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## A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

### W. R. ANDERSON

It is with deep regret that we record the death of William Robert Anderson on February 14th. He entered Busby's in the 1954 Play Term, and was the son of Brigadier and Mrs. W. A. B. Anderson of the Canadian Armed Forces in Europe.

### APPOINTMENTS

D. P. Gordon, N. M. Cohen, A. Gordon and C. B. M. Hunt have been appointed School Monitors.

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### NEW MASTER

A new addition to the staff for this term only is Mr. D. F. Snook who is teaching classics. He was educated at The Grammar School, Bristol, and then studied classics at Trinity, Cambridge. He is taking a one year course at the Cambridge University Department of Education, which entails his visit to Westminster for this term.

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Of the Debating Society's numerous meetings this term one was an interdebate between Westminster, St. Paul's Boys' and St. Paul's Girls' School. The motion "That this House prefers dancing to debating" was proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the President of the St. Paul's Girls' Debating Society. The opposition was entirely Pauline. Speeches from the floor yielded an average of three males to every female, the latter being somewhat timid. Surprisingly the motion was defeated 17—15.

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The Pancake Greaze this year was won by D. V. W. G. Franzini of Shell B.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS

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

- S. SIMONS Q.S. Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics and Westminster Exhibition.
- D. CAMMELL Open Exhibition in History and Westminster Exhibition.
- A. L. GARDEN Open Exhibition in Modern Languages and Westminster Exhibition.

The following were recommended to Westminster Scholarships and at Christ Church:—

- J. D. S. McMENEMY in Science.
- M. BRONSTEN in Modern Languages.

To Exhibitions :—

- P. W. LEWIS Q.S. in Classics.
- J. W. MYRING in Modern Languages.
- J. M. GOLDMAN was awarded an Open Scholarship in Classics to New College, Oxford.
- J. P. GROSS was awarded an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Queen's College, Oxford.

## FOOTBALL

FOR the first time in many years the first XI faced Charterhouse without the support of the School and for the first time in many years they returned victorious. "Quicker on the ball, firmer in the tackle and altogether more imaginative in attack" was how *The Times* summed up the match. Two quick goals and a third added just before half time shook the Charterhouse side, hitherto unbeaten in School matches, and though on the defensive for the latter part of the game the School held onto their lead until the final whistle. The two Old Boys' teams, Carthusians and Reptonians, provided little opposition to an ever-improving side.

The visit to the Channel Islands was by far the most successful yet. The School beat Elizabeth College Guernsey 3-1 and went on to defeat Victoria College Jersey 6-0, exhibiting a brilliant standard of football on a rain-soaked pitch.

The weather was a deterrent to a continuation of these achievements and only three of the six fixtures this term were played. Corinthian Casuals sent a very strong team and defeated the School by the odd goal in a closely contested game. Of the two remaining School matches, Winchester and Eton, the results were disappointing. The first was lost 0-3 and the second 1-2. Won eight, lost ten was how the season finished, a fair conclusion to an intensive fixture list. Outstanding

in the forward line was Delmotte whose untiring energy and opportunism could always be relied upon. Lauder at centre half provided an able pivot for the defence and Wilkins proved himself an adequate successor. Of the younger players Poole and A. G. Gordon were the two most improved members of the eleven displaying considerable maturity in their respective positions. The team owes much to the enthusiastic captaincy and constructive handling of P. G. K. Saunders, to the invaluable assistance of the Chelsea professional Derek Saunders, and to the experienced guidance of Mr. Lowcock.

The second eleven, a young team, who with the remainder of this year's will comprise the nucleus of next year's first eleven, had an average season, the most notable victory being the defeat of Aldenham by two goals to one. M. J. Hyam, their Captain, is to be congratulated on maintaining a continuous high standard of football.

The Colts, Captain J. A. G. Harrop, were not so successful, and were forced to make many positional alterations. The Junior Colts though they did not win often showed up and coming talent in J. B. Alexander, Captain, and D. A. Roy. Though suffering from frequent exchange of players with the Junior Colts team the Under 14 XI, captained by M. G. Hornsby, enjoyed a good season.

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## POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY

UNFORTUNATELY a number of circumstances have contrived to limit the number of meetings so far this term : but there are hopes of at least two more before the term is ended. What the Society lost in quantity, however, it made up with a very interesting talk on February 8th from Dr. Charles Lowry.

Dr. Lowry, who himself has a very distinguished academic career behind him, spoke on Christianity and Communism. On Communism he turned out to be a true American, and nothing was lost of the correct party line : Americans on the whole are not tolerant of Communism, and Dr. Lowry was no exception to the rule. He had nothing to say in favour of Communism, and suggested that it could bring about the destruction of the world ; on the other hand he was vehement in his belief that the present " cold war " would not develop into a full-scale war in the near future. To prove this he

referred to the split between Lenin and Trotsky and he suggested that the average Russian was quite satisfied with his lot : three things were necessary to preserve Communism as the Russians saw it, the idea, the conspiracy and the power system. The idea is the conception in the mind of the average communist of his perfect state, a state without soldiers, without policemen, even without any thought of crime, the conspiracy was the ability of the men in power to hoodwink and deceive the man in the street, for this is all believed to be in the interests of public good, and the power system was the method of promoting people, together with the restricting characteristics of the Politburo and Cominform.

Leading up from this Dr. Lowry emphasized the fact that Communism is a faith, and he made the *a priori* assertion that a faith must be fought with faith ; only a stronger faith could hope to

vanquish Communism, and that stronger faith was Christianity.

The questions were roughly divided into two categories, those who were interested in Dr. Lowry's personal programme in Europe, and those who covered more general subjects. Dr. Lowry now showed that he believed in peaceful co-existence, if not indeed also in the possibility of converting the Russians with U.S. financial assistance; here some of his audience were less hopeful. The whole talk was extremely interesting, and though it required careful concentration, one was rewarded with a spate of intriguing facts.

