

Vol. XX. No. 6. WESTMINSTER, FEBRUARY, 1932.
Price 9d.

## THE 'ANDRIA,' 193 I.

First Night, December 19.
Both Play and Epilogue went very well before a most appreciative audience, although a few of the finer points in the Epilogue were missed.

## Second Night, December 2 I.

The audience on the second night was much the most responsive of the three, and Play and Epilogue were magnificently received. The Dean of Westminster took the Chair, and the guests included the Bishop of London, the Dean of Christ Church, the Dean of St. Paul's, Lord Conway, the Dean of Exeter, Sir Rennell Rodd, Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Furse, Sir Ernest Benn,

Sir Clive Wigram, Sir Herbert Baker, Judge Sir. Alfred Tobin, Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, Canon Donaldson, Sir Charles Peers, Professor C. C. J. Webb, and Mr. E. R. B. Graham.

## Third Night, December 23.

Mr. W. A. Peck was in the Chair, and the audience included the Master of the Rolls, Lord Macmillan, the Archdeacon of London, Mr. Justice Macnaghten, the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, Archdeacon Storr, Canon Woodward, Sir Vincent Baddeley, Sir Edmund Phipps, Sir Henry Hadow, Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., Sir E. Graham-Little, and Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward.

## PROLOGUS IN ANDRIAM.

Comitiis iam peractis, quod vertat bene, Curas parumper, cives, in malam crucem ! His potius nostris comitiis intendite Animum securum desipientes in loco. Obtundat aures Davus, non iste Edipus ; Ac Pamphili gustatis primum casibus Fas sit secundam mensam cum licentia Aliquanta apponi vobis. Magni consules. Spectentur soccis sumptis more comico Rem gerere et risu vobis rumpant ilia.

Interea pauca liceat de nobis loqui. Iam plures facti ipsi ipsis (si fas prologo Latino graecissare), plus octennium Angustiis camporum constricti nimis, Agri Vincentii ultra iam confinium Effluximus; quin etiam summo caespiti, Quem saeva hiems adurit, quem multi pedes Conculcant, quantum potuimus, parcendum erat. Quid ergo in tanta fieret inopia loci ? Quid usitatos pueris postulantibus
Lusus? Deliberatur : visum est denique Campum alterum redimere magno impendio.
Sic nostra res servata est et servabitur Natisque serisque incolumis nepotibus. Sed haec salus, alumni, multis milibus Sestertium stat nobis; non nisi mutua Pecunia transactum est ; quare ferte opem, Pro matre exoro filios; vestro omnium Solventur nisu tabulae et benevolentia.

[^0]Nunc autem gratulamur quot nostratium Suos merendo memores fecerunt sui : Quos ${ }^{1}$ Isis et quos Camus ornat laurea; Quive India ex remota miserunt scholae Auro caelatum poculum, mirandum opus, Quod ${ }^{2}$ olim alumni alumnis absentes domo Communis fidei pignus condonaverant ; Illique ${ }^{3}$ adeo praepetibus qui pennis volans Celerius cunctis it reditque illinc ubi, Si vera est fama, inversum sub pedibus caput Gigantum habet gens spectatque ima in Tartara ; Necnon et huic ${ }^{4}$ qui Furias non exhorruit Novam rem cum inceptaret: saltantum chorum Docet-Graecone exemplo an de Scythico magis Incertum-, doctum eundem in nostra pulpita Inducit plausu maximo admirantium ; Vel qui ${ }^{5}$ nudatis genibus petasatos probe, Catervam exploratorum, primum hic adhibuit.

Postremo pietas quamvis festivos monet Ne fato functis iusta laus desit tamen ; Quorum unus, ${ }^{6}$ armis celeber, mente ac viribus Nobismet tandem emeritus multum inserviit ; Summe eruditus alter ${ }^{7}$ in distantibus Provinciis indigenas incultos suo
Amore studioque imbuit scientiae ; Is vero-sed longum esse religio est mihi ; Lugemus hos, lugemus quos amisimus Omnes : amissos nostra meminit civitas.

[^1]
## EPILOGUS IN ANDRIAM.

| Davus | A Harassed Prime Minister | J. R. Cheadle. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lesbia | A Children's Nurse . | S. J. B. Boycott. |
| Chremes | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { A Labour Imperialist } \\ \text { A Nero Peer }\end{array}\right\}$ | T. R. Crook. |
| Sosia | A Labour Dissentient . | A. K. Milne. |
| Byrrhia | A Foreign Banker | J. Alderson. |
| Simo | A Liberal National Politician | A. F. Stephenson. |
| Charinus | A Free-Trader | R. L. Monck-Mason. |
| Pamphilus | A Protectionist | F. G. Adams. |
| Mysis | A Lady of Fashion | R. D. Barlas. |
| Crito | An Indian Idealist | J. F. B. Stevens. |
| Dromo | A Commissionaire | G. F. W. Tripp. |
| Servus Primus | A Great Inventor | J. Simmons. |
| Servus Alter | A Balloonist | J. R. O'Brien. |
|  | Persona Muta. |  |
| Puer | . . . . . | A Precious Possession. |
|  | Personae Non Omino | Mutae. |
|  | Prima | A Gramophone. |
|  | Altera | An Announcer. $A$ Goat. |

Scene: A political quarter. Right, No. II. Left, a foreign establishment, distinguished by the sign of the Lombards. A loud-speaker is attached to the house on the right.
(Enter Davus, wheeling a perambulator. It contains a troublesome charge no longer in sterling health.)
DA. (sadly) O Chrysis, Chrysis! nostro-ne in limine, Chrysis,
Pignus damnosum te imposuisse mihi !
(Enter Lesbia.)
Le. An mihi Davus adest ? Cur mane perambulat urbem?
(Pointing to the perambulator.)
Obsecro. Quid? Quid inest? Quid tibi cum puero ?
DA. Quicquid inest, habeas: est qui non curat habere.
Le. (taking up the baby, indignantly.)
O monstrum! O maciem! Mi dea, nonne nefas?
Quam leve pondus habet!

DA.
LE. (weighing him)
Aspice ! vix asses sex habet atque decem.
DA. (reminiscently)
Par tamen auro erat hic quondam: tum pondere tota
Vix hunc aequabat libra: valebat: erat Deliciae mundi.

Le. Puer, o miserande !

DA. (gloomily)
Mox levior fies, nec mihi consiliumst
Ullum, ade, sum fractus. (An idea strikes him.) An hunc volet accipere ad se Byrrhia ? (Points to the sign on Byrrhia's house.) At hospitii me tria signa vocant. (Moves L.)
Quin hominem tento ? Redimat mea pignora pignus !
Le. (tartly)
Quo portas? Poterit tutior esse domi.
(Takes up baby and moves towards R., fondling.)
Carior hic auro non depreciaberis illic.
(Pointing to house L. Exit R.)
DA. Nec minus interea, Dave, pecunia adhuc Deficit : em te quanta ruit depressio! (Consulting watch) At horast
Quaerere collegas. Attat! Uterque venit.
(Enter Chremes and Sosia simultaneously,

> L. and R.)

