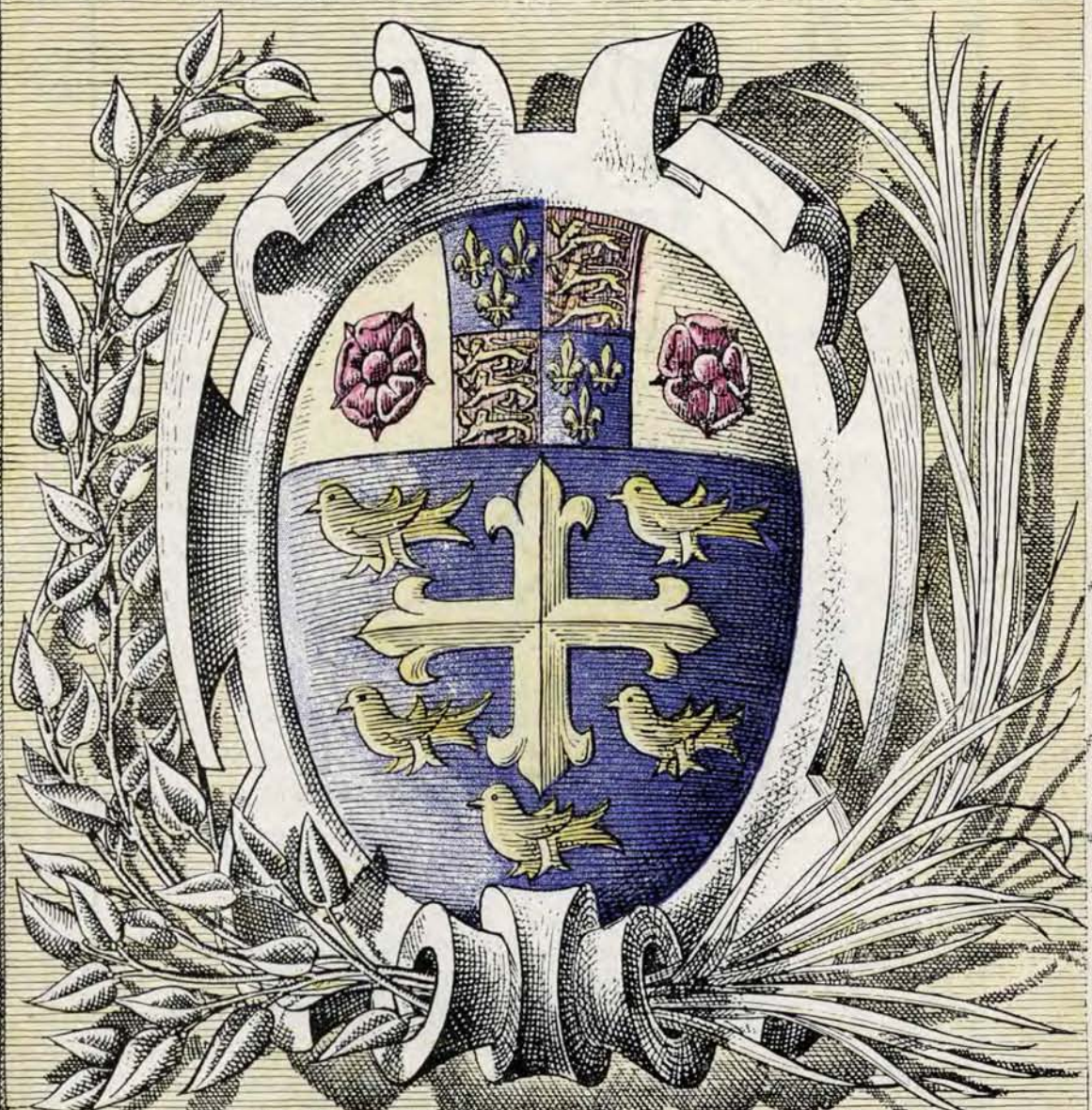


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A WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Westminsters of all generations will have heard with regret of the deaths of two celebrated Westminster figures: the Very Rev. Dr. Harold Costley-White, and Dr. Alan Don. The memorial service to the one, on May 6th, and the interment of the other on June 1st, both at the Abbey, were attended by the Head Master, the Under Master and the Queen's Scholars.

N. B. CLAYTON has been appointed Prin. Opp.

W. E. K. MACFARLANE, Head of Grant's,

J. F. G. RICHARDSON,
and H. VON HARRACH

have been appointed School Monitors.

R. LAWRENCE-WILSON has been appointed
Head of School Task Force.

Westminster seems to be becoming increasingly interesting to the outside world; at the end of last term, two films were taken of the school, one by the B.B.C. which was shown later on "Town and Around", and the other for distribution to five foreign countries. Interest in helping to make the latter quickly waned when it transpired that the most simple action had to be repeated several times for each language. But whilst others take a greater interest in us, we seem to be less introspective. Usually Westminster abounds in magazines (though admittedly most of them without

official backing are short-lived); but at present there are no ephemera at all—*Jester* and *Hold It!* have gone the way of the rest. Wren's and Ashburnham have their wall magazine, as has College, and the *Grantite Review* still flourishes; but the *College Street Clarion* is curtailing its issues to one a month instead of one a fortnight. Saddest of all, Westminster's oldest magazine, the *Trifler*, has disappeared from the scene—though not, it is true, through lack of anything but funds.

It was announced on June 6th that the Corps as it now stands is to be disbanded, although there will be a substitute in an Arduous Training Guild under the aegis of Mr. French. The reason is not a diminishing enthusiasm—in fact, the inspection the previous Friday by Rear Admiral J. C. Bartosik, D.S.C., had been a great success—but an increasing difficulty in getting officers to staff the Corps. Could any inferences be drawn from this as to the political awareness of Westminsters? We hope not, for just at that time we were visited by Mr. Edermann, of Berkeley University, California, on a \$10,000 grant to study the political awareness of English schoolboys. He encountered a lively interest in creeds ranging from totalitarianism to anarchism. After this experience, awareness for its own sake must have seemed less desirable.

Spirit, whether the Holy or the House, has been rewarding its devotees. The Chaplain's venture,

started some two years ago, of having lectures to the combined seventh forms for divinity is very successful. Speakers have ranged from the social worker to the army chaplain, from the atheist (Miss Marghanita Laski) to such people as Canon Collins and the Dean of St. Paul's. But it was the other sort of spirit which appealed to Mr. Geraint Jones, one of the adjudicators in the Music Competitions; spirit mesmerized him, and his award went to Ashburnham House Choir rather than to the more subtle offerings of Rigaud's and Liddell's.

Aided by a grant from the Ministry of Public Building and Works in May 1964, Ashburnham House has been beautifully redecorated, light wood freed from the burden of numerous layers of paint and rotten floors replaced by new ones; this is all admirable, but the price of it is that Ashburnham House must be open to the public for part of the year. It is planned to have a permanent retinue of three Westminsterers on hand to guide and guard the school during the summer holidays; and for the first few days they will have the company of a handful of volunteers, under Mr. Field, who will help to run a stall in aid of the Westminster School Society at a Charity Fair which is to be held on Green. In fact, so eager was the school to participate in the Abbey's 900th Anniversary Celebrations that it was even prepared to sacrifice its last week of term.



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The Judo Guild demonstrates its prowess

TWO MASTERS

Mr. Prag will be retiring from Westminster at the end of this term. Baldly expressed, the statement has the cool formality of official farewells, and it was only when I sat down to try, however inadequately, to express some of my appreciation of him and of his work for the school that the reality of his leaving came home to me. Although he arrived at the school in Play term 1946, two terms after myself, he has always been so firmly in my Westminster landscape that I find it difficult to think of it without him.

Westminster in those days was going through very difficult times; the school had suffered materially and financially through the war to such a degree that our survival was constantly in doubt, our terms punctuated with crises. Perhaps the very uncertainties of those times bound colleagues together in a way that more certain and more peaceful times do not—perhaps it is no more remarkable than that the men one knows the longest mean the most—I don't know, but I can say with certainty that I shall miss him and that the school is losing the services of an unusually valuable master.

Mr. and Mrs. Prag will be remembered at Westminster for many things: by latecomers to the staff, who over the years will not forget that Mr. and Mrs. Prag were so often the first to make them feel at home with unpretentious kindness and hospitality; by all users of the Scott or Busby Libraries, that gained so enormously from Mr. Prag's scholarship over his eleven years' librarianship; and by untold numbers of colleagues and boys who have benefited from his advice, his sagacity, perspicacity and human sympathy.

For a teacher, to know his subject is only the beginning; after that he must, so far as it lies within his power, know much of humanity. Mr. Prag is far more than a competent teacher of mathematics, he is a man of intellectual curiosity; a true descendant of those early founders of science to whom no phenomenon was uninteresting, no event wholly banal. His interests range through the history of mathematics—in which he has attained no small reputation as a lecturer—philosophy, astronomy, all aspects of science, art, literature, music, to a relaxation in repairing clocks and clockwork. Retirement for Adolf Prag will be no closing of mental doors, no dropping of tools, but so much more time to develop a rich and stimulating mental life. Our good wishes go to him and Mrs. Prag in their retirement, and may we all see much of them in the future.

Dr. R. M. Haines came to Westminster as master of the History Vith in 1957; he soon impressed by his patient and scholarly teaching and by his continuing devotion to his own field of medieval history; his work on the Worcester diocesan administration has since of course come before the public. In 1964 he became house-master of Wren's. The William Thomas Society, with which he was associated since its inception, has done much for historical interests in the school. Calm, unhurried, perhaps one might say "unflappable", Roy Haines brought to his responsibilities a devotion, good humour and independence of judgment which made him a valued counsellor and colleague. His courage in accepting a Professorship in New Brunswick will be applauded, and he and his wife and family will be much missed.

