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EDITORIAL.

THE question having once more arisen as to the School's privileges in connection with the Houses of Parliament, it may be as well to enunciate exactly the position as it now stands.

With regard to King's Scholars the position has been clearly defined. I quote from a letter sent by the Speaker of the House of Commons to A. P. Waterfield, Esq. (Praef., 1907): 'It is the privilege of King's Scholars to obtain admission to the Gallery when there is room without having to obtain an order from an M.P.' This is stated more fully in a letter from Walter H. Erskine, Esq., Assistant Sergeant at Arms, to Dr. Gow in February, 1916. 'On days when all the "Original" orders have been issued for the Members' Gallery and are likely to be used, the King's Scholars, up to the number of six and if wearing their caps and gowns, should take their places in St. Stephen's Hall with the holders of "Original" orders, and they will be given precedence over the holders of "Supplemental" and "extra-Supplemental" orders.

'On other days six of the King's Scholars, if wearing their caps and gowns, will be admitted, also without orders, but the daily decision of the matter must rest with the Clerk in the Admission Order Office, to whom the King's Scholars should apply.'

With regard to Town Boys the question is not so explicit. It is, however, made clear by the following extracts. F. R. Gossett, Esq., to K. D. Murray, Esq., 11.3.'10: 'The other boys of Westminster School must procure orders from the Admission Order Office before being admitted.' H. D. Erskine, Esq., Sergeant at Arms, to K. D. Murray, Esq., 22.2.'11 (with regard to your request), 'whether it would be possible for orders to be issued to the Scholars of Westminster School (other than King's Scholars) on the morning of the day for which they are required, I have to say that . . . I have come to the conclusion that this course is impracticable.' Walter H. Erskine, Esq., to Dr. Gow (see above): 'The other boys of Westminster School (viz., other than K.SS.) must procure orders from the Admission Order Office and these will be issued to them with the

general public after 4.15 p.m. if there is room in the Members' Gallery at the time.'

School Notes.

THE Pancake Grease was won this year by D. M. T. Macdonald (RR.) of the modern under shell. The ceremony was attended by the Dean, who regretted his inability to present a golden guinea—a treat he promised for next year.

The practical part of the Certificate 'A' Examination was held on Monday, February 22. Forty-six candidates had entered and of these 41 passed. If only the examination was celebrated every fortnight, we would perhaps have the pleasure of seeing the whole Corps with stripes.

A voluntary subscription is being raised in the School on behalf of the School Mission, to take the place of the Offertories on Saints' days, which have been abandoned.

The Sports will be held this year from Monday, March 22, to Friday, March 26.

Two field days were held this term. One was on March 4—we publish an account on another page—the other on the 17th.

An inspection of the roof of School was recently made by Sir Frank Baines. It is feared that the death beetle which made such havoc of Westminster Hall, has taken occupation of the rafters. His report is not yet issued, but it is supposed that the patient is only suffering from a mild attack.

The inspection of the O.T.C. was held on Monday, March 15, by Major-General Cameron, C.B., C.M.G.

COURT TREATT EXPEDITION.

IN January last, after some sixteen months spent in toiling rather painfully through all kinds of country in an effort to get from Cape Town to Cairo by motor, my companions and I succeeded in reaching Khartoum. Our clothes had deteriorated beyond the disreputable, but we seized the chance of a good luxurious lunch at an hotel. Our entrance into the dining-room was more dramatic than we could have wished. My unfortunate wife, for one, was forced to appear in shabby khaki, and we males could only assemble

jacketless in shorts, but the promise of boundless food on plates and tablecloths made us brave. In the corner of the dining-room sat a dear old lady. She asked who we were, and was told that we were the party that had motored from Cape Town. 'Dear me,' was her comment, 'What a nice long drive!'

Ideas differ on what is a nice drive, but I will leave the reader to judge for himself.

The Expedition left Cape Town on September 23, 1924. It consisted of two standard touring cars and six persons: myself in command, my wife second in command, Mr. T. A. Glover, photographer, Mr. F. C. Law, special correspondent, Mr. E. Hinds, engineer, and an old native servant, Julius Mapata.

For the first part of the journey, of course, there were excellent roads. Our way lay through magnificent mountain scenery, and as it was spring, the veldt was carpeted with wild flowers. We passed through Johannesburg and the northern Transvaal to Rhodesia. Owing to the unforeseen delays in starting, I knew that there was great risk of our running into the rainy season. As bad luck would have it, we actually encountered the earliest and the heaviest rains that have ever been known. Day after day rain fell in sheets; whole tracts of country were flooded, bridges and drifts were washed away, and the ground was so sodden that our cars sank in up to their axles, and we had to proceed mile after mile hauling the cars and digging away the mud. In one stretch of country of about 200 miles our road, such as it was, was actually from two to three feet under water, and while it afforded excellent duck shooting, was not much good for motoring. I therefore determined that the only way was to take to the hilltops and steer a devious course towards our next objective, by cutting a track through the forest. As an example of how difficult progress was on this section, I may say that we set ourselves an average of four miles a day, which average we only just managed to maintain.

However, all bad things come to an end, and by the time we reached northern Rhodesia the rains were at an end, and the ground was dry enough to make progress. We still, however, experienced the aftermath of the rains, inasmuch as most of the bridges were washed away or so undermined as to be unsafe.

We were forced either to repair, rebuild or detour over a hundred bridges in 200 miles. Our first intimation that the bridges were unsafe was when a bridge, weakened by the passage of the first car, gave way, and the second car fell through, with a horrid crash, on the rocky river bed.

When I looked at it, it appeared that the car must have received such injuries that I should probably have to abandon it. I was at that time 800 miles from the nearest place where the necessary material for a major repair would be forthcoming. Much to our amazement we found that no serious damage had been done and after three days' hard work, in the sweltering heat, we were able to proceed. There was one person, however, who was delighted at this rather alarming occurrence, and that was Mr. Glover, our photographer, who revelled in such incidents because they provided him with hundreds of feet of really interesting film.

In Tanganyika Territory we made our first voluntary stop for the purpose of filming big game. There are still enormous tracts of country where huge herds roam about untouched by man. It was wonderful to see before our eyes the actual scenes described by Selous and the old hunters.

We went on with varying fortunes through Kenya Colony and across Uganda to Mongalla at the south of the Nile. I had been informed by the Government that the stretch of country from Mongalla up to Khartoum was considered impossible for motor-cars. The southern end of the Nile is one immense swamp, and I had determined that here it would be necessary to make a big detour. Actually our detour took us 1,100 miles to the west, but, of course, we could not entirely avoid the swamps. Many rivers had to be crossed, and in this country every river is bordered on either side by a 'toich' or swamp, which may be from a mile to six miles in width. Through the kind offices of the Sudan Government, the natives had been warned of our approach, and we were able with their help to drag the cars bodily through the swamps.

On some rivers we were able to improvise rafts from timber, or by native canoes lashed together, but we met many rivers where there was no material either for bridges or rafts. The only solution of the problem was to drag the cars along the river bed, and under water. Our procedure was to remove the electrical equipment and instruments, run off the petrol and oil, and then to drag the cars through the water. This may sound rather an alarming procedure to the average motorist, but when you are used to it, it is fairly easy. As an example, I may say that we crossed in this fashion seven rivers in sixteen days. Most of these rivers were about 100 yards across and 18 or 20 feet deep.

The last of these swampy rivers we had to negotiate was the Bahr el Arab, which lies in the centre of an uninhabited tract of country 150 miles in extent. Here I had to import a number

of local natives who are Dinkas. The Dinka is perhaps one of the most primitive tribes. They wear no clothing whatsoever and appear to be of very limited intelligence. One Dinka woman came to barter eggs, who was obviously the belle of the district. Her entire costume consisted of four trouser buttons sewn in her hair, two paper clips through the nose and the upper lip, and a four-inch nail through the lower lip. She had probably taken as much trouble to get these articles from distant civilisation as the European woman takes to get the latest Paris model.

We had some anxious moments before we finally arrived on the far side of the Bahr el Arab.

Here the country changes suddenly from forest and swamp to desert, and the population from Bantu to Arab. We found fairly good going over desert tracts and arrived at El Obeid, the rail head of the Sudan railways. From Khartoum north to Cairo it was supposed to be good going, though from previous experience I had my doubts about it. These doubts were confirmed when on arrival at Halfa I received letters and telegrams both from the Egyptian and Sudanese Governments, saying that the country from this place to Shellal was utterly impossible, and that they strongly advised me not to attempt it. The river Nile on this stretch is bordered by mountain ranges so crumbled and broken up that I was informed that not even a donkey can get along.

I applied to my old friends the Bishareen Arabs for guides, but they told me that no guides could be provided, because even they did not tackle the waterless and uninhabited desert which lies behind the mountain ranges. We were determined that after all our struggles through swamp and forest, we were not going to be beaten on the last lap. We therefore loaded up all the water the cars could carry, and struck out north-west into the desert. Our problem was to detour the mountains, and in due course to arrive back at the Nile.

I have not the space to describe the adventures we encountered in this desert. Three times we tried to cross over the mountain ranges back to the Nile, only to be brought up sharp by impossible rock faces. Three times we had to retrace our steps, while our water slowly diminished, although it was most carefully rationed. We were lucky to find considerable stretches of hard sand, over which fairly rapid travelling was possible. Nevertheless, we continually stuck in soft drift sand, where we had to dig the cars out and proceed foot by foot over scaffolding boards which we had brought with us until hard ground was reached again. This sticking did not tend to relieve our anxiety, as

had we found a really lengthy stretch of soft sand our position would have been serious.

I determined to make one last attempt to cross the mountains, and should I fail, either to abandon the cars and walk 80 miles to water, or to strike due east across the desert to the Red Sea. However, luck was with us, and on the fourth attempt we tumbled on a way over the mountains.

Our descent on the other side was rather a hair-raising experience, but after another day we were relieved to see the Nile shimmering in the far distance.