Ch. and So. (simultaneously to Davus) Ad te ibam.
So. Quid habes ?
DA. (dejectedly) Quod non habeo, id mihi curaest :
(Appealing to them in turn.)
Num mihi-

Chr.
So.
DA. (prayerfully)
Fortuna, o faustum ventum fac surgere !
Chr.
tu curas !
So. Infla tu mea vela notis !
DA. (to Chremes and Sosia)
Tendentes freta trans Atlantica lina, petemus Americam ?
Chr. Magnas inter opes inopem.
So. Cum perit aes proprium (indicating Byrrhia's house.) quaerendum est aes alienum.
(Sententiously) Ut quimus, quando non licet ut volumus. (Calling.)
Byrrhia! (Enter Byrrhia from house, L.)
DA. (imploringly) Te per ego hanc dextram oro, (Pointing to the sign) perque pilas tres-
By. (rubbing his hands)
Quaequae vis, cupio : semper amicus ego.
DA. Sis mihi subsidio.
By.
So.
By.
DA.
By.
DA.
Si quid-redde !
Rogas? O gens improvida!

## Creditor.

By.
So.
At nobis reddere nemo cupit
Debita.
By. (with an air of superiority) Non nostris vitium hoc: nam cogere nummos
Gallia non nescit ; reddere (with a gesture of contempt) res aliast.
(To Davus, firmly.)
Do nihil.
DA. Hoc certum est ?
By. (slowely)
Ne quid nimis-
DA. Ei, misero nec
Consilium neque opes mi dabit ullus ?
By.
Utere me: panem ac circenses mittite vestros:
(To Sosia) Tuque adeo infandos, Sosia, mitte dolos !
So. (scornfully)
Sic cecinit gallus?
Da.
By. Deminuas sumptus; , vix stat in orbe fides. (Exit.)
So. Dives adhuc superest: cur non procedere taxim
Vultis?
Chr. Eho ! insulsum! spongia sicca tibi est.

So. Haec coram populo miser argentarius audet?
(To Davus) Tune fidem violes? (Producing book) Quin 'Labor et Populus'
Vos regat?
DA.
So.

## Injustast, mi Sosia, lis tua.

Librum
Consulite hunc: (addressing book) partes te duce et auspice $t e$
Usae mox poterunt opulentos tangere. Dixi. (Exit.)
DA. (scornfully)
Linquere mus navem perfidus ut properat ! Chr. (to book)

Parve (neque invideo) sine me, liber, ibis in -umbras! (Throws it into wings.)
DA. (enthusiastically)
Euge! me tomus idem enicat iste diu.
Chr. M. ram se tua praestabit constantia. (They shake hands. Enter Simo.)
SI.
Quid sibi vult pactum hoc dextraque
juncta?
Chr.
Labor
Nos premit-
DA. et duris urgens in rebus egestas.
Chr. (sadly)
Obsequium socios, vera odium pariunt.
SI. (encouragingly)
Vera tamen socios necopinos conciliabunt.
(Enter Pamphilus and Charinus at back, L. and R.)

DA. Quomodo ?
SI. Quin audes? Consule tu populum.
Сна. (coming up nervously)
Hem ! quorsum evadat, metuo.
PA. (hopefully)
Iam specula crescit ?
Cha. (to Davus)
Priscam parce fidem fallere.
Pa.
Vic̣tor eris,
Me suasore.
Cha. (to Pamphilus) Eho! tu suades portoria ?
PA. (angrily) Portus Centum per centum-
Cha.
PA.
Vah! bona verba!
Mercibus externis patuerunt, dum per ineptos
Importare licet quidlibet in patriam.
Fac solvant alieni, alienis pone tributa !
Cha. (scornfully)
Imposta, o sapiens, quomodo proficient,
Hospite summoto? Sic vafre tradere merces Nostri aliis poterunt?
DA.
Dogmata iam sileant !
(Reflects.)

Consilium quaero. (After panse) Quidni nova formula solvat
Iurgia ?

Si. Tantum res impedit? Expedient Verba.
DA. (after thought, slowly) Utrique ego protector, modo libera dextra
Sit. (Aside) Nil pollicitans, omnia pollicitor.
(To all.)
Mene ducem accipitis, iurare in verba parati ? Omnes. Accipimus.
DA. (heartily) Recte. Pamphile pelle moras, Macte Charine! Vide, Simo, quam concordia discors
Iunxerit unanimos.
Si.
Res sua quemque vocet.
(Sounds of aeroplane off.)
DA. Me vocat aeronauta. Per ardua ad astra volemus! (Exit.)
Chr. At ferrata via est semper amica mihi. (Exit.)
So. (at back, shaking his fist at his departed friends) Istum supplicio vel gaudens pone lyceum Afficiam : sed et hic-currat ad arbitrium. (Exit.)
Si. (to Pamphilus and Charinus)
Cur cessatis?
PA. (dubiously) Adhuc restat mi scrupulus unus.
Сна. Mi quoque.
PA. and Cнa. (together, each indicating to other) Ne partes hic agat.
Si. (reassuringly)
Ipse fidem
Praesto.
Cha. (relieved) Age dum.
Pa. Nostro arbitros certamine misso
Cives constituent se.
(Exeunt Pamphilus and Charinus. Enter Mysis.)
SI. O mea Mysis !
My.
Ave!
Si. (respectfully, seeing her hat)
 (Pointing to hat.)
" $\Omega$ रúvai. Ut captat masculus iste modus! Nimirum hunc probet ipse Paris.
My. (somewhat shocked) Brittannica, quaeso, Omnia semper emo.
Si. (approvingly) Tu decus es patriae.
My. (chattily)
Est mihi (sitque precor) sartrix, muliercula quaedam:
Quidlibet illa facit.
Si.
My. (sadly)
Non cuivis anno hoc contingit abire.
Necessest
Exclusam Baiis nunc hiemare domi.

Si. Iam non Hispanos licuit mihi visere. Iniquum
Vectigal, fons o causaque tanta mali, Quem non vexasti ?
My.
Ludere concessumst.
Quin tamen in patria
Te recreas? Ni forte domestica g ıudia sordent,

> (Bowing)

Huic in rura comes forsitan ire voles.
My. Huic quoque rus gratum.
Si.
My.
Si. St! neque in hac scaena fas est proferre canina.