A Wrenite view;

Mr. Keeley said to the house before his departure: "It's not going to be 'Charles' any more; it's going to be 'Roy'." Roy it certainly became; the house soon felt the imprint of his personality, a personality which is objective and impartial, that extended itself equally and fairly to all manner of Wrenites with an unhurried patience and ready sense of humour. He has his own ideas of fulfilling his responsibilities in the house; he has not exerted his authority by the issue of countless edicts and notices for their own sake. But he could be seen to be emphasizing simply the most essential and urgent points and seeing assiduously to their being put into practice. There is a clear connection here with his teaching of history. Great clarity and discernment of what is fundamental and decisive are the hall-marks of his method, and a special effort to instil these historian's qualities into his pupils. I can say all this with some authority as I have been through a gradual and intricate acquaintance with him lasting throughout his two-year term. I might add that I first saw him under an umbrella on a typical Grove Park afternoon on one rare and special visit there. This acquaintance started from "making no impression", to various circumstances which produced a most fruitful relationship. He has talked often about New Brunswick over lunch; I wish him every success and happiness there.

It was perhaps unfortunate that the Music Competitions this year should have taken place in such a particularly busy week of a busy term. Nevertheless, the standard of the entries this year was, if anything, higher than last year. The adjudicators, Mr. Geraint Jones and Mr. Harvey Phillips, commented upon the great variety that confronted them within the different sections. It was a sign of the times that the five competitors in the Junior Voice Solo were a treble, alto, tenor, baritone and bass.

In previous years only the best three performers in each event were awarded points for the house; but this year a new system was tried out, in which each competitor was awarded a mark out of 20 contributing to the final score of their house.

In the afternoon, House Choirs were held Up School but this year with a difference. As usual each house had to prepare the set song (this year "Creation's Hymn" by Beethoven) and an Own Choice. But the difference was that this year they were only allowed two practices preparing the Set Song, and one of them only three-quarters of an hour before the actual performance. The result was not displeasing, and this section of the Competition was won by Ashburnham with a spirited rendering of the Set Song, though perhaps they could have been more imaginative in their own choice—one of those sea shanties that are only ever sung in Music Competitions. Grant's was the only house to sing the Set Song in its original language, German—perhaps this was to shift the focus from an otherwise indifferent performance. Wren's, maybe in order to ring the changes, managed to achieve a striking musical effect, through their subtle, if unintentional, canon.

It was encouraging to see a larger number of entries than last year for the Chamber Music, and obviously a great deal of effort had been put into them. This section was won by C. W. Coen, V. G. B. Bulmer-Thomas and J. W. le M. Scott whose performance of Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" was of a much higher standard than any of the other entries. Second came "Strike the Viol" by Purcell, well performed by C. W. Radice (alto), C. J. Kilmartin and J. W. Fawcett (recorders), R. G. Urquhart ('cello) and J. N. Cardale (harpsichord).

The Original Compositions were judged this year by Mr. Tristram Cary, which was won by Cardale.

The Exeter Cup was awarded to Liddell's for coming first in the overall Competition with 316 points.

SCIENCE AT WESTMINSTER

As in the case of the school itself, it is difficult to assign an exact date to the introduction of science at Westminster. The first definite date is given in Dr. Scott's private diary, on October 10th, 1871: "Engaged H. Tomlinson, M.A. of Ch. Ch. Oxon. to give three lectures per week on 'heat' at 1-1-0 per week." Two other sources, which conflict with this date, are "Recollections of a Town Boy at Westminster" by Francis Markham (1849-55) who wrote: "Chemistry was at one time very much in fashion lectures, having been delivered up College. . . . Gas was usually made in soda-water bottles. . . . We also made electrical machines out of fat, round green pickle-bottles; each had a Leyden jar attached to it. These were put . . . where the unwary might be entrapped into touching them." The other source is the Headmaster's Report of 1869: "For some years lectures of one a week [have been given] by Dr. H. M. Noad to 30-40 boys."

The introduction of science as part of the school curriculum was probably due mainly to the Public Schools' Commission which suggested the setting up of laboratories, after the example of City of London School and Rugby (which introduced

science in 1829 and 1863 respectively. Rugby also built the first science laboratories).

Even before the first teacher was appointed, the Elizabethan was up in arms, and wrote in its leader: "... when Natural Science (quod si avertant) establishes its claim to superiority over them (i.e. Classics and Mathematics) let it take their place; till then let it hold its own. . . . We have always heard of these subjects being studied in two ways: scientifically at the Universities and popularly by lectures at the Polytechnic Institutions and similar places; a cross between these two is now being attempted, which consists of taking away the science from the first and the popularity from the second, the general result being a set of unprogressive results on the first four rules in arithmetic . . ."

After its inauspicious start, science teaching gradually grew. In 1882 "the small studio built by the masters at the back of Great College Street was offered to the Governing Body and was fitted up as a laboratory", and in the following year "the late organist's (James Turle's) house was acquired. When rebuilt, it will provide classrooms and a science lecture room, with a lecturer's room



The Chemistry Laboratory in 1908

attached" (Eliza. Vol. IV, No. 2). This event, the rebuilding of the school over the Cloister entrance, was worthy of being included in the Prologue to the Latin Play, the *Phormio*. Progress continued, and in November 1901, Dr. R. J. Russell Reynolds inaugurated the Science Society with a lecture on "those wonderful radiations known as X or Röntgen rays" which had only recently been discovered. A copy of Russell Reynolds' lecture, written out by him, is in the school's possession, together with his mineral collection and drawing of the patent for his X-ray machine.

As time went on the school became aware that the situation was far from adequate. The Church Commissioners complained that the pipes and sinks were corroded by the acids and chemicals, and that the laboratory in Ashburnham House (now the Art room) would not do. The laboratory in Great College Street was more suitable, even though it abutted on Black Dog Alley "a slit of picturesque squalor" and Sutcliffe's, the school store. The building of the new science laboratories there involved the destruction of both these institutions. Under the Headmastership of Dr. James Gow, the laboratories were completed in the Play term 1905 at the cost of £14,000. The Elizabethan was, for once, in favour of a new scientific venture: "The new laboratories in Great College St. are being utilised this term for the first time, and have given universal satisfaction." The Classicists thought this worth including in the prologue to the Latin Play, the *Adelphi*:

Hi si revisent cara paulisper loca
Eum primum ad scalas venerint, increduli
Desiderabunt corrugatis naribus
Solitos odores. Nam nova surrexit domus
Maiore in platea nostrum cui Collegium
Imposuit nomen: "ibi", quod dicunt,
"chemicae"

Indagatores exulant scientiae,
Fumumque et fel et verba non innoxia
Miscent inulti . . .

which was translated:

If hither they again repair
To stand below the foot-worn stair,
The classic nose no more will sniff
Catching the sulphuretted whiff;
For other walls a home supply
To acid and to alkali
And all chem's rotaries retreat
To exile in Great College Street,
Where none will chide the secret flow
Of smoke and gall and words of woe . . .

Next to this building were the racquets courts, built to commemorate Rutherford (Headmaster from 1883-1901). In this new situation, the nucleus of a Science Library was started, mainly consisting, however, of works taken from the School library. But then came the first major check to the development of Science with the advent of the First World War.

Although Westminster was not evacuated, there were severe difficulties in a demoralizing situation: masters were leaving and boys were being called up to the ranks when they were only 17 years old. Nevertheless, this was not such a serious drawback as the Second World War was to be.

In the years following the war, little happened that was worth recording; the Natural History Society amalgamated with the Science Society, which together heard such lectures as "Proportional Representation" and "A Short History of the Royal Observatory", given by Mr. D. Dyson. Biology was also becoming a Science subject in its own right; the first full-time Biology master, Lawrence Burd, was appointed in 1926. The laboratory was hardly used, since being adjacent to the racquets courts, with one side and the roof of glass, it was extremely hot in summer and cold in winter. It was only shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War that it became apparent that the Biology Laboratory should be moved, and consequently new furniture was ordered which followed the School round during the evacuation, until after the war the Biology Laboratory was housed in 17 Dean's Yard, where the Headmaster's study and the Registrar's room are now.

When war was declared in 1939, it became obvious that Westminster would have to evacuate; and soon after, the School was shown hospitality by Hurstpierpoint and Lancing: most of the school was at Lancing together with Mr. Burd and Mr. Earp, while the other two science masters were at Hurstpierpoint with the new Biology equipment. There were considerable difficulties with this arrangement, owing to the dove-tailing of time-tables and travelling distances. In the middle of the following Election term Westminster moved, for the rest of that term, to Exeter University, where it had the advantages of a fully equipped laboratory. The school moved back to London in the Play term and finally down to Bromyard in Herefordshire, where it stayed the rest of the war. Again the school was split up; Busby's and such day-boys as came occupied a semi-derelict mansion at Buckenhill, near Bromyard; College and Rigaud's found quarters in Whitbourne, four miles from Bromyard in the

opposite direction; Grant's was housed in a village somewhere between the two. The Biology laboratory was at Buckenhill, and the Chemistry and Physics was housed in a disused tannery in Bromyard. Obviously, much travelling was necessary, and severe time-tables had to be observed by the cyclists. Several amusing incidents occurred, such as the following, told by Mr. L. H. Burd: "I was living in the local vet's house, and he invited me and some boys to come with him to conduct a post-mortem on an elephant which had belonged to a circus, and which had died while in winter-quarters at a nearby farm... it was a winter's day when the vet, the local butcher and I went across the fields to dissect. After opening up, no certain cause of death could be found, and it was put down to malnutrition. Although the animal had only died the day before, the tusks had already been stolen and half the lower mandible was the only readily detachable souvenir." The trophy is still in the Biology laboratory.

Back in London, the laboratories were hired to a firm of commercial chemists, mainly to serve as a fire protection. The firm was on a contract to the Ministry of War to test concrete bricks for Mowbray Harbour; and some of those concrete blocks are still at Westminster, used for weighing stands.