Five miles from the Nile we met a search party on camels which had been sent out to rescue us, and we had the satisfaction of taking the leader of the party in on one of the cars.

From here on to Cairo we had at any rate some sort of a road, and sighted the Pyramids on January 24, 1926, after a journey of 12,732 miles.

C. COURT TREATT (O.W.),
Major, F.R.G.S.

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POETRY.

WE print below the poem which won the Gumbleton prize for English Verse this year.

'HYDE PARK.'

Goddess or God of this abode of flow'rs,
Lit by the Sun, and wash'd with the dew of show'rs—
Thou need'st no tribute from a poet's pen,
Whose praise is writ in blossom, and the leaves
That clothe the woods—not the weak hands of men
Can frame the tapestry that Nature weaves.

Yet I, who toil within a city's womb,
Foul'd with the breath of Vulcan—like a tomb
Of Darkness, dim and dread with grisly death,
Would do thee honour—I who dearly love
To walk, like Swinburne, on a wind-swept heath,
And watch the ever-scurrying clouds above.

I love thee for thy trees, a myriad band
Like some Elysian colonnade that stand,
Cloth'd in the joy of Spring with brilliant green,
And bursting blossom, ripening in the sun
Till sad October comes, when wails the pæan
Of mournful winds, that scour a landscape dun;

And all the leaves are turn'd to ruddy gold,
Like the fam'd Fleece that Jason sought of old,
Or like the apples Hercules alone
Won from the Garden of Hesperides.
Then bleak December reigns, and, sadly strewn,
The last reluctant leaves float down the breeze.

I love thee for thy fountains—for the lake
That winds across thee like a silver snake;
I love thee dearly for the happy crowd
That throngs thy flowery walks—for Peter Pan:
I love thee for the Row, where horses proud
Champ haughtily, the noblest friends of Man.

I love thee for the joy of life that teems
Within thee, and whence happy careless dreams
Are born to music from the tuneful birds,
Blended with children's laughter, and the sound
Of gently tinkling bells, that from the herds
Of peaceful, happy sheep re-echoes round.

Thou art a boon from God: and grateful Man
(Who little hath in his allotted span
Of joys like thine) returns his joyous praise;
And I, whose hours in aimless strife are spent,
Shall e'er count blessed those unfading days
I passed with thee, on sweetest pleasure bent.

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CALCUTTA OLD WESTMINSTERS.

UNITED SERVICE CLUB, CALCUTTA,
January 17, 1926.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,

In a recent number you asked for more correspondence: so you must not complain, when you get this letter. When the late Sir Francis Maclean was Chief Justice of Bengal, he used to entertain Calcutta Old Westminsters to dinner in his house. Since he left Bengal some years ago, no old Westminster gathering has been held here, and we thought that it was high time to have a dinner. We were fortunate enough to catch Sir George Sutherland on a very flying visit and he most generously took on himself the cost of the dinner at the Bengal Club on Saturday, January 16. The following O.W.W. attended:—

Sir George Sutherland (Rig. 1878-1883)
The Reverend T. E. T. Shore (G. 1879-1884)
The Honourable Sir Hugh L. Stephenson,
K.C.I.E. (Q.S. 1883-1890)
The Honourable Mr. Justice Cuming (Q.S.
1884-1888)
A. Martin Leake, V.C. (G. 1886-1889)
W. S. Hopkyns (H.B.B. 1890-1897)
C. H. Holmes (H.B.B. 1892-1896)
The Reverend P. E. Lee (H.B.B. 1895-1899)
A. G. R. Henderson (K.S. 1899-1904)
M. H. B. Lethbridge (K.S. 1902-1907)
H. B. Thacker (G. 1909-1914)
W. M. Binney (K.S. 1913-1918)
C. E. Stones (H.B.B. 1913-1918)
R. Dutton (Rig. 1917-1920)
E. A. Cooper (Rig. 1917-1921)
R. R. Mounsey (G. 1918-1921).

It will thus be seen that, with the exception of the years 1907-1909, there was somebody who was at the School every year from 1878 to 1921. Owing to the departure of Mr. Colvin for home on leave last month, Ashburnham was not represented. Mr. Moses had intended to come, but

was called away to a volunteer camp; while Mr. A. E. F. Wood was unable to get away from the wilds of Malda district, where he is in charge of the police.

The arrangements for the dinner were in the capable hands of Mr. Charles Holmes, who feeds the Calcutta Light Horse in camp and thinks nothing of arranging breakfast for 400 people at a local gymkhana. He solved the problem of printing the School crest on the menus by getting a die made from the crest on his prize for divinity—a book of which he is inordinately proud.

Sir Hugh Stephenson presided. In saying grace Father Shore made it plain that he has entirely forgotten the proper way to pronounce Latin. When the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, Sir Hugh Stephenson rose and proposed the toast of 'Floreat.'

As the Bengal Club was searched in vain for a loving-cup, we were unable to drink a 'Floreat' in due and ancient form; but that did not prevent the toast from being enthusiastically received, and we hope that we shall be able to do it properly next time. It was sad to see the emblems of Charterhouse so prominent in the table decorations; but we were only able to get twelve carnations—all of the wrong colour—and the other flowers must be regarded as a mere background for the twelve. It was decided that a cable should be sent to the Headmaster, and I hope that it has successfully overcome all the difficulties and dangers of its journey. The party broke up about half-past eleven after a most enjoyable evening, and it is satisfactory to record that Calcutta Old Westminsters now all know each other. In forwarding to you, sir, the most cordial wishes of all Calcutta Old Westminsters for the continued prosperity of the school,

I remain, yours truly,

A. G. R. HENDERSON.

*The cabled greetings of the Calcutta O.W.W. were read to the School by the Headmaster, and received with acclamation, on the first day of term.—ED.

SWISS CAMP, 1926.

WINTER sports really begin at Victoria. You say good-bye to your registered luggage and receive in exchange, on paying a large sum of money, a dirty slip of yellow paper—loss of which in the course of the next thirty-six long hours would render life absolutely not worth living. You now start a species of trans-European curling match. If your luggage arrives at your ultimate destination on the same train as you do, you score 100 points. This has never been known to happen.

Newhaven-Dieppe is nominally three hours—it seems much more! Paris is reached in the early evening, and after one has been hurtled across the city in the inimitable way peculiar to French taxi-drivers, one dines.

We leave Paris, and spend the night, rather fearfully, on the train. Truly can it be said that there is nothing so dangerous in Winter Sports as the getting there! However, we reach Bâle safely and somewhat sleepily, and breakfast.

Then we amble laboriously through Switzerland, reaching Zurich and its magnificent lake—unfortunately wrapped, as usual, in mist. Mist obscured the mountain tops for the rest of the journey, and towards mid-day, as we crept insignificantly into Chur, it snowed.

It was still snowing as we set off on the long twelve mile climb to Lenzerheide in a procession of three magnificent yellow charabancs, fitted with gigantic caterpillars—and later snow-skids.

We arrived in the early afternoon, but few of us were prepared to make, or renew, our acquaintance with the snow till the morrow.

Ski-ing, 'the finest sport in the world,' formed the chief occupation of the campers, although many skated, or skimmed merrily along the edges of precipices on bobs. The snow was fair, about two feet, but rather treacherous and difficult. It afforded excellent sport, however, and had the weather been less atrocious we should have had little to complain of.

As it was the sky was often overcast, with bitter winds—a common day temperature being 10°C. (about 8°F.). Under the circumstances few long expeditions could be undertaken, although Braaten, from the University of Oslo, a very fine skier, endeavoured to make them wherever possible.

One expedition is not likely to be forgotten by those who went on it. It was a fine day, but bitterly cold. We had our lunch in a draughty hut on top of the ridge in 30 degrees of frost—we had to eat it dancing about, the cold was so intense.

I'm afraid I missed one of the few fine ski-ing days when I consented to join a bobbing expedition. There is an excellent road run of from 4 to 5 miles down to Solis, and then on by Alvaschein to Tiefencastel. We were comparative novices at this exhilarating but, in my opinion, exceedingly dangerous sport. The conditions were very fast—a slight thaw having been followed by a hard frost overnight. However, we completed the run without serious mishap. We only crashed once; when running at high speed through a village we ran over a bare patch and gently nosed a dung heap—after which we turned over—

fortunately without any damage being done. We only just avoided an accident a little later when we grazed a stone wall in a most alarming fashion, but prompt action on the part of the man with the brakes averted a calamity. After this we gained confidence, and on the way down to Tiefencastel we shot between two carts in a manner which even a French taxi-driver might have envied.

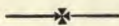
The finest day of our stay was taken up by the jumping competition. Braaten won the 2nd prize in this—an amazingly good performance.

Ski-jumping is the most fascinating sport to watch, and the most thrilling to perform. It is, incidentally—strange though this may seem—the safest of Winter Sports (except, perhaps, curling or yodelling!).

The small village jump was in much requisition. This jump has the disadvantage of a very short run out, and the unwary who survive a jump usually flatten themselves out against the wall of the good hotel Schweizerhof—which is the social centre of Lenzerheide. Experts manage to make the doorway and finish up with a judicious left telemark in the bar. This may account for the fact that experts take so long between jumps.

A few of the more misguided among us entered for the Weech Cup—a ski race for visitors. However, I cannot profane these pages with a description of this event. Suffice it to say that I lost one perfectly good ski-stick and all the illusions I ever had as to my mastery over the ridiculous pieces of wood one puts on one's feet called ski.

And so, after enjoying the finest holiday there is, reluctantly home.



THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ALDENHAMIANs.