## (Enter Crito with goat.)

My. (seeing Crito)
O nimium divinum aspicias hominem !
Cri. (aside)
Una mihi ratio, vestis mihi sufficit una,
(Patting goat.) Una comes: vires sunt min lacte datae.
(To goat.) Ito in concilium (dominus iubet) ito, capella.
(To Simo.) Dic, generose hospes, mensa rotunda ubi sit.
Si. (aside)
Heu, renovate dolor, spretaeque iniuria famae!
(To Crito.)
Quo tu iure aderas?
CRI.
India congressos.
Si.
Acturos bella sine ictu?
(Aside.)
Iam nimium Ganges defluit in Thamesin!
Cri. Sane: res posthac determinet India pro se!
My. India ductorem te volet esse suum ?
Cri. Vox mea vox populi.
Si. Credat qui credere possit
(Aside, loftily.)
Non ego sum notus simplicitate Simo.
Cri. (alarmed at the name Simo)
Non objurgandi locus hic, reor. (To goat) Ito capella,
Ito: Simost: (to himself) potior tu mihi,
Sance, deus. (Exit.)
My. Quem fugis, a vates ?
Sı. Credo, redit indu suam do!
In patrias rupes cum grege, pastor, abi.
(Enter Charinus and Pamphilus, elated.)
Cha. Nos palmam tulimus sine pulvere-
PA.
Dicente-
CHA.
Electi.

SI. Huc faustus utrumque tulit, Em, pes : (indicating loud-speaker) hora propest, reddens oracula quando
Pythia vox late verba iacit populo.
Сна. Vosne oracla manetis? (Producing gramophone) Inest vel Apollinis ipso
Oraclo vates hic mage veridicus.
(Charinus has difficulties with the gramophone.)
My. (impatiently)
Semper ego auditrix tantum ?
Сна.
St! machina pergit.
Vox Prima (emotionally)
Vos procul, o cives, vox veterana monet.
Mene absente foro vobis electio fiet ?
Num manet incolumis publica res sine me?
O plebem nimium miseram sua si mala norit ! O miseram auxilio sic caruisse meo !
Non hic fundus erit vobis fraudisque malique : Damna parate pati! Carior usque cibus,
Exule me, fiet, cara omnia. Victa placebit Posthac causa mihi. Sistite dum redeam :
Vos ego servabo. Dixi.
Cha. (ecstatically) Vox ipsa magistri!
My. Quam divina!
PA. (sardonically) Est vox-praetereaque nihil.
Si. (scathingly)
Ut facile aegroti dant recta valentibus omnes Consilia!
My. (unconvinced) At certe vox erat illa dei.
Si. Hem, Dromo! (Enter Dromo) Sublimem, quantum potes, hunc rape !
Dr.
Quemnam?
(Makes for Pamphilus.)
Si. (indicating gramophone)
Hunc.
Dr. Huncne? (Makes for Charinus.)
Si. (testily) Hunc.
(Exit Dromo, with gramophone.)
PA. Tu bos cornibus aera tenes Tinnula, non foenum.
Si.
Iam cancellarius instat !
(Enter Chremes, dressed like a lord.)
Chr. (solemnly)
Electrix, caveas! Num patriae socios
Infidos fidis praepones ? Improbus illic Orcus, at hic certast et sine fraude salus.
Sosia si vincet, viduae plectentur et orbae.
My. Tota tremo.
Chr.
Parcis diripientur opes:
Tax tax mox tergis erit omnibus.
My.
Cura.
Chr. Cave atque vale! (Exit.)
My. Nil proprium esse alicui ?
Opportuna monet divina Philippica.
(Going off to vote.) Agendumst. (Exit.)

PA. Indignata fugit : sorsque, ut opinor, erit, Sosia, mox tua nosse furens quid femina possit.
(Time signal from the loud-speaker.)
Cha. Ecce, quota hora?
PA.
Instat quinta : locutor adest.
Vox Altera.
Hoc est Londinium: vocat omnes hinc stationes.
(The wireless crackles and whistles.)
SI. (with fingers in ears)
Mitte precor. Non es sobrius. (Seeing Servus Primus) Attat!
Cha.

## Opem

Tu qui mutato sevisti haec sidere farra
Da, precor, ut fruges condere mi liceat.
Servús Primus
Hercle, aenigmata das.
PA.
Maledicit machina. Saevit.
Se. Primus.
Menda patent ?
Сна.
Valvas tune aperire potes?
Si. Quemque trahunt di nummo.
PA.
At tu non deditus auro
Inducto magnete attrahis omne tuo,
Splendida mens, operaque tua splendent et Athenae. (Floodlights on back scene.)
Сна. Lucifer alter ades.
(Pointing to the Acropolis.)
Nonne Palatia opis
Est nostrae longe Crystallina cernere ? Certest.
(The wireless comes to life.)
PA. Transmissus radio bullit in aure sonor.
Vox Alt. Hic est tempestas: depressio maxima Thule
Advehitur: grando, nix, glacies, tonitrus
Mox erit: expectate locis compluribus imbres.
Posthac-incertumst.
(Sand falls from the sky.)
Сна.
Certa tamen pluvia.
(An anchor at the end of a rope suspended from above is observed. They examine it, bewildered.)
PA. (confidentially, over the footlights)
Andria, prave poeta, Terenti est. Mitte Rudentem.
Сна. Naufragiis nostris ancora grata.
(Demonstrating his fearlessness, he puts his hat on a fluke of the anchor, as on a hat stand.)
PA.
Cave!
(The anchor and hat are raised aloft.)
Cна. Vah! meat in caelum, socii, mea mitra.
(A large metal sphere attached to a balloon descends.) PA.

Vocabo
Hoc qui fecit opus $\mu \hat{\eta} \tau \iota \nu \dot{\alpha} \lambda \omega \dot{\omega} \pi \epsilon \kappa \alpha$.
(As the commissionaire opens a door in the sphere and Servus Alter emerges in a gas-mask and tips Dromo.)
Сна.
Tu
Unde venis, subito delapsus $a b$ aethere summo?
PA. Num quae pars portat fors aliena globi?
(Byrrhia looks out from his doorway, recognises the balloonist still in the gas-mask and embraces him.)
By. Dulce caput!
Servus Alter. Caeli vectus miranda per alta Omnia despexi : quid sit in orbe novi
Accipe. Fervet adhuc Manchuria: iam Iaponensis
Progreditur: Serum terga dat usque cohors:
Concilium Europae sedet-
PA.
aeternumque sedebit.
Сна. Immo cunctando restituit bene rem.
Vox Altera.
Nunc venio ad populi suffragia. Puncta tulerunt-
Davus triginta milia, Sosia nil.
(Enter Davus and Mysis, Sosia following.)
Victor adest Mysisque simul : ter plaudite Davo!
Omnes. Euge! Euge! Euge!
Si.
An scis quid tibi contigerit ?
So. (aside, ruefully)
Quid mi contigerit, scio.
Pa. (to Davus) Vicisti, atque senatus Quotquot habet sellas iam tua turba premet.
DA. (aside)
Non tanto auxilio, tot defensoribus ipse
Gaudeo: fautores satque superque habeo. (To bystanders.)
Femina dux facti. (Bowing.) Mysis, tibi plaudimus.
Omnes.
Euge !
(Enter Lesbia with perambulator.)
Le. (excitedly)
Obsecro, quid turbaest ? Parcite, amabo viri,
Infantem turbare!
DA. Est
So. (slily) Tum de puero, Dave ?

