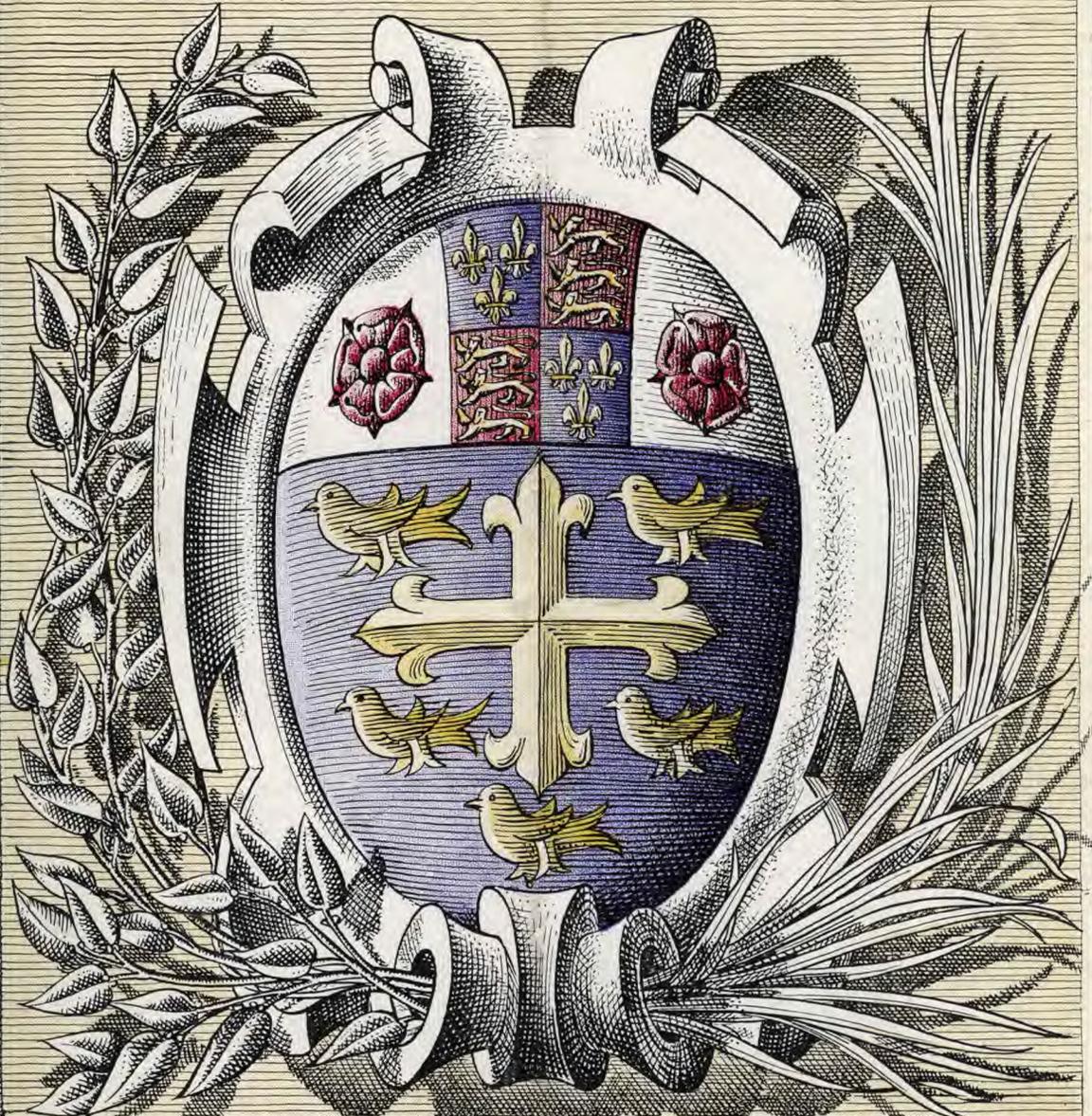


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*This year's inspection was carried out by Air Vice-Marshal G. D. Harvey, C.B.E., D.F.C., O.W.
The band of the Scots Guards played during the march-past.*

Highest Percentage

AFTER the results of the last Oxford Group were made known at the end of the Lent term, it became apparent that Westminster had gained a higher percentage of awards to Oxford and Cambridge than any other school. Manchester Grammar School chalked up the highest number of awards: there, pupils between the ages of thirteen and eighteen number roughly 1,100. Westminster, with only 380 boys, obtained fifteen awards, which means that 3.9 per cent of the School's total were successful in scholarship examinations. Second in the percentage table comes Winchester: 3.8 per cent were lucky. It must be admitted that Westminster's closed awards at Christ Church and Trinity are included in these figures: but several boys who failed to get closed awards were later successful in the Open field, the inference being that some, if not all, of

those who were successful at Christ Church or Trinity would have got Open awards had they tried for them.