When the school returned to London in 1945, with only 135 boys, conditions were bad. It has been said of that time that "questioning the supremacy of Classics at Westminster is like questioning the doctrine of the Trinity at a theological college". In 1950, the Biology laboratory moved back into Ashburnham House; mainly because of complaints that the smell of decaying dogfish was putting off prospective parents.

In the early half of the 1950's, the lack of room became acute. On January 24th, 1955, there was a meeting of the "Laboratory Committee", which counted Viscount Davidson (Chairman) and Sir Henry Tizard among its members. Various sites were proposed, including that of the old burnt-out shell of St. John's Church in Smith Square; another suggestion was to exchange Ashburnham Garden, which the Abbey wanted for a mason's yard, for a piece of land on the south side of College Garden. It only became apparent later that the obvious site was where the racquets courts were, adjacent to the old laboratories. In these, according to the Elizabethan, "the plumbing system was on its last legs... electrical system verging on the unsafe... peeling and damp walls". Clearly a complete overhaul was necessary. During the demolition, a Roman statue was discovered just as it was about to be wheeled off for

destruction; but it is now safe, on permanent loan to a museum.

Financial help was given by the Industrial Fund, which gave £30,000 towards building costs. Various changes were made in the old laboratories, while the new building contained three new laboratories, prep rooms and storage rooms; contact was kept with the old block by balance and connecting rooms. The old "Mathematics Room" became the ever-growing Science Library, whose books had been kept in the various preparatory rooms.

In 1958, publication started of the *Science Review*, which used to be pinned up on the notice-boards in the Science Block; it later changed its name to the *Nucleus*. Also in 1958 a collection of scientific papers by Old Westminsters was started, which now includes such learned theses as "The Graves of Oxen in the Eastern Desert of Egypt" and "Felix Farbi's Pilgrimage from Gaza to Mount Sinai and Cairo, A.D. 1483".

On December 3rd, 1960, a letter appeared in *The Times*, signed by "Adrian, Swinton, Hives, Patrick Linstead, A. V. Hill, Mayne Constant", which announced the setting up of a fund in memory of Sir Henry Tizard. The response to this letter was enormous; the first donation was from the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. Now the income from the fund is used to buy various expensive pieces of equipment which one would not expect to find in a public school, and to finance various experiments by both boys and masters.

Science at Westminster was definitely progressing rapidly; in 1960 at the Science Exhibition, where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh spent 12 minutes, the end products of many experiments were shown, such as a "home-made" analogue computer.

In the Play term, 1963, the Nuffield chemistry system was introduced, later followed by that of physics. The system is to aim at "scientific method" as opposed to "scientific fact". Now all lower school boys do Nuffield courses in physics and chemistry; it is only recently that it has become popular.

Westminster has produced many scientists, ranging from Wren and Hooke to countless Fellows of the Royal Society. Before 1956, Westminster could boast over 150 Fellows, but this is a rather false picture, since before the Charter to be a Fellow was more of a society position than scientific honour. Nevertheless, from small beginnings Science has grown to be bigger than Classics, and to produce alumni just as illustrious.

DR. H. COSTLEY-WHITE

We record with deep regret the death, on April 5th, of Harold Costley-White, Head Master from 1919 to 1937.

Dr. Costley-White had previously been Head Master of Bradfield and of Liverpool College, so that he was not without experience when he came to Westminster; but when he arrived six months after the end of the 1914-18 war, he found a difficult task. Most of the masters, who had been good teachers in their day, were now elderly men, intensely loyal to the school, but unwilling to adapt themselves to new ways. There was no money to spare for improvements or even for necessary repairs and decorations, and the failing eyesight of Dr. Gow, his predecessor, had prevented him from keeping a tight hold on administration and discipline. To begin with, the new Head Master fought a lonely battle, and his efforts to bring administration up to date were not helped by the Bursar, a lovable eccentric, who had been appointed as a Classics master in 1885, and continued in the Bursary, without even a secretary or a telephone and writing the school accounts in his own indecipherable hand, until his retirement at the age of 80 in 1930.

Dr. Costley-White was no ruthless reformer, but he applied himself with urbane tenacity to improving the school and its amenities. Soon after his appointment he seized an opportunity of acquiring a boathouse at Putney, with the result that, in 1922, Westminster for the first time sent an Eight to Henley. The revival of Water meant that Vincent Square had no longer to accommodate up to ten games of cricket, played on coconut-matting wickets laid on the earth. Grass was sown, and in winter football was no longer played in a sea of mud. A new house, Busby's, was established on the terrace in Dean's Yard, and in 1936 Dr. Costley-White had the satisfaction of seeing it move into its present premises. In 1931 Grove Park was acquired.

Meanwhile, a change in the atmosphere of the school was taking place. It is true that to begin with boys were admitted after a perfunctory entrance examination, or often without any examination at all; but gradually the Head Master was able to be more selective, and not only was the academic standard raised but the school began to take on a more tolerant and more civilized air. Window boxes in Yard, chandeliers in the Library, fresh paint in houses and form-rooms—these were outward signs and contributions; and a gift from the

Pilgrim Trust enabled a major improvement to be made in the appearance of College, which formerly presented a black and prison-like face to Little Dean's Yard.

In his public utterances to the school Costley-White was not always happy. His oratory was that of an older generation, and he had no gift of concise rebuke or praise. But at his own dinner-table, as host to senior boys, or as host to slightly scared new boys who came to tea and to a parlour game called "Clumps", he was incomparable. He held the party together with breezy jollity, and he had the knack of mingling people of widely different ages and interests so that Dean Inge might on occasion find himself sitting next to a schoolboy without embarrassment on either side. Dr. and Mrs. Costley-White entertained widely, and made full use of their beautiful house (No. 19, Dean's Yard). But even their indefatigable hospitality had its limits and inevitably for most Westminsters of the 1920's and 1930's it is Dr. Costley-White's public figure that is fixed in the memory. Commem, perhaps, and the Head Master reading the long list of benefactors with supreme dignity and



Dr. Costley-White

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faultless diction, the sonorous Latin rolling out into every corner of the Abbey. The Latin Play, and the same dignified figure, resplendent in scarlet and black, settling his guests in their places before the bell announced the Prologue and he settled himself to listen to his own polished verse. Or again, a familiar scene, Yard when Latin Prayers were over—the little crowd of boys besieging him like autograph hunters to present their digniora. The Busby Library on a Wednesday afternoon: verses with the Head Master, or perhaps some other form-room on which he suddenly descended, when half-frightened, half-amused junior boys were put through their paces.

In March 1937 Dr. Costley-White retired to a canonry in the Abbey, and a year later he was appointed Dean of Gloucester. He lived on to retire again, and for thirteen years remained at the little village of Dulcote, near Wells in Somerset. He loved Gloucester, where he had been brought up and where he ended his working life, and was much beloved in return. But his heart remained fixed in Westminster, where his life's work had been done.

WATER

Over the last year, a number of changes have taken place in the Boat Club. Mr. W. S. L. Woolley took over the training of the 1st VIII from Mr. Ross in the Play term and was appointed Master-in-Charge at the beginning of the Election term. Although the Club has thus gained a full-time coach there is still a shortage of coaches, so two senior boys kindly agreed to coach the Junior Colts. It is very encouraging that they have succeeded in producing a keen, tough crew.

The majority of watermen rowed at Putney during the Play term while some junior boys took part in Grove Park Circuit. The ten best scullers were selected out of a group of 25 to compete in the sculling regattas at Weybridge and Marlow. At both regattas they were outclassed by scullers from Emanuel School, but at Marlow they gained second position in both the Shell and Clinker Divisions. For most of the term emphasis was laid on individual coaching and building up stamina by weight training and rowing in small boats. Several Colts were found to be up to 1st and 2nd

VIIIs standard, so it was decided not to have a Colts Division this year. This meant that the Senior Trials (for 1st and 2nd VIIIs) and the Junior-Senior Trials (for 3rd and 4th VIIIs) could start towards the end of term. The idea was to produce two roughly equal crews in each section of the trials and to start selecting the final crews after three weeks of the Lent Term. This system of ensuring constant competition between two crews was an effective way of raising the general standard of fitness while leaving ample time for special training for the Schools' Head of the River Race. For the 1st and 2nd VIIIs the racing season started off well when they won both School Pennants at the North of England Head of the River Race. The results of the Schools' Head were encouraging, especially since the 1st VIII moved up from 17th to 7th position. The 2nd VIII, rowing in their new sectional boat, came fifth in the Restricted Class, and the Junior Colts' crew came fifth in their division. The Club had the honour of putting up the boat of the Cambridge crew for the last three weeks of the term; it was unfortunate that no practice outing could be arranged between them and the 1st VIII.

The Club's policy during the Election Term has been to give all oarsmen the maximum possible amount of racing experience. Of the six crews five have taken part in regattas, some with little success, but with considerable courage as was demonstrated by the race of Junior-Colts 'A' against the first eight of another school. The 3rd VIII who have raced in the Novice IVs division were usually outclassed by their older opponents; the 2nd VIII, rowing in the Novice VIIIs division, has so far been able to reach the finals only at Cambridge Regatta. The 1st VIII, rowing in the Junior-Seniors division, narrowly missed winning at the Vesta Dashes. Both crews still lack the confidence in their own ability and the racing experience which is essential for victory.

The results of the League Races so far have been excellent: the 3rd VIII won in their division, and the 1st, 2nd and 4th VIIIs and Junior Colts 'A' have won all their races; the 1st VIII was the first crew for 18 years to have beaten St. Paul's 1st VIII in the London League. Since the final League races will take only some three weeks before the end of term, which ends unusually early, it will be impossible to organize a full-scale School Regatta; so most of the crews will continue to row at outside regattas. It is possible that this year will be the last time that the 1st VIII can compete at Henley Royal Regatta, since 'A' Levels may be extended into Henley Week.