On November 16th the Society received a visit from Mr. Christopher Mayhew, M.P. His talk was entitled "New Prospects for Peace", and

he covered almost all the trouble areas of the world from a very straightforward Foreign Office view-point. He said he believed that the greatest threats to world peace at the present time were the Russian policy over Berlin and the then recent resignation of several nations from the United Nations Organization.

On the other hand the recent Paris agreement pointed towards better relations between the four powers, and it was Mr. Mayhew's belief that the invention of the hydrogen bomb was more a deterrent than an encouragement for a Third World War. A very interesting talk was hurriedly concluded by Mr. Mayhew's apology that he had to return to the House for a Budget Day Division. The attendance at the meeting was very good.

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## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THE history of the Natural History Society is a story of almost continual failure. It has in the past been restricted to the small number of actual naturalists in the school. Because of this it was difficult to expect an appropriate body of boys to attend the many lectures, which were in consequence pitifully ill attended; as were all other activities organized by the Society. The aim of the present joint secretaries: J. W. Wolseley and D. M. Charles-Edwards and the Committee is to find a system by which the Society can be made permanent. Their belief, as outlined in the editorial of the 50-page Review issued in December, was that there should be a considerable body of senior members, who would take a general interest; and solely and proportionately only be expected to attend the one or two main lectures a term. This basis would make it possible to have distinguished lecturers; and from it interest in those branches which require knowledge and feeling, e.g. Ornithology and Botany, might spring. In practice this system seems to be working and is likely to be lasting. The society can be ranked among the most popular and has more activities than any other.

Of the many other lesser meetings, expeditions into the country are dominant in number, and lectures by boys take place twice a term. Pre-eminent among the former during the last two terms were visits to Selborne, the marshes of North Kent and chasing butterflies amongst the sunbeams in the dark woods of Chiddingfold in Hampshire.

For the future and in the election term, many plans are envisaged. A lecture by Peter Scott is fixed for Wednesday, May 16th, at 5.15 p.m. In the summer exeat, some members will be camping

luxuriously on the lonely sea coast of Norfolk. The last two lectures were those by Brigadier Sir John Hunt and Mr. Richard St. Barbe Baker. On Friday, December 23rd, the audience of 140 was the largest gathering in the drawingroom of Ashburnham House for a very long time, and many had to stand and others listened outside. After being introduced by the Headmaster, who described the meeting as "the big coup" of the Society, Brigadier Sir John Hunt gave a commentary with a series of coloured slides on the Ascent of Everest. The photographs showed the methods of climbing and the ways they lived, ate and slept; they also emphasized the peculiar and strongly contrasting beauty of the lush forests and rich vegetation in the foothills to the stark and overwhelming grandeur of Everest itself. Sir John with a remarkably fresh enthusiasm, spoke with his now famed wit and understatement, the more impressive on this journey of superlative qualities.

On Friday, February 3rd, Richard St. Barbe Baker, silviculturalist, writer, and Founder of "The Men of the Trees," showed us two colour films entitled *Sahara Challenge*. The Films described his expedition in an old desert Humber across the Sahara; a journey which only a man of his altruism and bravery would have attempted. Behind it there was a principle he said which is being ignored by all but a few countries: the vitality of a sylvan economy. The dust bowl of America, is the natural result of the ruthless felling of trees. Fifty years ago this was farmland. It is increasing just as the trees which protect water, and the topsoil, are still foolhardily and exorbitantly being felled. The dust bowl is a Sahara in miniature. The Sahara, too, was once covered with trees and vegetation like all the deserts in the



world. They cover a third of the world's land surface and the Sahara as typical is advancing on many of its boundaries at thirty miles a year. It is these advancing wastes which are the chief enemies of mankind and the cause of many present troubles.

They can be stopped and finally reclaimed, but this, he said, needs drastic action on an international level. The menace of the deserts is at present being disregarded and only in a few areas is the planting necessary to stem the advances of the barren sand being executed. Nor are these warnings taken into account, or effective provision made for the safeguarding of trees in England. Owing to crippling death duties, land owners are being forced to sell woods all over the country, and

the Government, with its usual opportunism, is doing little.

Trees, like many beautiful things, have a profound utilitarian value. They are the protectors of water and makers of humus : they keep the water tables high and prevent wind devastation. Without them, the world will die and in part is dying.

His talk was thrilling to those who understood it, and also gave strength to the belief that the system by which the Natural History Society is having lectures for a large group of boys on subjects of powerful interest, forming a basis from which a feeling for the more specialized pursuits of nature will come, may remain a permanent, vital and alive factor in the life of the School.

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## THE AUSTRIAN SKI-ING TRIP

**T**HIS Christmas, as in previous years, a party of fifteen boys, led by Dr. Sanger and Mr. French, spent the last fortnight of the holiday in Austria. Reports from the newspapers and rumours spread by disappointed friends about the lack of snow in many winter sports resorts disturbed members of the party until a few days before they left, when it was learnt that there had been reasonable snow-falls. The party arrived in Oberlech on January 2nd, and for the first few days, due to a change in plans, some boys had to sleep and eat in separate hotels and hostels. After this initial disappointment, however, everything went very smoothly, and all the members of the party were loud in the praise of the Haus Sonnenburg, their hotel at Oberlech. Ski-ing conditions were quite good, but not perfect, the main difficulties being the icy pistes and the rather rocky nature of some of the runs, a result of initial lack of snow and the action of the wind. The condition of the pistes did not worry the beginners, who spent most of

their time on the nursery slopes, and who turned out to be one of the best classes seen for some time.

