



IT'S ME



B.R.M.?

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SUMMER CAMPS

THE SCOUTS

SCOUT CAMP was held this year on Dartmoor, three miles from Princetown. The weather was surprisingly good for Dartmoor, although it became a little windy towards the end: and the camp was one of the most successful in recent years. A particularly noticeable feature was the food, which was well cooked, and we had a very able storekeeper in J. H. Kendall. Almost everyone went on some sort of hike, and we spent one day in camp exclusively for tests. The photograph is of one of those interesting little incidents which enliven the day. The Troop Leader of last year has been thrown into the stream and then, as he was intent on revenge, has been tied up. This is very often the fate of T.L.'s at camp.

We welcome this term a new Assistant Scout Master, Mr. Whorwell who has had a wide experience of scouting.

CORPS CAMP

THE camp as a whole was well organized and contained a varied and interesting programme. A number of demonstrations were arranged, which were well produced, and which varied from such well-known subjects as the section in Attack to the more abstruse branches of military lore, such as mine-detecting and booby-traps. On other days when there were no demonstrations the contingent went off on its own into Ashdown Forest for exercises, where ample opportunity was given for all to put the knowledge they had gained into practice. Unfortunately, no blanks were used, which gave the battles a certain air of unreality.

In the evenings, people found plenty to do; there was a good N.A.A.F.I., which was much patronized, and a cinema, which showed appropriately militaristic films, and which cost nothing to get in.

The general impression seems to have been that camp was not as bad as had been widely forecast. One felt that at the end of eight days one had seen something of Army life and practice, and this was certain, that it was better than the camp at Pirbright the year before.



The Scout Field Day was held this term on Thursday October 19th at Downe. In the morning various tests were attempted and in many cases passed. The afternoon was occupied in a patrol competition which had been organized throughout by the new A.S.M. For this several "stunts" were arranged, being a test of both ingenuity and efficiency. In the end the Beavers emerged, triumphant, after a most successful day.

NAVY CAMP

THE naval party faced its week on board H.M.S. Implacable with some trepidation. Even to be allowed on board the flagship of the Home Fleet seemed a distinction terrifying in prospect. Visions of iron discipline and impossible standards of cleanliness and efficiency clouded the horizon.

In fact such fears were groundless. Both officers and men of the Implacable were kind and helpful, and after the first strangeness of living in a mess-deck was over, the cadets settled down to an enjoyable week. The first three days were spent mostly in visiting establishments in and around Portsmouth, and the rest of the week in more practical training in sailing, boat-pulling, flag-hoisting and, of course, deck-sweeping. By the time that August Bank Holiday and with it Navy Days arrived, the cadets were already salty veterans and viewed with no slight contempt the land-lubbers who then came on board.

REVIEW

THE ENGLISH AT SCHOOL : AN ANTHOLOGY EDITED BY G. F. LAMB

Allen & Unwin : 12s. 6d.

"**A**H, MEMORIES"—that was the title of a brilliant article which appeared in a weekly newspaper a short time ago. It might equally well have been the title of this book which mainly consists of various people's memories of their schooldays. Admittedly here and there we do come across a passage which the writer composed while at school but such passages occur rarely. Far and away the best of those that there are is the pathetic letter of anguish which the dramatist Frederick Reynolds wrote to his mother on his first night at Westminster in 1775 :

" My Dear, Dear Mother,

If you don't let me come home, I die—I am all over ink, and my fine clothes have been spoilt—I have been tost in a blanket, and seen a ghost.

I remain, my dear, dear Mother,
Your dutiful and most unhappy son,
Freddy

P.S. Remember me to my Father."

But apart from this and a few other letters, and also some quotations from official documents, this book is one of recollections and reminiscences, and it is important that this fact should be remembered when we consider how far it is a fair representation of English school life through the ages. Old men in their anecdotage do not often

have as their ideal the absolute truthfulness of the Oxford Groupists.