New Appointment

The Rev. M. S. Stancliffe has been appointed Preacher of Lincoln's Inn. I am glad to say that his new position does not mean that he has to give up his work here.

Field Day Fifty Years Ago

"What actually took place we have no means of judging, and the value of the day, as far as instruction is concerned, was a failure. However, the weather was perfect and we let off most of our ammunition, so we ought to be satisfied." Yes, that's a description of Field Day. And though it fits the modern field day to a "T", it is in fact referring to the Public Schools' Field Day of 1904. As you were!

Greek Trip



Joint leader of the Greek Party, Mr. T. L. Zinn, pictured by S. T. Gray on a donkey in Aegina.

During the Easter holidays Mr. Zinn and Mr. Craven led most of the Classical Side to Greece. With them went Mrs. Craven who, I hear, uncomplainingly took the somewhat rough conditions in her stride: she was invaluable in attending to the ailments—luckily only minor—of the party. The travellers “did” the Peloponnese by bus, Crete by ship and, of course, Athens.

Lease-Lend

A new face about Yard this term—or should I say on the campus this semester?—is that of Robert D. Gamble, a student at Milton Academy, Mass., U.S.A. Gamble, shortish, ginger-haired and affable, is here for a term under the exchange scheme operated by Milton and Westminster: over in the States is Queen’s Scholar Nicholas Deakin. A history scholar at Christ Church, Deakin sorrowfully writes: “I have to do *maths* every day here . . .”

Tycoons of the Future . . .

This year the Public Schools’ Appointments Bureau ran another two-day course at the Bonar Law College, Ashridge Park. Subject of the course was “The Public Schools and Industry”: my reporter tells me it was a great success. Three Westminsters were among the fifty-odd present: the course consisted of a series of lectures by eminent figures in industry or commerce, and was supported by industrial films and discussion. It may not perhaps be generally known that Westminster has for the past three years been a member of the Appointments Bureau. Careers master Mr. Moylan informs me that the Bureau has widespread contacts in the Professions, Business,

Industry and Commerce: any Old Westminster up to the age of twenty-five, who wishes for advice on his career or assistance in obtaining a suitable job, may apply to the Bureau at 17 Queen Street, Mayfair.

Snap!

If you’ve got a copy of the last *Elizabethan* handy, just take a look at my Notebook and then read this extract from that leading provincial daily, *The Liverpool Daily Post*. Under the heading of “School Record”, it runs:—

“One of the sights of Dean’s Yard in Westminster these days is the secretary of the Gramophone Society of Westminster School, who is 6ft 5ins. high and looks still higher in his top hat. His name is D. J. D. Miller, and he has recently been awarded a minor scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. The Gramophone Society meets more frequently than any other society in the school, at least once a week playing records borrowed from the Westminster Public Libraries. Visitors to Westminster by the way will note the scaffolding recently erected for the painting on the east wall of the college staircase of the names of the captains of the school from 1615 onwards. Originally these were known as ‘Liberty Boys’ because they were excused from fagging, and their names were painted on wooden panels, but these were destroyed in the blitz.”

The italics are mine: when will people realize that Westminsters no longer wear top hats as a matter of course?

Intelligence Test

THE yardstick of the Intelligence Test is to-day applied to would-be entrants to the armed forces, the Foreign Office, and many other careers: since 1949 it has been applied in the challenge to would-be Scholars. At the start of this term an Intelligence Test was sprung without warning on boys in the Shells and above. Its purpose was partly to find whether form-masters’ estimates of their charges’ intelligence agreed with those of the test’s deviser, a Dr. Cattell, and partly to see whether the Scholars deemed most intelligent at the Challenge tests had held that position. Possibly from motives of preserving discipline, Intelligence Quotients have been kept top secret: it is perhaps revealing that the Intelligence Test was cut out of this year’s Challenge.

Concert

The Concert Secretary asks me to say that tickets for the Concert on July 23rd may now be obtained from him at 3 Little Dean’s Yard, S.W.1.

WESTMINSTER WIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'

FIRST IN TWO WEAPONS

ALL credit must go to this year's senior fencers for winning the Public Schools' Championships with a clear lead over the other schools competing. But it must also be admitted that we were fortunate in being able to produce a strong all round team at a time when St. Pauls, the only serious rivals, were not able to produce as effective a team as they have done over the last five successive years. At the same time the Pauline fencing was of a high standard and the City of London team was the best they have had for several years. Winchester, Eton and Dulwich can always be reckoned to produce strong challengers and most other schools should be able to produce at least one finalist.