(*Drawn, 1-1.*)

PLAYED at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 6, we were unlucky not to win, as we got the lead early on in the first half, and kept it till ten minutes from the end, when our opponents drew level. We deserved victory, as we were a slightly better side, and kept up a much more continuous attack than the visitors. The old complaint, however, let us down as usual—an exasperating inability on the part of the inside-forwards to press home their attack. Cook at centre-forward has a very strong kick, and scored a good goal, but he is not built for dribbling, and must be given several seconds to himself in order to get the ball under control, and into a good position for shooting. Gardiner dribbles well, and his passing, though at times erratic, is on the whole fairly good. He gets

through a lot of work, frequently doing a good deal of the halves' job as well as his own. But his shooting lacks the sting to get past a good goalkeeper, and not infrequently he ends up a good individual effort with a very tame shot. Mordaunt has, on the whole, been rather disappointing this term. His passing is well up to the average of the team, but he lacks the spirit and dash necessary in a forward. Wingate remains the best of the forward line, and put across some very good centres, which were unfortunately bungled.

To come to the play, the game started ten minutes late, the School taking the hospital end. A run down their left-wing at the start looked dangerous, but Clare cleared effectively. We replied with a run down the right, but failed to score. Shortly afterwards a mid-field movement resulted in a good shot which Leage did well to clear. The score opened as the result of a run by Jeremy, who put across a good centre, which Cook pressed home. For the rest of the first half, our opponents had the best of the game, but a good save by Clare enabled us to keep the lead. The second half was occupied by loose work of varying merit. We started well, and set in an attack on the left, but Leage managed to clear. The last twenty minutes was occupied by strenuous attacking on both sides, and it was during this time that the visitors drew level through one of our defence putting the ball past Clare in a *mêlée*.

Westminster.—A. Clare; M. F. L. Haymes, J. H. B. Bird; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy; M. M. F. Wingate, K. J. Gardiner, J. A. Cook, R. G. A. Mordaunt, W. J. R. Jeremy.

Old Aldenhamians.—L. Leage; E. L. Ridge, F. Blundell; J. Humphreys, K. Altman, J. Hockin; L. V. Read, R. F. Linnet, R. D. Cowper, P. L. Messer, G. D. Herron.



WESTMINSTER *v.* HARROW.

(*Lost, 1-3.*)

Played at Vincent Square on Tuesday, February 9. The match had been arranged to take place at Harrow, but it was found that the ground there was not fit for play.

Westminster attacked first and, from a centre by Wingate, Cook shot into Pennefather's hands. Shortly afterwards a powerful drive by Cook hit the cross-bar and rebounded into play. Harrow took some time to settle down, and, at first, their attacks lacked precision. Eventually Harmsworth made a good run from half-way, but his final shot was wide. Pennefather saved two good shots from Gardiner and Mordaunt, and a long pass by Nichols to Harmsworth enabled the latter to give Harrow the lead with a hard drive into the top of the net. Harrow kept up the attack, and almost immediately scored again, Harmsworth going

right through the defence in splendid style, to leave Clare helpless with a fine cross-shot. From the kick-off Craig got away on the wing and, working his way inwards, put in a low shot, which Clare saved by diving at full-length. Westminster made a rally, and Wingate forced a corner after some neat passing with Gardiner. From the corner kick, beautifully placed in the goal-mouth by Wingate, Cook headed into goal and, Pennefather only partially clearing the ball, Gardiner rushed up and kicked the ball into the net. A fine drive by Doulton from the half-way line went just wide. The score at half-time was two goals to one in favour of Harrow.

Westminster attacked strongly at the start of the second half, but the Harrow backs were very safe and their opponents were seldom allowed to trouble Pennefather. Once Cook broke through and passed to Wingate, who shot high over the bar at an open goal from short range. The School was handicapped by Cook being crocked shortly after the interval. Harrow gradually tightened up their hold on the game, and Clare made two fine saves from shots by Wright and Nichols respectively. Harmsworth sent out a long pass to de Clermont, who swung the ball back into the goal-mouth for Harmsworth to head through. There was no further scoring, and although Westminster played hard towards the end of the game, the finishing efforts of the forwards were weak.

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Harrow.—G. E. M. Pennefather; J. O'Callaghan, R. Ashby; A. H. Ramsay, H. H. Nichols, A. Atha; G. de Clermont, K. M. Scott, P. A. T. Harmsworth, R. F. Wright, W. T. Craig.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHRIST CHURCH.

(*Lost*, 1-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on Tuesday, February 16. In spite of the fact that the 'House' team was somewhat patchy, they won an indifferent match fairly easily. The play never reached a high standard on either side, and matters were not ameliorated by a shower early on in the game. The School team never got into any sort of a stride, and Clare in goal played the best game of the side. Christ Church were not well together as a team, but individual dash was more apparent, and pulled them through.

The House were first under weigh, and developed an attack on our goal. A *mêlée* round the goal ensued, but Clare succeeded in clearing. A few minutes later they again attacked, but were once more frustrated just before half-time. However, they got past Clare to take the lead. The second

half started disastrously for the School, and in the first quarter of an hour they went through three times. We pulled ourselves together a bit after this, and made more vehement attacks on the Christ Church goal. Finally Cook got one past McBride. We kept up the attack, but our efforts were fruitless. Towards the end the 'House' attacked again, but they, too, failed to achieve anything.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. H. B. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; R. W. D. Carr, R. G. A. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

Christ Church.—W. N. McBride; B. S. Hillwood, G. P. Shakerly; E. B. Baker, F. Benson, N. Rankin; Lord Dunglass, T. Mott, L. Fawcus, C. F. McFarlane, J. P. Ashworth.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CARTHUSIANS.

(*Lost*, 1-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 13. Cook and Bird took a rest this match in order to be in trim for the match against Christ Church the following Tuesday. Their places were taken by L. E. Barker and D. R. P. Mills, respectively. This match revealed, perhaps, our greatest weakness, the lack of talent in the half-back line. Doulton tackles well at times but is very slow, and extremely variable. His feeding of the forwards is likewise erratic, being sometimes good, at others decidedly wild. He is, moreover, always liable to crumple up before a strong forward line. He is, however, the best of the three, and plays a hard, clean game. Stratford lacks vitality and must learn to control his arms. He has not the capacity for hard work which some of the team have, and Gardiner has often to hang back in order to help him out. His passing is his best point, which is sometimes quite fair. Hardy has scored one or two goals off long shots, but is not a very sound tackler, and is too slow for most right wings. His kicking is most uncertain, and his curious mode of doing so makes his passes extraordinarily difficult to get hold of.

Westminster kicked off from the police station end, and a period of loose play ensued for the first quarter of an hour. A scrimmage round our goal gave the visitors their first score after twenty minutes' play. They continued to attack, but Clare made a good save, and though hustled by forwards, managed to hold on to the ball and punt it clear. Soon after he got his fist to a strong shot, and the ball rising vertically into the air, fell in the goal mouth at the forwards' feet. Clare just had time to gather it and throw clear. Barker made one or two ineffectual dashes down the middle of the field, but never had the ball really under control, and passed very weakly. An attack then

set in on the Carthusian goal, but we failed to score. At half-time Wingate and Gardiner changed places, and the result was a goal for us. Not, however, before the Carthusians had scored two which gave Clare no chance. Just before time our opponents got another goal—a cross shot into the corner—and we were thus beaten by 4-1.

Westminster.—A. Clare; M. F. L. Haymes, D. R. P. Mills; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. A. Mordaunt, L. E. Barker, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

Old Carthusians.—H. T. L. Whinney; L. H. Saville, R. G. Crawford; A. L. Stock, B. P. Tuckett, H. D. Ruffer; M. S. Mandson, G. D. Kempwelch, B. A. Bearman, R. D. Crump, W. F. Fowler.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BRADFIELD.

(Lost, 0-10.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 20, this was in every way a disaster. The School was completely carried off its feet in the first half, and never recovered. After the first few goals, we lost our morale, and the Bradfield forwards went through over and over again, leaving Clare very little chance. With six goals against us in half-an-hour's play, we rallied a bit, but could not score. Bradfield scored one more before half-time, and thus changed over with seven goals to our none. The second half was more evenly contested, and we held our own for a considerable time. After Bradfield had scored their eighth we made a last determined effort, and Cook came near to scoring. But we were clearly down and out, and Bradfield secured double figures on the point of time.

Their goals were scored by Fussell (4), Cronen (2), R. G. Shaw (2), Paddison and Waller.

Westminster.—A. Clare; M. F. L. Haymes, J. H. B. Bird; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy; M. M. F. Wingate, K. J. Gardiner, J. A. Cook, R. G. A. Mordaunt, W. J. R. Jeremy.

Bradfield.—R. G. Benda; J. M. Munday, W. A. Smith; J. Heath, W. R. Waller, D. M. Shaw; N. G. Spathos, P. R. Fussell, C. F. Paddison, R. G. Shaw; W. G. H. D. Crouch.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CHOLMELIANS.

(Lost, 1-6.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 27. The visitors were in every way a better team than the School. Their combination was better, especially in the forward line, which was at times very formidable. The School side seemed to suffer from a kind of paralysis, and were over and over again left guessing by their opponents' dashing tactics. Bird, at left-back, played the best game of the side. Our attacks were very seldom developed enough to be dangerous, though Cook's goal was a good piece of work. Charging the goal-

keeper he knocked the ball out of his hands, and turning round in a complete circle, swung it into the far corner of the goal from a difficult angle. The play was, with one or two exceptions, rather dull, and does not call for a detailed account. Goals for them were scored by Boniface (3), Stacey and Boney. The sixth was headed in by Haymes.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. H. B. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. A. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. F. Wingate.

Old Cholmelians.—C. P. Fox; F. C. Goodwin, C. A. R. Banderet; F. G. Jewell, L. E. Norton, C. G. Baker; R. Brooke, W. A. Boniface, J. D. Stacey, A. R. Boney, L. C. Meeking.

WESTMINSTER *v.* O.WW.

(Lost, 3-10.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, March 6. At first the game was very evenly contested, and the School held its own right through the first half. The first goal of the match was scored by Wingate, Hill in clearing hitting one of his own backs, and leaving an open goal. The O.WW. replied through Leighton, from a good centre by Pickering. Our next goal came a quarter of an hour later, when Stratford scored from forty yards out with a high dropping shot. The O.WW. scored again, but the School again took the lead, Gardiner scoring a goal for which Hill was unsighted. At half-time the score was thus 3-2 in our favour.

