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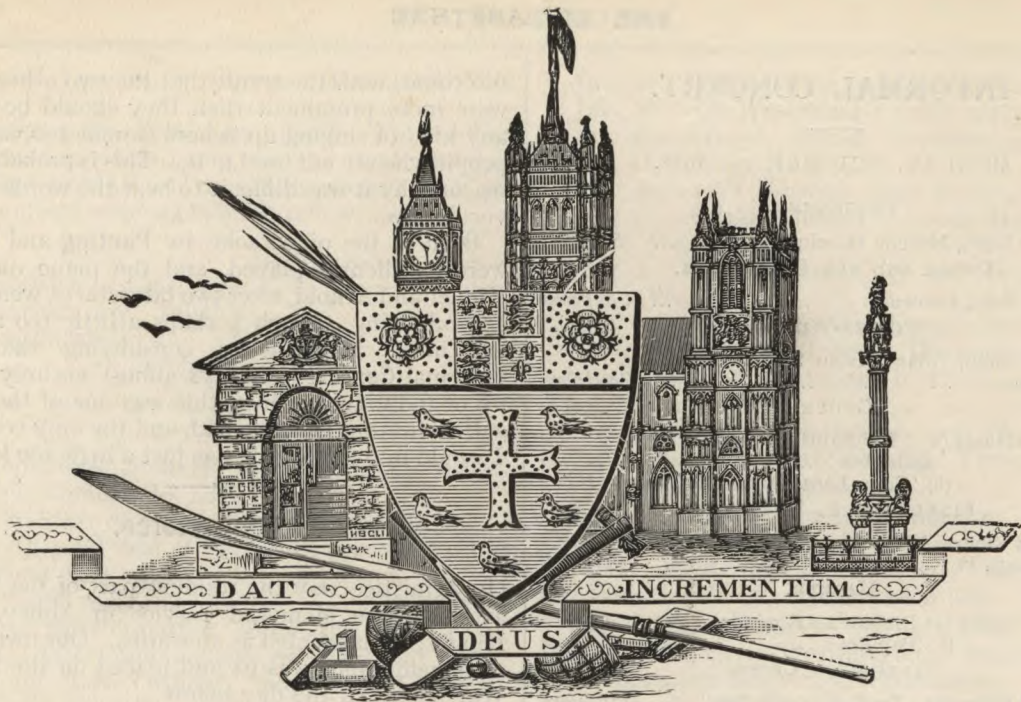
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EDITORIAL.

WESTMINSTER has defeated Charterhouse again. In doing so she has won a match which is notable for many reasons. In the first place it is an old match; then it is a match between two of the foremost soccer-playing public schools; it is considered at Westminster, and I believe at Charterhouse, the most important fixture of the year; and it is so generally well-known that it is always afforded a full account in the *Times*.

But it is notable for another thing, and to the School a thing still more important. It is the one occasion on which a large number of people forget what house they are up, whether they are footballers or watermen, King's Scholars or Town Boys, in short that they are anything but members or alumni of what the preacher in Abbey on November 18 called 'a School than which England has never seen a finer.' At last we get away from the petty rivalries and divisions inside the School, and think of ourselves as a whole, for one glorious afternoon.

Cannot we capture this spirit for good? In this very number of THE ELIZABETHAN a correspondent attempts to embroil Fields and Water by saying that too much 'Eliza' space is given to Water, and K.SS. and T.BB. by suggesting that the K.SS. insert what interests them alone; and to foster the House rivalry by advocating undue prominence to House matches. The attitude is evidently kept up by some even after they have left School. But surely the School must come first; the wider loyalty is the higher. The smaller unit, the House, has no meaning when compared with the School of which it is a part. Let us by all means be keen about our individual Houses, and anxious that they shall win inter-House events; but our loyalty to our own House must not take the form of animosity against others. Every House is a part of Westminster, and it is strikingly shown by the coincidence that in the team that defeated Charterhouse every House was represented. This cannot always be the case; but if we can only drop the present narrow point of view we shall come to realise that every House in the School is represented by every player on the field.