Westminster is fortunate in having fencing as a whole time station and in having the services of two professional instructors. Against this, however, must be set the fact that the size of the club must be limited by space, and unless a large proportion of the boys of all ages who fence are good athletes it is impossible to produce good results. Many people still have the impression that a boy can fence if he is physically incapable of playing other games or is of weak stamina. Anyone who has watched the Public Schools' Championships will have some idea of the physical and mental strain undergone by a boy who gets to the semi-finals or finals on all three days of the contest. One Westminster fencer had 74 fights in the three days—amounting to 7 hours on the piste during which time every single hit against may be a bar to promotion on a count of hits at the end of the round. Other sports may involve as great a physical strain but it is unlikely that they impose a comparable mental one. Wellwishers to Westminster fencing will surely be able to draw their own conclusions regarding recruitment from these figures.

The School's finalists and semi-finalists provided a team comparable to that of 1948 and it must be hoped that a further six years will not be allowed to run before a similar galaxy appears. M. S. Makower particularly is to be congratulated at the end of his year's captaincy both for his holding the team together and for his steady fighting in the Foil and Sabre Championships. J. D. I. Boyd who showed promise earliest as a foilist maintained his high quality of style and performance throughout the season. C. J. Croft having won all three weapons in the Westminster

Championships in the Play term well deserved his win in the Sabre; what he lacked in style was amply made up for in speed and timing. I. R. Cameron, the latest to develop, had no trouble in the Epee Championships coming first or second in his pools throughout the day. Although D. J. D. Miller was unable to get into the finals his performance was valuable if only from the point of view of removing other opponents from the field. Of the Seniors mention should also be made of N. D. Deakin, unfortunately in America during the Championships, particularly for his ability to make stop-hits look like attacks. The Colts had a varied season but fought well in the Championships: J. M. Goldman, M. Makower, A. F. Oliver and N. Brenchley all show promise.

This year St. Pauls were the hosts for the Championships and it was particularly valuable to be able to hold the final pools in their well equipped salle. The A.F.A. Committee are to be congratulated on bringing yet more schools to the meeting and for their organization of such large numbers. In the early stages the need for competent presidents becomes more pressing and it cannot be stressed enough how valuable the assistance of University and Club fencers is in this respect; they are also needed in the semi-finals and finals for judging. In the Epee finals this year it was necessary for some of the competitors to judge.

Junior Foil: 69 entries from 25 schools.

Finalist: J. M. Goldman—4th.

Semi-finalist: N. Brenchley.

Senior Foil: 137 entries from 41 schools.

Finalists: M. S. Makower—2nd (after a barrage);

J. D. I. Boyd—3rd.

Semi-finalist: C. J. Croft.

Epee: 63 entries from 18 schools.

Finalists: I. R. Cameron—1st (after a barrage);

C. J. Croft—4th; J. D. I. Boyd—6th.

Semi-finalist: D. J. D. Miller.

Sabre: 81 entries from 28 schools.

Finalists: C. J. Croft—1st; M. S. Makower—3rd.

Semi-finalist: D. J. D. Miller.

Points for the Graham-Bartlett Cup: Westminster—29; St. Pauls—14; City of London—13; Winchester—6; Radley—1.

RADLEY WELL BEATEN

THE cricket season has opened with a series of cold, wet match days, the play often taking its tone from the weather. Despite this, however, a sound start has been made : in the first five matches we have had two wins and a couple of drawn games.

The most encouraging win was in our only School match to date, when Radley were beaten by six wickets. Radley won the toss, and went in to bat on a good, fast wicket which looked full of runs. But with only five on the board, Hyam bowled Slocock, and this early success for Westminster was followed when the other opening bat gave Denny a simple return catch just as he was beginning to look set. Radley 25 for 3. J. B. Gleave was soon caught behind the wicket by Lauder off Delmotte, who had replaced Hyam : there then followed a slow stand in which 32 for 3 became 65 before Hopton fell to Lauder off Garcia. Just before lunch Lewis, who appeared to be Radley's most accomplished bat, was run out, and lunch was taken with the score at 70 for 5. Two quick wickets fell after resumption : 73 for 7. Despite the brave stand which followed, Radley could only manage a total of 134. Garcia had thoroughly deserved his 4—48, and Lauder had emerged with four victims to his credit. Our

catching had been quite sound, but the ground fielding showed room for improvement : the throwing of Perrett and Denny was outstanding. The bowling had been very steady, Garcia and Hyam especially bowling with much sense, and Delmotte showing that he is a useful change bowler.