After saying that, it is only fair to add that the reminiscences are very wide and varied. There is Pepys making the stock complaint of all old boys, namely, that his old school is not what it was in his day, there is Mr. Churchill giving his own famous description of his unequal struggle with the Latin Paper in the Harrow Entrance Exam., there is Lord John Russell describing Westminster with apparently every justification as "a rough place," and finally there is Leigh Hunt, of all people, grumbling in the best school-boy fashion about the food he had to eat at school.

Those few examples just serve to show how wide the range of this book is. It does in fact deal with school life from the time of Ethelred the Unready to the present day, and it covers every facet of the schoolboy's existence save one—and that one the Editor has obviously taken the greatest pains to avoid. Perhaps that is why he does not include a single passage from *The Loom of Youth*, although he quotes from many other works of fiction. In turning the blind eye to what is probably an important element in school life Mr. Lamb has surely been more than a little stupid. Curiously enough schoolboys do possess emotions and if that fact is not recognized it is impossible to give a full and complete picture of English school life.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

SINCE its last report in these pages, the Debating Society has seen a change of presidency as well as of secretaryship, and three debates have been held. The first of these, at which the motion "That full Churches are preferable to full employment" was defeated by 8 votes to 14, produced some lively speeches, mainly on the question whether oratorical or culinary methods were more effective in inducing loyalty to a creed. The second was an inter-debate with North London Collegiate School. The motion, "That the present age has not found its right standard of values", was rather more strictly adhered to than is usual in debates with girls, but in spite of the consequent shortage of inspired material a good time is believed to have been had by all. The motion was carried by 18 votes to 10.

The first debate this term was held on the 4th of October. The new Secretary, A. M. Howard, proposed the motion "That this house has no faith in human nature," and set the tone of the evening by prefacing his highly emotional speech with a claim for logicity. There was a pleasing contrast between the somewhat irresponsible arguments of the proposers and the more fervent note of their opponents, J. King-Farlow and J. W. G. Leigh-Clare, and after several not uninspired sermons from the floor the reputation of humanity was redeemed by 14 votes to 9, amid the general conviction that at that meeting of the Westminster School Debating Society there had emerged the spark of life that was destined to save the world.

FOOTBALL

AN EARLY START TO THE SEASON

1st XI v. The Masters, up Fields, won 2-1

On Tuesday, 3rd October, the 1st XI played their first match of the season, and the result was very satisfactory. In the first half the Masters, augmented by R. K. Pitamber, G. V. Chapman and G. N. P. Lee, never looked like scoring. The School played good, hard football, and J. Wordsworth broke many potential attacks outside the area. N. B. R. C. Peroni scored our first goal, taking advantage of a temporary lapse in the defence. A. C. Hornsby then put in a shot that passed several men and slipped under the diving goalkeeper into the net. After half time the game deteriorated into kick-and-rush; either side might have scored often, and it was lucky that only one of Mr. Lowcock's shots went into the goal.

1st XI v. The Eton Masters, up Fields, lost 1-2.

On Saturday, 7th October, the Eton Masters came to Vincent Square. Though they had few skilled footballers, they succeeded in breaking most of our attacks by sheer weight. Our small forward line was at a disadvantage against such powerful opposition, and had no thrust or bite even in the penalty area. Our one goal, scored by A. C. Hornsby twenty minutes after the kick-off, came from a clever left-footed hook into the right hand side of the net, leaving their goalkeeper no chance. However, being one goal up, the School noticeably slackened off, and the defence, which up to now had kept their attacks out, had a disastrous lapse of five minutes, which resulted in two goals. This shook the side out of its lethargy, but although strong pressure was kept up, we failed to score again.

A Colts' match was played on the same day up Fields against Forest School. Soon after the kick-off, D. G. Crook scored our only goal with a high lob from the half-way line. For the rest of the game Forest took advantage of the slowness of our team, and had scored 11 goals before the final whistle blew.

The Under 14 Club season has opened with a convincing victory over the Choir School. They are old friends and rivals, and, although usually smaller, have often in the past given the School a lesson in keenness and skill. This year the first half was very evenly contested and the half-time score was 2-1 to the School, but in the second half the School's greater size gave us too much advantage on a windy day, and we finished victors by 5-1. We look forward to our return fixture later in the season.