DR. A. C. DON

The many notices which appeared in the press after the death, on May 4th, 1966, of Dr. Alan Campbell Don paid tribute to his work at Dundee, at Lambeth, and as Dean of Westminster, but it is the man, rather than the churchman, who will be remembered by those who knew him during his thirteen years as Dean. Tall, handsome in an ascetic, almost a cadaverous, way, he seemed at first sight formidable, and those who saw him only on ceremonial occasions must have carried away an impression as of some great medieval ecclesiastic, remote and austere. In reality he was the most approachable of men, always ready to stop and have a chat with anyone in the precincts. But there was nothing affable about him. Affability implies condescension, and nothing could have been further from his nature than to think that he was conferring favour on those with whom he talked. His unaffected friendliness sprang from the heart and from a genuine interest in other people's joys and worries.

His household arrangements were unusual, and he found it convenient to dine nightly at the Athenaeum and to lunch frequently in College Hall. In both places he was welcomed affectionately, and boys of all ages seemed to enjoy his company as much as he enjoyed theirs. Indeed, even when he was over seventy he retained something of his own boyishness. He walked with a light, springy step, often swinging his walking-stick or umbrella, and he liked nothing better than to slip away to Lords or Twickenham, or failing these to Vincent Square or Putney. Sometimes on his way back from the Athenaeum he would turn aside to say good night to College; and on one occasion when a pillow whizzed past his head on entering a junior dormitory unannounced he flung it back with zest.

For the last thirty years of his life he lived in London, but he remained a Scotsman at heart, and twice, or at least once a year, he would pack his rods and be off to the Dee or the Devron. Like many of his countrymen he was thrifty, believing that sixpence is sixpence or even, if properly invested, sevenpence, and he would walk in all weathers rather than take a taxi or even a bus. But he was also extremely generous. It can now be revealed that he gave anonymously £5,000 to the Quatercentenary Appeal; and this was by no means his only gift to the school.

One effect of his kind-hearted temperament was to make him feel the claims of both parties in

any controversy, and he often found it hard to take a definite line. Relations between the school and the Abbey had never been better than in his time, but it is not to be expected that two institutions of so different a character can exist side by side without occasional friction, and when these occasions arose he felt acutely his dual responsibilities as Chairman of the Governing Body and as Dean. But the warm affection with which he was regarded and his own simple trust in his fellow men combined to smooth away most difficulties, and when he retired, in 1959, he left behind him a happy and harmonious family in the precincts.



Dr. Don

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CORRESPONDENCE

Orchard Side,
Market Place,
Olney,
Bucks.

To the Editor,
The Elizabethan.

Sir,

The above address was the home from 1768 to 1786 of the eighteenth-century poet, William Cowper, who was at Westminster 1741-1749. May we invite the attention of fellow O.W.W. to this appeal on behalf of the Cowper and Newton Society and ask them to consider joining it and so helping to preserve what has been described as "the finest purely literary museum in the world"?

It is unique in having so much related to one man in a house that was his home for eighteen years, and in which he found the inspiration for most of his works.

The future of this wonderful collection will depend largely on the number of members in the Society and the extent of their generosity, as although the funds from all sources cover the normal expenses, they do not allow for the "unexpected" nor for advertising and purchasing further Cowperiana that come up for sale from time to time. We feel that this appeal does merit their generous support. In the meantime we hope that many will find it possible to visit Orchard Side and see for themselves this splendid tribute to a famous fellow Old Westminster.

The annual subscription to the Society is £1 or over (life membership (minimum) £10) and should be sent to the Secretary at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

L. S. DOWSON (A) 1911-1914
R. F. HARROD (A) 1913-1918
J. W. BURFORD (HB & G) 1917-1921

W. N. G. ALLEN (R) 1921-1925
R. A. DENNISTON (C) 1940-1945
C. W. G. ALLEN (R) 1949-1953

Dear Sir,

The December issue of *The Elizabethan* reached me recently, and I was at first rather shocked by the picture on page 387, as it appeared that Westminster must have become a co-educational institution—to judge by the hair-do of the Full-back said to be directing operations. On taking a second look I realized that he had probably merely neglected to visit the barber for an unconscionable length of time, perhaps to conform to what seems a very regrettable fashion.

I notice that the article is entitled *A Tale of Unpredictability*. Is it possible, Sir, that in adopting a feminine style of caring, or not caring, for their hair,

the team automatically acquired an attribute which is one of the charms of the female sex?

I must admit that having left the School more than half a century ago, my opinions on the subject may be considered as those of an old fogey. I hold them, none the less, as I have never observed that sloppiness led to efficiency.

Good-luck to football and cricket teams for the rest of this year.

Yours faithfully,

Q. C. D. BOVEY.
(R.R. 1908-13)

March 1st, 1966.

TWO PLAYS

Such of us as knew anything about Bartholomew Fayre before John Field decided to use it as this year's School Play were hardly inclined to support his choice. But fortunately for the box office only those with a wide experience of play-going would have known that it was the last significant, but rarely performed, play by Ben Jonson, an Old Westminster who is scarcely a contemporary favourite; that as a play it lacks plot, favours an episodic development, and has no distinctive characterization; that finally it has no claim to brevity and seems to attempt nothing less considerable than a spicy representation of a large slice of Jacobean society.

It is pleasant to record that the apprehensions of the few were unfounded and that as Jonson intended, an uncomplicated but very real form of entertainment was made available to many.

But what was impressive was not so much that a most cumbersome play mysteriously became neat and tractable but that the level of acting was

maintained almost without exception throughout a cast of more than thirty. In a year that was supposedly short of acting talent this standard of competence—which mostly took the form of sustained attention to detail of gesture and inflection—was quite remarkable.

On this animated tapestry certain figures stood out with particular lustre. Of the characters included to illustrate a moral pattern Richard Paniguan as Zeal-of-the-Land Busy, the killjoy Puritan who was hoist with his own petard, always hit the delicate line between parody and realistic presentation as did Martin Duncan's Adam Overdo; while of the parts which required more naturalistic playing, William Radice as Ursula and Andrew Hawkins as Dan Jordan Knockem took full advantage of the wider scope. If these four were distinctive they were comprehensively supported by the rest of the cast of whom perhaps Peter Wilson as Bartholomew Cokes and Paul Williams as Lanthorn Leatherhead are most



The Tavern Scene

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vividly remembered.

Much of the play's success was due to the strong and precise visual impact made by the set. That it was both intricate and functional speaks well of the weekly activity of the new Drama Guild.

Against its persuasive background it was easy to suspend one's disbelief, to move round and gaze at the wares on the variegated stalls, to savour the odours of the pig-booth and—more actively—to brawl and intrigue and moralize with the players.

EVNVCHVS



Thraso and Gnatho

Photo: J. Crawshaw

A bold step. The reintroduction to Westminster of Terence's "Eunuch" as such, and a most welcome one. The plot, basically a young man's dressing himself up as a Eunuch to get into the house where his beloved is kept, depends on coincidences for which Terence does not bother or need to apologize. "Forte fortuna" is how they are described—and why not? Mr. Zinn's and Mr. Dulley's production made play of the plot's gentle bawdiness and delightful unlikeliness, underlining both subtly enough to bring out the play's delicate flavour to the full. The cry of "Pudor!" with which Terence was greeted in the Prologue was typical of the charm of the whole production—no less so than the eunuch's miraculous restoration in the Epilogue.

What a tragedy the play's reliction from the Cycle must have been: for the characters are as well built as the plot. Tempted as one might be to think of them as stock rôles, they are certainly not stock characters. The *servos* of "The Eunuch" is, for instance, most uningenious by Comedy

standards: he is no Chrysalus, no Syrus, no Tranio. Thais is a delightfully unhardened *meretrix*. But it is on the *adulescentes* that most attention is centred.

As Phaedria, Thais' worried lover, Francis Monkman was a suitable blend of diffidence and impulsiveness. He needed a contrast, however, in his brother Chaerea, potentially one of Terence's liveliest characters. A much brasher and more impetuous rendering might have produced a happier balance than Tim Scott's nonetheless interesting performance. He was not, for instance, entirely buoyant enough to bring off such gems as the snub he delivers Antipho, who when told that the so-called eunuch has got into the girl's bedroom asks, perhaps a little stupidly: "Quid tum?", to receive the answer "Quid 'quid tum?' fatue!"

Buoyancy and aplomb there certainly were in the *miles* and the *parasitus*—Simon Bowden in the latter role is a fantastic parody of the weaknesses of bookie and pimp: the adroitest of fence-sitters: "negat quis, nego: ait, aio": an archetypal

yes-man, an exclusively practical mind. Nicholas Humphrey's Thraso was a military brand of ivory from the eyebrows up, never failing to be taken in by a fulsome Gnathonic courtesy. Above the bold strokes of army jokes and cynical asides, these are two superbly composed characters, and they were played with tremendous panache.

David Oliver's Thais was an equally well-played *meretrix*: there was fire enough for "Accede ad ignem hunc, iam calesces plus satis" to ring true, and at the same time, worrying about Phaedria's suspicions of her fidelity, she could be very touching indeed. One resented Parmeno's bullying of her. He is an unusual comic slave: efficient perhaps; "*faciam . . . fiet . . . fiet*" he tells the flustered Phaedria, and a dry wit; ("what are you on?" "My legs," he replies). Andrew Starling made him oldish and baggy-trousered; a sensitive portrayal of phlegm.

Laches, the old man, was charmingly played by Sebastian Garrett; a better written part than the hollowish Chremes. The small parts were well filled: Sophrona hobbling across the stage to deliver her one word "*moveo*"; a maid leering

from the door of Thais' house; Sanga, half asleep and thinking of his dinner.

At times, one inevitably wondered how one accepted the incongruity of the whole thing. Phaedria with his hacking-jacket and motor-bike; Gnatho with his purple check and brown bowler; wing-collars and spats rubbing shoulders with grass skirts and old school ties; eggs pelting Ashburnham windows to the sound of perfect Latin. One accepted it because these new conventions are becoming as established as the old ones were: the revived Latin Play may be in a new idiom, but a comparable one nevertheless. In ways "The Eunuch" was a highly stylized production; in ways its presentation embodied as many formalities as the old plays must have done; and this positively increases the liveliness of the performance. One accepted the over-simple *dénouement* as one of the formalities of Latin Comedy, and one emerged from the comic situation as easily as coincidences and Chaerea's machinations had taken one there. One felt Thraso's Thrasonicism flowing back. "I've never been anywhere," he concludes, "without everyone's adoring me." Speaking for himself and for "The Eunuch", he was absolutely right.