INFORMAL CONCERT.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1928.

PROGRAMME.

- 1 Piano Duet, Marche Héroïque Schubert
CROOK AND TEN DOESSCHATE.
- 2 Flute Solo, Berceuse Couperin
PINDER-WILSON.
- 3 Piano Solo, Adagio from Sonata Pathétique Beethoven
GEDYE.
- 4 Piano Duets (a) 'The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington'
(b) 'Come Lasses and Lads' arr. Parry
FINNIE AND F. D. KIDNER.
- 5 Violin Solo, Adagio and Allegro from Sonata in F Handel
HACKER.
- 6 Piano Solos (a) Prelude in E minor Chopin
(b) Papillons Grieg
PANTING. CROOK.
- 7 Vocal Solos (a) 'Trottin' to the fair' Stanford
(b) 'Fire down below' Sea Shanty
ELLISTON. SPURGIN.
- 8 Flute Solo, Serenade Haydn
R. C. PLAISTOWE.
- 9 Piano Duet, Marche Militaire Schubert
F. D. KIDNER AND A. P. ARNOLD.
- 10 Vocal Quartet, 'Since first I saw your face' Ford
PANTING. VIGOR. GRIGG. LEE (K.SS.).
- 11 Piano Solos (a) Andante from Sonata in C Mozart
(b) Fantasia in C minor Bach
MATTHEWS. F. I. LEWIS.
- 12 Violin Solo, Chant Hindou Rimsky-Korsakov
E. R. SMITH.
- 13 Piano Solos (a) Choral Prelude, 'Rejoice, all ye Redeemed Hosts' Bach
(b) Sequidilla Albeniz
ENGLHEART. BRIDGEWATER.
- 14 House Choir (a) Male voice Quartet, 'Loch Lomond' arr. Vaughan Williams
(b) Unison song, 'I vow to thee, my Country' Holst
K.SS.

Probably the best performances at this concert were the piano duet by Crook and ten Doesschate, the violin solo by E. R. Smith and the piano solos by Bridgewater and Engleheart. But so many of the other performances also were so good that it would be an invidious task to try to pick out the best. The vocal soloists and the King's Scholars' House Choir were probably not up to their best—the latter most certainly were not. In the vocal quartet the treble and alto were as usual

too timid, with the result that the two other parts were more prominent than they should be; but any kind of singing up School is none too easy for people who are not used to it. This is probably the reason why it was difficult to hear the words in the vocal solos.

Both of the piano solos by Panting and Crook were excellently played, and the piano duet by Kidner and Arnold, after two false starts, went with a good swing, though perhaps a little too noisily at times. Nevertheless, considering that the Informal Concert is always almost entirely made up of individual events, this was one of the most successful that we have had, and the only criticism I would make is that it was just a little too long.

School Notes.

ON Armistice Day the resident part of the School attended the Memorial Service in Abbey. Ten King's Scholars acted as stewards. Our own lamp of remembrance was lit and placed on the School War Memorial the day before.

Some of the School were privileged to attend the birthday meeting of the League of Nations Union in the Albert Hall on October 26.

On October 25 the new King's Scholars were admitted up School by the Dean, who afterwards gave a short address to the School.

Mr. Tanner gave the last of his lectures on Monday, November 19. They have been of most extraordinary interest, and we should like to express our deep gratitude to him.

A new clock for the School grounds at Morden is being provided by the generosity of Messrs. A. T. Willett and D. J. Knight.

We offer our congratulations to M. Broadhurst and the Colts team, who have won all their matches this term.

1ST CITY OF WESTMINSTER BOY SCOUT TROUP.

[Reprinted from *St. Stephen and St. Mary Parish Magazine.*]

THE SUMMER CAMP.