Despite the fact that no new snow fell until a few days before the party left there were no serious accidents, and most of the sprains occurred near the end of the holiday, with the result that nobody missed more than two or three days ski-ing. Several of the more advanced ski-ers went on day runs, visiting Zurs and St. Christoph, neighbouring centres, to try and vary their routine. These ski-ers found that their chief money waster was books of ski-lift tickets, and towards the end of the holiday Dr. Sanger arranged for a buying and selling session every evening, when the beginners disposed of their unused tickets.

The hotel and the ski-ing soon had all the boys converted, even though some of them spent no small amount of time inverted, and it was with many regrets that the party did finally leave Austria two days before term began.

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## PLAY-ACTING AT WESTMINSTER

### PREDECESSORS OF "THE CHERRY ORCHARD"

**T**HE performance of *The Cherry Orchard* given at Westminster recently is the latest in a series of Westminster dramatic productions which has been going on for four centuries.

The earliest extant records of the spoken word at Westminster are some prologues for the *Adelphi* and *Eumuchus* of Terence and the *Hippolytus* of Seneca, written by Alexander Nowell, who was Head Master in the 1540's. The Statutes of 1561

established play-acting as a regular activity, Queen Elizabeth I came to see the *Miles Gloriosus* in 1565, and the Treasurer's Accounts contain detailed expenses of these plays and of others down to 1632.

These early performances took place in College Hall, but College Dormitory—the Old Dormitory in Dean's Yard—had become the setting by the beginning of the eighteenth century. From 1730

to 1938 the Latin Play was acted in the present College building, and in the summer of 1954 a performance of *Phormio* was given in modern dress in Little Dean's Yard, with Ashburnham House forming an effective natural backcloth. This summer the *Miles Gloriosus* is to be given in the same setting.

It was natural enough that the earliest plays should have been acted in Latin (indeed the Statutes specifically enjoin it) but the tradition that the actors of Latin plays should be confined to boys in College seems to have hardened slowly, for in 1693 Barton Booth, then a Town Boy, is said to have acted in one of Seneca's tragedies, and in 1695 he played Pamphilus in the *Andria*. Perhaps the use of the Old Dormitory as a theatre, which entailed much inconvenience for those who slept there, persuaded the Queen's Scholars that the Latin Play should be an exclusively College affair. Those who suffered the discomfort should enjoy the fun. Anyhow, they were not likely to allow themselves to be disturbed more than once in a year, and (since School was fully occupied for teaching purposes) other plays had to be acted in halls hired for the occasion. Otway's *Orphan* was given at Hickford's Dancing-room in 1720, and in 1727 a school production of *Julius Caesar* ran for four days at the French theatre in the Haymarket. In 1790 *King John* was performed in the Christmas holidays. The same situation recurred in 1946, when School and College were both unusable, and a hall in Tufton Street had to be hired by the Queen's Scholars in order to present *Julius Caesar*. In the same year Grant's performed *Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure* in a hall off the Charing Cross Road.

Although Shakespeare was sometimes acted in the eighteenth century the choice more often fell on modern authors. In 1695 "Mr. Dryden's *Cleomenes*" was performed. The prologue was written by Matthew Prior, and the prologues and epilogues to the eighteenth century English plays may sometimes have owed touches to such Westminster actors as Thomas Sheridan, the father of a more famous son. Comedy was mostly affected, and even burlesque. In 1803 the small stature of Lord John Russell suggested the choice of *Tom Thumb*. He played the hero to the King of his eldest brother, Lord Tavistock.

In the nineteenth century the Latin Play, which was gradually degenerating into a piece of elaborate ceremonial, seems to have squeezed the dramatic spirit out of Westminster; and in 1841, when there were sixty-seven boys in the school, it was perhaps not to be expected that the twenty-seven Town Boys should have had much zest for play-acting. But in the present century a remark-

able revival has taken place. It began with the Homeboarders' Dramatic Society, which in 1931 presented *The Importance of being Earnest*, W. R. Hawthorne, now Professor W. R. Hawthorne, F.R.S., being the producer. Galsworthy's *Loyalties* (with Peter Copley as Dancy) and Ian Hay's *The Middle Watch* followed. Meanwhile Rigaud's were producing *The Rivals*.

These plays took place at Napier Hall, near Vincent Square, but in 1933 a performance of *The Private Secretary* took place at the Westminster Theatre (lent by the late Mr. A. B. Horne, its owner) by a company calling itself The Westminsterstrels—nine-tenths of it schoolboys, the remainder friends and professional actresses. In 1934 Rigaud's produced A. A. Milne's *The Fourth Wall*, and Homeboarders performed *The Admirable Crichton* (produced by Esmond Knight), again at Napier Hall.

In 1939 School once more began to be used for plays. A. A. Milne's *Wurzel Flummery* and Gilbert's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* were acted in March of that year, without scenery or proscenium. By the autumn war had broken out and Westminster had moved to Lancing, but the dramatic spirit was not extinguished. In December Grant's performed F. Sladen-Smith's *The Invisible Duke*, and Busby's produced a pantomime, *Dick Whittington*, a topical, ephemeral extravaganza, in which the acting of Mr. D. S. Brock, the present housemaster of Ashburnham, and of Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P., will be remembered by those who saw it.

In Lent, 1940, *The School for Scandal* was produced, with Mr. Brock as Sir Peter Teazle, following in the footsteps of another Westminster, Thomas King, who took the part in the original performance at Covent Garden on May 8th, 1777.

In Herefordshire there was much dramatic activity. Busby's produced *Macbeth* (1942), *Hamlet* (1942), *King Lear* (1943) and *The Housemaster* (1944); *Hamlet* and *King Lear* being also acted in

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College Hall during the holidays. The "Westminster at Whitbourne Players," a combined company from College and Rigaud's, performed *King Henry IV* (1943) and *The Tempest* (1944). The former play was also performed in College Hall, when for the first time the death of the King was re-enacted within a few feet of the spot where he actually died. In 1945 College produced *The Devil's Disciple*.