PENTATHLON

The Pentathlon is a new sport at Westminster, and though it has been carried on individually before, this is the first year a team has been formed. I expect many readers are a trifle vague about it, so I shall explain exactly what it involves.

For the purposes of Public School competition, the difficulty in procuring horses makes it in fact a tetrathlon. The four events, in which all must participate, are swimming, fencing, shooting and running. The swimming is a 150 metre freestyle; the fencing, one-hit *épée* against all other competitors; the shooting, 20 rounds of snap .22 at 25 yards; and the running, 4,000 metres cross country. Each event had a standard score of 1,000, and points were added to or subtracted from this score if the individual exceeded or failed to reach the standard.

This year the School entered five boys for the Public Schools Tetrathlon, held at Halton Air Base. The team consisted of M. E. Lonsdale, R. G. H. Kemp, and J. J. Earle, with G. D. Jones and R. J. Kinmonth as a second team. The competition was to take three days (May 20th-22nd). The swimming was held on the first day, a Friday;

Westminster came 6th, with Kemp the best individually (10th out of 53). The Saturday was devoted entirely to fencing. Westminster came 3rd; which, considering that Kemp and Earle only started to fence seriously about two weeks before the event, is very creditable. Lonsdale came 9th, with 32 hits, Earle 17th with 29 hits, and Kemp 25th with 26 hits.

After the fencing, Westminster were 3rd, after the shooting 4th, but dropped to 7th after the running; but bearing in mind that most of the schools put in four people, and that only the best three scores counted, Westminster put up a good performance.

Whitgift won both the team and the individual competition, with Highgate 2nd. Due credit must go to Michael Lonsdale for coming 5th in the individual competition—a very good effort. Richard Kemp came 27th and Julian Earle 29th. All in all, it was very enjoyable, and I hope that tetrathlon continues to flourish at Westminster. The team is very grateful to Mr. Murray and Professor Imregi for the work they put into getting the team organized.

THE LATIN PLAY

produced, as ever, a remarkable gallery of characters



Old men



and maidens,



immigrants

and maid-servants,



family groups,



Pre-Raphaelite languor.....



Photos: M. D. A. Duncan

CRICKET 1966

The two features of this season, so far, are the continued weakness of the 1st XI batting, and the emergence of a promising group of Junior Colts, who already have four wins to their credit, to two losses. The Colts won their first two matches splendidly; but with the loss of two or three of their key figures they fared less well, and at present stand even on wins and losses.

But worst things first. The 1st XI has won only one match, lost four and drawn three. It has not yet scored 150 in an innings, and has four times been dismissed for less than 80. The two most experienced batsmen, Richardson and Hughes, have often "looked the part" but equally often lost concentration just as they were getting settled. Van de Weyer raised our hopes with 60 against the Lords and Commons, but like all the other batsmen has failed to eradicate a basic fault, which is getting him out time and again. This fault, which entirely explains the vulnerability of Westminster batsmen, is that of failing to keep the bat in the line of the ball's flight. As soon as the pressure is on, the bowling or fielding a bit fiercer than usual, a Westminster batsman will swing away to the big side, in a blind, fleeting hope of contact, and virtually surrenders his wicket. If the left hand kept control, the bat face remained "open" and the batsmen really got his nose over to the ball, our troubles would be over. But though this happens in practices, and in the first few overs of an innings, it is then quietly forgotten and the inevitable result quickly follows.

Excuses can be offered: sickness has deprived us of good players, leaving only three of last year's side. But what of that? In other school 1st XIs it is not rare to find two or three fifteen-year-olds taking a prominent part in the run-getting and wicket-taking, even against experienced clubs. Determination, not for two or three overs but for a whole day's cricket, counts for even more than experience, and the sooner the excuses are dropped the better. The climate of opinion at Westminster, and the week-end boarding system, both deprive a 1st XI of a valuable factor, public interest and support. But you don't need a crowd of supporters to help you score fifty runs. You're on your own in any case at the wicket, with eleven hostile players trying to remove you. And unless there is something more in you than mild hopefulness, they will quickly succeed. And what about practice? Who in the 1st XI bothers to turn up for a voluntary net, unless the Captain contacts him? Some-

thing better to do. All right then, but don't expect to play schools like Sherborne and Tonbridge on those terms.

In fairness to the XI, it should be mentioned that the bowling and fielding have shown considerable merit. Richardson and Wilson, with recent help from Noss and Lascelles, have kept the opposing batsmen on their guard (only one side has reached 200 against us) and Mortimore's off-spin has been accurate and very useful. Two brilliant catches, by Hughes and Richardson, helped to achieve the victory against Westminster Hospital, and Wilson's throwing from cover is first class.

There are a few real cricketers emerging, and they should be mentioned by name: Ravenscroft, in the 1st XI; Lascelles, Noss, Curtis, Page, Hodgson-Hess, in the Colts; Barley, Miéville, Murray, Wright, Drew, Trotter, Matcham, Surridge in the Junior Colts. These can be singled out for actual performances, and there are a number more, at all levels, who are obviously going to distinguish themselves and the School, because they are taking the initiative themselves, and don't wait to be spoon-fed with the game. Let's hope they don't get bitten by the local tsetse fly, which, as is well known in Dean's Yard, induces sleeping-sickness, one of whose symptoms is an almost immediate willingness to surrender.

The menu of last December's *Cena Classica* should have read as follows:

Σοῦ παρασχόντος, puer, hauriamus
Χεῦμα βωλιτῶν, anatique posthac
Duc sal admixtum, κολόκυνθον ἡδύν τ'
Adde τὸ μέλλον.

THE NEW MODERN LANGUAGE ROOM

When the school was last visited by H.M. Inspectors, in October 1963, Mr. Wigram, the Modern Language Inspector, recommended to the Head Master that the M.L. Department deserved to have a centre which Modern Linguists could feel was their own, very much as the Busby Library belongs to the Classicists and the Science Library to the Scientists. To this end it was decided to use the legacy of Mr. Roger Hinks (K.S. 1916-21) the distinguished art historian, diplomat and British Council Representative in Paris, who had died in 1964; it seemed a fitting memorial.

The first suggestion was a French style coffee-bar in the basement of No. 5a Dean's Yard, where Modern Linguists could indulge in their outlandish pursuits. But I had something worthier and more permanent in mind. Mr. Fisher had recently retired, and I decided to transform his classroom into a Modern Language Room.

When, in the late nineteenth century, the new block of classrooms was made up, this beautifully proportioned room, the left wing of Lord Ashburnham's house, fell a victim. As it protruded into the new structure, it was lopped off from the library and became a classroom, with monstrous ventilation pipes and all the contraptions of bad taste. More recently, the marble Adam fireplace, together with the lower part of the wall, was covered in thick, grass-green paint, giving it the appearance of a wooden imitation, which in fact I at first took it for when I thought of stripping the room of all its trappings including the fireplace and, with the help of Mr. Spaull, redecorating it in ultra-modern style. The idea was to cover the upper part of the three walls with enlarged reproductions of a view of Paris, a Dürer print, and Goya's bullfight lithographs, representing the three main languages studied at school; these would look down on a large onion-shaped table with chairs and settees to match in true Heal style.

Then the Head Master intervened: he discovered Adam behind the green grass and ruled that the fireplace was to be preserved together with the architectural structure of the room. So our thoughts turned from a radical break with the past towards a compromise, blending what is best and most worth preserving of the past, with a more up-to-date look, in keeping with what the school stands for.

On the main wall, the coffee-bar blown-ups (impracticable because of cost and the state of the

plaster) made way for an eighteenth century "toile de Jouy" wallpaper with graceful pastoral scenes, harmonizing with the architecture. The other two walls were painted a slightly paler orange than the bright curtains for the high windows; these represented the modern element together with an oak conference table—necessary, as the room had also to be used as classroom for the M.L. specialists—and olive settees and chairs on a dark grey haircord carpet.

The stripping and redecoration of the room, the discovery and delivery of all the furnishings, took 15 months, attempting as we were the almost impossible task of obtaining high quality while keeping within the limits of our budget; even then, we could never have managed without a generous grant from the Westminster School Society for the furniture.

In the Play Term 1964 we began to move in; the reference and twentieth century French and German section of the M.L. Library were installed in the new shelves and we started to build up Junior sections. The M.L. Library was in a discouraging state and Mr. Hamerton, then Librarian, agreed to let us have quite a large number of new and more attractive books. In addition to *Paris Match* and *Le Figaro Littéraire* we also get their German equivalents *Kristall* and *Die Zeit*; and notices of activities at the French and German Institutes, holiday courses, and other matters of interest to modern linguists are regularly displayed on the room's noticeboard.

In these surroundings, modern linguists have accustomed themselves (not without some difficulty) to resist the temptation of carving their names on the table and tilting their chairs on the carpet; in compensation, although there is some muttering about the colour of the curtains, they can now feel that it is an attractive and well-designed place of study and relaxation. Despite its rapidly becoming a status symbol, we have no language laboratory; no doubt it would be useful for one or two forms, but it appears to be of limited value in a school where the M.L. masters really speak their languages and where the majority of pupils do not need a machine to make them mutter foreign sounds in the coy solitude of a discreet box. How much more valuable is real talk and discussion! We hope the Modern Language Room will stimulate interest in foreign languages, and provide all the facilities they need to those who wish to learn.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER

By courtesy of Mr. W. R. van Straubenzee, M.B.E., M.P., the Annual Dinner of the Club will be held at the House of Commons on Wednesday, October 19th, 1966, at 6.45 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.