PROSPECTS FOR THE SEASON 1950-1951.

With four old Pinks left from a side that lost only one match in the second half of last season, we should have the nucleus of a useful team. The two competitors for J. H. Kendall's position in goal are S. L. Henry and B. P. Griffiths; the defence is now fairly experienced; with P. S. Houston and P. Makower as full-backs and G. R. Smith and C. C. P. Williams as very effective wing-halves, and with the centre-half position filled by J. Wordsworth or K. J. M. Kemp, the defence should make a solid foundation for the forward line. The forwards, though light, should develop into a fast running, constructive formation; L. E. Lowe and A. H. R. Martindale or C. Davies on the wings, A. C. Hornsby and D. Higgins as inside-forwards, and N. B. R. C. Peroni, a useful two footed player, though a little slow, in the centre should bring us many goals.

TENNIS

ON Tuesday, 1st August, the last day of last term, Public Schools Week began at the All England Club, Wimbledon. We had entered a team, G. R. Smith and N. B. R. C. Peroni, and P. Makower and A. J. Levi, and had drawn Downside in the first round. The match was played on Tuesday afternoon, and was most enjoyable. Downside won 4-0, but the individual matches were good, and the tennis better than anything seen up Fields. On the following morning we played Clifton College in the Plate; this was not so satisfactory, for, though the score was the same, the tennis was poor, and the match was played in rain.

SHOOTING

THIS season the range in Ashburnham Garden will be much improved; the firing point is now roofed over, and arc-lamps have been installed to light up the targets. Because of these improvements, the School is running three eights, under Mr. Kilvington, Mr. Brock and R.S.M. Stewart.

THE WATER

At the beginning of this term the Boat Club has two distinct advantages, which it did not possess in former years. In the first place, three new masters come down to Putney to help with the coaching; Mr. Moyes, who comes from Cambridge, where he was Captain of Trinity Hall Boat Club and received a trial cap: Mr. Whorwell, who comes down on Tuesdays to guide the new watermen in the elementary principles of rowing: and Mr. Sturley, who rowed at Emanuel College, Cambridge, and will be with us for one term. With Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hamerton, and Mr. Carleton we now have six masters coaching, a figure which must be nearly unprecedented in the history of the Boat Club.

The other advantage is that the Head Master has given permission for about twenty boys to row on Wednesday afternoons instead of doing culture. The importance of this is very great; with three whole afternoons a week we can hope to give people extra coaching and time for sculling practice, which will raise the standard of the first two eights considerably.

Mr. Hamerton and Mr. Moyes are each coaching five tub pairs, out of which it seems likely that two eights will be formed; Mr.

Fisher is coaching sixteen watermen in tub fours, and a new clinker eight, especially built for smaller and lighter oarsmen, should arrive by next term. With seventeen new watermen, bringing our numbers up to one hundred and fifteen, the Boat Club seems to be in a very strong position, and we can only hope that the summer will fulfil the winter's hopes.

Results of the Finals in the School Regatta:

Senior Fours: Busby's.

Junior-Senior Fours: Grant's "A."

Junior Fours: Busby's "A."

Double Sculls: J. W. L. Croft and H. Ward (G).

Senior Sculls: H. Ward (G).

Junior-Senior Sculls: L. J. H. Hayek (A).

Junior Sculls: C. K. H. Davison (A).

Results of the Putney Inter-Schools Regatta:

Senior Fours: 1st, St. Paul's; 2nd, Tiffin's.

Junior Fours: 1st, Westminster; 2nd, St. Paul's.

Novice Fours: 1st, Westminster; 2nd, Tiffin's.

Senior Sculls: J. W. L. Croft (Westminster).

Junior Sculls: C. A. Gane (Westminster).

Coxswains' Sculls: T. E. P. Wiltshier (Tonbridge).