DA. (crossly)
(Confidently)
Lancibus experiamur.
Le. (after weighing the baby) Habet tres atque decem asses.
So. (sarcastically)
Auditis-ne? 'Asses tres' ait 'atque decem.'
(To Davus.)
Non dices tibi non praedictum. Aegrotat ut ante.
DA. A, quanta victus rumperis invidia!
So. Non equidem invideo, miror magis. Haec tua messis.
DA. (loftily)
Mandatum medicus prosequor ipse meum.
So. (warningly)
Expectes. Hodie tibi, cras mihi. (Exit.)
LE. (to baby)
Avunculus exit
Prava loquens. Lalla! mox medicina a erit.
Vox Altera.
Dublinium vocat.
Omn.
A!
Vox.
Stat ductis sortibus urna.
Nomina nunc recitem. Praemia prima: Dromo.
DA. Hem! Dromo!

Dro.
Si.
raptor,
Non Dromo es, at Croesus.
My.
Centena accipies.
Dro.
Gau me laetificum replet. At ibo domum.
DA. Non laudo. (Softening) At, si vis, me in rebus, amice, secundis
Respice!
Dr. Respicio. (They shake hands.)
DA. (to audience) Iam-ne manetis? Eo.
(Pointing to house, L.)
Intus transigitur siquid iam restat: at una
(Sic melius forsan) vos ego voce moror.
Siquis fert aegre patriai tempore iniquo
Seria ridiculis nos tetigisse iocis,
Det veniam : sic mos patribus proavisque remissa
Rebus in adversis tristia fronte pati.
Ergo, precor, solitos nobis quoque reddite plausus,
Et solito resonet ' Floreat' alma domus.

## Correspondence.

THE 'ANDRIA,' 1931. To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Sir,-Plus c'est la même chose, plus ça change : or, at any rate, the more evident any changes appear. And the devout Old Westminster of Apocryphal tradition observes the minutest change of tone or property in the familiar cycle of plays. We, who are 'parcus Terenti cultor et infrequens,' have no such peculiar knowledge: many of us are content if we meet some long-lost contemporary, recognise the customary setting, and in the pauses between intervals hear the cultured accents from the stage that announce the due performance of a solemn rite. The unregenerate time their arrival to coincide with the beginning of the Epilogue : for Epilogues are news, and no Loeb edition exists to let out the secrets of their story ; besides, if we are rusty in pronouncing Latin in the proper way, not even the considerate italics of the next day's Times will give us quite the same thrills as the thing itself. This year, at any ratedoubtless it is always so-the play itself was well worth a hurried dinner. And if, by a supreme act of virtue, one heard the Prologue, there recurred to mind the perennial query: "Are Latin iambics a special gift bestowed upon Head Masters of Westminster? Do they choose Head Masters for their skill in them? or does the genius loci work on them afterwards?' A notable event recorded in this year's Prologue is the purchase of additional playing fields, and there were important things besides; but memory obstinately sets the record above the thing recorded, and we recall chiefly the polished and patinated verses and the clear, confident manner in which they were delivered.

The play must surely be regarded as a definite success. Its team work was good, and gave the impression of thorough training that had not reached satiety. Happily the Westminster stage does not yet run to stars, and it is all to the credit of Mr. J. R. Cheadle that he fitted his Davus into the play, and did not attempt to fit the play round him. With Prologue behind him and Prime Minister ahead, the Captain has a strenuous evening. Mr. Cheadle may not perhaps have the vis comica of, at any rate, one of his predecessors in the part; but he acted smoothly and well. The remembered moments ('Davus sum, non Edipus,' or ' consilium quaero ') came out clearly, but without savouring too much of the tableau. In passing, we are tempted into the heresy of wishing that the cane-waver were abolished, because he tends to disintegrate the movement of scenes. But before Davus appears, the play begins with a long narrative scene, a well-known
difficulty. Simo, like Sheridan's Sir Walter Raleigh, has to be very communicative ; and if there is one thing harder than to tell a long story on the stage, it is to listen to one. The story as Terence tells it is admirable reading, but overzealous acting can fidget it to death. Mr. A. F. Stephenson, promoted from the forward Ampelisca to the gravity of Simo, excellently abstained from over-emphasis and kept al the human interest in the story. Later, he was equally convincing when he prided himself on seeing through Davus's wiles. In the first scene, Sosia (Mr. A. K. Milne) provided the suitable kind of sympathetic bearing, looked like an intelligent freedman, and then, having performed his duty as decoy-duck for the audience, went away. The first taste of the knock-about business, for which the play is popular, comes when Davus affects to be unaware of Simo's insistent presence. Now that the tyranny of realist acting is overpast, nothing need prevent us from enjoying these incidents ; and each year the audience seems more and more to be laughing with, and not at, the simple device.

When Mysis (Mr. R. D. Barlas), the businesslike maid of the unseen Glycerium, meets Pamphilus (Mr. F. G. Adams), the speed of action increases. Pamphilus showed himself able to rise to the romantic heights required of him ; his protestation that ends the first act was excellently spoken. Then, as if to emphasise the contrasting sides of the plot, and to reinforce the traditional aid of red and blue, Charinus (Mr. R. L. MonckMason) opens the next act, and the double plot is in full swing. Charinus and his man Byrrhia (Mr. J. Alderson) are, by the nature of things, something of a foil to Pamphilus and Davus. Both of them were competent ; but it says much for the intellectual alertness of Terence's original audiences that they could unravel the complications of rival attachments, and look forward to a happy ending for a personage whom they had only seen for a few moments. Perhaps our vigilance is blunted by the cinema's genius for hammering in the obvious; at any rate, the intellectual strain is so great, and the real life recognitions and reunions of the intervals are so distracting, that one spectator may perhaps be pardoned for only remembering that Charinus spoke and looked as Terence's young men always do at Westminster, and almost made us believe in the genuineness of Philumena.

Mr. T. R. Crook, as Chremes, made a very good parent. Those of us who secretly cherish a wish that each play will turn out to be the unrivalled 'Adelphi,' were doubtless visited by the reflection that he and Mr. Stephenson would have filled admirably the parts of Micio and Demea. But a yet more impressive elder was to come. Crito's
(Mr. J. F. B. Stevens) was surely the most venerable presence that has adorned this stage since the war. Above all, his hat amazed us; a cross between Don Bazile and the tropically archidiaconal, it fitly crowned a figure which suggested a Victorian Isaiah, or Old Moore seen sub specie aeternitatis. The pink guide blasphemously described him as 'respectable': he was stupendous. The nurse (Mr. S. J. B. Boycott) serves to add further touches of verisimilitude to the goings-on in Glycerium's house, and to keep up the expectations of the audience. And Dromo (Mr. J. R. O'Brien) vigorously brings up the rear of speaking parts. We marvelled that Davus was fit to re-appear after the treatment he got.