Westminster were left just under two and a half hours to get the necessary runs, and in the twenty-seven minutes before tea replied with 37 for no wicket. Delmotte was in devastating form, being particularly severe through the covers. After tea the score climbed at the same brisk pace : Delmotte, perhaps through a lapse of concentration, was out for 39 playing across an off break outside his off stump : 46 for 1. Saunders soon settled down, and with Lauder scoring slightly more the score moved to 84 before Saunders was l.b.w. to J. C. Lewis. Lauder quickly followed him, stumped by Wilson : he had made 26. Myring set about the bowling, and was unlucky to be out when the score was only eleven short of the target. Captain J. W. Tourlmain soon scored the winning run, and Westminster had beaten Radley for the first time since the war. It was Radley's first defeat in a school match since 1949.

THE WATER

THIS term, the School has eight VIIIs on the river. All of these are taking part in League Races, while the first four are, as usual, practising for various regattas. The number of wins in League Races so far is not quite as great as it was at the same stage a year ago. Nevertheless, it is probably safe to say that our prospects in the forthcoming regattas are very promising.

The First VIII rowed the sixteen miles up to Molesey soon after term began, and spent a useful ten days there before the exhausting row back. Since then, they have settled down well, and at the moment the paddling is powerful and effective, while the main racing fault seems to be too low a rate of striking combined with a slight lack of dash. This, however, is improving and seems to be the last serious barrier to a respectable crew.

The Second VIII are on the light side, but

certainly make up in determination and energy what they lack in weight. They can row well at a high rating which is another advantage, and should do well during the remainder of the season. The Third VIII remain somewhat of an enigma : sometimes they look very polished and well together, but at others seem to get very ragged and rushed. The Colts are going well : their control seems good and as a crew they, too, make up for a great deal by their unyielding will to win.

Of the lower VIIIs the Fifth has done remarkably well so far, while the others have mostly enjoyed mixed fortunes. No one could say that the future was sure to hold any promise of tremendous success for any of the Eights, but we have every chance of doing well in the regattas, and, on present progress, perhaps more than a chance.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SOCIETY APPEAL

A progress report by John Carleton, Chairman of the Society

BY now all Old Westminsters, even in the remotest parts of the world, will have received the little booklet sent out by the Westminster School Society at the beginning of May.

The Society, which since its foundation by the late Lord Greene in 1937 has been the principal single benefactor of the school, asked for the support of all Old Westminsters to enable it to continue its work. So far, some £4,200 in cash, covenants and bankers' orders has been received, and in addition there are promises of legacies to the extent of £1,025. It is too early yet to get out a list of individual subscribers, but it is hoped to publish one in the next number of *The Elizabethan*. Meanwhile, here is a table showing the numbers of subscribers, up to May 28th, arranged under their years at school (in 10-year sections) :—

1880-90	..	..	..	7
1891-1900	..	..	..	15
1901-10	..	..	..	20
1911-20	..	..	..	18
1921-30	..	..	..	32
1931-40	..	..	..	28
1941-50	..	..	..	30
1951- ..	..	..	..	6
Non-O. WW.	..	..	..	21

Our warmest thanks are due to all those who have contributed. In these days, when money is scarce, and when even a small extra drain on the pocket means much to many, it is something of an achievement that so substantial a sum should have been raised by so few. There have been one or two large subscribers, but the bulk of the money has been in the form of covenants of from £1 to £10, and a notable feature is the relatively high proportion of young O.WW. who have contributed.

£4,200, contributed by 177 people, 21 of whom are non-Old Westminsters. That is the achievement so far. If it seems odd to you that out of an estimated total of 4,000 living Old Westminsters, some 3,850 have not yet contributed, let me say at once that it also seems odd to me. It is not for me to assess the debt that any individual Old Westminster owes the school, but it would be ludicrous, and indeed insulting, to suppose that it could be worth less than £1 a year, and there can be few who really cannot afford this sum. There

are doubtless some who disliked their schooldays and would rather contribute to any other cause than to the benefit of the school, and if you are one of these I do not seek to persuade you. But if you are merely one of those who feel that because they cannot give much they will not give anything, let me suggest that the days are past when the burden of any appeal could be carried by a few large subscribers. It is the small subscriptions which count—provided that there are enough of them.

The objects for which the Society is asking you to give your money have already been set out in its booklet, and it would be tedious to repeat them. It is worth while, however, stating once more this fundamental proposition. The school, like the nation, incurred during the war an unavoidable debt—a debt which it is in honour and in law bound to repay. It could repay it in two ways : by cutting down amenities and necessary repairs, or by raising fees yet further and attempting, in effect, to make the parents of present boys pay for the education of boys who were at Westminster ten or fifteen years ago. The Westminster School Society is certain that neither of these courses will commend itself to Old Westminsters of any generation. It was in this belief that it launched its appeal, and it is sure that it will not have launched it in vain.