GOLF

THE COMPETITION AND OLD WESTMINSTER MATCH

At the end of the last holidays there was a school golf meeting at the Richmond Golf Course. In the morning the competition for the Barnes cup was held, and after some most enjoyable and promising golf, was won by T. J. Davies with 76-8. This is a remarkably fine score, especially considering that Davies was playing over the course for the first time. The general standard of the golf was good; the runner up was A. C. Hornsby, another promising young player, who went round in 81-12. The first seven scores were:—

T. J. Davies ..	76-8	=	68
A. C. Hornsby ..	81-12	=	69
R. T. Robinson ..	80-7	=	73
C. J. H. Davies ..	81-7	=	74
S. L. C. Henry ..	90-16	=	74
G. R. Smith ..	95-20	=	75
R. K. Pitamber ..	80-3	=	77

In the afternoon a team of six was selected to play against the Old Westminsters. Those who were not selected took part in a stableford green-some competition, for which Mr. F. N. Hornsby presented a very generous prize. The finalists were B. R. Cuzner and S. L. C. Henry, and

G. R. Smith and R. A. Bulgin. After a very tense match, Cuzner and Henry emerged victorious.

The school played the Old Westminsters level, and beat them by two matches to one. Our first pair, R. K. Pitamber and R. T. Robinson, beat their opponents, Mr. J. Barley and Mr. J. Jacomb-Hood, very comfortably by 7 and 6. C. Davies and A. Hornsby were beaten 3 and 2 by Mr. A. Grover and Mr. F. N. Hornsby, while T. Davies and F. Hornsby scored another comfortable win over Mr. J. Hornsby and Mr. A. Orpen, 7 and 6.

During the past two years the School has been playing the O.W.W. Golf Society twice a year, on the last Monday of the Easter and Summer holidays. At the summer meeting the Barnes Cup is competed for, and a match against the O.W.W. Golf Society takes place. In the Easter holidays a team of eight plays the O.W.W. We owe a great deal to the Old Westminsters for such enjoyable golfing days and it is our duty to repay them by producing really good golfers capable of taking their places in future Halford Hewitt teams. There will be trial games held at the end of the Christmas holidays with a view to the selection of the Easter golf team, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

ATHLETICS

FINE MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNING

THE main athletics activities took place this year in the summer term; a track could not be provided in the Lent Term because Fields was being resown. Cricket and Water, Athletics' two chief enemies, reduced the amount of training drastically for all but the most enthusiastic, and we were indebted to Mr. Brock and one or two volunteers who devoted a lot of their time to the organization, and even to such unpleasant tasks as mending hurdles. The heats and a few finals were rushed through in the evenings, for lack of other time.

On Saturday the pleasant weather brought many spectators, all expecting good performances. The general standard, though better than last year, was not as good as it could, or ought, to have been. The outstanding achievements were of F. D. Hornsby and C. R. Hayes in the middle distances. Both have developed a good style, and where physical strength failed, determination carried them through to a fine finish. Hayes, in the Under 16 events, fulfilled the promise he showed last year, and ran the 880 in 2 min. 15.4 secs., 2 seconds better than the previous record. It was for this performance that he was awarded the George By Henderson cup. Lowe showed versatility in the Open events, but his high jump was a little disappointing. Prospects for the future are bright, and Lowe, Houston, Williams and Hayes should all do well next year.

On Monday there was keen competition in inclement weather for the House Relay Cup. In the Open race a strong College team collected 8 points out of 20, while Grant's scored a maximum of 15 in the Under 16 class. In the end Grant's emerged victorious by a safe margin.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS :—

Open 100 yards :

C. C. P. Williams, 1 ; P. S. Houston, 2 ; R. K. Pitamber, 3 ; 11.1 secs.

Under 16, 100 yards :

P. G. Jeeves, 1 ; J. B. Hay, 2 ; P. L. Baker, 3 ; 12.0 secs.

Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 100 yards :

M. D. Garcia, 1 ; R. P. C. Hillyard, 2 ; A. W. L. Nayler, 3 ; 12.3 secs.

Open 220 yards :

R. T. Robinson, 1 ; E. D. Ruppel, 2 ; N. Lawson, 3 ; 25.1 secs.

Under 16, 220 yards :

P. L. Baker, 1 ; D. M. Lloyd-Jones, 2 ; A. J. Pearson, 3 ; 26.3 secs.

Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 220 yards :