The second half was a succession of goals for the O.WW., scored chiefly by Brodie. The School defence broke down and their forwards, though one short, went through over and over again to score easy goals from close in. Interest in the game obviously flagged, players standing about and playing in a very half-hearted fashion.

Goals were scored for them by Brodie (5), Leighton (3), Andrews (2).

Westminster.—S. Chapman; D. R. P. Mills, M. F. L. Haymes; T. G. Hardy, M. P. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. A. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. M. F. Wingate.

O.WW.—C. M. Hill; G. B. Keilly, P. H. Wyatt; E. H. Hortan, E. R. Munt, A. H. T. Chisholm; J. B. Pickering, K. Brodie, N. P. Andrews, A. L. Leighton.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI *v.* R.M.A. WOOLWICH 2ND XI.

(Lost, 3-5.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 6. The game was played very roughly, and the smaller and lighter side consequently came off the worst. Most of their goals were scored from *mêlées* round the goal, which gave Shepley-

Smith no chance. Some looked rather suspiciously as if scored from offside. For our opponents Captain Duckworth played the best game. For the School May played well at centre-half, while Barker scored one very good goal by an individual effort. Our other goals were scored by Carr and Paulson.

Westminster.—A. M. Shepley-Smith; R. G. Wormell, D. R. P. Mills; C. E. Lonsdale, P. May, J. O. Sahler; R. Broadie-Griffith, G. M. Paulson, L. E. Barker, R. W. D. Carr, J. B. Sturdy.

R.M.A. Woolwich.—A. Hawkes; B. Tutton, C. Todington; D. Mowers, E. Hudson, F. Short; G. Weber, H. Pugh, I. Duckworth, J. Mead, K. Whitehead.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. OLD CHOLMELIANS.

(Lost, 4-5.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, February 13. Our opponents started off well, and soon stood two goals up in spite of some good work by Ropes. We then replied, and after a good run and centre by Broadie-Griffith had not culminated in a goal, Carr charged down a good shot by Sturdy and succeeded in scoring. Another attack in the centre failed to produce any result, and five minutes later another goal was scored against us. All this time the defence had been working hard, May at centre-half being specially conspicuous. Our attack lacked finish, and often a good run ended feebly in a very tame shot. However we pulled level by half-time, thanks to goals by Broadie-Griffith and Thurlow off a corner (3-3). For the first part of the second half we played distinctly better than our opponents, and took the lead through a good shot from Thurlow off a centre by Broadie-Griffith. But we then suffered a relapse, and apart from a good run by Carr, never looked excessively dangerous again, while our opponents pulled up to win by scoring two goals in quick succession just on time.

Westminster.—A. J. Ropes; R. G. Wormell, C. H. V. Sutherland; C. E. Lonsdale, P. May, J. O. Sahler; R. Broadie-Griffith, C. W. J. Thurlow, R. W. D. Carr, A. A. Grove, J. B. Sturdy.

Old Cholmelians.—P. A. Plowman; O. Ferguson, R. J. Cole; J. Willoughby, E. J. Killick, G. R. Pickeson; R. Macklean, A. W. Hay, B. Mc.Peake, R. J. Tremellen, H. Reichardt.

Goals were scored for them by Hay (2), Mc.Peake (2), Tremellen.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. O.WW. 2ND XI.

(Lost, 2-5.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, March 6. The visitors arrived without a goal-keeper, so Ropes stepped into the breach.

Goals for the O.WW. were scored by L. E. Moore (2), C. Feasey (2), J. H. Lindsey. For the School by Carr and Paulson.

Westminster.—A. M. Shepley-Smith; R. J. Wormell, C. H. V. Sutherland; C. E. Lonsdale, P. May, C. W. S. Thurlow; R. Broadie-Griffith, S. M. E. Paulson, L. E. Barker, R. W. D. Carr, F. R. Rea.

O.WW.—A. J. Ropes; D. H. Kitchin, A. E. Rice-Oxley; L. Clare, W. M. Attwood, A. J. Verdier; W. H. N. Harsen, G. N. Grover, C. Feasey, J. H. Lindsay, L. E. Moore.

WESTMINSTER COLTS v. ST. ANDREW'S MISSION.

(Lost, 1-6.)

The following represented Westminster against St. Andrew's Mission on Saturday, February 27: C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird, J. O. Sahler, N. L. Foster, J. B. Sturdy, H. A. Smith, H. B. Graham, W. B. J. Sheldon, W. E. P. Moon, W. Synge, M. Mackenzie.

Smith scored our only goal.

K.SS. v. T.BB.

Played at Vincent Square on Tuesday, March 2. T.B.B. won by 5-4. The game was conspicuous for the surprisingly good performance put up by the King's Scholars, who had not so much as scored a goal since 1922. They actually led for three-quarters of the game, and had not the last twenty minutes told so heavily on the halves—of whom two, Haymes and May, developed cramp—they would very probably have come out victorious. Ultimately the pace was too great for them and the Town Boys just scrambled home with the narrowest of victories.

The feature of the match was the exceedingly fine play of Haymes, the one pink in the King's Scholar team, who was an absolute tower of defence. Over and over again he broke up an attack by his sound tackling, and saved many difficult situations by his ubiquitous presence and clean kicking. Sutherland at right-back played a very strong game, and cleared with power and precision. Of the forwards, Sturdy played with great spirit, and his fine centres were responsible for two of the goals. His combination with Mackenzie, who scored a beautiful goal with a first-time shot, was neat and effective. May at left-half played a steady game, and it was pleasant to see him swinging the ball right across the field instead of always feeding his immediate forwards. On the other wing D. J. Jones, though handicapped by size, played a very cool and plucky game. Chapman, in goal, played really well all through, particularly in the second half, when King's Scholars would have been two or three

goals down had it not been for his wonderful anticipation and safe hands.

For the Town Boys, Bird and Doulton played the best games, the latter coming on considerably in the second half. The forwards only pulled themselves together towards the end, when Mordaunt and Gardiner became dangerous. As a whole their shooting was wild—though Cook scored with a beautiful dropping shot early in the game. The wings displayed an extraordinary inability to get in good centres, and many a grand opening was thus lost.

The King's Scholars were the first to score, Cooper rushing the ball through after Ropes had fumbled it. This occurred in the first ten minutes and came as a severe shock to the Town Boys; to the King's Scholars it was an inspiration. Frequent Town Boy attacks were repelled, but they finally scored through Jeremy, who shot across an open goal, Chapman having rushed out to meet the centre. Even so Haymes nearly saved, the ball just grazing his foot on its way. Once more the King's Scholars took up the attack, and five minutes later Ropes fumbled a centre from Sturdy, and Cooper again scored. Cook's goal brought the Town Boys level some time after, and they all but took the lead when Chapman just managed to divert a close-in shot from Mordaunt. The first half saw two more goals, one for the King's Scholars—a shot by Mackenzie, which beat Ropes all the way, taken first time from a pass by Cooper—and one for the Town Boys, Mordaunt heading into the corner from five yards out.

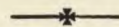
Half-time saw the score at 3-3 and the Town Boys getting worried. Shortly after the interval the King's Scholars again went ahead, Stratford in attempting to pass back, when pressed by Barlow, putting it into the corner far out of Ropes's reach. The King's Scholars were clearly feeling the strain of the last half-hour and although they were twice or three times very near to scoring, the game was mostly in their half. Cook twice shot straight at Chapman from under ten yards, and Gardiner after dribbling right in and seeming absolutely certain to score, did the same. A corner kick was fisted out by Chapman, but shortly after Mordaunt headed in again from close in. The score stayed at four all for a little while, but finally the Town Boys took the lead for the first time in the match through Jeremy. Picking up a through pass he shot into the corner, Chapman falling on to it a second too late.

The King's Scholars were beaten, but they had put up a terrific fight. With a single pink, they had stood up against and almost beaten the first eleven minus a back and the goalkeeper.

It was a feat which they will long look back upon with pride.

King's Scholars.—S. Chapman; H. L. Jones, C. H. V. Sutherland; P. May, M. F. L. Haymes, D. J. G. J. Jones; E. F. Barlow, W. A. Macfarlane, K. H. L. Cooper, M. Mackenzie, J. B. Sturdy.

Town Boys.—A. J. Ropes; J. H. B. Bird, D. R. P. Mills; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. A. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. M. F. Wingate.



FOOTBALL SEASON, 1925-6.

It is a little difficult to sum up with any degree of accuracy or reliability the doings of the School XI during the season that has just passed. For the performances accomplished and the form shown during any one fortnight will have almost inevitably given the lie direct to that displayed during either the preceding or the subsequent period of similar length. On several distinct occasions during the season we have been elated with the promise shown by the side, only to experience in the next week a bitter disappointment. The side then may be labelled as an erratic one, and when this term is applied in sport, either to sides or individuals, it means that there is a distinct fault in the *temperament* displayed. This may take several forms (1) Over-weening confidence and the adoption of a blustering attitude; (2) A miserable, cringing nervousness, entering on the match with the moral certainty of defeat; (3) Allowing a run of bad luck to influence one's play adversely, making the whole side listless and resigned to its 'usual' run of misfortune, even before the match starts. Now we have never, I am sure, been guilty of number 1, nor indeed, we are pleased to say, has number 2 been greatly in evidence this year, but it is our opinion that we have, of a truth, been an unlucky side at times, and that we have allowed that to prey upon our minds to such an extent that it has affected our play. We have at times played heavily, listlessly (even at times despairingly), as if fully conscious that no matter what efforts might be expended on our part, we could in no way appease the wrath of that terrible and unrelenting god of misfortune which seemed to overshadow us. This was our great fault. Another year, no matter how many times the cross-bar is struck by our own forwards, and how many times the ball is unluckily scrambled into our own goal by our opponents, we must not let such event influence us, and we must go plodding on, secure in the knowledge that so long as we play our usual game, calmly and confidently, the luck will turn.