THE CHALLENGE 1954

Results of the 1954 Challenge are :—

- P. R. Jeffreys-Powell, Hillstone School, Malvern.
- C. A. Robertson, The Under School.
- P. L. M. Sherwood, Feltonfleet School, Cobham.
- F. S. Pagan, Downsend School, Leatherhead.
- T. L. Richardson, Willington School, Putney.
- R. J. A. Martin, St. Ronan's School, Hawkhurst, Kent.
- T. Radice, Westminster School.
- W. I. K. MacLennan, Westminster School.
- W. M. Hale, Dulwich College Preparatory School.
- A. J. N. W. Prag, Westminster Under School.

The Harold and Madeleine Weekes Scholarship was awarded to W. J. K. Jenner, Westminster School and Westminster Under School. An Exhibition was awarded to O. J. Gillie, Westminster School and Westminster Under School.

MODERN LINGUISTS IN FRANCE

FOR the third year in succession a party from the Modern Languages VIIIth has spent the first four weeks of the Election term as temporary members of the Ecole des Roches, the best-known French equivalent of the British public school. The mere seven of us—accompanied by Dr. Sanger—were divided among three of the five houses : the three veterans of last year were welcomed (as then) by Le Vallon, while the remainder went to Les Pins and Les Coteaux.

In contrast to our last two visits to the Ecole, this one passed off very quietly : yet though it was almost without incident—there were no Anglo-French debates, party or concert—it was in some ways the most noteworthy of the three. For it was the first in which we moved out of our isolated dormitory in the infirmary to live as nearly as was possible the same life as the rest of the school : and those who have now had experience of both systems realize what an immense difference this means. Although most of last year's party were not afraid of making the effort necessary to get to know the French boys, there were undoubtedly one or two who were too shy to extract the maximum profit from their visit.

But this year there was quite a different atmosphere about. Eating, sleeping and studying as we did with the inmates of the Ecole, we quickly got to understand and like them : after a day or two of natural shyness they were very ready to reciprocate this. The masters did their best to ignore our presence completely, while the boys were friendly and talkative. It was remark-

able how quickly we got used to the run of things : to the two-meal day (but excellent meals they were), to the 7 a.m. showers, to the three and a half hour *études*—we missed nothing so much as this on our return. Above all, we learnt to speak French—spoken French, not merely literary phrases—French that might in some cases perhaps surprise our past teachers.

It is sad that for all that the time of our visit can hardly be called a happy one, either for the Ecole as a whole or for the three senior members of our party, owing to the unexpected death of M. Brabeck. We remembered vividly the kindness, good humour and striking personality which the school in general and Le Vallon in particular had known for over twenty years.

It was not without sadness of a different sort that we said good-bye to the Ecole : for, strange as it sounds, two month-long visits had been enough to turn us into *Rocheux*, and we were leaving a school of which we felt ourselves part. We have had enough to feel grateful for : the welcome of the Directeur and Madame Garronne, the brilliant teaching—it would be impossible to misunderstand a word of M. Coupe's lessons, entralling as they were—the beautiful countryside and towns, the Sunday excursions to Chartres and farther afield. It needs two visits to come to appreciate and respect the worth of the Ecole : with what seemed strange in 1953 we came to sympathize this year. It is amazing what value and enjoyment can be gained from so short a visit, and it is to the credit of the French boys, the Directeur and the general atmosphere and spirit of the Ecole that we could succeed in gaining it.



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THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

CLOSE CONTEST

AFTER the accustomed fever of intense rehearsal and hastily-snatched practices, this year's Music Competitions were held on June 2nd—a week earlier than usual. Despite this, the competitions were, in the words of Mr. Foster, "much better than last year's", and the Erskine Cup was closely contested.

Sir Stuart Wilson gave a very lively performance as Adjudicator: the aptly jovial remarks of the Director of the Royal Opera House relieved his judgments of the bitterness that might have otherwise occasioned among the unsuccessful competitors, and the measure of Sir Stuart's popularity was seen in the rousing applause accorded to him after his witty commentary on the House Choirs.

Individual events were held throughout the morning, both up School, where Sir Stuart presided, and in the Music Schools, where John Carol Case was the adjudicator. The Senior piano solo was won for the second year in succession by R. L. G. Flower: a very close runner-up was A. S. Cairns. Sir Stuart criticized every

competitor's rendering of the set piece, a Mazurka by Chopin: laying aside his papers he executed a brief but lively dance to underline what he regarded as the true interpretation of the piece. The String solo was won yet again by M. M. Aufenast, while C. P. Danin was successful in the Wind solo. Duettists Makower and Chick won the Senior event, N. J. Milner-Gulland and Willett easily taking the Junior. The Queen's Scholars swept the board in the individual singing classes: J. H. Simpson won the Broken Voice competition and P. J. Dunlop the Unbroken.

Vocal Ensembles performed before the whole School after lunch concluded, with the announcement of G. I. Chick as winner of the Original Compositions, the competition for the Erskine Cup: this was regained for the first time in four years by the Queen's Scholars, with Grant's only three points behind.