The Epilogue finally marked this out as a vintage year. Some recent Epilogues have seemed to us too clever and too episodic, but this returns to sounder traditions in both matters. Its puns are quite as good as ever, but they are a little less insistent and a little less far-fetched than in some years. There had grown up an excessive liberty in mispronouncing, and a tendency to lose form in the determination not to miss points. This year the author (or was it true, the whispered rumour of par nobile fratrum??) maintained a high standard of correctness, and lost nothing in wit by doing so. Besides, the theme of maintaining the pound sterling ran through the whole and gave it coherence. Such distractions as M. Picard and Mr. Gandhi-not without a selfwilled goat-were subordinated to the scheme; though the former threw a new light on the mechanical potentialities of the Westminster stage which offers a dangerous precedent to the modernists of the future.

Throughout the Play and Epilogue it seemed that producers and actors had taken to heart the strictures passed two years ago upon the grouping and positions of their predecessors. Is it in order now to criticise the audience on the same score ? Consule Planco, there were no ladies among the Old Westminsters in the gallery. To fitful visitors from distant parts a possibility suggested itself; but no-surely co-education has stopped short of these walls?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DEVANUS.


## PLAY NOTES.

The authors of the Epilogue were Messrs. R. M. Barrington-Ward and J. G. Barrington-Ward.

On the second night the part of Sosia was taken by J. R. O'Brien in the Play and J. Simmons in
the Epilogue, in place of A. K. Milne, who was out of School.

A correspondent has sent us a collection of Press cuttings relating to the Play. Among the papers represented are The Weekly Scotsman, Country Life, The Birmingham Post, The Glasgow Record, The Bolton Evening News, and The Cork Examiner.

## THE WESTMINSTER PLAY.

We reprint the following from the 'King's Scholars' Chronicle':

The Greek Play was given this year in the traditional manner in the Monks' Dormitory at Westminster. A large concourse of Old Boys was present, prominent among whom were the 'gloomy ' Dean and Mr. Gandhi. The entertainment consists of two parts-the Prologue, or Play Improper, written this year by the Head Master, the Ven. Terence Andria, D.D., O.W. ; and the Epilogue, or Play Proper. The names of the joint authors of the latter were not divulged, but we believe that by now we are giving away no secret when we say that they were the Master of the King's Scholars, the Rev. J. R. Cheadle, and Mrs. Cheadle. The interesting feature of the performance is that both parts introduce us to the same characters, but whereas in the Play they are dressed ordinarily, in the Prologue the actors don the garb of ancient times. Cui bono ('What's the good ? ') we ask with the old poet ; and the answer comes pat: Mos maiorum ('Custom is stronger '). One glance at the back curtain with its representation of the famous Colossus 'bestriding the narrow world' (to quote the author of the Epistle to the Colossians) is enough to inform the classical scholar that the action takes place in the celebrated island of Andros. The plot of both parts hinges on a baby. (May I be so bold as to call the producer's attention to the fact that the price label was left on its pram ?) Altogether a most enjoyable evening.
A. B. C.

## 玉cbool Niotes.

The results of provisional election to Christ Church were as follows: R. L. Monck-Mason to a Scholarship in Modern Languages; M. V. S. Hunter and T. R. Crook to Scholarships in Classics ; D. P. Walker and B. N. Gedye to Exhibitions in Modern Languages and History, respectively; A. C. Johnson to a Hinchliffe Scholarship.

The Ireland Prize for Greek Verse was not awarded, but a second prize was gained by T. R. Crook.

The Phillimore Translation Prize was divided equally between T. R. Crook and M. V. S. Hunter.

The Gumbleton Prize for English Verse was not awarded, but a second prize was gained by M. V. S. Hunter.

The Masonic Essay Prize was divided between J. R. Squire and P. A. Gardiner.

The new King's Scholars were admitted by the Dean up School on Monday, February i.

The School Concert, to which O.WW. are warmly invited, will be given on Monday, April 4, at 8.15 p.m.

## POLITICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

During the the Play Term, the Society was addressed by the following: On October 5, by the Hon. Harold Nicolson on 'Some Aspects of Modern Diplomacy'; on November 2, by Dr. Robin Flower on 'Celtic Folk-Lore '; on November 13, by Mahatma Gandhi on 'India'; on November 16, by Mrs. Naomi Mitchison on 'Writing an Historical Novel' ; on December 7, by Dr. Maurice Bowra on 'Greek Poetry ' ; and on December 14, by Mr. Morton Shand on 'The Architecture of the Palate.'

## THE FIELDS.

## WESTMINSTER $v$. MALVERN.

(Lost, I-3.)

Played on December 5 at Vincent Square. A large crowd of spectators lined the touchlines at Vincent Square on December 5 when Malvern visited us, and they were compensated for the rain which fell steadily during the second half by seeing the home side pull itself together aft $r$ a very bad start and put all its energies into trying to get on terms with an opposition which was greatly superior in physique and considerably superior in technique. After the poor display of the School XI against Charterhouse on the previous Saturday, it was encouraging to watch them play so much better against a side which was clearly stronger than the Charterhouse one. At one period in the second half it looked as though Westminster might equalise the scores, but that
was not to be, nor indeed did it deserve to be, as Malvern played indubitably better football. The great merit of the Westminster XI on this day lay in the sturdy defence which was offered to the swift and clever onslaughts which the Malvernian forwards were constantly making. Myers in goal had been getting better and better all the term and in this match he reached his climax. His handling was faultless, but the real interest in his performance lay in the fact that he was continually doing the wrong thing, according to orthodoxy, and it always turned out right for him. Whether that was good luck or magnificent judgment one cannot say, but one can say that he will never keep a better goal however long his football career may last.

The kicking of the Malvern backs should provide a lesson for ours: it was not only that they kicked the ball nearly twice as far, but they also kicked it with considerable ease when in uncomfortable physical positions, a thing which our backs have not yet learned to do. But in tackling and position play, Matthews and Moon were their equals. Matthews indeed played splendidly throughout, and Moon, though he found difficulty in catching his man, dealt effectively with him when he could catch him. The half-backs worked themselves to death and made some nice openings for the men in front of them, and Bingham was excellent both in attack and defence. Latey and Huggins are too slow to be really successful halfbacks, but Latey makes some beautiful passes to his forwards and Huggins stopped many a likely movement by intervening at the last moment with head or feet. It is hard to write about the forwards: they were really so much smal. $r$ than the opposing defence that they had not a great deal of chat ce, but they did not even so, and do not, use the chances which they have. The wings are irresolute and the insides are too c bvious in their intentions.

Play opened dramatically with Malvern scoring a very easy goal in the first minute or two. Morris was left practically unmarked on the left and had no difficulty in driving the ball past Myers. Within five minutes Evans from close in had made the score $2-0$ and it looked as though something very like a rout would take place. But Westminster pulled themselves together and putting more vigour into their work kept Malvern out for the rest of the first half. It was a grim struggle, but it was rewarded soon after half-time by a slackening in the pressure and a period of Westminster attack, which ended in Angelo putting a good oblique ground shot into the left-hand corner of the net. This was $2-I$, and for some while the game was very even, though one always
felt that the Westminster forwards lacked either the strength or the subtlety to enable them to score another. In any case the result was definitely settled some ten minutes from the end by Thomas, the Malvern centre-half, putting in a strong drive from outside the penalty area which, perhaps a trifle fortunately, glanced in off the upright. There was no further scoring.
C. H. T.