In 1948 the modern series of school plays began with *Everyman*. *Tobias and the Angel* followed, and the other plays have been *Hamlet* (1950), *Twelfth Night* (1951), *The School for Scandal* (1952), *The Merchant of Venice* (1953), and *Macbeth* (1954). These plays were all produced by Mr. Lushington. In 1955 Molière's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* was presented, under the direction of Dr. Sanger. Meanwhile Busby's, carrying on their war-time tradition, produced *Blind Goddess* and *Laburnum Grove* (1949), *Peace in our Time* (1950), *The Fourth Wall* (1952), *Ten Little Niggers* (1954) and *Youth at the Helm* (1955). Grant's presented *Badgers Green* in 1951.

A list such as this makes tedious reading, but the school's dramatic activities during the last twenty-five years have never before been set out in detail and it is worth while recording them fully. Mention must also be made of three other productions, each in its own way unique. The first was the ballet *The Tales of Troy*, presented up School in 1931—a full-scale affair in four acts, with music from Beethoven, Handel, Lully, Vivaldi and Matthew Locke, and an orchestra of some thirty players. The second was the revue *Go to it*, performed at Exeter in July, 1940, in which Michael Flanders and Donald Swan, of *Airs on a Shoestring* renown, took a leading part (as did also Mr. Brock). There is nothing very remarkable about a school revue, but this particular production was so successful that it was put on again in London at the Rudolf Steiner Hall early in September, when it coincided with the beginning of the Blitz. There can have been few public school dramatic performances which have taken

place in the middle of a major air attack. The third event which is in some ways unique was the performance in the Library last term of a Latin opera, *The Golden Ass*. It was a slight, informal affair, but its interest lay not merely in the use of Latin as a language to sing in but also in the fact that it was adapted from the story of Apuleius, composed, scored, orchestrated, played and sung almost exclusively by the members of a single form in the school.

It might be supposed that with an acting tradition of some four centuries Westminster would have provided many names for a history of the English stage. As a matter of fact it has produced only six actors whose names are recorded in the Dictionary of National Biography. Barton Booth and Thomas Sheridan have been already mentioned; Charles Churchill in the Rosciad ranks the latter as in tragedy second only to Garrick. Thomas King, besides being the original Sir Peter Teazle, was the original Lord Ogilvy in *The Clandestine Marriage*, of which comedy the joint author, George Colman, was an Old Westminster. The Colmans, father and son, were successful playwrights, as was Richard Cumberland, whose last play, *The West Indian*, was produced by Garrick in 1771. In our own day the late Mr. A. A. Milne has brilliantly sustained Westminster's reputation for light comedy, and Mr. Peter Ustinov has as brilliantly turned comedy to his own uses. It is too early to say whether Mr. Ustinov will be better remembered as a dramatist or as an actor. At any rate there must be at present (thanks to Hollywood and the B.B.C.) a thousand people who know his face and voice for each one who knows his witty dialogue. Even so, he must yield the palm to Sir John Gielgud. These names, taken together with those of the late Mr. Frederick Ranalow, of *Beggar's Opera* fame, and of Mr. Jack Hulbert, Mr. Michael Shepley, Mr. Esmond Knight, Mr. Glen Byam Shaw, and others who are masters in their own sphere of acting, show that the flame which is kindled at Westminster is sometimes not extinguished.

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## FENCING—PROSPECTS GOOD

It has been said at various points during the last year that this season was expected to be relatively successful: that forecast has certainly been fulfilled, for we have won the three most important matches of the season, St. Paul's, City of London and Dulwich. In fact the matches we lost were mainly against weaker opponents, who normally

employed rather rougher tactics than we were used to.

The season started with a Second Team match against Alleyn's which was won 9-7. Oliver, who captained the team, won all his fights, but Blauvelt, fighting in a school match for the first time, hardly showed the form of which he is



capable. On the other hand the first match for the First Team was a rather desultory affair : we lost the Foil against Winchester 2-7, and only slightly redeemed ourselves by winning the Sabre 5-4. Winchester's failure to fight Epée may have accounted for their strength in foil, but our two main sabreurs, Makower and Redgrave, acquitted themselves well.

The third match of the season was against Cambridge Cut-throats, but the team we met was a strong one. Oliver was obliged to deputize for the Captain, who was out of school for this match, and both the Foil and the Epée were lost, 2-7 and 3-6; once again the sabreurs rallied the side and the match was lost no worse than 17-10, although the fencers were not as equal as the result might suggest. The following week we had an evening match against Salle Beaufoy : they however sent a weaker team than last year, and the fighting was somewhat scrappy. In the diffused lighting of the gym judging was difficult and the task of the president almost impossible. The Foil went to Westminster 6-3, but the Sabre was lost and we only won the match 10-8.

In November we met the City of London, against whom we won the Foil and Epée with ease (7-2, 5-4); but we lost the Sabre decisively and only just saved the match 14-13. Makower fought well, and Rye represented the school for the second time in the Epée. A week later we lost 11-16 to Lancing on a very cold day, but the fighting was rough and the match was conducted in an atmosphere of hostility; we won the Epée 7-2.

On the 3rd of December we met St. Paul's and

beat them in three weapons, 5-4, 6-3, 7-2. J. M. Goldman and C. W. Redgrave both fought well, and only conceded three fights out of fifteen. On the whole the Pauline team was weaker than it has been in past years, but even so we did not expect such an easy victory. A week later we lost 11-16 a match against the Lansdowne Club.