We can think of no other explanation than this for the extraordinary vagaries of form the XI has shown. We have been remarkably free from injuries, and cannot complain on that account.

There have been faults in the actual football it is true, but while in *themselves* these cannot account altogether for our many failures, and for our truly *disgraceful* performances during the last three weeks of the season, they have doubtless contributed to them. Let us shortly note them, and draw what lessons we can: (1) All our movements, however cleverly they may be carried out, are executed *too slowly*; the defence realise in a flash what we are planning, and take measures accordingly. Attacking passing movements must always be done at *top-speed*, giving the defence no time to concentrate. We must practise running *full-speed* with the ball at our feet, and what is of more importance giving our passes at *top-speed* as well. Harrow beat us simply because they *could* come through at full pace with the ball at their feet—yet in sheer knowledge of football tactics they were *not* our superiors.

Moreover, in connection with this we make no attempt to spring off at once from the mark when the ball has been received, but hesitate and dally. In the mutual rush, too, between one of ourselves and an opponent for the ball, we always slacken our pace (in some cases almost pull up short) and are thus invariably beaten for possession. What is wrong with the School football then is lack of *life*, and a failure to see that each movement is incisively planned and unhesitatingly carried out to its full and logical conclusion.

(2) The ball is not sufficiently distributed—the close passing game has been over-indulged in, with the result that the defence are not kept sufficiently on the run, and they can gauge with precision and accuracy where the next attack is coming. What we want is the delivery of combined attacks (initiated by long swinging passes across the field) on that part of the enemies' defence which least expects it.

(3) The charging and general vigour of our play has improved, but we would still repeat and point out that there have been instances of late charging (charging the man when he is nowhere near the ball) which is merely ludicrous, and also is a distinctly unsavoury way of playing the game. Footballers *must* acquaint themselves with the rules—the plea of ignorance is useless, and, moreover, may be misunderstood. Throughout the whole School too the use of the arms is very prevalent in tackling and charging. Arms at *all* times in soccer *must* be kept *religiously* to the sides.

(4) Under this new rule of off-side, the half-back has even a greater burden thrust upon him than be-

fore—he has to be up close behind his own forwards when they are attacking, and he has in addition to be right back to take his full share in the defence of his own goal. *Speed* and great *stamina*, then, are the watchwords of the modern half-back. We venture to suggest that none of our halves this year had either in the *very smallest degree*—which was our *great* weakness (other than temperamental). Young half-backs must remember the two magic words "*speed*" and "*stamina*," and to obtain both these assets physical fitness is essential.

We have criticised, we have upbraided, but all in good spirit for the good and improvement of the game. We have not mentioned the good points in the side, which have not altogether been lacking, and the good performances of which there have been several, because in the limited space at our disposal we think it better to point out faults than merely to praise things which, after all, we expect to see accomplished on the part of a Football XI which has any pretence whatever to play the game. We hope that in the following characters of individuals some brighter and more favourable comments will appear.

D. J. K.

The summary of 1st XI matches is as follows:—
Played, 19; Won, 3; Lost, 13; Drawn, 3;
Goals for, 30; against, 86.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

COOK (*centre-forward*), Captain.

Has sacrificed himself entirely for the good of the side in playing out of his right and proper position. He thus has earned the gratitude of us all; moreover, he has proved himself a painstaking and keen captain. He shoots well at times and plies his wings well with the ball; lacks pace and ball control for a forward, and he will, we are sure, as a full-back, gain many a well-earned distinction in the future.

CLARE (*goal*).

Has often done the work of ten men. Bombarded as he has been throughout the whole season, from all angles and from all ranges, his record has been a creditable one. Anticipates the ball well and has made some miraculous clearances from short range. Should cultivate a punt with his right foot, if possible, in order to feed his *left-wing* better.

BIRD (*left-back*).

We think on the whole the best and most reliable player on the side. Very active, quick off the mark, and good with his head. Vigorous in his methods, but withal scrupulously fair. His kicking needs a little more timing and accuracy.

HAYMES (*right-back*).

Has made a worthy partner for Bird. Lacks the pace and activity of the latter, but is very steady—a keen tackler, and has an unruffled and ideal temperament for the game. Lack of *pace* is his great handicap.

STRATFORD (*right-half*).

A poor half-back. Lacks pace, and is a bad judge of when to tackle or charge. He has developed quite a good control of the ball lately, and is at his best when dribbling down in the attack and making an opening for one of the forwards in front of him.

DOULTON (*centre-half*).

A player with a beautiful style; knows the game and, moreover, executes his movements and passes with accuracy and correctness, but all this is done much too slowly, almost in a slovenly, *laissez-faire* manner. Moreover, he is painfully slow in getting back in the wake of the opposing centre-forward. As a stylist the best footballer on the side—he must develop pace, energy and a greater alertness. Even so has played some splendid games for the School.

HARDY (*left-half*).

An ineffectual half-back. Too clumsy and lacks the necessary poise and balance of body. But he is a great 'trier,' and has on occasions played moderately well. Much too heavy-footed and his ideas of weaving or carving out an opening for the forwards in front of him are distinctly elementary.

WINGATE (*outside-right*).

A very clever little player. Knows the value of concealing his speed in dribbling, and suddenly producing a sudden ten yards' dash, hitherto unsuspected by his opponent. Very determined and never knows when he is beaten for possession of the ball. Centres well and has learnt the art of converging towards the back line, and sending the ball back along the ground to his own *inside-forward*. Very feeble and loses his head regularly when faced with an open goal. Must conquer this failing—it has cost his side some valuable goals.

GARDINER (*inside-right*).

A clever dribbler, but a very slow one. He has played his best games when the rest of the side have played badly—a good trait! Knows the close passing game well, but must swing the ball about more—a woeful shot at goal (generally). Should make a very good player soon. But *pace* above all is needed.

MORDAUNT (*inside-left*).

I should like to give this player *identically* the same character as Gardiner, except that at his best (and this is a very rare event) he displays even superior dribbling powers. Does not, I think, bear

quite such a stout heart in the hour of defeat as Gardiner.

JEREMY (*outside-left*).

A tear-away (but not a very quick tear-away!) type of player. Rushes along and at times does quite brilliant things, sometimes accidentally, sometimes not. A trier, who I think will improve—wants to use his head more (in the mental sense).

D. J. K.

JUNIORS.

The rounds of Juniors were played off as follows:—

RR.	}	RR.	}	A.HH.	}	K.SS.
<i>v.</i>		4-0	<i>v.</i>	3-2		3-1
H.BB.		A.HH.				
		GG.	}	K.SS.	}	
		<i>v.</i>		2-1		
		K.SS.				

JUNIOR JUNIORS.

The results of Junior Juniors was as follows:—

	H.BB.	GG.	RR.	A.HH.	K.SS.	Points.	
H.BB. ...	—	4-1	3-0	2-0	3-0	8	
GG.	1-4	—	3-0	1-0	6	
RR.	0-3	0-3	—	1-1	2-0	3
A.HH.	0-2	0-1	1-1	—	8-2	3
K.SS.	0-3	0-2	0-2	2-8	—	0

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THE WATER.

The chief interest at Putney this term has been in the racing for the Mitchell Cup, for scullers under the age of 15 years 6 months. Considering the shortage of boats and the consequent lack of practice on the part of many of the entrants, the form shown was distinctly good. The course was from Beverley Brook to the University Stone. The draw and results were as follows:—

HEAT A.—J. O. V. Edwards, A. E. K. Salvi, C. K. Campbell. Salvi won easily—4 mins. 16 secs.

HEAT B.—Murray (*scratch*), R. E. Ball, N. Woodward. Woodward won easily—3 mins. 27 secs.

HEAT C.—Ellison, Spurgin, R. H. Stanley. Stanley won by 3 lengths—4 mins. 40 secs.

Salvi won the deciding event by 5 lengths—4 mins. 7 secs.

HEAT D.—C. M. Harrison, D. K. O'Malley, E. D. Phillips. O'Malley won by 2 lengths—3 mins. 40 secs.

HEAT E.—P. E. Diack, J. W. Marsden, D. Youatt. Youatt won by 2 lengths—3 mins. 37 secs.

HEAT F.—B. H. Dulanty, Elliston, Buckney. Dulanty won by 2 lengths—4 mins. 30 secs.

Youatt won the deciding event by 1 length—4 mins. 40 secs.

The final between Salvi and Youatt was won by Youatt by 4 lengths in 3 mins. 33 secs.

In addition to these sculling races, the head of water has instituted races for scratch crews in heavy fours, which for reasons best known to himself are called "Getting on Fours." There were four of these crews, and they raced over a course from Beverley Brook to the University Stone on February 25 and 27. In the first heat Hildesley's crew beat Negus' crew by 2 lengths in 3 minutes 30 seconds. In the second heat Beeston's crew beat Terry's crew by one length after a good race in 3 minutes 22 seconds. In the final Hildesley's crew beat Beeston's crew by 4 lengths in 4 minutes 29 seconds.

These races are undoubtedly a useful innovation as they provide some interest for those who have to tub in heavy fours. If the crews could be coached more consistently they would become doubly useful.

The names of the winning crew were as follows: *Bow*, N. O. Lucas; 2, C. M. Harrison; 3, B. H. Howlett; *Stroke*, A. G. Hildesley (Captain); *Cox*, J. S. Kennedy.

Two Eights have been going out regularly throughout the term, and though light in weight, they show some signs of promise. The first crew started tubbing on slides last week.

FIVES.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OXFORD O.WW.

THIS match was played on Shrove Tuesday and resulted in a draw, a heavy shower making further play impossible at the end of the second game. The School never really settled down, owing partly to the absence of M. F. L. Haymes, partly to the fact that this was the first match which had been played in Big.

At the beginning of the first game the School took three points in quick succession from their opponents, after which, with Taylor playing brilliantly in the top court and Wilson backing him up well, the visitors ran up to 10-5. The School then brought up the score to 8, but failed to go further and the visitors shortly after ran out 15-8.