WE were again very fortunate in being able to arrange another combined camp at Mundesley-on-Sea, Norfolk, with Major the Rev. F. J. Bailey, who, we are delighted to report, has recently been

appointed Vicar of St. George's, Tombland, Norwich.

The Camp commenced on July 28. For the first week we had 28 in camp, for the Bank Holiday week-end over 50, and during the second week 45. The numbers were made up as follows :—

	Officers.	Rovers	Scouts.
17th Norwich—St. George's	1	—	8
28th Norwich—St. Julian's	1	—	9
1st Westminster— St. Stephen's	2	2	14
Total	4	2	31

The remaining numbers were made up of St. George's, Tombland, Choir, etc.

The weather during the first week was decidedly trying—a good deal of rain and rather cold ; but the second week was very fine and warm.

The Camp was run as follows : Camp Commandant and Quartermaster, Major the Rev. F. J. Bailey ; Asst. Commandant, Adjutant and Transport, Capt. S. H. Twining ; First Aid and Pioneering Depts., A.S.M. C. Hutchins ; Asst. Quartermaster (2nd week only), G.S.M. C. Beales.

Camp duties consisted of a Patrol-Leader cook, an orderly bugler, one cook-orderly per tent, and one tent-orderly per tent ; the latter were responsible for washing-up after each meal and for the general tidiness of the camp, the former for serving at each meal and assisting the P.-L. cook at the cookhouse, drawing water, etc. These orderly duties were detailed daily, so that every boy did his fair share of the work, and thereby gained useful experience in camp life.

The cooking was done on an open fire, and in spite of the wet weather during the first week, meals were always excellently cooked and punctual. The Q.M. fed the camp right royally. As an example of what two weeks in camp did, Scout H. Hiscock of this Troop put on 1st. 5lbs. in weight. The camp routine was usually as follows :—Reveille, 6.45 a.m. ; Prayers and Breakfast, 8 a.m. ; Camp Bank, 9.15 a.m. ; Dinner, 1 p.m. ; Tea, 5 p.m. ; Roll Call and Prayers, 8.55 p.m. ; Supper, 9 p.m. ; Lights Out 10 p.m. Ordinary Scout instruction was not neglected. The 17th Norwich and our Troop were given training in 1st class journeys and writing reports, the 17th Norwich were instructed in 2nd class, First Aid by A.S.M. C. Hutchins, and the 28th Norwich received instruction in boxing, and all three Troops were trained in special marching by A.S.M. Hutchins. Bathing parades were held daily ; Acting Troop-Leader L. Jones was in charge, he being a qualified life-saver. There was plenty of sport and amusement. The following is a brief summary of the fortnight in camp :—

July 27.—The advance parties arrived.

July 28.—1st Westminster main party arrived.

July 29.—Church Parade in morning at the Parish Church.

July 30.—17th Norwich main party arrived.

July 31.—Cricket match v. 3rd Huntingdon Troop. We lost.

Aug. 2.—Cricket match v. 3rd Huntingdon Troop. We lost.

Aug. 3.—20-mile march to Cromer and back by 17th Norwich and our Troop. The party left with a haversack lunch ration, and returned to camp at 5 p.m. in time for tea.

Aug. 4.—Football match v. 3rd Huntingdon Troop. We lost. 28th Norwich Troop arrived in camp, plus other details.

Aug. 5.—Church parade in morning at Parish Church. We had a surprise visit in the afternoon from Mr. K. Keymer, who is Asst. Cubmaster of our Wolf Cub Pack. He stayed to tea.

Aug. 6, Bank Holiday.—Visitors' Day. Cricket match, Norwich v. Westminster ; Norwich won. Football match, Norwich v. Westminster ; Norwich won. In the evening 28 boys attended a local Circus.

Aug. 7.—Cricket match in morning v. St. Andrew's Norwich, Choir Camp ; we lost. In the afternoon our Troop, with a few of the 17th Norwich, went by charabanc to Norwich, then to Yarmouth, where they had tea, and returned via the Broads.