The President of the Club, Col. B. Stuart Horner, O.B.E., will preside and The Rt. Hon. The Lord Butler, C.H., the Head Master and the Dean of Westminster have accepted the Club's invitation to be its guests.

Dress: Dinner Jackets. Tickets will be 50/- each, inclusive of wines during dinner.

As accommodation is limited, members are invited to make early application for tickets to the Hon. Secretary, R. Plummer, 55/61 Moorgate, London, E.C.2. Cheques should be made payable to The Elizabethan Club.

Members are reminded that no guests may be invited other than members of the Governing Body, masters at the Great School and the Under School and persons connected with the School. It is known that within these categories there are a number of persons who would appreciate an invitation and, if any member is willing to entertain a guest, he is kindly asked to inform the Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that, by kind permission of the Head Master, the Annual General Meeting of The Elizabethan Club will be held at the School on Tuesday, October 25th, 1966, at 6 p.m.

June 27th, 1966. R. PLUMMER,
Hon. Secretary.

AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 26th, 1965.
2. To receive the General Committee's Report.
3. To receive the audited Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1966.
4. Election of Officers.*

The General Committee desires to propose for appointment as:

Vice-President: Mr. W. M. Atwood
Chairman: Mr. G. U. Salvi
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. M. O'Brien
Hon. Secretary: Mr. R. Plummer

5. Election of General Committee.*

Under Rule 13 Mr. F. B. Hooper, Mr. P. J. Morley-Jacob and Mr. G. U. Salvi are ineligible for re-election.

The General Committee desires to propose for appointment:

†1938-43 Mr. F. A. G. Rider
† Mr. J. M. Wilson
†1950-55 Mr. G. D. M. Willoughby
†1952-56 Mr. C. S. Martin
†1956-61 Mr. C. J. Broadhurst
†1953-58 Mr. N. R. P. Heaton
†1930-35 Mr. D. M. M. Carey
†1939-44 Mr. W. J. Gerrish
†1926-31 Mr. F. E. Pagan

1947-52 Mr. N. B. R. C. Peroni
1940-45 Mr. R. A. Denniston
1956-61 Mr. M. D. Brough

6. Appointment of Hon. Auditor.

7. Any other Business.

* The name of any other candidate for any of the Club Offices, or for the General Committee, must be proposed and seconded in writing and forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, R. Plummer, 55/61 Moorgate, London, E.C.2, so as to reach him not later than October 18th, 1966.

† Members of 1965-66 General Committee eligible for re-election.

MEMBERSHIP

The following have been elected members of the Club:

- G 1961-66 BARTLETT, STEPHEN FRANCIS, 10 Audley Road, Hanger Hill, Ealing, London, W.5.
A 1961-66 BAXTER, ROSS EDWARD MCMILLAN, 16 Victoria Road, Kensington, London, W.8.
A 1961-66 DUNCAN, JAMES BOYD, Ardnahoe, Eriswell Road, Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames.
B 1962-66 HALSTEAD, FABIAN PHILIP, 3 Prior Bolton Street, Canonbury, London, N.1.
L 1965-66 LOMBERG, SIMON REX CHARLES DAVID, South African Embassy, c/o South Africa House, The Strand, London, W.C.2.
G 1961-66 PATTERSON, IAN KENNETH, 6 Riversdale Road, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire.
B 1962-66 PRATT, JULIAN CHARLES, 1 Churton Place, London, S.W.1.
R 1962-66 RUSSELL, FRANCIS GEORGE SCOTT, The Grange, East Hanney, Wantage, Berkshire.
A 1961-66 SHILLITO, RICHARD ARTHUR, 19 Edwardes Square, London, W.8.
B 1962-66 WYNN JONES, RICHARD THOMAS, 56 Hampstead Way, London, N.W.11.

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting on October 25th, 1966

The General Committee has pleasure in presenting its One Hundred and Second Annual Report.

The Committee records with very deep regret the deaths of the following members of the Club: A. C. Abbott, H. V. Argyle, Rev. J. B. Banbury, N. A. Beechman, B. G. Brown, E. J. Buhler, The Very Rev. H. Costley-White, Rev. R. J. E. Dix, Rev. Canon B. J. Failes, Dr. E. A. Gates, H. L. Geare, C. P. L. Godsal, Lt.-Col. R. A. Graham, G. H. T. Hamerton, J. M. Hastings, J. C. Heard, Lt. Col. A. G. Hildesley, I. E. Humphreys, Rev. Canon T. J. Kirkland, Lt. Col. G. H. Lambert, O. Lewis, W. R. Lush, A. S. Macpherson,

Rev. E. G. Mansfield, W. E. P. Moon, Col. H. R. Munt, A. B. L. Murison, G. W. W. Murray, P. H. Napier, A. C. Pearson, G. P. Pick, J. M. Rintoul, W. B. S. Sheldon, Professor J. R. Squire, G. Swann, C. H. Taylor, Sir A. P. Waterfield, D. A. Williams and Rev. E. H. H. Young.

One hundred and thirty-seven new members were elected to the Club during the year ended March 31st, 1966.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on October 26th, 1965, Col. Stuart Horner, O.B.E., was elected President of the Club in succession to Lord Rea and W. M. Atwood, C. M. O'Brien and R. Plummer were re-elected Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. D. M. M. Carey, W. J. Gerrish and F. E. Pagan were elected new members of the General Committee.

The Annual Dinner of the Club, through the courtesy of W. R. van Straubenzee, M.B.E., M.P., was held at the House of Commons on October 11th, 1965, and was attended by over 110 members and guests. In the regrettable absence of the President, Lord Rea, through illness, Mr. W. E. Gerrish, a former President of the Club, presided and the guests included the Head Master, the Dean and Assistant Masters.

The Games Committee again enjoyed a successful year of activity. At the Annual General Meeting, N. P. Andrews, P. G. Whipp and F. A. G. Rider were re-elected Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary respectively.

The Football Club again entered both the Senior and Junior Divisions of the Arthurian League, the 1st XI playing 26 matches and the "A" XI 14. In the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup the 1st XI lost to the Old Carthusians at Godalming by 2 goals to 1 after extra time. The XI also competed in the A.F.A. Senior Cup and reached the second round.

GAMES COMMITTEE

The following Officers have been appointed for the year 1966-67:

Hon. Treasurer—N. P. Andrews, Lindum Lodge, 26 Brackley Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Hon. Secretary—P. G. Whipp, 22 Boileau Road, Ealing, W.5.

Assistant Hon. Secretary—F. A. G. Rider, 2 Brechin Place, Gloucester Road, S.W.7.

The following are the Hon. Section Secretaries:
Football—D. Roy, 49 Pebworth Road, Harrow, Middx
Cricket—M. J. Hyam, 26 Hill Brow, Hove, 4, Sussex.
Golf—B. Peroni, Coronation House, 4 Lloyds Avenue, E.C.3.

Fives—W. J. Gerrish, Gooseacre, Thruxton, Nr. Andover, Hants.

Rowing—S. Douglas-Mann, Waters Edge, Shiplake, Oxon.

Shooting—N. R. Heaton, 23 Sussex Place, N.W.1.

Lawn Tennis—K. Harrison, 3 Aldersgrove, East Molesey, Surrey.

Royal Tennis—P. Cashell, Cumnor House, Danchill, Nr. Haywards Heath, Sussex.

The Cricket Club enjoyed a successful season particularly during the Fortnight at Vincent Square. Centuries were scored during the season by G. A. Lewis and J. W. Myring. 14 matches were played during the season of which 5 were won, 5 lost and 4 drawn.

The Golfing Society held its usual Spring Meeting at Addington and its Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest. In the Halford Hewitt Cup at Deal, the Society defeated Wellingborough in the first round in very difficult conditions, but in the second round were defeated by Charterhouse, who went on to win the Cup.

The Swimming Club again enjoyed a very successful season. Four of the five matches were won, the only defeat being by the Old Citizens. The Club only just failed to reach the final of the Public Schools Old Boys' Relay.

The Sailing Club was defeated by Uppingham in the first round of the Bembridge Trophy.

The Fives Club played 15 matches against Schools and Old Boys' Clubs and three matches were played by the Tennis Club. The Lawn Tennis Club entered for the D'Abernon Cup and reached the quarter-finals before losing to the eventual winner, U.C.S.

The Athletics Club enjoyed another successful season and the usual match was held against the School. The Club again entered a team in the Public Schools' Old Boys Cross Country race and was placed seventh.

The Shooting Club entered two teams in the Public Schools Veterans Trophy at Bisley and the first team came third in a large field. The Fencing Club has not been active for some years and efforts are being made to restart it under its new Hon. Secretary, W. B. Metcalfe.

By Order of the Committee,

R. PLUMMER,

Hon. Secretary.

Sailing—P. Gane, 52 The Hall, Foxes Dale, Blackheath, S.E.3.

Swimming—C. Brough, Kenwood Gate, Hampstead Lane, Highgate, N.6.

Athletics—J. B. Goodbody, 16 St. Paul's Road, London, N.1.

Fencing—W. B. Metcalfe, Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham, Reading, Berks.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' FENCING CLUB

Would all members who are interested in fencing please note that W. B. Metcalfe has been appointed the Hon. Secretary. All communications should be sent to Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham, Reading, Berks.

It is hoped to arrange a number of matches during the coming months and the Hon. Secretary is anxious to hear from those members who are keen to fence for the Club.

This Club has been inactive for many years and it is thought that there are some members who will welcome this opportunity to renew their contact with those who fenced whilst at School.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' GOLFING SOCIETY

THE HALFORD HEWITT CUP 1966

Westminster v. Wellingborough
1st Round, April 14th, 1966

Deal

Westminster drew the second earliest starting time, and our top couples had reached the seventh before the worst of the blinding sleet and gale force winds descended.

Our side was:

1. John Barley and Tudor Davies
2. W. A. Slark and Ian Petherick
3. R. T. Robinson and A. C. Hornsby
4. Denis Ryland and R. A. Bulgin
5. Michael Scott and Michael Clayton

Westminster won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, a well deserved victory under appalling conditions.