M. D. Garcia, 1 ; J. D. S. Macdougall, 2 ; R. P. C. Hillyard, 3 ; 26.6 secs.

Open 440 yards :

R. K. Pitamber, 1 ; E. D. Ruppel, 2 ; A. J. Membrey, 3 ; 57.5 secs.

Under 16, 440 yards :

C. R. Hayes, 1 ; I. L. Hunt, 2 ; J. L. Lee, 3 ; 58.9 secs.

Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, 440 yards :

S. L. Henry, 1 ; H. B. Francis, 2 ; J. M. Mange, 3 ; 66 secs.

Open 880 yards :

F. D. Hornsby, 1 ; C. S. Cullimore, 2 ; N. Lawson, 3 ; 2 min. 10.6 secs.

Under 16, 880 yards :

C. R. Hayes, 1 ; I. L. Hunt, 2 ; G. A. D. Saward, 3 ; 2 min. 15.4 secs (new record).

Open Mile :

F. D. Hornsby, 1 ; C. S. Cullimore, 2 ; J. King-Farlow, 3 ; 5 min. 12 secs.

Open High Jump :

L. E. Lowe, 1 ; M. L. B. Pritchard, 2 ; C. S. Cullimore, 3 ; 5ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Under 16, High Jump :

D. G. Crook, 1 ; S. M. Gray, 2 ; C. R. Hayes, 3 ; 4 ft. 9 ins.

Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, High Jump :

A. W. L. Nayler, 1 ; J. W. Tourlamain, 2 ; C. H. A. Haccius, 3 ; 4 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Open Long Jump :

L. E. Lowe, 1 ; R. T. Robinson, 2 ; C. C. P. Williams, 3 ; 17 ft. 8 ins.

Under 16, Long Jump :

A. H. Hyde, 1 ; P. G. Jeeves, 2 ; D. G. Crook, 3 ; 15 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, Long Jump :

S. L. Henry, 1 ; R. P. C. Hillyard, 2 ; M. D. Garcia, 3 ; 14 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Discus :

L. E. Lowe, 1 ; P. S. Houston, 2 ; 92 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Weight :

P. S. Houston, 1 ; R. R. Watkin, 2 ; T. J. Davies, 3 ; 36 ft. 5 ins.

Open 120 yards Hurdles :

L. E. Lowe, 1 ; D. J. Chanter, 2 ; 17.0 secs.

Under 16, 120 yards Hurdles :

D. G. Crook, 1 ; J. L. Lee, 2 ; 19.6 secs.

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FENCING

MISSING the experience of last year's Captain, Petrie, the first team went to Marlborough without really knowing what result to expect. As it happened, a win of 16-9 was not as good as it might have been. Our opponents showed considerably greater enthusiasm than finesse, and more care in putting our superior technique into practice might have brought us better success in the Foil and the Sabre, where the shock tactics of the Marlborough fencers served them very well to break down our more conventional resistance. Fortunately we never became wild in these weapons, a fact to which may be attributed our wins of 5-4 in each. In *Epée*, however, our skill was more in evidence, and if we had taken all our opportunities, instead of merely most of them, an even better result might have been obtained than the final one of 6-1 in our favour. All the same, our victory was quite satisfactory in the first match

of the season, especially as a considerably improved team spirit showed itself. We should do well this year.

One more duty remains to be discharged, and that is the sad one of announcing Professor Morel's sudden death during the holidays. This news will come as a great shock to anyone connected with Westminster fencing. He had been senior instructor here since the war, and much of the success we have gained is due to him. His ability as a teacher and the interest that he took in the School accounted for our winning the Graham-Bartlett Cup in 1948, gaining second place in 1949 and 1950, and winning many of the individual championships during those years. He was patient and good-humoured, and these qualities combined with his peculiar skill to make his lessons both entertaining and instructive. We shall miss them.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

OBITUARY

The death of RICHARD ROWSELL BLAKER removes an outstanding figure from the world of sport. When at Westminster he was in the cricket side for four years and was captain for two, and later he played for Cambridge on three occasions against Oxford. He became a member of Kent team in the days of many of its greatest players and was elected President of the club last summer. Almost as distinguished as a footballer, he captained Oxford and played for the Corinthians during several seasons in their most brilliant days. Born in 1879, he entered Westminster in 1893 and afterwards went up to Jesus College, Cambridge. By profession a lawyer, he was Chief Registrar in the Chancery Division. During the first World War he held a commission in the Rifle Brigade and was awarded the Military Cross. He married in 1908 Mary, daughter of Alexander Godby, and is survived by his widow, his son, R. K. G. Blaker, who left the School in 1925, and twin daughters.