The Competitions were as usual closed by the House Choirs, contesting the Exeter Cup: this Grant's retained with a spirited rendering of the set piece, *The Keeper*, and of *A Poet's Hymn*, a poem by Herrick set to music by Dyson.

TENNIS: A GOOD START

THE School has made a good start to the season and beaten its first five opponents, two without loss: Queenswood, on a gay, sunny day with a large audience, and Mill Hill under a dark sky which tactfully waited till we were 5—0 before dropping. Christ Church produced a makeshift side including one respectable pair and an absurd one. Their best player, an Indian, was clearly embittered by the cold, and we won 7—2. We revenged ourselves on Radley 3—1, two pairs only playing: after this match Farquhar-Smith was awarded Thirds.

In the first round of the Glanville Cup we beat City of London 2—1, and were one match up on St. Paul's when rain came. Prospects for the rest of the term are hopeful, but one or two of our strongest opponents have yet to be played. Gordon and Clarke are a class above any first pair we have yet had: their services need tighten-

ing up, but have already improved during May. Gordon's taking of service in the left-hand court is notably effective, though he has not yet fully found his touch overhead. Richter and Farquhar-Smith, the present second pair, are not yet used to each other: both have good attacking forehands, not so well supported by their other shots. They are still not quick enough at getting up to the net. Prince and Cohen have already won more matches in May than last year's third pair did in two months: Prince has some fine shots but is erratic and rather slow, while Cohen is fast and steady but has few shots and his second service is a dangerous weakness.

The Second Six, captained by R. G. Hay, begin their matches early in June, and this year it has been possible to arrange some under sixteen matches in July. Both these teams have some promising players and should do well.

AN APPEAL

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Dear Sirs,

For more years than I care to remember I have always been led to believe that Westminster and Eton rowed a race to decide which should retain pink as its colours. Eton lost and thereafter adopted light blue, Westminster keeping to pink. I have recently been reading *The Eton Book of the River*, which casts considerable doubt on this legend. It appears that the first race between the two Schools was rowed in 1829, and that further races were held in 1831 and 1836. All these races were won by Eton, both crews wearing blue and white.

A further race was rowed in 1837 when Westminster won for the first time. *The Eton Book of the River* cites an entry in the *Westminster Water Ledger* as follows: "In 1837 the present School colour was established." In previous races both crews had worn blue and white: for distinction Westminster now took pink and white, and the boat was painted pink. The corresponding Eton records state that Westminster, "recognizing the older claim of Eton, adopted the pink of the

Town Boys for the whole School". The light blue which they had hitherto worn was apparently the colour of the Foundation Scholars.

It would be interesting to know if Westminster records can produce any evidence to the contrary.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. BARNES.

Dear Sirs,

In the March issue of your paper, I read with shock that a work of music was "intriguing".

How can the Suite concerned be capable of intrigue? That there should emerge from Westminster such misapplication of a word exactly after the manner of a second-rate, unlettered journalist is unnerving.

Westminster's tradition and contribution to orthology has, on the whole, not been inconsiderable in the way she has protected our language from the violations of the untutored.

Sed quis custodiet ipsos Custodes?

Yours faithfully,
CARL ROMAN.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Sir Henry Tizard has been elected Honorary Fellow of the University College of London.

At Oxford Mr. P. H. J. Lloyd-Jones has been appointed Praelector in Classics at Corpus Christi College.

Captain D. R. F. Cambell has been appointed to *Ark Royal* in command.

Group Captain J. A. H. Loudon has been appointed to the command of R.A.F. Uxbridge.

Mr. N. R. M. Petrie and Mr. H. H. M. Rogers have entered the R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Dr. G. E. Stoker has moved from the Colonial Medical Service in Barbados to the Indian Health Services, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Sir Reginald Sharpe, Q.C., has been appointed commissioner of the political inquiry to be held in British Honduras.

Mr. R. W. Foxlee, C.M.G., C.B.E., is retiring from the post of Engineer-in-Chief to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Mr. R. K. Pitamber played golf for Oxford against Cambridge.

Mr. J. L. Lee fenced for Oxford, and Mr. R. M. Barker for Cambridge in the University fencing match.

Mr. C. J. Lummis was a member of the St. Edmund Hall Rugby XV, which reached the Rugby Cup Final at Oxford.

Mr. M. Arnet Robinson, Deputy Chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, has been elected a Director of Martin's Bank.

The Reverend Philip Simpson has been made an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

Major J. F. Temple-Bird, R.A., has qualified as a Technical Staff Officer by successfully completing the 6th Technical Staff Course at the Royal Military College of Science.

Councillor Major R. C. Orpen, A.C.A., C.C.C., has been elected Mayor of St. Marylebone.