Results:

Davies and Barley	won 3 and 2
Slark and Petherick	lost 1 hole
Robinson and Hornsby	won 1 hole
Bulgin and Ryland	halved
Scott and Clayton	won 7 and 5

Westminster v. Charterhouse
2nd Round, April 15th, 1966

Deal

Team selections and order of play were as follows:

<i>Westminster</i>	<i>Charterhouse</i>
Barley and Davies	v. Scott and Langford
Slark and Petherick	v. Christmas and Barrow
Scott and Clayton	v. Cox and Benka
Ryland and Bulgin	v. Bristowe and Royds
Robinson and Hornsby	v. Bryant and Braddon

Charterhouse are strong from top to tail, and they are said to have over thirty players under 4.

The final results were:

Davies and Barley	lost to Scott and Langford	6/4
Slark and Petherick	lost to Christmas and Barrow	4/3
Scott and Clayton	lost to Cox and Benka	5/4
Ryland and Bulgin	lost to Bristowe and Royds	6/4
Robinson and Hornsby	lost to Bryant and Braddon	2/1

While it was, in fact, a "whitewash", as so discourteously stated in *The Times*, we were, as has happened on a number of occasions, beaten by the ultimate winners, and they lost only three matches throughout the whole Tournament.

OWW. LODGE

The 79th Installation Meeting of the Old Westminster's Lodge, 2233, was held on April 21st, 1966, Up School. The Meeting was attended by some 120 members and their guests.

The Installing and Immediate Past-Master was W. Bro. A. J. Day-Winter, HB. 1931-37, and the Master-Elect W. Bro. R. F. Strange, R. 1917-21.

A distinguished Past-Master, R.W. Bro. Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., P.Dist. Grand Master, Madras, was present.

Among distinguished visitors were: R.W. Bro. Bishop Herbert, K.C.V.O., Prov. Grand Master, Norfolk, R.W. Bro. Col. A. Woods, Prov. Grand Master, Herts., and R.W. Bro. Lord Swansea, Senior Grand Warden, Master of the Old Etonian Lodge.

W. Bro. T. Tyrrell, F.R.C.S., Past Grand Deacon, HB. 1921-26, the Secretary, explained that owing to a slight heart attack he would not be continuing as Secretary.

W. Bro. R. F. Strand having been installed as Worshipful Master, appointed the following Officers:

Senior Warden: Bro. G. R. Johnston, B. 1932-36.
Junior Warden: Bro. A. G. Morris, G. 1913-17.
Chaplain: W. Bro. Dr. S. Vatcher, O.B.E., London Grand Rank, G. 1914-17.
Secretary: W. Bro. R. Walters, AHH. 1928-31.
Treasurer: W. Bro. E. G. B. Taylor, AHH. 1919-23.
Dir. of Ceremonies: W. Bro. N. Andrews, Past Grand Deacon, G. 1913-17.

Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies: W. Bro. H. D. Berman, L.G.R., C. 1917-20.

Senior Deacon: W. Bro. H. J. M. Lindsay, P.Dist. Grand Senior Warden, Burma, R. 1921-23.

Junior Deacon: Bro. R. H. G. Charles, C. 1950-55.
Almoner: W. Bro. H. Dulley, G. 1916-20.

Inner Guard: Bro. B. H. G. Barclay, AHH. 1949-54.
Tyler: Bro. H. Wilby, the School Engineer, was in Hospital with appendicitis.

It was announced that W. Bro. R. G. Bare, AHH. 1914-18, had been awarded Grand Rank in the forthcoming Investiture.

BIRTHS

HOBSON—On January 5th, 1966, to Elizabeth, wife of James Hobson (W. 1955-58), a daughter.

LLOYD—On March 23rd, 1966, to Christine, wife of Christopher Lloyd (W. 1956-60), a son.

GIMSON—On August 27th, 1965, to Ann, wife of Peter Gimson (R. 1927-32), a daughter.

DOULTON—On January 21st, 1966, to Paul Doulton (R. & L. 1954-58), a daughter Maria Theresa; a sister to Rebecca Ilona, born January 25th, 1964.

MARRIAGES

BARNES : CARRUTHERS—On December 12th, 1965, Henry G. Gorell Barnes (Ash. 1952-57), to Gill, daughter of Mr. J. A. Carruthers of Langford Close, N.W.8, and Mrs. Lito Pike.

BARKER : MACLENNAN—On February 24th, 1966, Dudley Ernest Barker (Ash. 1923-28), to Isabel Jean Geddes, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. William MacLennan of Doune, Perthshire.

WHITELEGGE : EVANS—On May 6th, 1966, in Hongkong, David Sherbrooke Whitelegge (Ash. 1941, K.S. 1942-46), to Joan Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Evans, of Cardiff.

SILVER WEDDINGS

BAUGHAN : HODGE—On April 9th, 1941, Edward Christopher Baughan (HB. 1926, K.S. Non. Res. 1927-31), to Jacqueline Fors Hodge.

BAKER : SHERMAN—On May 12th, 1941, at Xenia, Ohio, the Revd. John Gilbert Hindley Baker (HB. 1924-29), to Martha Levering Sherman.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Judge Stephen Chapman, Q.C., Recorder of Liverpool, (Ash. 1920, K.S. 1921-25) has been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice (Queen's Bench Division), and has received the honour of Knighthood.

Mr. A. L. Burton (R. 1932-35) has been elected and installed as Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

At the General Election all the Westminsters in Parliament retained their seats. They are:

The Rt. Honble. A. N. Wedgwood Benn, P.C. (B. 1938-42), Postmaster General 1964-

Sir Frederic M. Bennett (R. 1932-36) Bristol S.E. (Lab)

The Rt. Honble. L. R. Carr, P.C. (G. 1930-35) Torquay (C)

Mr. A. C. D. Ensor (H.B. 1920-23) Mitcham (C)

Mr. F. E. Noel-Baker (G. 1934-38) Bury and Radcliffe (Lab)

Mr. W. R. Van Straubenzee, M.B.E. (G. 1937-42) Swindon (Lab)

Sir Roy Harrod (Ash. Non. Res. K.S. 1913-18) Wokingham (C)

has been awarded the Bernhard-Harms-Prize at Kiel University.

Dr. W. R. S. Doll (G. 1925, K.S. 1927-31), Director of the Medical Research Council's Statistical Research Unit, has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society in recognition of his researches in epidemiology.

Mr. N. M. Horsfall of Peterhouse, Cambridge, has been awarded the Montagu Butler Prize for 1966 at Cambridge University.

Mr. T. R. Ware (K.S. 1947-52) has been ordained a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, and given the name Kallistos.

Professor W. R. Hawthorne, F.R.S. (H.B. 1926-31) has been appointed Chairman of the Army Department Advisory Council on Scientific Research and Technical Development.

Professor M. T. Cherniavsky (B. and K.S. 1933-38) has been appointed Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Waterloo, Ontario.

Mr. M. J. Starforth, C.B.E. (K.S. 1930-35) has retired as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Uganda, and has been appointed Legal Draftsman, Malaysia.

Sir Nutcombe Hume, K.B.E., M.C. (H.B. and G. 1906-11) has been appointed Chairman of the London Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

The Revd. P. E. Duval (H.B. 1932-37) Vicar of St. Mary's, Balham, has been appointed Rector of Mersham with Gatton.

Professor J. Simmons (G. and K.S. 1928-33) has been appointed Public Orator of the University of Leicester.

Dr. I. R. Clout (A. 1933-38) has been appointed a member of the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

At Oxford, the Dukes Prize has been awarded to Mr. P. M. P. Hall (Q.S. 1960-64), of Christ Church; and Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarships to Mr. J. N. S. Birch (W. 1960-65) of Christ Church and Mr. T. F. Earle (Q.S. 1959-64) of Wadham.

Mr. R. M. Saner (H.B. 1925-30) has been appointed M.V.O. (4th Class).

DEATHS

CIRCUITT—On April 7th, 1966, at Oxted, George Francis Langdale Circuit, M.B.E. (H.B. 1898-1905), in his 80th year.

LOW—On March 6th, 1966, the Revd. John Philpot Low (H.B. 1927-30), Parish Priest (R.C.) of Brewood, Staffs, aged 55.

MACMANUS—On March 15th, 1966, at Oxford, Nicholas Strong MacManus (R. 1958), aged 21.

POLLARD—On March 17th, 1966, at Midhurst, Sussex, Hugh Bertie Campbell Pollard (R. 1897-1903), aged 78.

POPE—On January 30th, 1966, in Quebec, Canada, Thomas Stephen Leigh Pope (Ash. 1907-10), aged 72.

THORESBY—On April 30th, 1966, at Hurley, Berks., Mervyn Thoresby (H.B. 1905-09), younger son of the late Dr. J. Thoresby-Jones, aged 76.

George F. L. Circuit was a son of the late A. J. W. Circuit and the eldest of three brothers who were Home Boarders between 1898 and 1909.

Major Hugh Bertie Campbell Pollard had an adventurous career, having had first-hand experience of revolutions in Mexico and in Ireland, and in July 1936, was dramatically associated with the flight of General Franco from the Canary Isles to Tetuan just before the Spanish Civil War. A journalist, he was for many years on the staff of the *Daily Express* and was at one time sporting editor of *Country Life*. He saw service in both world wars, and was a recognized authority on modern and ancient firearms.

The annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner for Old Westminster solicitors and articled clerks was held on February 22nd at the House of Lords by invitation of Lord Rea. Mr. H. D. Myer was in the Chair and 56 O.W.W. were present. Lord Rea and the Head Master spoke after dinner.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31st, 1966

1965		£	£	1965		£	£
90	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		42	4	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS		4
53	HONORARIUM—Miss Francis		53	5	LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS (proportion) ..		—
100	INCOME TAX		128	866	TERMLY INSTALMENTS (proportion) ..		882
	GRANTS—			310	INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS (gross) ..		363
500	The Elizabethan	500		—	PROFIT ON CLUB DINNER		27
475	The Games Committee	475		214	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		5
			975				
	— WEDDING GIFT TO HEAD						
	MASTER		31				
21	DONATIONS		—				
108	LOSS ON CENTENARY DINNER		—				
	WESTMINSTER SCHOOL						
	QUATERCENTENARY						
	APPEAL—						
	Sixth payment under Deed						
52	of Covenant (Gross) ..		52				
£1,399			£1,281	£1,399			£1,281

Notes: 1. The Club has entered into a Covenant to make ten equal payments to the Westminster School Quatercentenary Appeal of £52. 10. 0 less Income Tax.
 2. The Club holds £300 3½% War Stock under the Henderson Bequest, the interest on which provides prizes to go with the Henderson Challenge Cups. The Cash Account of this Fund is as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Balance, April 1st, 1965	25	19	4
Income for year	10	10	0
Transferred to School Prize Fund ..	£36	9	4

BALANCE SHEET—MARCH 31st, 1966

1965		£	£	1965		£	£
6,134	CAPITAL FUND—				INVESTMENTS (as valued at June 1st, 1945 or at cost if purchased since, less proceeds of realisations) ..		6,183
I	Balance, April 1st, 1965	6,352			£1,300 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70		
	Add: Life Subscriptions (proportion) ..	—			£2,000 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75		
217	Termly Instalments (proportion) ..	221			1,800 City of London Brewery Investment Trust Ltd.		
			6,573		Deferred Stock Units of 5/- each		
6,352					1,200 International Investment Trust Limited		
	INCOME ACCOUNT—				Ordinary Shares of 5/- each		
521	Balance, April 1st, 1965	307			2,100 Merchants Trust Limited		
	Deduct: Excess of Expenditure over				Ordinary Stock Units of 5/- each		
214	Income for the year	5			1,061 Scottish National Trust Company Limited		
			302		Ordinary Stock Units of 5/- each		
307					The value of the Investments at middle market prices on March 31st, 1966, was £8,785 (1965 £7,885)		
	C. M. O'BRIEN, Hon. Treasurer			476	BALANCE AT BANKERS		692
£6,659			£6,875	£6,659			£6,875

REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view respectively of the state of affairs of the Club at March 31st, 1966, and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

6 Eldon Street,
 London, E.C.2.
 May 19th, 1966

H. KENNETH S. CLARK, F.C.A.
 Hon. Auditor.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1965

1964		£	s.	d.	1964		£	s.	d.
2	INCOME TAX	3	13	1	7	INTEREST ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNT ..	9	9	9
	DONATION—WESTMINSTER HOUSE				4	PROFIT ON BALL	—		
11	BOYS' CLUB	10	10	0		EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER			
					2	INCOME	4	13	4
£13		£14	3	1	£13		£14	3	1

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31st, 1965

1964		£	s.	d.	1964		£	s.	d.
	GENERAL FUND—				248	BALANCE AT BANKERS	229	8	2
232	Balance, January 1st, 1965 ..	230	3	2					
2	Deduct: Excess of Expenditure over income for the year	4	13	4					
230		225	9	10					
18	SUNDRY CREDITOR	3	18	4					
£248		£229	8	2	£248		£229	8	2

K. C. KEYMER, *Hon. Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR OF THE CLUB

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view respectively of the state of affairs of the Entertainments Fund at December 31st, 1965, and of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

6 Eldon Street,
London, E.C.2.
May 31st, 1966

H. KENNETH S. CLARK, F.C.A.
Hon. Auditor.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB GAMES COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1965/66

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
1964/65		£	1965/66	1964/65		£	1965/66
475	THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB		475		SECTION GRANTS		
	BALANCE, being EXCESS OF PAYMENTS			150	Cricket	160	
7	OVER RECEIPTS	28		150	Football	150	
				60	Golf	60	
				20	Fives	20	
				10	Boat Club	15	
				25	Shooting	25	
				10	Swimming	10	
					Royal Tennis (including £5 in respect		
					of the previous year)	10	
				10	Lawn Tennis	10	
				20	Athletics	20	
				20	Sailing	20	
				475		500	
				5	PASDA	1	
				2	POSTAGES, ETC.	2	
£482		£503	£482	£503		£503	

£

Balance from last Account:
Wilfred Atwood Don-
ation 249
The Elizabethan Club 26

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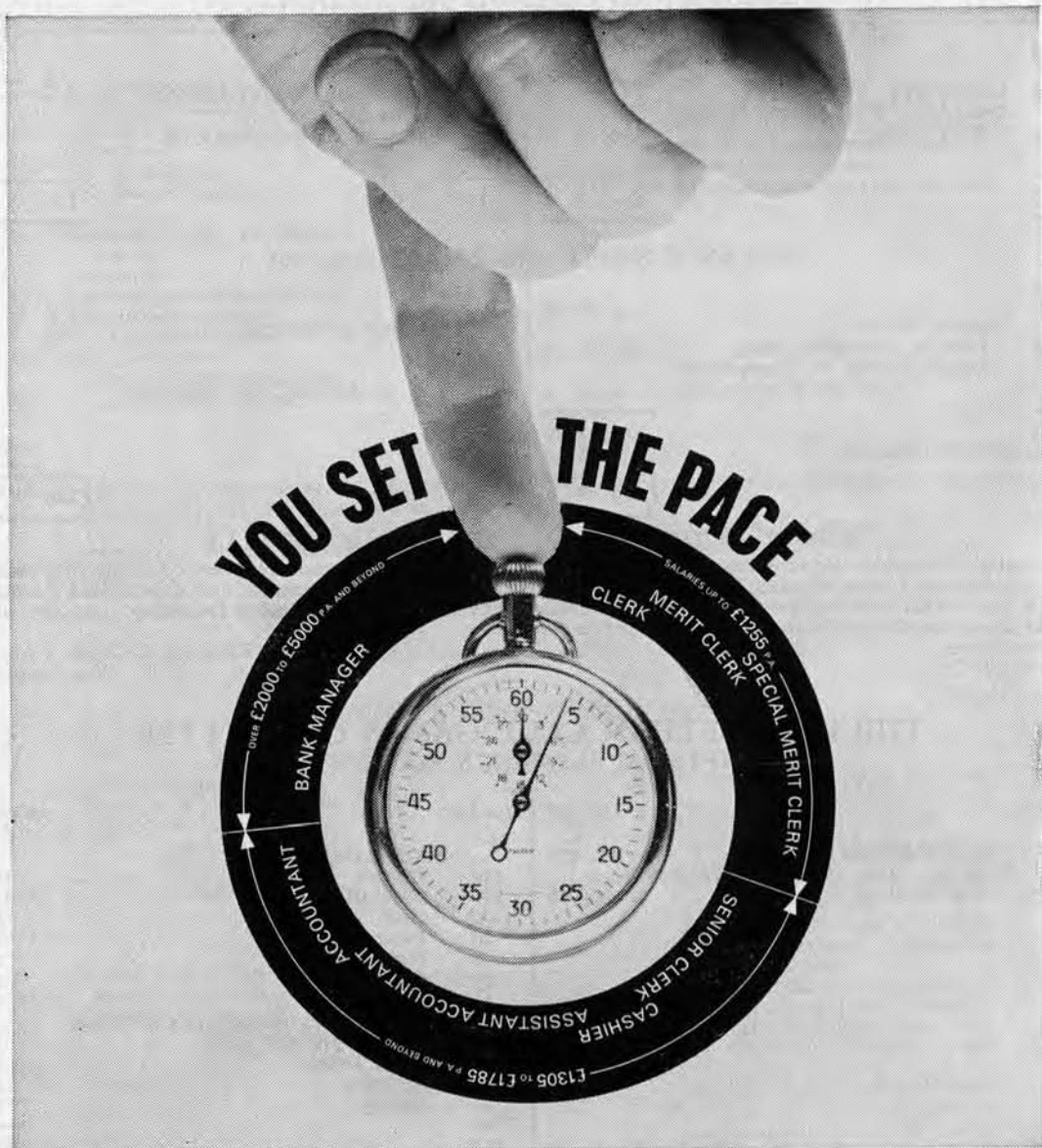
Less: Excess of Payments
over Receipts for
the year 28

BALANCE AT BANKERS £247

Examined and found correct.
WILFRID M. ATWOOD,
Chartered Accountant.

May 23rd, 1966.

N. P. ANDREWS, *Hon. Treasurer*
P. G. WHIPP, *Hon. Secretary*



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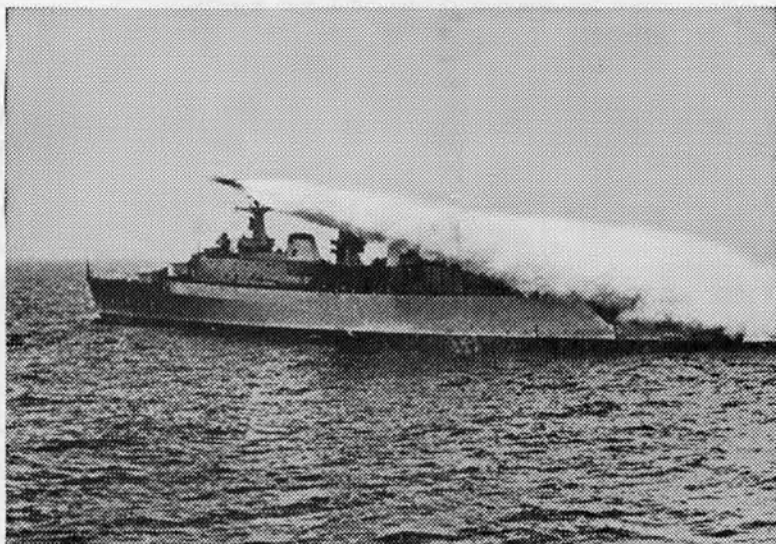
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