This term we have so far had two matches only, against Dulwich and Merchant Taylors. During the holidays however C. W. Redgrave was runner-up in the London Schoolboys' Foil Championship, and A. F. Oliver and M. Makower were fifth and sixth in the Final Pool; J. M. Goldman was prevented from taking part owing to a wrist injury. In the match against Dulwich Redgrave again distinguished himself, but nevertheless the Epée was lost 4-5: the match was won 15-12. Against Merchant Taylors the Foil was won decisively 8-1, and the match 17-10. Only in the Epée is there a marked weakness, and this weapon might well lose us matches in the future.

The Second Team have beaten the City of London, 8-1, lost to Aldenham and beaten Dulwich 5-4. The Colts on the other hand have failed to win a match this season, but credit is due to D. O. Brown for coming sixth in the final pool of the London Schoolboys Junior Foil Championship.

The 1st Team this season has been J. M. Goldman, C. W. Redgrave, M. Makower, A. F. Oliver, A. L. Garden ; 2nd Team, R. S. Emberson, G. B. Patterson, E. L. Gray. So far this term Pinks have been awarded to C. W. Redgrave, Colts to D. O. Brown.

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## PLAY TERM

### THE CONCERT

THE programme consisted of six works, all fairly brief, and the usual carol at the end in which the audience were asked to join. The main choral item was Bach's *The Sages of Sheba* which was well sung, though it must be admitted that excepting the Aria *Saviour take me for thine own* it is not very hard. *The Haydn Symphony, No. 86*, that the Orchestra played next produced a startling improvement in the standard of the strings. What this was due to, unless sheer perseverance, it is hard to say, but it was very welcome and only in the largo did the few technical faults become apparent. After the interval the choir sung four old English carols of Holst's, which included an unaccompanied alto solo. A more engaging if less attractive item was the Rant of T. B. Pitfield which received the encore

Mr. Foster had predicted. The orchestra then played Handel's *The Faithful Shepherd* but undoubtedly the finest performance of the evening came from M. Aufenast. This was his last concert here and those who had heard his rendering of the Bach *Chaconne* earlier in the term had some indication of what to expect. He had a sympathetic understanding for the work, which, combined with Mr. Foster's feeling for Vaughan Williams, made *The Lark Ascending* the most memorable solo and orchestral performance for many years.

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Another issue of *The Trifler*, the School's literary magazine, is planned to appear in June. Copies can be ordered from The Business Manager, 3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1.

# ELIZABETHAN CLUB

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected on February 22nd, 1956 :

G	1951-55	CAMMELL, DAVID DOUGLAS, 100 Drayton Gardens, S.W.10
G	1951-55	GODFREY, PIERS MICHAEL, Trecwm, Letterston, Pembs.
G	1950-55	RICHARDS, ROBIN PHILIP GILES, 115 Beaufort St., S.W.3.
G	1951-55	WOLCHOVER, CHARLES MICHAEL, The Twelfth House, Gordon Ave., Stanmore, Middlesex.
R	1913-15	LINFORD, BERNARD OWEN MORDAUNT, 59 Church St., Epsom.
R	1950-55	FLOWER, RICHARD LANCELOT GALLIENNE, 30 Tavistock Rd., Snaresbrook, E.18.
B	1951-55	GORMAN, CHARLES DAVID, Broughtons, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset.
H	1918-21	DUTTON, REGINALD JAMES, Rose Hill, St. James' Lane, Winchester.
A	1951-55	ARNOLD, GILES GEOFFREY, 41 Palace Mansions, W.14.
A	1951-55	DAVIS, ANTHONY DE RIEMER, 18 Mount Ave., W.5.
A	1951-55	GRIFFIN, ALAN JAMES, 13 Fir Tree Rd., Banstead, Surrey.
A	1950-55	GROSS, JEAN-PIERRE ANTHONY, 137 Old Church St., S.W.3.
A	1950-55	LAUDER, JOHN ALASTAIR, 71 Vineyard Hill Rd., S.W.19.
A	1950-55	ROSSDALE, MARTIN ROGER, Wych Elm, Hendon Ave., N.3.
W	1950-55	AUFENAST, MAX MICHAEL, 33a Marloes Rd., W.8.
W	1951-55	BRONSTEN, MICHAEL EDWARD, 94 Priory Rd., N.W.6.
W	1952-55	EMBERSON, RICHARD STUART, Tinkers' Revel, Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames.
W	1950-55	GARDEN, ADRIAN LAWRENCE, 8 Goodyers Gardens, Hendon, N.W.4.
W	1951-55	RICHTER, THOMAS FREDERICK, 51 Welbeck St., W.1.
W	1950-55	STONE, JONATHAN MICHAEL LEVER, 41 Orchard Court, W.1.

## FOOTBALL

The results of matches played to date are as follows :-

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Against
1st. XI	16	4	3	9	38	43
"A" XI	12	2	1	9	22	55

Owing to grounds being affected by the weather no fewer than 7 matches have had to be cancelled. However it is most encouraging to note that on no occasion has an "A" XI match had to be cancelled because of a shortage of players. Reports on the two matches in the Arthur Dunn Cup are below and the 1st XI are to be congratulated on their excellent performances in both games.

### 1ST ROUND

#### Lancing Old Boys 3, Old Westminster 4

The match was played on a rain-affected pitch and the ball quickly became slippery and difficult to control. Lancing won the toss and elected to play with the slope and for the first half an hour were well on top, reducing

the Westminster defence to near-panic and scoring goals in the eighteenth and twenty-second minutes, the first a hard shot from A. Baldwin on the right wing and the second scored by G. W. Brierley after a determined run. The game then swung in Westminster's favour and first K. Hinge scored in the twenty-fifth minute with a curling shot from 30 yards and then in the fortieth minute, a through pass from Hinge was hit home by I. Renny.

After half-time playing down the slope Westminster attacked continually and Hinge scored in the first minute of the second half. A mistake by the Lancing goalkeeper allowed R. Hillyard to score a fourth goal four minutes later. Lancing remained undaunted and after W. F. Ward scored in the fifty-fifth minute it was touch and go whether or not they would save the day.