HERBERT HENRY CECIL GRAHAM was at Westminster from 1910 to 1912. His time at Cambridge was interrupted by the War, during which he served in the R.N.V.R. in the Mediterranean. After taking his degree in 1919 he was first at Lincoln's Inn and later became a member of the Middle Temple. In 1935 he was appointed one of the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, a position which he filled with high distinction. He married Kathleen Helen Woodman of Tunbridge Wells.

CHARLES HERBERT HOLMES was born in 1880 and was admitted to the School in 1893. He was married, and was for many years in business in Calcutta.

JULIAN DAVID MARKS, who died on August 25th at the age of 62, came to Westminster as an exhibitor in 1902 and was elected to Trinity, Cambridge, in 1907, where he obtained a First Class in the Natural Science Tripos. He served in France and Salonika with the F.F.A., but was invalided out of the army in 1918. He became a director of several companies, was made a

Justice of the Peace, and took a practical interest in the Guildford Juvenile Court, of which he became Chairman, and of the Borstal Institution. He married in 1915 Nancy, daughter of Samuel Hollingsworth of Philadelphia.

CHARLES JOHN RITCHIE, who died on July 6th in his 80th year, was the son of a former Lord Mayor of London, and with his elder brother was at Westminster in the 'eighties. He entered the family business of William Ritchie and Son, and was a liveryman and eventually master of the Merchant Taylors Company. He became Deputy Commandant-in-Chief of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, and was one of his Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London. He married Ethel Beatrice, daughter of David Bruce, and is survived by his widow and their only son.

JOHN CAMPION VERNON died on July 27th at the age of 65. He was at Westminster from 1896 to 1904. A correspondent writes: "A fine footballer, he was in the XI for three years and Captain in 1903, before going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, being for many years a regular member of the O.W.W. cup-tie side. He came down in 1906, on the death of his father, to join the family firm on the Baltic. On the outbreak of war in 1914 he enlisted in the 1st Battn. H.A.C., and rose to be a sergeant before being wounded at St. Elio in May 1915 and losing a leg. He returned to the Baltic and carried on his ship-brokers' business until 1931 when he was selected as the first full-time secretary of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, from which post he retired in 1948 after a successful tenure of this office. His interest in Westminster was maintained throughout his life. He leaves a widow but no family."

LEIGHTON SANDYS WASON, who died in his 83rd year, was at the School from 1882 to 1883, and afterwards went up to Christ Church. He was ordained to a curacy at Elmswell in 1894, and after holding two curacies in London was appointed Vicar of Cury-cum-Gunwalloe in 1905, and remained there till 1919.

APPOINTMENTS

The Right Revd. G. A. Ellison, recently appointed to the Suffragan Bishopric of Willesden, was consecrated in St. Paul's on September 22nd, in the presence of both Primates.

The Revd. R. W. A. Coleman has been appointed vicar of St. John's West Ealing.

Mr. T. C. Skeffington-Lodge has been chosen as the prospective Labour candidate for York, and Lt. Col. T. E. Rhys-Roberts as the prospective Conservative candidate for Newport.

Surgeon Capt. R. C. May has been appointed to the Admiralty Medical Board.

Lt. Col. H. R. Munt has been appointed to command the 350th South Notts Hussars, R.A., T.A. He was last year awarded the Territorial Decoration.

Col. A. B. Johnson has been appointed a deputy Lieutenant for Cumberland.

Mr. John Gielgud has received the honorary degree of LL.D. at St. Andrew's University.

Mr. Peter Brook has ended his contract as director of productions at Covent Garden owing to pressure of work.