Aug. 8.—At 7 a.m. the whole camp, except for the cook orderlies, attended a Choral Celebration at the Parish Church, especially arranged for our camp ; the Rev. F. J. Bailey celebrated. All those in camp who belonged to choirs formed the choir. The Service was Woodward in E flat. We spent the day at Sidestrand, some three miles away, visiting the Norwich Guardians Orphans Homes Camp, where they have 180 children from the ages of 3 to 14 in camp for a month. We took our lunch with us, played them at cricket, which we lost, and were their guests at tea. On returning to camp in the evening, an investiture was held, when the 17th Norwich (who are a new troop raised since last year's camp, as a result of our combined camp then with St. George's choir boys) were enrolled, together with Scouts C. W. A. Kenny and H. J. Cocks, of this Troop. This was followed by supper round a specially constructed camp fire on the cliff, and a very enjoyable sing-song.

Aug. 9.—Visitors' Day. Cricket match v. Y.M.C.A., Norwich. We lost. An informal display was given for the benefit of the visitors.

Aug. 10.—In the evening the camp was invited by Captain and Mrs. Curtis to the Clarence Hotel Grounds. The boys were given ices. We gave

an informal display and sing-song, which was much appreciated by the hotel guests.

Aug. 11.—Camp struck, and all returned home.

In conclusion, a special word of thanks must be given to Major Bailey for permitting us to join forces with him and for the splendid way he ran the camp and for everything he did for us. To A.S.M. C. Hutchins for all his very hard work in every direction, especially for his First Aid, on which he was highly complimented by the local doctor; the health of the camp was excellent. Also to Acting-Troop-Leader L. Jones, who carried out his many duties in an excellent manner. Mention must also be made of Acting-Patrol-Leader S. E. Newport, who had the misfortune to break his arm the second night in camp, but in spite of his handicap he smiled and whistled and carried out his duties as if nothing had happened to him; he was always ready to help in every possible way. Finally, to the rest of the boys, too numerous to mention by name, whose behaviour was excellent; they carried out their duties splendidly. It should be realised that only two of our boys, and none of the 28th Norwich, had ever been at a Summer Camp before, so it is all the more to their credit that such a good report can be given.

While much has been said recently about the lack of scope for present members of the School to do useful work at Napier Hall, the scout movement has been largely overlooked. At the present time there is a very urgent need for scoutmasters from the public schools, and this applies very directly to the scouts at the Club. It is probably not realised that in the organisation of a scout troop there is an opportunity for putting into immediate service the knowledge, and training in leadership, gained in the O.T.C. Those who feel the responsibility of this generation of Westminsters for the running of the Mission should go down and see the scouts on a Monday night; one cannot help feeling that any work which is organised by Captain Twining and Captain Wilford is bound to be well-disciplined and worth while.

L. F. H.

COMMEMORATION.

COMMEMORATION at Westminster takes place only every third year. For many boys, therefore, it is a ceremony which falls but once during their life at Westminster, and the dignified simplicity of the service, the congregation in evening dress, the magnificence of the setting cannot fail to make a deep impression on their minds. This year November 17th fell on Saturday, and by a fortunate accident it was the day of the Charterhouse match. In the afternoon many scores of Old Westminsters

witnessed for the first time in the present century the defeat of Charterhouse on our own ground, and therefore no depressing thoughts lay heavy upon the congregation that assembled in the Abbey the same evening.