Mr. Adrian Cruft's overture "Actaeon" has been recently broadcast by the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

BIRTHS

BEALE—On March 22nd 1954, to the wife of C. I. A. Beale of Davistown, N.S.W., a son.

BENSON—On April 1st 1954 to Jean, wife of J. G. Benson, a daughter.

CARDEW—On February 22nd 1954 in London to Ann, wife of Dr. P. N. Cardew, a daughter.

GRACE—On May 1st 1954 to Ivy, wife of E. N. Grace, a daughter.

HUNT—On April 29th 1954 in London to Philippa, wife of J. I. P. Hunt, a daughter.

KINCHIN-SMITH—On March 6th 1954 to the wife of M. Kinchin-Smith, a son.

KLEIN—On April 29th 1954 in London to Joyce, wife of J. A. Klein, a son.

LAZARUS—On April 24th 1954 in London to Elizabeth, wife of Peter Lazarus, a son.

NUNNS—On April 15th 1954 at Walton-on-Thames to Brenda, wife of Ernest Nunns, a son.

THOMPSON—On March 21st 1954 at Bickley, Kent, to Joy, wife of M. W. Thompson, a son.

MARRIAGES

ACTON : HALSTEAD—On February 24th 1954 at Dunham Massey, R. G. Acton to Daphne Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Halstead of Altrincham, Cheshire.

HAVERS : WALTERS—On April 3rd 1954 at Bangkok, D. N. O. Havers to Barbara Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walters of Sidcup, Kent.

MULLIS : STEWART—On April 24th 1954 at Beaconsfield, D. R. Mullis to Helen Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stewart of Beaconsfield.

MURRAY : NASON—On February 27th 1954 at Greenwich, C. A. Murray to Mary, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Nason.

REGENDANZ : MELANDRI—On March 19th 1954 at East Sheen, G. W. Regendanz to Valda Diana, only daughter of the late Mr. L. R. Melandri and Mrs. D. Reynolds of Mill Hill.

SCHNEIDERS : HOWE—On April 23rd, 1954 at Amersham, G. R. H. Schneiders to Gillian, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Graham Howe of Coleshill, Bucks.

OBITUARY

WALTER CLARE DALE, who died last December, was probably the oldest living Old Westminster. Born in 1864 he was admitted in 1878, and became a Queen's Scholar and Captain of the School. After taking his degree at Cambridge he became a master at Woodbridge School. In 1902 he went to St. Edmund's Canterbury, where he remained until his retirement.

Lieutenant-Colonel NEVILLE WALMESLEY GARDNER was at Westminster from 1893 to 1895. In 1899 he took a commission in the Royal Fusiliers, served in the Thibet expedition in 1903, and was employed with the Egyptian Army for ten years from 1906 to 1916. During the 1914-18 war he served in Gallipoli and on the Western Front, and was thrice mentioned in despatches. He married in 1916 Lucy Maude, daughter of Colonel J. F. Hornby.

JOHN WYKHAM HOPKYNs was admitted in 1890. He entered the Navy as an engineer, and reached the rank of Engineer Commander in 1917. In 1914 he served in the North Sea, and later with the Atlantic Convoys, and was at the Battle of Jutland. He married in 1909 Maud, daughter of C. A. Creasey of Walton, Suffolk, and had a son at the School.

SAMUEL DAVID KENNEDY, who died at the age of 72, was admitted as a Queen's Scholar in 1895 and went up to Trinity College, Cambridge. He became Chief Accountant in the office of Thos. Cook & Son in Cairo, a post which he was ultimately compelled to relinquish when, as the result of an early injury, he almost lost his voice. In the first world war he served with the Army Service Corps and in the Censor's department at Boulogne. From 1930 he was employed with a firm of insurance brokers at Lloyd's. In 1919 he had married Winifred, daughter of T. S. Wederell of Epping, and he had a son up Grant's in 1939.

Lieutenant-Colonel ERIC ST. JOHN LAWSON, O.B.E., entered the School in 1881. He joined the Police service in Burma and afterwards in India. In 1898 he was sent to Siam to assist in the re-organization of the police, subsequently becoming Adviser to the Ministry of Local Government there. He joined the

Army in 1915 and served in France until the end of the war.

HUGH ALETH ROBERTS was admitted as a Queen's Scholar in 1896, and was elected to an exhibition at Christ Church in 1901. He was in the timber trade in Burma from 1906 to 1924.

WAVENEY PITT TACON was born in 1882 and came to Westminster in 1897. In the first world war he held a commission in the Lancashire Regiment.

EUAN OWEN RICHMOND WATSON was admitted to the School in 1931. In the last war he served with the R.A.F.V.R., and became Wing Commander. He married in 1939 the Hon. Gladys Catto.