Westminster.-J. G. K. Myers ; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews ; M. Huggins, L. P. B. Bingham, J. B. Latey ; R. H. Angelo, A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, J. F. Turner.

Malvern.-F. H. Gibbens ; H. Cornelius, E. W. Bennett; J. P. Milns, D. G. Thomas, J. W. Waring; J. Hoyle, J. B. Aitchison, J. Evans, F. Littleton, G. H. Morris.

## WESTMINSTER $v$. LANCING OLD BOYS. (Lost, 0-7.)

Played at Vincent Square, January 23. Their goals were scored by Coll ns (4) and Hirst (3).

Westminster.-J. R. O'Brien ; M. H. Matthews, J. R. Moon ; W. Studt, L. P. B. Bingham, M. Huggins ; J. F. Turner, J. B. Latey, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, R. H. Angelo.

Lancing Old Boys.-Hilder; S. J. Collins, Dyas; Taylor, Shaw, Blane ; Barker, G. A. K. Collins, Coley, Hirst, Johnson.

## NEW PLAYING FIELD.

We publish a copy of the letter which is being sent out to ask for subscriptions for the new field, the acquisition of which has met a great need. We shall be glad to print in The Elizabethan from time to time an account of the progress of the Fund.

> Westminster School, S.W. I.
> February, 1932.

## NEW PLAYING FIELD.

Dear Sir,-The Governing Body has secured a new playing field of over 17 acres for the School. We write to ask your aid in paying for this purchase.

Let us briefly detail the circumstances.
The ten acres of Vincent Square are insufficient to provide playing space for the eight or nine games of footbalk or cricket which are required. Moreover, even were there sufficient room, experience has proved that to use the same ground for football in winter and for cricket in summer seriously spoils both games, especially cricket, since the surface cannot endure such unremitting wear. For some eight years past, therefore, it has been found necessary to restrict the use of Vincent Square ; subsidiary ground has had to be hired elsewhere. Since 1927 we have had a lease of a field at Morden ; all the football, except Big game, and nearly half the cricket was provided for there. But the lease comes to an end in March, 1934; the future has to be considered; and the owner declines absolutely to sell the field to us. Accordingly we have searched for another field, within accessible distance, which could be made the permanent possession of the School. We have been fortunate in finding a field at Grove Park, which is just the same distance from us as Morden. Delay at the present time would almost
certainly have meant that we should have had to go some miles further afield (which would be impracticable for us) and, even at that, to pay a higher price. The Grove Park field is a good one and can soon be made better. It has room for eight good-sized football grounds, four cricket pitches, and some tennis courts. Any money that we spend on it will be expended now upon the improvement of our own property.

After full and careful consideration by the Governors, as well as by those immediately responsible for games, the field has been bought for little over $£$ io,ooo. We are satisfied, after an independent valuation, that from a business point of view it is a sound transaction. The purchase money has been borrowed from the Bank.
It is to repay this debt that we now appeal to Old Westminsters and to parents and to friends of the School.
 pavilion (without which the ground cannot be used by the boys) and on the necessary fencing and equipment. $\ell_{1}, o o o$ at least will be required towards the payment of the interest on our loan from the Bank during the next few years.

We realise that the present time is one of financial difficulty. May we suggest to you a 'Five Years Plan' ? We venture to hope that there are 10 Old Westminsters who will give us $£ 100$ each in donations of $£_{20}$ a year for five years; 20 who will give us $£ 50$ at $£ 10$ a year; 50 who will give $\epsilon_{25}$ at $f_{5}$ a year; 200 who will give $f$ ro at $£^{2}$ a year ; 1 ,ooo who will give $\notin 5$ at $£ 1$ a year. Contributions on this scale, together with other gifts large and small, for which we shall hope, will make up the sum required.

We earnestly ask you to give this matter your full and immediate consideration, and to act with such promptitude as is possible. The larger the contribution that you are able to make, and the sooner it comes in, the greater will be the benefit through the consequent reduction of the interest due to the Bank. Will you be good enough to send the enclosed order on your Bank direct to us here we will forward it to your Bank-addressed either to the Bursar or to the Head Master, who will gratefully acknowledge it ?

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) W. FOXLEY NORRIS, Dean of Westminster, Chairman of the Governing Body.
HERBERT F. MANISTY, President of the Elizabethan Club.
RALPH T. SQUIRE, Vice-President of the Elizabethan Club and Chairman of O.W. Games Committee.
C. H. TAYLOR, Master in charge of Games.
D. J. KNIGHT, Formerly Master in charge of Games.
W. COSTLEY WHITE, Head Master.

## HISTORICAL NOTE.

The following anecdote about Charles Abbot, Speaker of the House of Commons and afterwards Lord Colchester, appears in ' Public Characters of Europe ( $1814-15$ )' : 'He was sent at an early period to Westminster School [1763-75], where he was much distinguished. At this period the late Empress of Russia attracted the attention of Europe, and the juvenile student, dazzled by the blaze of glory with which Catherine was sur-
rounded, addressed some Latin verses to her Imperial Majesty, who, in return, presented him with a gold medal by means of her Ambassador at the Court of St. James'.'

It will be remembered that Lord Colchester's descendants recently presented a bust of him to the School and that it is now in the Library.

## ' HIKECRAFT.'

By CLAUDE FISHER, O.W.
(The Bride Court Press, Ltd.)
I had no knowledge of hiking. Perhaps it was a pity that I offered to review 'Hikecraft,' but at any rate I sat down to read it in a quite unbiased frame of mind.

What did I find there? A truly remarkable encyclopædia of advice for hikers. I found information about Follow My Leader, about Ingpen Beacon, Babies in Camp, Whisky for Chilblains, Sucking Pebbles for Thirst, Stoke Poges and Suet Puddings. The ndex is very good ; indeed, other books of the same type might well take their cue from this one, in this respect at least, if not in others. As for the illustrations, they are of the same tone as the book and are quite amusing, while amply illustrating the text.

So now I know all about, hiking.

## Tbe Elizabetban Club.

President-Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C.
Hon. Treasurer-Sir Ernest Goodhart, Bart., Benenden Place, Benenden, Kent.
Hon. Secretary-Mr. D. C. Simpson, 20, Great College Street, S.W. I.
Games Secretary-Mr. P. H. Wyatt, O.B.E., 26, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. I.

February 24-General Committee.

## THE WESTMINSTER DINNER.

December I5, I93I.
This is not the first time I have been asked by Mr. E. R. B. Graham to contribute an account for The Elizabethan of a Westminster function; not I think because he credits me with any particular literary skill, but because he believes I will produce a plain, unvarnished story and record my impressions without bias or prejudice. And this, as the Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents, I now propose to do.