In the second game the School improved considerably, and at 14-13 had a chance of winning the set, but they were unable to get up the visitors'

game-ball smites, with the result that set 3 had to be played. The visitors finally won the game in a heavy downpour. 17-14.

Westminster.—A. A. G. Black and J. R. Homfray.

Oxford O.WW.—C. H. Taylor and D. I. Wilson.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ALDENHAM.

This match was played on February 23 and resulted in a win for Aldenham by 13 points. It was unfortunate that S. Chapman was unable to play, since in his absence the 2nd pair were deplorably weak and scored only 28 points out of a possible 60.

The first pair, Black and Haymes, playing the visitors first started off well, and led the whole way, to run out at 15-11. The second game was much the same as the first, and the School finally won 15-10.

Against the second pair the scoring was very level until 14 all was reached, when the School made three aces and won at 17-14.

In the second game the visitors never regained their form and the School after two runs of 5 aces ran out 15-8.

Of the second pair, Homfray and Barlow, there is not much to be said. Against the visitors' first pair they played steadily, but their smiting was entirely without sting and they were quite unable to get up first cuts, with the result that they were beaten 5-15, 6-15. Against the second pair they were more accurate, but were too ready to loft the ball from the back of the court, and seldom took their chances of killing a mistimed shot. The visitors won 15-8, 15-9.

Westminster 1st pair *v.* Aldenham 1st pair, 15-11, 15-10; Westminster 1st pair *v.* Aldenham 2nd pair, 17-14, 15-8; Westminster 2nd pair *v.* Aldenham 2nd pair, 8-15, 9-15; Westminster 2nd pair *v.* Aldenham 1st pair, 5-15, 6-15.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ETONIANS.

This match was played on February 27 and resulted in a win for the visitors by 3 sets to 1. The School was handicapped by the fact that both the 2nd strings of the 1st and 2nd pairs were absent.

R. S. F. Remnant and P. F. Remnant swept the 1st pair off their feet and in fast game ran out at 15-5. In the next game the visitors had it all their own way and the School only scored one ace before the game was over. Against the visitors' second pair they fared somewhat better, beating them in two games, 15-11, 15-10.

The School 2nd pair found both their matches faster than they liked and never really settled down into their true game. From the visitors' 2nd pair they managed to take 6 and 4 points, but against the first pair they became flustered and after losing the first game 5-15, lost the second without a single point.

Westminster (1st pair).—A. A. G. Black and J. R. Homfray; (2nd pair) E. F. Barlow and H. L. Jones.

Old Etonians (1st pair).—R. S. F. Remnant and P. F. Remnant; (2nd pair) C. R. Leighton and C. J. Wilson.

FENCING.

WESTMINSTER *v.* STOWE.

(Lost, Foil 13-3; *Epée* 10-6.)

At the Salle Gravé, February 27.

In the foil the match was a decidedly one-sided affair. Where Westminster lost the fights through lack of decision in attacks and ripostes; the attacks, especially, were half-hearted and seldom showed any real determination to hit. Holmes was beaten only by de Amodio, who won all his fights.

The opposing team was our superior in physique, length of reach, and, most of all, in determination.

The *Epée* at first was exciting for just after a good time hit on de Amodio by Charles, Westminster was leading 3-2, but this success was shortlived and the score ended 10-6 in Stowe's favour.

In this event there was a pleasant absence of *flèche* attacks and double-hits, which speaks well for the general play.

Westminster.—*Foil*: Holmes, Petitpierre, Charles, Cole. *Epée*: Holmes, Charles, Lloyd, Petitpierre.

Stowe.—*Foil*: de Amodio, Howarth, Creed, Graves. *Epée*: de Amodio, Montagu Scott, Howarth, Graves.

SHOOTING.

The following miniature range matches have been shot off this term and lost on account of lack of practice:—

Jan. 26.—*v.* Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon. Result: Whitgift 628, Westminster 532.

Feb. 18.—*v.* King's College School, Wimbledon. Result: K.C.S. 585, Westminster 527.

Feb. 25.—*v.* H.A.C. (at Finsbury). Result: H.A.C. 899, Westminster 819.

On each occasion the School was represented by: H. B. Ripman, J. H. Bird, P. S. Peak, N. L. Foster, J. W. N. Aitken, M. F. L. Haymes, J. H. K. Thomas, J. F. Edwards, I. I. Bowen.

The Junior Inter-House Miniature Range Competition will take place on March 22, and the Senior on March 23.

The following Open Range matches have been arranged for next term:—

May 20.—*v.* King Edward's School, Birmingham.

May 27.—Inter-House Open Range Competition.

June 10.—*v.* Sherbourne.

June 17.—*v.* Highgate.

BOXING.

THANKS to the initiative of Mr. Harrison a boxing competition was staged in the Gymnasium. There was a good entry considering that Boxing is not done in the ordinary course in the School, and that many were therefore trying to recall their preparatory School experiences. At least one entrant had never boxed at all. Bouts were fought off on Friday, March 5, and on Tuesday, the 9th.

Results were as follows:—

CLASS I.—Winniffrith *v.* Adler, won by Adler. Ropes *v.* Gabell, won by Gabell. Adler *v.* Gabell, won by Gabell.

CLASS II.—May *v.* Hodgson, won by May.

CLASS III.—Makower *v.* Higgs, won by Makower. Makower *v.* Knight, won by Makower. Matthews *v.* Cole, won by Matthews. Makower *v.* Matthews, won by Makower.

CLASS IV.—Napier *v.* Jones, D. J. G. J., won by Napier. Napier *v.* Somerset, won by Napier. Munro *v.* Paul, won by Paul. Napier *v.* Paul, won by Napier.

CHESS.

WESTMINSTER beat the City of London School at chess at Westminster on Friday, February 26, by 4 matches to 2.

WESTMINSTER.	<i>Result.</i>	CITY OF LONDON.
H. H. Elliot	1	G. L. M. Tippett ... 0
R. M. Mere	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. H. McLachlan ... $\frac{1}{2}$
T. G. Hardy	1	M. I. McKeard ... 0
R. B. Orange	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. S. Collison ... $\frac{1}{2}$
F. M. Oppenheimer ...	1	A. E. Page 0
H. A. Burt	0	S. P. Smith 1
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	4	2

INFORMAL CONCERT.

MARCH 1ST.

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| 1 | Piano Quartet, Sonatina in D | <i>Pleyel</i> |
| | NEGUS, MARTIN, HARRISON AND ADLER. | |
| 2 | Piano Solo, Three Scenes from 'Carnival' | <i>Schumann</i> |
| | LOUSADA. | |
| 3 | Violin Solo, Adagio and Allegro from | |
| | Sonata, No. 3 in F | <i>Handel</i> |
| | NEGUS. | |
| 4 | Vocal Solo, 'Love is a Sickness' ... | <i>P. R. Rea</i> |
| | REA. | |
| 5 | Piano Solo, 1st Movement from Sonata | |
| | in E | <i>Beethoven</i> |
| | BRIDGEWATER. | |
| 6 | Two Folk Songs (a) 'Poor old Horse' | |
| | (b) 'Billy Boy' | |
| | ROBERTS. | |
| 7 | Piano Solo, Funeral March from Sonata | |
| | in B \flat minor | <i>Chopin</i> |
| | LEWIS. | |
| 8 | Flute Solo, Sonata in F | <i>Handel</i> |
| | WINNIFRITH. | |
| 9 | Piano Solo, Nocturne in B | <i>Chopin</i> |
| | HOARE. | |
| 10 | Violin Solo, Adagio from Concerto in | |
| | A minor | <i>De Bériot</i> |
| | HOLMES. | |
| 11 | Vocal Duet, 'Love is meant to make us | |
| | glad' (from 'Merrie England') | <i>German</i> |
| | IVIMEY AND REA. | |

THIS was undoubtedly the best of the informal concerts we have yet enjoyed—the standard of execution was extremely good, and the whole effect extremely pleasing.

The programme was opened rather dubiously by a piano quartet, which was the only indifferent performance of the evening. The execution was dull and lifeless, and the players failed to put into the piece any of the æsthetic interest that had been omitted by the composer. But the praiseworthy efforts of the pianist to keep the quartet together redeemed from failure a difficult enterprise on the part of nervous and youthful players.

Lousada then played us some extracts from Schumann's 'Carnival,' and made them as charming as they ought to be—although his playing erred sometimes a little too much on the side of Impressionism! Negus followed with a violin solo, and showed us that he was capable of a better performance than that of the first item of the programme. He now did full justice to Handel's music, and extracted quite a pleasant tone from his instrument.

The vocal section of the programme, which has been increased, but not yet enough, was opened

by Rea with a solo. Rea has a tenor voice of a good fresh quality, and this charming air was very pleasingly sung.

Bridgewater then played the first movement of Beethoven's sonata in E, and this was quite the finest performance of the evening in a programme in which the standard of solo piano-playing was quite exceptionally high. In addition to giving us a faultless execution Bridgewater played with a feeling which could only have resulted from a real understanding of the music.

This was followed by two folk-songs sung by Roberts. We were all familiar with the second, and this was well sung, when Roberts had conquered his nervousness, which, unfortunately, rather spoiled his singing of 'Poor old Horse,' a song new to us, and one in which we had, therefore, more interest. Roberts has a good alto voice, but he must learn to pronounce his consonants more clearly, especially on the lower register.

Lewis gave us an excellent performance of Chopin's Funeral March, which everyone present enjoyed—although the tone sounded a little thin and unsatisfying to those who had heard it on the full range of the Abbey organ, and played by the Guards' Band.

Winnifrith gave us a flute solo, and in one of the movements we enjoyed one of those very beautiful sad melodies which are especially suited to this instrument. Hoare gave us a very good rendering of one of Chopin's Nocturnes, and Holmes upheld the honour of the string performers admirably in a very confident and delightful exposition of a little known *adagio* by Bériot. The programme was concluded by a vocal duet from 'Merrie England,' sung by Ivimey and Rea. Ivimey has a good clear voice, and he sang exceptionally well, but he could not, perhaps, quite give the part the body intended for it by the composer. He was ably supported by Rea, who was not quite at home, however, as in his solo.