Mr. R. S. Faber has been appointed to the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service.

Mr. A. M. Bell and Mr. A. B. Whitelegge have passed the Final Examination of the Law Society.

BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS—On September 14th 1950 in London to Doris, wife of G. M. Abrahams, a daughter.

BOGGIS-ROLFE—On July 11th 1950 in London to Anne Dorothea, wife of H. Boggis-Rolfe, a son.

BORRADAILE—On July 29th 1950 at Crowthorne to Jean, wife of R. O. I. Borradaile, a daughter.

BOYCOTT—On September 18th 1950 at Carmarthen to Rosemary, wife of Major S. J. B. Boycott, R.A., a son.

BRASHIER—On September 12th 1950 in London to Rosemary, wife of M. H. Brashier, a daughter.

CAREY—On September 12th 1950 in London to Ruth, wife of D. M. M. Carey, a son.

CLARK—On June 13th 1950 at Leicester to Cynthia, wife of R. S. Clark, a daughter.

DULLEY—On August 29th 1950 to Sylvia, wife of J. H. M. Dulley, a daughter.

EGGAR—On September 10th 1950 at Camberley to Ann, wife of Lt. Col. R. A. J. Eggar, a daughter.

GILBEY—On June 30th 1950 in London to Anne, wife of R. D. Gilbey, a son.

HOLLINGS—On July 29th 1950 at Kingston-on-Thames to Joy, wife of Dr. Bevan Hollings, a daughter.

KING—On September 10th 1950 at Watford to Winty, wife of Peter King, a daughter.

SCOTT-BARRETT—On July 7th 1950 at Woking to Marie Elise, wife of D. Scott-Barrett, a son.

MARRIAGES

CHRISTIE : BENTLEY—On September 9th 1950 at Greenwich, C. H. Christie to Naida Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bentley of Dronfield, Sheffield.

DENNISTON : EVANS—On July 15th 1950 at St. Peter's Vere St., R. A. Denniston to Anne, youngest daughter of Dr. Geoffrey Evans and the Hon. Mrs. Evans of 7, Mansfield St., W.I.

FEWELL : SCHONHOLZER—On September 9th 1950 at Worcester Park, Arthur Fewell to Edith Hazel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harris of North Cheam.

LINDO : MULHOLLAND—On July 25th 1950 Harold Lindo to Diana Mulholland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tait of Oporto.

MAGNUS : HURST—On August 9th 1950 in London, H. B. Magnus to Rosemary Hurst, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Masefield of Eastbourne.

MARTIN : MORSHEAD—On June 24th 1950 at Little Common, Sussex, C. P. C. Martin to Lavender Evelyn Trelawney, daughter of the late Capt. L. T. Morshead and Mrs. S. K. Pembroke.

PRIESTLEY-COOPER : ROBERTS—On April 22nd 1950 Capt. E. Priestley-Cooper to Hilda Mary, daughter of Major Roberts of Broughton, Lancs., and the late Mrs. Roberts.

SORLEY : BERRY—On August 9th 1950 at Cambridge, K. W. Sorley to Frances Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berry of Cambridge.

WOLLHEIM : TOYNBEE—On August 15th 1950 R. A. Wollheim to Anne Toynbee, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Powell.

FOOTBALL

THE Club meet the Old Ardinians in the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup at Vincent Square on the 16th December, 1950—Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

Results of matches played to date are as follows :—

Old Westminster Citizens	Drawn 1-1.
Lancing College	Won 2-0.
Economicals	Won 3-1.

Owing to supply difficulties it would be much appreciated if members no longer playing would lend their pink and white shirts to the Club for the use of active members. Anyone who is willing to do this should get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, W. W. S. Breem, 6, Palace Mansions, Palace Road, Kingston, Surrey.

GOLF

The Autumn meeting of the Old Westminsters Golfing Society was held at Woking Golf Club on Wednesday, 4th October. The results were :—

Sutherland Challenge Cup, H. C. E. Johnson 90-30=77 nett.

Scratch Prize, A. C. Grover, 78.