The avowed purpose of the big functions recently organi ed were: first to re-forge a link
(which had snapped through the disappearance of the lost War generation) between Old Westminsters of the years before 1914 and those that left after the World Conflict; and secondly to afford an opportunity-a true 'amoris integratio' -for renewing old friendships necessarily severed during most of the year by the accidents of time and distance.

The first object, it will generally be admitted, has already been achieved, but the second, I fear, is in danger of being defeated if the speeches, though undeniably interesting, are allowed to become too protracted, and if the occasion is to be recognised as an opportunity for the launching of appeals.

To turn to the dinner itself: all the arrangements showed that high degree of excellence and forethought, and worked with that (apparently) effortless smoothness which results from perfect organi ation, and which we are accustomed to associate with the skill and devotion of Mr. Graham and the able Committees he habitually collects. The management of the Hyde Park Hotel also are to be congratulated on the efficiency of their service.

After the traditional Army dinner calls, sounded by the Coldstream Guards (with the kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. F. Smith), the chair was taken by Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C., and Grace was asked by the Dean of Westminster.

After dinner the Causley Sextet gave 'For these and all Thy Mercies,' and the Chairman proposed the Loyal Toasts and 'In Piam Memoriam,' which was honoured in silence.

Adml. Sir Richard Phillimore, in apt and breezy words, proposed 'Our Guests,' which drew from the Revd. Archd. Fleming a most felicitous speech in reply instinct with the dry humour for which he is so justly famous. He was seconded by the Head Master, who, after gracefully paying a wellmerited tribute to Mr. Graham, gave a brief sketch of the School's activities.

In proposing the toast 'Floreat,' which was accompanied by the singing of one verse of 'Carmen Feriale Westmonasteriense,' the Chairman (who had come out for the first time after a recent illness in order to preside) referred to past schemes for removal of the School to the country, which might have disturbed the close and now happy relations existing with the Abbey, a tie most highly valued by us all. He also referred with appreciation to th: inceased proficiency of the School in music.

The Dean (who had given up an old Carthusian gathering in order to attend), in proposing the health of the Chairman, whom as one of the Governors he regarded as a valuable link between the Abbey and the School, said that he always
associated Mr. Manisty with water, which he considered chiefly as a medium for rowing, though others less enlightened deemed its purpose to be for washing or even regarded it as a beverage.

Among the 222 Old Westminsters and guests who attended, some of the Governors were present, such well-known habitués as Mr. R. T. Squire and Mr. L. A. M. Fevez and a host of other of all ages, from the Revd. R. Bruce-Dickson, the father of us all, to eight present members of the School Monitorial, to whom the Head Master had kindly given leave to attend,
T. K.

## THE OLD WESTMINSTERS' FENCING CLUB.

A new games section of the Elizabethan Club has been organised for fencing and will be called 'The Old Westminsters' Fencing Club.'
A preliminary meeting was held at the School (by kind permission of the Head Master) on January 18-the following O.WW. attended: J. R. Bailey, J. A. Gillott, R. Goodbody, E. R. B. Graham, R. R. Holmes (in the chair), F. S. Hoppé, H. P. Low, E. W. Lloyd, W. G. R. Oates, D. M.

Paterson, B. E. Petitpierre, P. H. Wyatt (Hon. Secretary Games Committee) and P. W. Young.

After the Chairman had briefly explained that the objects of the new Society were to encourage fencing amongst Old Westminsters and to further the interests of Westminster fencing generally, the officers for the ensuing year were then elected:

President-Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C. (President of the Elizabethan Club). Vice-PresidentsMessrs. E. R. B. Graham, M. R. Holmes and F. S. Hoppé. Hon. Secretary-Mr. P. W. Young. Hon. Treasurer-Mr. H. P. Low.

The Committee to consist of the above officers together with Messrs. R. R. Holmes, D. M. Paterson, B. E. Petitpierre and the Hon. Secretary of the Games Committee and Captain of Westminster Fencing (ex officio).

Plans for the future were then discussed.
Among the matches already arranged for the Lent Term were the Royal Air Force, Oxford, Eton, Harrow, Charterhouse, the Polytechnic and the United Hospitals. The Coutts Bank match had been fought and won 19-10.

Arrangements have now been made with the

## ' THE ELIZABETHAN.'

## Revenue Account for the Year ended December 3I, 1931.



Balance-Sheet at December 3i, 193i.



Examined and found correct, T. M. Murray Rust.

I. F. Smedley, Hon. Treasurer.

Salle Grave for the Society to practice there one day a week.

Will Old Westminsters anxious to join the Society please communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. W. Young, 29, Cheyne Court, Chelsea, S.W. 3 ?

## OLD WESTMINSTERS FOOTBALL CLUB.

## Hon. Secretary:

C. J. Pinder, 49, St. Charles Square, W. io.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES-SEASON 1931-32.

First Eleven.


> 'A' Eleven.

Sept. 26-Lancing College 2nd XI ... ... Lost, 0-1
Oct. 3-St. Edmund's School ... ... Won, 3-1
,, 1o-Highgate School 2nd XI ... ...Drawn, 3-3
", 17-Forest School... ... ... ... Lost, 1-5
", 24-Ardingly College ... ... ... Lost, o-2
Nov. 14-Christ Church... ... ... ... Won, 4-1
,, 2 I -King's College 2nd XI ... ... Won, 7-6
", 28-Old Cholmeleians 'A ' $\quad . . \quad$... Lost, $2-5$
Dec. 5-Westminster School and XI -.. Won, 8-o
," 12 -Old Foresters ' A' ... ... ... Lost, 3-8
", 19-Old Chigwellians ' A ". ... ... Lost, 2-4
Jan. 2-Brighton Old Grammarians... ... Lost, I-In
", 9-Old Malvernians ' A' ... ... Won, 3-2

## Easter Tour.

A short tour has been arranged at Easter, when a return visit will be made to Chatelleraut; in addition to this match a game is being arranged in Paris. The party will leave London on Thursday, March 24, and return on Tuesday, March 29.

Will any members who wish to take part in the tour communicate with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible ?

## OLD Talestminsters.

In the New Year Honours, Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell, C.S.I., C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S., Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Madras, was made a K.C.I.E. Mr. D. J. Jardine, O.B.E., Chief Secretary to the Government, Tanganyika, was made a C.M.G., and Mr. L. E. Tanner was made an M.V.O.

Canon A. A. Markham, Vicar of Grantham, has been appointed Rural Dean of North Grantham.

The Rev. J. H. C. Twisaday has been appointed Vicar of All Saints', Notting Hill.

Mr. S. Chapman has been awarded the Jardine Student hip at the Inner Temple.

Mr. D. A. G. Hinks has been elected to a Craven University Scholarship at Cambridge.

## תIDarriages.

Kirkness-Dawson.-On October 31, Desmond Kirkness, youngest son of Stanley Kirkness, to Molly, daughter of A. Buley Dawson, of Coulsdon.
De Bathe-Terrell.-On January it, Christopher Albert de Bathe, son of the late Captain Patrick de Bathe, to Edna, daughter of the late Arthur Terrell, of Melbourne, Australia.