We have to express our gratitude to Mr. Loft-house and congratulate him as much as the performers on the very high standard reached in these Informal Concerts in so short a time since they were begun. The performers have now reached a pitch of excellence which would justify the inclusion of some works of modern schools of composers, an experiment which, if carefully carried out, would be much appreciated.

Another important point—the predominance of individual performances is too great. Movements from string quartets—piano or violin concertos, madrigals and folk songs for four voices could with advantage appear much more frequently in the programmes.

A. B. L. M.

FIELD DAY.

A FIELD day was held at Aldershot on Thursday, March 4. The preliminaries need not detain us much. Suffice it to say that we paraded at eight hundred and forty hours, and marched to Waterloo (we will soon be able to find the way to Waterloo by ourselves). From start to finish everything seemed to go wrong, except the band. At Waterloo we found there were enough carriages and to spare. More extraordinary still the Southern got us down to Aldershot—dear old Aldershot—within half-an-hour of the scheduled time. The band played us through the town in great style, being more audible at the back as it took its position between the companies, or perhaps it would be better to say at the head of 'B' Company, as 'A' Company did its best to stride out of the picture. The old familiar places, the various barracks, football grounds and so on, were all passed in turn. We passed along the same old road as ever, parallel to the Basingstoke Canal, until we arrived at country second only to Laffan's plain and the miniature Sahara in familiarity. Here the plan of the manœuvres was explained to the platoon commanders; we could have wished that the umpires had been present as well.

But we must not complain. After all the umpires add to a high degree the element of chance to the proceedings. Sometimes it is possible to do all kinds of ingenious things unperceived. At others a white arm band appears on the horizon and you are told that we must all be dead for twenty minutes on account of a tank charge—which is left to the imagination. In any case it supplies added interest to try and fathom unempirical psychology.

At twelve hundred and forty-five hours—brigade time—we attacked, 'A' Company on the right. 'B' Company advanced up a ravine and through some copses. 'A' Company, as might have been expected, immediately got lost. 'B' Company were held up by enemy in the mouth of the ravine, and could not push ahead, as their flank, through the deficiency of 'A' Company, was unguarded. After a vain wait, we decided to carry on alone, and a pincer movement was developed. Nos. 1 and 3 platoons were pushed up the ravine to the right of the knoll occupied by the enemy, Nos. 2 and 4 working round their left flank. The wings of the foe were driven in, but a machine gun post in the centre held out. An umpire told both our wings that this enemy post, though opposed in front by two Lewis gun sections, and hemmed in on either sides by more than three-quarters of 'A' Company, was holding up the advance. At last the umpire

went away, and the post was carried at the point by the bayonet—summoned from the armoury for the purpose by dint of still further imagination. The enemy—unlike cats they had ten lives—retreated, slowly and in massed formation, to the top of Jubilee Hole—how aptly named! We followed a hundred yards behind in sectional rushes (this was a stroke of genius on the part of the platoon-commanders). On the top they stopped and looked at us, and we stopped and looked at them. They then took it into their heads that a counter-attack was needed, and proceeded to form up for this purpose. We watched them from ten yards away. The umpires were looking immensely pleased at the situation. The counter-attack was not taken seriously, except by Sergeant Homfray, and everyone waited to see what would happen next. One of the parties now so amicably intermingled would have to be sent away to take up a new position. But this was not to be. As it was, it was the unexpected that happened. A dull murmur was heard on the right, and on turning round to see what was the matter, we saw 'A' Company careering like bacchanals across the plain, coming straight for us. In front of them they drove some white hat-banded men, whom they had fallen in with by mistake. In a few minutes they were among us, all but a platoon which had been told to stay in a certain position until further orders. The further orders were never given, but it is believed that they risked the court-martial and made for home when they saw everyone else had done so. Three if not four companies were now in a heap on the hill top, but there was nothing in the umpires' orders providing against such an eventuality. Something was clearly wrong, so we took the only possible course and went off in search of tea.

 SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

JUST as one writes these notes, although no one will ever read them, so there is a Scientific Society, although no one ever goes there. Strange and rare as the deeds enacted in the depths of the New Buildings are, the meetings of this Society are among the rarest and the strangest. Last term a number of people did run up to the meetings of the newly-resuscitated Society, but recently, their curiosity as to the appearance of the inhabitants of this strangely-infested region having apparently been abated, the attendance at lectures has been somewhat unsatisfactory. Although this failing

seems to be in some degree due to the clashing of dates with counter-attractions, it seems probable that this Society is again moribund and must go through a decent period of burial before it is born once more.

On Friday, February 12, the Vice-President, A. B. L. MURISON, delivered a lecture on Sir J. J. Thomson's Theory of Light. He succeeded in conveying an intelligible account of a difficult theory in simple and non-technical language, without distorting it entirely out of recognition.

On the following Friday, C. P. Sanger, Esq., lectured to the Society on 'The Structure of the Scale in Sound.' He showed how the notes in the scale were not arbitrarily chosen, but in fact possessed frequencies bearing the simplest mathematical ratios to one another.

On Friday, March 5, A. R. Bonar, Esq. (O.W.), threatened the Society with 'Some Queer Facts about Ourselves.' Although there were those who preferred not to risk a public divulgence of their former errors, the members of the Society who were sufficiently audacious to attend the lecture found it completely free from the personal element. Mr. Bonar described and performed some interesting experiments in telepathy and thought-reading, and sought to free these practices from any suspicion of charlatanry and to enrol them as worthy branches of orthodox science.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Monday, February 1, the Society met to discuss the motion: 'That this House would welcome the suppression of the Penny Press.'

R. H. LLOYD-JONES proposed the motion in a speech, the greater part of which was, fortunately, inaudible. He found modern conditions too hurried for his taste, and was undoubtedly about to advocate a return to the 18th century, when he was mercifully suppressed.

A. J. ROPES confused the methods of oratory with those of the theatre. His denunciation of his opponents was histrionic, and his attempt at pathos melodramatic. He felt that the working-man could not afford a twopenny paper, and declared that to thrust the 'Times' down his throat would be to tear the bread from his mouth.

J. D. CARLETON (*Secunder*) was viciously damnatory. The newspapers, he announced, had caused both the Franco-German and the Great War by the manner in which they fanned the flames of national rivalry. He wished to subsidise the 'Times' and eradicate the rest of the Press to prevent the recurrence of cries of 'God strafe

X. Y. and Z.' Would not he do more to further this object if he were to put his faith in the Rationalist Press Association?

G. O. LACE (*4th Speaker*) assured us that he had been so changed from side to side of the paper by the Secretary that he no longer knew on which side he was speaking. We fancy we should have discovered this without his assurance.

P. A. JESSEL said he bought the 'Daily Sketch' for Stock Exchange quotations.

E. J. RENDLE exposed the euphemism.

A. B. L. MURISON showed the depths that can be reached by a Sunday newspaper in suggestion, and by a human mind in interpretation.

I. I. BOWEN was so delighted at having been made a member that he spent the greater part of his speech in telling the Society how he would vote.

A. J. ROPES pointed out that in the evening papers such important items as the winner of the 2.30 and the Cup-tie results could be discovered.

A. B. L. MURISON felt that it should not be forgotten that not only the 2.30, but also the 3.30 winners, the League results as well as the Cup-ties could be found there.

E. F. F. WHITE tediously enunciated a string of half-digested clichés.

THE PRESIDENT felt strongly on the subject of the Syndicated Press, and

W. A. MACFARLANE foamed about 'John Blunt.'

The motion was lost by 6 votes to 8.

At a later date the Society was expurgated.

House Notes.

K.SS.—Our first duty is to congratulate all concerned on the splendid show put up in Lampro-batics. Very few of us can remember the time when we last scored a goal against the Town Boys. This year we succeeded in holding the lead for most of the game and were finally beaten by the narrow margin of 4 goals to 5. An account of the match is printed elsewhere so there is no need for long comments here. It is, however, right to mention the fine play of Haymes, the captain of the team, which coupled with his enthusiasm and hard work before the actual game, did so much to make the match so memorable. House Colours were awarded afterwards to J. B. Sturdy, H. L. Jones, M. Mackenzie, D. J. Jones, K. H. L. Cooper, W. A. Macfarlane, E. F. Barlow.

Second only to this we must congratulate all those concerned in our victory in Juniors. It is more years than we would like to recall since K.S.S. won Juniors, and our success was the result of much hard labour and a general spirit of keenness and enthusiasm. In the first round we met Grants, and surprised the spectators by our fine form, winning a very hard match by 2 goals to 1. The final against Ashburnham was made the more difficult by a strong wind across the ground. We were also handicapped by the absence of Mackenzie, who had contributed in no no small degree to our previous victory. We nevertheless confounded all the critics and prophets, and won by 3 goals to 1 after a very keen tussle. Junior House Colours were awarded to Grigg, Milne, Heaton, Evetts.

This was a very welcome offset to Junior Juniors, where, though we played hard, we did not succeed in getting a point.

The practical part of 'A' Cert. has brought with it its crop of stripes, though not so many in College as usual. Haymes has reached the dignity of a Sergeant, and Lloyd Jones and Sutherland are Lance-Corporals. F. W. Allen and Franklin, who were also successful, were for some unaccountable reason denied the pleasure of a second stripe.

Our intensive football preoccupations have been detrimental to fives ties. It is hoped, however, that they will now go on undisturbed—even by the Tug.

GG.—We congratulate Hardy, Orange, Makower, Hildesley, Montmorency, Hunter, and Bangay on passing the practical part of the 'A' certificate exam. Hardy has been made a Sergeant, Orange a Corporal and Makower, Montmorency and Bangay have got their first stripes. Our Junior Junior team put up a very good show in their matches and finished a good second. The heavier Home Boarder side was a little too much for us, but we played a very plucky game right to the end. In Juniors we were beaten 1-2 by College, chiefly owing to our weakness in front of goal. We congratulate Ward, Synge, Luard, Radermacher and Moon on their Junior House caps.