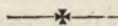
The service followed the traditional lines. The Psalms were sung in plainsong, which alone can equal the dignity of the Latin words. The setting of the *Te Deum* was, if our memory serves us, a different one from that used on recent occasions, but was of great beauty and power. Dr. Bullock had written a descant for '*Gloriosi Salvatoris*,' which enhanced the beauty of the already exultant melody of 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven'; '*Salvator Mundi*' was sung, as usual, to Tallis' canon, so arranged that one verse was sung in unison, the next in harmony, another with descant, and a fourth in canon, while the last verse, 'Save us, O Lord, while sleeping, and defend us when waking,' sung *pianissimo* by the congregation on their knees, was perhaps the most solemn and moving part of the whole service. Let none say that a service in Latin on such an occasion savours of unreality. The Psalms are simple, the spirit at least of the hymns and prayers is intelligible to all, the lesson, as it was read by the Dean with expression and feeling, hardly requires the parallel translation of the School Prayer Book.

The *Commendatio* itself, the climax of the service, was delivered by the Head Master from the chancel steps in a clear voice amid complete silence, and there can have been few who did not feel, as he was reading it, the union of past and present in one fellowship under the vault of the Abbey Church of Westminster.

The service ended, the guests were received in Ashburnham House by the Head Master and Mrs. Costley White, and they passed on up School, where refreshments awaited them. For the further entertainment of Old Westminsters Mr. Lawrence Tanner had arranged an interesting and amusing exhibition of photographs and prints, illustrating 'The last fifty years.' There we saw our own hideous past, and were reminded of scenes of our schooldays, and of the familiar figures that we loved and admired. So amid pleasant conversation and reunion the evening drew to a close.

After such an occasion, declared by all to be a success, we cannot conclude without offering our thanks to the Head Master and Mrs. Costley White for the enjoyment of our evening; to the Dean of Westminster, the Precentor and the Organist for the arrangements of the service; and to those ladies and gentlemen who formed the Committee, in whose hands the whole organisation was placed. They remain anonymous, and would be classed by the writer of *Ecclesiasticus* with those that have no memorial, were it not for the marquee and

awnings erected in Yard which contributed so materially to the comfort of all. Only those who were at Westminster during the hurricane of the previous afternoon will ever know how nearly their memorial had perished with them.



House Notes.

K.SS.—We must first offer hearty congratulations to Mackenzie on his Pinks, which he gained after the Charterhouse match. Besides our first XI representatives, there have played for the second XI at different times Argyle, Philby, Milne, Hunt, Heaton and Engleheart, so we feel quite up to the mark in football.

On the Water we have a dimmed glory, our House IV having been badly beaten by H.BB. in the Rouse Ball Cup. Congratulations to Allen on his House Colours.

We have read in Lit. Soc. this term *Henry IV, Part I, The Merchant of Venice, and The Rivals*. Our next play, *Adelphi*, is taking more trouble and organisation, but hopes to be ready by December 15.

GG.—Our first duty is to congratulate Bompas on regaining his Pinks. We also congratulate Wakely, Everington and Hunter on playing for the second XI, and also Colt-Williams, Lonsdale E., Labertouche and Moon on playing for the as yet unbeaten Colts XI, for which they have received their Colts' Caps.

As most of the above mentioned are eligible for Juniors we confidently hope that they will kick the football with such skill and such success that by the time this number of THE ELIZABETHAN is published the Juniors' Cup will once again reside in Hall.

So short a time has elapsed since the last notes were written that there is little more to say except that we wax so energetic that early every morning the new Fives Courts reverberate with Granite noises.

RR.—Our first duty is to express our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Fox on hearing of the death of her husband, E. L. Fox, Esq., formerly House Master of Rigaud's.

Though there is ever a sad lack of House notes of interest, there is one subject in which we find much pleasure in putting to paper—namely, to congratulate I. W. A. Symington, H. B. Graham and P. C. F. Wingate, all of whom were representatives of the House in the recent match against Charterhouse, on their Pinks. Juniors are just about to be played; though Aitken will be a great loss, as he

is still suffering from the effects of water on the knee, and so is unable to play, we have three sound Colts to strengthen our Junior XI, and with the help of a bye in the first round we are hoping for the best. Our leagues have managed to prove the House's all-round football ability, for at the end of the first series of eleven matches Rigaud's came out top of the league table. They are also doing well in the second series, one league not having yet been defeated.