LANCING OLD BOYS.—M. M. Marriott ; D. J. Wylie, J. S. M. Hunt ; C. K. Howe, R. D. P. Giles, J. W. Jenkins ; A. Baldwin, C. J. Crawford, W. F. Ward, B. A. Rogers, G. W. Brierley.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.—J. Kendall ; C. M. O'Brien, P. Houston ; I. Momtchloff, B. Peroni, B. Griffiths ; R. Hillyard, I. Renny, K. Hinge, W. Turner, F. D. Hornsby.

### 2ND ROUND

#### Old Ardinians 6, Old Westminster 4

The Old Ardinians entered the semi-final of the Arthur Dunn Cup for the first time in their history when they defeated the Old Westminster at Ardingly by six goals to four after extra time. It was a long and hard match, played under appalling ground and weather conditions and although victory deservedly went to Ardingly it would be generally admitted that the glory belonged to Westminster, who settled down right from the start and, for the whole of the first half, were the superior side, always playing more constructive football.

OLD ARDINIANS.—H. M. Denew ; B. L. Morris, R. J. C. Hewett ; J. S. Green, R. W. Blackmore, A. E. F. Newman ; R. J. Mills, C. R. Godwin, P. T. Newton, G. R. Taylor, J. T. Foster.

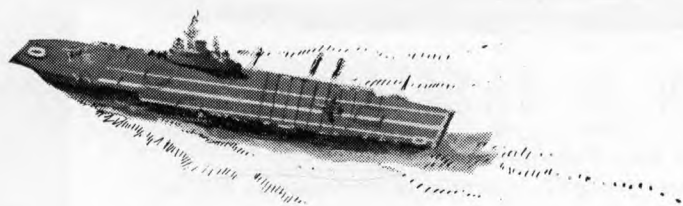
OLD WESTMINSTERS.—J. H. Kendall ; C. M. O'Brien, P. S. Houston ; N. B. R. C. Peroni, A. Lauder, I. M. Momtchloff ; R. P. C. Hillyard, K. A. H. Hinge, H. F. Symons, I. A. Renny, F. D. Hornsby.

### FIVES CLUB

Nov. 15th	City of London School	Lost
Nov. 19th	Lancing College	Drawn
Nov. 24th	Jesters	Lost
Nov. 26th	Old Aldenham Fives Club	Lost
Dec. 4th	Wellington College	Won
Dec. 8th	Old Harrovians	Lost
Dec. 15th	Old Olavians	Lost
Jan. 12th	Old Citizens	Lost
Jan. 14th	Higate School	Lost
Jan. 26th	Old Reptonians	Drawn
Feb. 4th	Marlborough College	Won

Although there have not been many victories, the matches have been most enjoyable, and many have gone to the fifth game. We are fortunate to have had two younger members in J. Kay Mouat and P. Cashell to re-inforce the older generation of players.





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*When Hebe was displaced by Ganymede  
To Earth she straight repair'd with frantick Speed,  
Whither arriving, she was much surpris'd  
To find that daedal Mortals had devised  
For their Refreshment, an Elysian Brew  
Surpassing far the Nectar that she knew.  
So Skyward the celestial Bar-maid soar'd  
Where Gods and Goddeses with one Accord,  
Who tasted of this Lickour's Strength and Flavour,  
Received her back into her wonted Favour.  
With Chaunts of Praise and Thanks Olympus rings  
For all the Health and Vigour GUINNESS brings.*



## GOLFING SOCIETY

Mr. Grover has been elected a Vice President, and has resigned the Secretaryship to which he was first appointed in 1931. The Society is greatly indebted to him for his splendid work. Mr. F. N. Hornsby, 2 Whitehall Court, S.W.1, has been appointed Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. Lewis Leighton, M.C., Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. T. J. Davies has been placed on the list of Walker Cup probables. Mr. C. J. H. Davies has been playing for Cambridge University.

All boys at the School are cordially invited to the Golf Meetings at Richmond on April 30th and on September 17th, when the competitions for the Barnes and Pitamber Cups take place.

The following have been selected to represent the Society in the Halford Hewitt Cup at Deal which takes place from April 12th to 15th: R. K. Pitamber (Captain), W. A. Slark, T. J. Davies, R. T. Robinson, J. H. T. Barley, A. C. Grover, E. W. S. G. Spencer, I. Petherick,

C. J. H. Davies, M. G. Scott, A. C. Hornsby (reserve). The Society has drawn a bye in the first round, and will play Eastbourne at Deal on Friday morning, April 13th, at 9.30.

## THE ELIZABETHAN BOAT CLUB

A crew once again took part in the London Rowing Club's Christmas Invitation Regatta last December. The members of this scratch Eight assembled on the Putney towpath at the eleventh hour for this pleasantly informal regatta. In their heat against Jesus College, Cambridge "A" crew, the Club's crew started rowing at a smart pace, but unfortunately their opponents snatched a quick lead of nearly three-quarters of a length, and thereby gained the slight advantage of the slack tide. Thus they were able to hold off the determined effort of the Old Westminsters, who rowing in their opponent's wash, were unable to do more than close the gap, and finally lost by about three lengths.

## OLD WESTMINSTERS

The following names appeared in the New Year's Honours List—Mr. D. C. Watherston, K.B.E.; Mr. C. M. Cahn and Air Vice-Marshal A. C. Kermodé, C.B.E.; Mr. J. D. H. Dickson and Dr. D. B. Harden, O.B.E.

Dr. D. B. J. Hallett is a Warden of The Haberdashers' Company for the ensuing year; Lord Adrian has been elected a liveryman of the Dyers', and Major-Gen. J. M. Kirkman of the Coachmakers' Company.

The Rev. D. C. Hampton-Smith has been appointed vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Howe Bridge.