Salvi is in the final of the Junior Sculls. We wish him the best of luck. Wykeham-Martin is stroking the first eight. Adler and Makower will represent Grants in the School boxing team against Lancing.

We look forward with the usual feeling to the Sports. Nevertheless, all are keen to do

the best they can and training has already begun. Most of the House run before breakfast, skip and perform weird exercises. Some give all three performances in a manner wonderful to relate. Tug practices have also begun.

The House is very keen on rackets and ties have been started in order to stimulate this keenness. Lastly, the Literary Society have enjoyed reading Galsworthy's 'The Skin Game' and are at the moment in the middle of 'Old English,' also by Galsworthy.

RR.—Nothing of very great importance has happened since the last House Notes appeared. In Juniors we beat Home Boarders by 4-0 in the first round, but succumbed to Ashburnham by 3-2, after a hard and well-contested game.

In Junior Juniors we were not so successful, only winning one out of our 4 matches.

Our prospects for the sports do not seem very bright, but there are some very promising performers amongst the younger members of the house.

Congratulations to Mathews, Ropes, Wingate, Gatty, Macdonald, Foster, Bartlett, and Grove, on passing the first part of the certificate 'A' examination. Wingate is now a Sergeant, Ropes and Grove are Corporals and the others Lance-Corporals. We wish them all luck in the written examination.

—We are hard at work on the 'Rigaudite Review,' and hope to publish it before the end of term.

Our Fives pair have drawn a bye in the Inter-House Competition. We wish them the best of luck.

A.HH.—There is but little history to record since the last issue, though hopes for the future still continue to run high. It is a matter of regret that we lost the Junior Juniors Football Cup, but we put up a very creditable fight and improved after each match. At the moment of going to press we feel considerable confidence in gaining compensation by winning the final of Juniors. Anyhow, whatever may result, we congratulate our Juniors team on its all-round excellence against Rigaud's, whom we defeated by 3-2.

The Tug is now occupying our attention and we intend to maintain our monopoly of this particular event. The Fives and Relay Cups will also be strongly defended and we await unanticipated pre-eminence in the Sports generally.

Our racquets-players are several in number and we offer them every encouragement in the evolution of a really strong house-pair. With regard

to Fives, it must be recorded that a few more ties have been played off, no mean achievement in a crowded term. Again, we would wish to give special encouragement to our watermen in their various activities, and hope that they will attain to their rewards when next the various races come on.

In conclusion we can confidently state that the House Corps is flourishing. Our numerous candidates have emerged practically unscathed from the 'A' cert. practical exam., and certain promotions have been made; we congratulate those who have had this rise in life. C. W. Myring is now a sergeant, H. B. Ripman, J. H. K. Thomas and J. H. B. Bird are corporals and D. Cragg-Hamilton, D. W. Worthington, and S. W. M. Greer are lance-corporals.

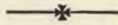
H.B.B.—We must first offer our heartiest congratulations to our Junior Junior team upon its success this term. We met Grants in the final and gave them a handsome beating. B. Eager is to be congratulated on his junior house colours.

Countless Home Boarders passed the practical part of 'A' cert.; we wish them equal success in the theoretical exam. T. M. Tyrrell, J. D. Carleton, J. F. Edwards, and R. A. Sprague have been promoted to the rank of corporal, and the rest of the successful candidates have received their first stripes.

K.S.S. seem to be in a safe position in the House Fives Competition, so we cannot be too optimistic in this direction.

We heartily encourage all Home Boarders to enter for the Sports. If only we have a large enough entry, we are assured of many successes.

We will add four small points of interest in conclusion. D. Meares has been unanimously elected captain of the 'rabbits.' R. R. Holmes is constantly engaged elsewhere when needed; it is rumoured he is working! Tyrrell has seceded from the second eight over a difference of opinion, we understand.



AN ACTOR'S PORTRAIT.

At Broughton Castle, near Banbury, there is a full-length portrait by Hoppner of a boy wearing a wig and dressed in a dark coloured coat with ruffles buttoned over a white waistcoat, with white knee-breeches and stockings. He is turning slightly from the front, so as to show a three-quarter face; his left hand lies on his right arm, which is extended,

the right hand holding a scroll of paper. The boy is Thomas James Twisleton as he appeared in the part of Phaedria in the *Eunuchus* of 1787, fifty years before the days of Williamson and '*Eunuchus Palliatus*.' The portrait is probably the only picture in existence which shows how the Play was acted in the costume of the period.

Twisleton was a boy of parts. He was admitted head into College in 1785, being then aged 14, and his name in gold letters may still be seen on one of the tablets in College Dormitory. A notice of him which appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* after his death states that while at school he distinguished himself at cricket, football and fives; and he is also said to have had a hand in that early Westminster periodical, the *Trifler*, which vainly endeavoured to rival the *Eton Microcosm*. His taste for the stage was not confined to the Play; for in the Whitsuntide holidays of 1788 he took part in some private theatricals with a young lady with whom he eloped to Gretna Green, a step which necessitated his premature departure from Westminster. The marriage was not entirely a success, and was subsequently dissolved by Act of Parliament. Mrs. Twisleton adopted the stage as her profession, and a little difficulty was caused in after years when a question arose as to the succession to the family peerage. It was by his second marriage that Twisleton became the great-grandfather of the present Lord Saye and Sele.

He graduated at Oxford from St. Mary Hall, took orders and was made D.D. by decree in 1819. After holding several livings in England he became Archdeacon of Colombo and died in Ceylon in 1824. A well-meant but ungrammatical epitaph in Colombo Cathedral states amongst other things, that:—

'In Doctor Twistleton the Scholar and the
Gentleman were combined
To which he added
The Social and the Christian virtues.
He possessed unbounded benevolence
Of heart and disposition and
Charity in its most comprehensive sense.'

The Archdeacon's elder brother, Gregory William Twisleton (afterwards Lord Saye and Sele), was also at the School. He was of some note as a Whig politician, and his portrait hangs in the hall of the Reform Club. It was he who, according to Captain Gronow, gave the celebrated order—'Bring me two bottles of brown sherry and call me the day after to-morrow.'

Old Westminsters.

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MR. HAROLD S. MORRIS, K.C., has been appointed
President of the Industrial Court.

The Rev. E. G. Phillimore has resigned the
benefice of West Fordington with St. Mary's,
Dorchester.

The Rev. G. M. S. Oldham, Vicar of St. James's,
Clapton, has been appointed Vicar of Ramsey,
Huntingdon.

Mr. E. C. T. Edwards and his brother, Mr.
H. R. A. Edwards, are both rowing in this year's
Oxford Boat. It is, perhaps, over fifty years
since Westminster had two representatives in the
same Boat, and it is probably the first time that
two Westminster brothers have rowed in the Boat
Race.

Major C. Court Treatt has just returned to
England after motoring from one end of Africa
to the other. He is the first man to accomplish
this remarkable feat. We print on another page
an account of his journey written by Major
Court Treatt.

Mr. Claude Fisher has been appointed Honorary
Warden of Roland House, the Boy Scouts' settle-
ment in East London, founded in memory of the
Hon. Roland Phillips, son of Lord St. Davids.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the follow-
ing:—

Eton College Chronicles (4), *Melturnian*, *Alleynian*, *Ousel*,
Dovorian, *Ulula*, *Salopian* (2), *The Corian*, *Cheltonian*,
Wellingtonian, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *Edinburgh*
Academy Chronicle, *Meteor*, *Wykamist*, *Haileyburian*,
Johnian, *The Blue* (2), *Blundellians* (2), *Brighton College*
Magazine, *Cliftonian*, *Rossallian*, *Harrovian*, *Radleian*,
Pauline, *Shirburnian*, *Royal Air Force Cadet College*
Magazine.

Birth.

REED.—On January 22, the wife of the Rev.
Roland W. Reed, of a son.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to announce the death of
SAMUEL CHARLES EVANS WILLIAMS. He was
a son of the Rev. John Williams (O.W.), some-
time Censor and Tutor of Ch.Ch., and came of
an old Welsh family. He was admitted to
Westminster in 1855 and became a Q.S. in
1857. He left in 1859 and went to Ch.Ch.
He sat as a Liberal M.P. for the Radnor
Boroughs, 1880-84, and was one of the
original members and founders of the National
Liberal Club. He was High Sheriff of Rad-
norshire in 1880. He died on March 2, aged
83.

A younger Westminster has passed away
in WILLIAM GEORGE GOODALE. He was the
elder son of William Goodale, of Wynnstay
Gardens, Kensington, Solicitor, and was up
Ashburnham from 1905 to 1908. During the
War he held a commission in the R.F.A.
(S.R.) and after service abroad was employed
in the Ministry of National Service. He died
on December 13, aged 35.

Many Old Westminsters will hear with
regret of the death of Mrs. Huckwell, which
took place on February 22, and will wish to
extend their sympathy to Mr. J. J. Huckwell
in his great loss.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a
Boys' Club in Soho. In 1891 it moved to Westminster,
and the work is now carried on in the parish of St. Stephen
with St. Mary, Westminster.

The Mission is largely responsible for the upkeep of
Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Square, where the
club-rooms and hall are used by the Parish (Westminster
School Mission) Club for young men and boys, and by the
1st (City of Westminster) Troop B.P. Scouts. Religious
instruction is provided by the clergy of the parish.
Physical training and gymnastic classes, lectures and
debates are held, and the club provides a library, billiards,
and the usual recreations. The club has its own football
and cricket ground. More personal help from Old
Westminsters is urgently needed. The Hon. Secretary will
give further information gladly to anyone willing to help.

Financial assistance is also given by the Mission to the
'E' (Westminster) Company, 1st Cadet Battalion,
London Regiment, 'The Queen's.'

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Old Westminsters desiring to join the Lodge should communicate with the Secretary, W. J. ARMITAGE, Esq., Longholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

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