## Obituary.

We regret to announce the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

Benjamin Richard Thorne was the eldest son of John Mills Thorne, and one of four brothers who were at Westminster in the 70 's. He was admitted in 1870 and left in 1874. He became a partner in the firm of Thorne Bros., brewers, of Nine Elms. He died on December 15, aged 74.

Edgar Soames was a son of Eley Soames, of Bromley, and was up Grant's from 1876 to 1880 . He went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. and LL.B. in 1884. He was admitted a solicitor in 1887, and practised at Bromley, Kent. He retired in 1900 and went to live at East Grinstead, where he died early in January.

William Francis Teignmouth Shore was the elder son of the Rev. Canon T. Teignmouth Shore, of Worcester, and was up Grant's from 1879 to 1883 . He went to St. Mary's Hall, Oxford, and became a journalist and author of several biographies, novels and other works. In igio he published a small book on 'Westminster' for a series entitled 'Public School Life.' He was interested in the subject of crime, and edited several trials for the ' Notable Trial' series. He died recently at the age of 66 .

Ralph George Elliott Forster was the eldest son of Ralph W. E. Forster, barrister-at-law, and was admitted as a Home Boarder in 1878 . In 1880 he was elected into College, and left in December, 1882 . He entered the Foreign Office, and spent most of his life in Japan. From IgI4 to 1926 he was ConsulGeneral at Kobé. He was made a C.M.G. in 1923. His only son, who was up Grant's from IgI2 to 1915, was killed in the war. He died in Monaco on December 4.

Walter Buchanan was the third son of the Ven. T. B. Buchanan, Archdeacon of Wilts and Vicar of Polterne, by a daughter of George Richmond, R.A. He was admitted as a Q.S. in 1883, and left in 1888. He acted Mysis in the 'Andria' of 1885, and Micio in the 'Adelphi' of 1886. He was awarded the Eglesfield scholarship at Queen's College, Oxford in 1888. In 1898 he was admitted a solicitor and became a partner in the wellknown house of Farrer \& Co., of Lincoln's Inn Fields. As a boy and later he was the constant companion of his grandfather, George Richmond, whose active career as a portrait painter stretched from 1830 to 1896 . During that time he had known or painted everyone of importance, and found in his grandson an eager and appreciative listener to his stories of Blake and of those who as young men had known the Johnson circle. Buchanan was thus himself an interesting link with the past. A great reader, especially of naval history, he spent most of his last years at the Savile and United University Clubs, where those who could penetrate his rather shy nature greatly valued his friendship and will deeply regret his loss. He died on January 18, aged 62.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

## THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

Sir,-Early last year you were good enough to publish in The Elizabethan a letter appealing to Old Westminsters for more support for the School Mission. The result was a small increase of new subscribers who brought in altogether $£^{1} 14$ 18s. 9d.; unfortunately, there have since been reductions, due to various causes, amounting to $£ 34$ is. 2 d .

The total revenue from subscriptions in 1931-32 was $£_{18} 877 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$.; not a large amount from about 2,500 present and former Westminsters !

It is, admittedly, not a very opportune time to appeal for new subscribers, but their own School Mission may justly claim a higher place among the objects of all Westminsters' generosity.

Will those who read this letter give the Mission a thought?

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
ARTHUR KNAPP.

Normanhurst Hotel, Bexhill-on-Sea. December 20, 1931.
Dear Sir,-I was present at the Westminster Dinner on Tuesday last, and was interested in hearing the Head Master's reference to the new School playing fields.

As funds for these are apparently urgently required, may I suggest that a fund be started for this purpose, and that all O.WW. be asked, either through the columns of The Elizabethan or by personal letter, to contribute.

If not less than $50 \mathrm{O} . \mathrm{WW}$. will promise to give at least $£ 5$ each, I shall be very pleased to give the same amount myself.

Yours very truly,<br>ROGER K. STILGOE, O.W.

## 42, Montpelier SQuare, S.W. 7. January 24, 1932.

DEAR Sir,-May I make use of your columns to draw the attention of all O.WW. who were previously at Mr. Gibbs's school of Sloane Street to the existence of a Society of Old Gibbs Westminsters ? Through the kindness of Mr. Gibbs a dinner is held annually at 134, Sloane Street, and I shall be pleased to hear from all interested. This year the dinner will be on Saturday, April 30, at 7.30 p.m., and Mr. Gibbs will be glad to see all old pupils there.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DOLL.

We also publish the following letter, addressed to ' Any Boy,' in the hope that the writer may by this means find a correspondent:

## I7, Chocimska Street, Warsaw, Poland.

Dear Friend,-I am a Polish boy (aged 15) learning English in a secondary school in Warsaw. I should like to enter into correspondence with you. Would you care to answer me ?

Yours truly,
ZBIGNIEW BRZOSKA.

## Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :
Cantuarian, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Windsor Lamp, Cheltonian, Fettesian, Blundellian, Sedberghian, Navy, Britannia Magazine, Shırburnian, Brigade, Radleian, Spetsiote, Reptonian, Folio, Malvernian, Beaumont Review, Marlburian, Kinmelogue, Eton College Chronicle (2), Wykehamist, Lancing College Magazine, Felstedian, Boys Magazine (2), Choate News (2), Christ's College Register, Melburnian, Corian.


THE SCHOOL MISSION.

The Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a Boys' Club in Soho. In I891 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 ist (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, ist Cadet Battalion, London Regiment, 'The Queen's.'

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, G. L. Barber, Esq., Westminster School. Offers of service and of gitts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 7, Park Gate Gardens, East Sheen, S.W. I4.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE, No. 2233.
This Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminsters. It meets at Westminster School four times a year-in March, June, October, and December. It is the senior Public School Lodge belonging to the Public Schools Union, which holds an Annual Festival at each school in turn.

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


NOTICES.

All contributions to the March number of The Elizabethan should reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. I, by March I4, 1932.

Contributions must be written on one side of the paper only. Back numbers are obtainable from the Editor, price is. each.

Subscribers are requested to notify any change of address to the Secretary, 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. I.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

## Jfloreat.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A large number of Honours has been won at the Universities.
    ${ }^{2}$ The Madras Cup, given by O.WW. in Calcutta to O.WW. in Madras in 1788 , has been presented to the School.
    ${ }^{3}$ W. Anderson Scott broke the record in his flight to Australia and back.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ A " Greek " Ballet was produced up School by one of the Masters and a company of boys
    ${ }^{5}$ A senior Scout troop has been established in the School.
    ${ }^{6}$ Lieut.-General Sir W. Raleigh Egerton, K.C.B., K.C.I.E. ; Vice-President of the Elizabethan Club.
    ${ }^{7}$ Henry Rosher James, Q.S. 1877 ; Bengal Educational Service, 1890-1909; Director of Public Education, Bombay, 1909.