Foursomes against Bogey (Stableford), F. N. Hornsby (13) and F. D. Hornsby (12), 32½ pts.

SQUASH

THE first match of the season against Kensington Close has been played. The fixture list includes games against the Old Boys of Tonbridge, Bradfield, Marlborough and St. Paul's in addition to the Lansdowne, Latymer and Bromley Clubs, U.C.M. and R.N.C. Greenwich. A team will be entered for the Londonderry Cup. More young players are urgently needed and those interested should notify the Hon. Secretary, P. A. Jessel, 7 Nepean Street, Rochampton, S.W.15.

SHOOTING

THE Bisley meeting has again come and gone. The Old Westminsters entered a team in the Public Schools' Veterans' Competition. The O.W.W. Rifle Club has now been given official recognition by the Games Committee. In order to enter a strong team in the "Veterans" in the future, it is essential to try and collect new material. The present members of the team have been shooting for years and fresh shots are needed. Will any O.W. who can shoot .303 please contact R. J. Drury, "Brylai," Coombe Hill Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, with a view to getting together and having some practice (and coaching if necessary) well before the next Bisley Meeting in July.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club held up School on Thursday, 5th October, Mr. D. C. Simpson was elected Chairman in succession to Sir Robert Wilkinson. Mr. A. C. Feasey and Mr. D. M. M. Carey were elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon Secretary respectively. The Bishop of Willesden, Sir Robery Wilkinson and Mr. D. M. Low were elected members of the General Committee.

At a Special General Meeting of the Club held before the Annual General Meeting, the sum of 250 guineas was voted from Club Funds towards the cost of Mr. J. T. Christie's portrait.

The Annual Dinner was held on 29th September in Church House Restaurant, Dean's Yard, after a reception in Ashburnham House. One hundred members attended and the guests included the Mayor of the City of Westminster and Mr. Henry Brooke, M.P. The toast of the Guests was proposed by Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee and that of "Floreat" by the President, Mr. E. R. B. Graham, and Mr. D. M. Low proposed the toast of the President.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Walter Hamilton of 17, Dean's Yard, Westminster, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. F. Burrows, of Cronklands, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.

CONTEMPORARIES

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

The Aldenhamian, Arrow, Ardingly Annals, Brightonian, Britannia, Blundelian, Boys' Magazine, Crimson Comet, Deerfield Scroll, Drama, El Nopal, Eton College Chronicle, Fettesian, Glenalmond Chronicle, Hall Magazine, Harrovian, Hurst-Johnian, Lancing College Magazine, Leys Fortnightly, Marlburian, Meteor, Milton Bulletin, Mill Hill Magazine, Ousel, Portcullis, Pen Charter, Radleian, Rossalian, Salopian, St. Edward's School Chronicle, St. Michael's Magazine, Taylorian, Torch Bearer, Uppingham School Magazine, Wish Stream, Wykhamist.

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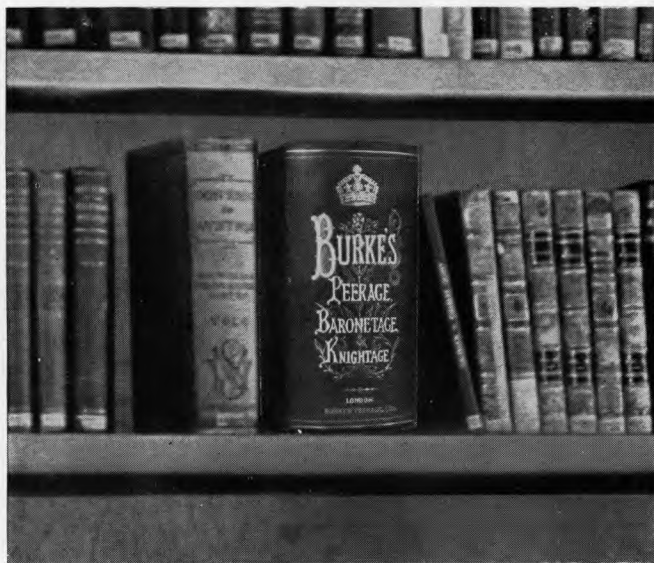
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