The Rev. E. J. Townroe has been appointed Warden of the fourth-year college at St. Boniface College, Warminster.

Mr. W. A. Pantin has published *The English Church in the Fourteenth Century*, based on his Birkbeck Lectures 1948.

Mr. G. H. Guillum Scott is retiring from the Chancellorship of the diocese of Peterborough.

Sqdn.-Ldr. J. R. Burgess, R.A.F., has been promoted Wing Commander.

Lt.-Col. A. J. Keddie, R. Signals, has been granted the honorary rank of colonel on his retirement.

Mr. P. D. V. Gwinner has passed the examination for admission to R.M.A. Sandhurst.

Lt.-Col. J. L. Fouracre has been given the command of the 1st Batt. The Manchester Regiment.

Mr. A. P. Graham-Dixon has been called to the bar. Mr. K. N. Macmorran, Q.C., has been elected Master Treasurer of the Middle Temple for 1956.

Mr. J. P. B. Clark has joined the staff at Eton.

The Rev. K. D. Keay is Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England for 1956.

Group Capt. H. R. A. Edwards is one of the coaches of the Oxford crew, and Mr. M. A. B. Harrison rowed in the Trial Eights at Cambridge.

Prof. W. R. Hawthorne has been appointed a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Mr. E. P. Hawthorne has been appointed chief executive to the newly-formed Hawker Siddeley Nuclear Power Company.

Mr. J. R. Cowell has been elected to an open exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Mr. J. R. Cheadle is the compiler of *Basic Greek Vocabulary*, published by Messrs. Macmillan.

Mr. K. G. Allen has been elected chairman of W. H. Allen, Sons & Co., and Mr. O. L. Dick has been elected Managing Director of Public Relations Associates Ltd.

Mr. Gilbert Matthews has relinquished his appointment of chief operating superintendent, Western Region, British Railways, after 47 years' service.

## BIRTHS

ARCHER—On December 2nd 1955 in London to Angela, wife of Denis Archer, a son.

BRIGGS—On December 7th 1955 in Milan to Molly, wife of Nigel Briggs, a daughter.

BROWNING—On February 13th 1956 at Oxford to Elizabeth, wife of the Rev. Wilfrid Browning, a son.

CRISP—On December 10th 1955 in London to Judith, wife of Sir Peter Crisp, Bt., a son.

DOWDING—On December 27th 1955 at Ashford-in-the-Water, Derbyshire, to Rosemary, wife of M. F. Dowding, a daughter.

FISHER—On January 31st 1956 at Moascar, Egypt, to Susan, wife of Major Peter Fisher, R.H.A., a daughter.

FURSDON—On January 8th 1956 at Bitchet Green, Kent, to Joan, wife of Captain F. W. E. Fursdon, a daughter.

HOWELL—On November 23rd 1955 to Bridgit, wife of P. P. Howell, a son.

JOHNSON—On December 9th 1955 at Wimbledon to Jane, wife of Henry Johnson, a son.

LYELL—On December 3rd 1955 in London to Rosamunde, wife of Malcom Lyell, a daughter.

MILLAR—On December 9th 1955 at Oxford to Anne, wife of Dr. A. P. Millar, D.S.O., D.F.C., a daughter.

POTTER—On December 25th 1955 at Papatoetoe, Auckland, to Janette, wife of J. S. Potter, a son.

ROGERS—On November 24th 1955 to Margaret, wife of M. A. T. Rogers, a daughter.

TEMPLE-BIRD—On December 30th 1955 at Bromley, Kent, to Winifred, wife of Major J. F. Temple-Bird, a daughter.

WADE—On February 2nd 1956 in London to Penelope Ann, wife of David Wade, a daughter.

WHIPP—On January 25th, 1956 at Ealing to Patricia, wife of P. G. Whipp, twin daughters.

## MARRIAGES

CANDLIN : SHAW—On September 3rd 1955 at Cann, Dorset, D. J. Candlin to Eileen Rosemary Sylvester, only daughter of Instr. Capt. R. E. Shaw, R.N., and Mrs. Shaw of Cann.

CATES : MOORE—On August 6th 1955 J. E. Cates, M.D., M.R.C.P., to Mary Elizabeth Moore, M.B., Ch.B., only daughter of the late Mr. F. W. Moore and Mrs. Moore of Henleaze, Bristol.

LOW : BUTTERS—On January 4th 1956 D. M. Low to Dorothy Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Butters of Bury St. Edmunds.

MARRECO : DE SOUZA COELHO—On November 19th 1955 A. F. Marreco to Senhorita Regina Maria, only daughter of Dr. and Senhora Roberto de Souza Coelho of Rio de Janeiro.

RIDER : WILSON—On December 15th 1955 at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, F. A. G. Rider to Mary Hope Wilson.

SLATER : JACKSON—On December 21st 1955 at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Dr. J. D. H. Slater to Daphne Jackson.

## DEATHS

BOMPAS—On January 22nd 1956 at Broughton, Hants., C. H. Bompas, aged 87.

JEREMY—On December 27th 1955 at Pinhoe Dr. W. H. R. Jeremy, aged 46.

LLOYD—On July 7th 1955 J. E. Lloyd, aged 82.

MILNE—On January 31st 1956 at Hartfield, Sussex, A. A. Milne, aged 74.

PAGE-WOOD—On November 28th in London Sir David Page-Wood, aged 34.

PAXON—On December 7th 1955 Rev. H. C. Paxon, aged 47.

PHILLIPS—On February 8th 1956 at Surbiton Rev. E. E. Phillips, aged 89.

ROBERTSON—On November 23rd 1955 in London Rev. W. S. A. Robertson, aged 61.

WHATELY—On January 29th 1956 in London J. A. D. Whately, aged 53.