THE WESTMINSTER BALL

The Westminster Ball took place at the Dorchester Hotel on Friday, November 13th, 1953, when just over 500 Westminsters and their ladies were present and danced to the music of Sydney Lipton's Orchestra.

The Presidents of the Ball were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. B. Graham. The Dean of Westminster, the Head Master and Mrs. Walter Hamilton, the Mayor of the City of Westminster and Mrs. Charles P. Russell, the Chairman of The Elizabethan Club and Mrs. W. E. Gerrish and the President of The Elizabethan Club, Sir Robert Wilkinson, attended the Ball.

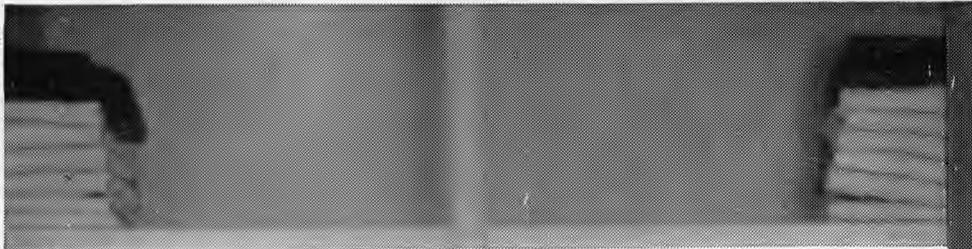
There are many who feel indebted to Mr. Graham for all the hard work and trouble he has taken in organizing a function which was fully up to the standard of what is now expected of Westminster entertainments. This was, however, tinged with regret at the absence from the Ball of Mrs. Graham who, we are glad to learn, is making a steady recovery from her unfortunate accident.

MR. W. F. MONK

Winston Francis Monk, whose death in the air liner disaster at Singapore on March 13th was briefly recorded in the last issue of *The Elizabethan*, received his early education at St. Andrew's College, Christchurch, N.Z., and at Canterbury University College, from which he was elected a Rhodes Scholar and continued his studies at Oxford and at London University. He came to Westminster as Master of the History VII in Election Term, 1940, a week or two before the school moved from Lancing to Exeter, and in spite of the fantastically difficult conditions of those days he quickly made his mark as a teacher. Methodical, incisive, critical yet never unkind, he knew how to get the best out of his pupils, and he had above all the modest approach to his subject which is the hall-mark of the good historian. He followed the school to Herefordshire, and it was there that he first discovered a totally unexpected side to his character. No one, to look at him, would have suspected that he was an expert gymnast; but there was almost nothing that he could not do in the sphere of gymnastics and acrobatics, and by his skill and enthusiasm he induced many boys to take up his hobby.

After a short interval as representative of the British Council in Latin America during the war he returned to Westminster, and remained there until March, 1950, when he was offered and accepted a post in his native country as Senior Lecturer in History at Victoria University College.

A memorial ceremony was held there on March 17th for him and for Professor R. O. McGechan, who lost his life in the same disaster. The eloquent tributes paid to Monk's memory bear witness to the respect and affection in which he was held.



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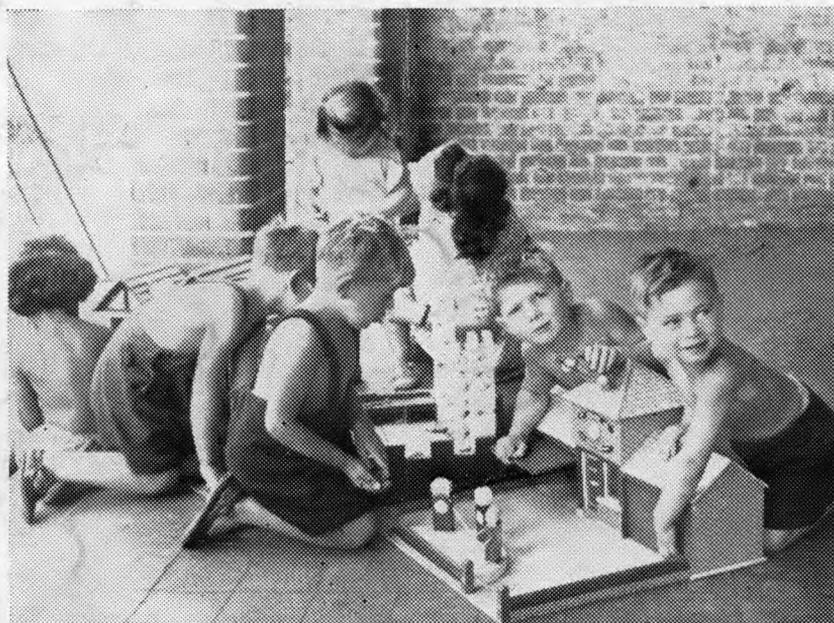
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