CECIL HENRY BOMPAS was admitted in 1880 and went to Trinity with a Westminster exhibition in 1886. He became president of the Cambridge Union. He was appointed to the Indian Civil Service and served in Bengal as Magistrate and Collector. He served with distinction on the Calcutta Improvement Trust and was an effective speaker in the Legislative Council of Bengal. Since his retirement he took an active part in local affairs first at Bishop's Stortford and later at Broughton in Hampshire. He married first Geraldine Banton of Dundalk, and second Nita Frances Goode of Port Pirie, South Australia, by whom he is survived.

WILLIAM HAROLD ROWE JEREMY was at Westminster from 1923 to 1927. From Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital and took his M.R.C.S. in 1937. He practised at Pinhoe, Devon. In the war he served in the R.A.F.V.R. He married in 1938 Doris, daughter of Edward Ludlow of Purley.

JOHN EDWARD LLOYD entered the School in 1884 and left in 1887. He was a member of the Stock Exchange.

ALAN ALEXANDER MILNE was admitted as a Q.S. in 1893, and was elected to Trinity in 1900. At Cambridge he edited *Granta*, and on leaving the University he went into journalism. He joined the staff of *Punch* and became assistant editor. In the first war he held a commission in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. In 1917 appeared the first of many plays, most of which had a considerable success on the London stage. These were followed by novels and detective fiction, and in 1934 came *Peace with Honour*, a thoughtful contribution to the pacifist attitude of the time. Everything that Milne wrote, whether serious or witty, was pervaded by a gentle kindness which could neither hurt nor offend, but it seems certain that he will be longest remembered for the great series of children's books which appeared in the years after the first war. If Pooh and his friends have indeed taken their place with Alice and Peter Rabbit, their creator must rank high in the long list of Westminster authors.

JOHN HATHERLEY DAVID PAGE-WOOD was admitted in 1935. During the war he served in the R.N.V.R. in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and with Russian convoys; he was mentioned in dispatches. He married in 1947 Evelyn Hazel Rosemary, daughter of Captain G. E. Bellville, and there is one son of the marriage. He only succeeded to the baronetcy last May.

HAMILTON CUNNINGHAME PAXON entered the School in 1922. He took his degree at Durham and took holy orders in 1934. He was a curate first at Wandsworth and then at Croydon. In 1945 he was made vicar of St. George's, Deal, where he remained until 1954, when he became vicar of St. Stephen's, Dulwich. He was married in 1936.

EDWARD EGERTON PHILLIPS was admitted in 1877, and went to Clare College, Cambridge, in 1883. He was ordained in 1890 to Dartford parish church, and after a period at Maidstone was appointed vicar of Bredhurst in 1906 and of Markyate in 1913. In 1927 he became rector of Bartlow. In the first war he was a military chaplain. In 1909 he married Emily Mildred Gardner. Both his son and his grandson were at Westminster.

WILLIAM STROWAN ALGERNON AMHERST ROBERTSON was admitted in 1908. From Queen's College, Cambridge, he went out to Calcutta as lecturer at St. Paul's College, and returned to take holy orders in 1921. He was curate of St. George's, Cullercoats, until 1924, when he became an assistant secretary of the S.C.M. In 1928 he was again in India as a mission priest, but was forced by ill-health to return to England, where he was appointed vicar of St. Ives, Huntingdonshire. He soon joined the Society of St. Francis and was professed in 1937, eventually becoming its Father Guardian. To him in particular was due the great development of the community at Cerne Abbas, and its extension to Cambridge and the east end of London. There cannot be many who have exercised so strong an influence on the spiritual life of the Church during the last two decades. Father Algy was recently made an honorary canon of Salisbury.

JOSEPH ANTHONY DAVIS WHATELY was admitted to the School in 1917 and left in the following year. He became an insurance broker. In 1925 he married Alice, daughter of John Peters of Reading.

The death occurred recently of Mr. C. S. Walton, headmaster of University College School, Hampstead, since 1936. He was for some years master of the classical seventh form at Westminster. He was a fine scholar with a deep personal interest in his pupils, and his liveliness and vigour imparted itself to all who came into contact with him.



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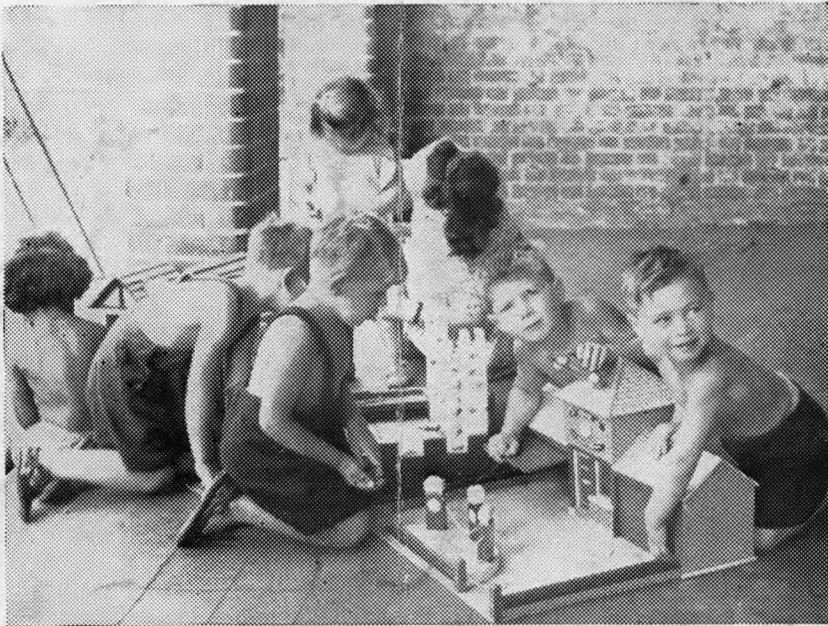
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