Our chances of success in the Corps Competition next term are rather marred by the fact of not being able to boast an experienced Rigaudite commander. Moreover, our efforts at general efficiency and turn-out are sadly hampered by their scattered appearance on the parade ground—we dream of a reunion in the shape of an entire Rigaudite platoon.

A.HH.—We must condole with C. A. Bird for being kept out of the team for so long owing to his injury. We can, however, congratulate D. E. Ryland on playing against Charterhouse, and these two, with M. Broadhurst, on gaining their Thirds.

We were defeated in the Rouse Ball Cup by Rigaud's, a better and heavier crew. After the race House Colours were awarded to G. B. Aris and A. M. Spurgin, and Junior House Colours to A. F. L. Beeston and R. W. Smith.

Two members of the Corps have the pleasure, at an early hour on Tuesday morning, of listening to Captain Murray Rust discoursing on military matters.

It is with deep regret that we hear of the death of Mr. Fox, who was House Master of Ashburnham from 1895 to 1907, when he left us for Rigaud's.

H.BB.—Since the last issue there has been much activity up Home Boarders. Most important perhaps was the return of the Rouse Ball Cup to its rightful home, where we hope it may have a long stay. G. A. Ellison and his crew are heartily to be congratulated on this success, which was achieved after an excellent race with Rigaud's. Many congratulations are also due to J. D. Evans, who was awarded his Pinks for football after the Malvern match, and who has played consistently well in all the matches. Though many H.BB. have been playing in Colts' Games, S. E. Mangeot is our only representative in the team, which has been very successful this term.

Fives ties have been in progress during the term, and perhaps it may appear incredible, but they have already reached the semi-final stage. In military matters we keep up our accustomed strength, but welcome the postponement of the fearful hour of the Drill Competition till next term. A. D. B. Weigall is to be congratulated on his

promotion to the dizzy heights of Lance-Corporalship, while the large majority of our 'A' Cert. candidates managed to persuade the examiners that they were proficient in practical military knowledge; we hope that their contributions to the theory of warfare has endorsed this success.

Turning to the future, we may say that our expectations are high, and that we hope soon to welcome another Cup at the House, that is, for Junior Football. Our team shows promise, and are meeting Ashburnham in the first round.

BB.—Busby's life is proceeding uneventfully, and the advent of House notes has caught us unexpectedly. It is hard to write something about nothing. Nevertheless—

At half term Busby's was awarded second place in the leagues, due, possibly, to the fact of only having one league. *We* put it down to our superiority.

Congratulations to J. K. Luard on his Football Pinks and to T. I. Tetley-Jones on his Colts' Cap, or rather Colts' Colours.

We have drawn Grant's in Juniors, but even so we hope to record our first victory. Our little band of watermen still row, our fencers continue to fence and our boxers continue to box; apart from these, there remain only our musicians. We will leave it at that.

The Elizabethan Club.

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DATES OF MEETINGS IN 1929.

Fri., Jan. 25—General Committee.
 Tues., Mar. 19—Special General Meeting.
 Fri., May 10—General Committee.
 Wed., June 12—General Committee.
 Thurs., July 11—Annual General Meeting.
 Fri., Oct. 4—General Committee.
 Tues., Nov. 12—General Committee.

These meetings will be held at Westminster.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting to reduce the amount of the subscription for Westminsters who left School before the War, a circular was issued to all Old Westminsters to invite them to join the Elizabethan Club. This circular met with a considerable response. All members of the Club are asked to do what they can to persuade Old Westminsters to join the Club, both because it is the best way in which they can keep in touch with one another, and because an increased membership means increased opportunities for helping the School.

The Westminster Ball will be held in the Hyde Park Hotel on Friday, December 14. Tickets may be had from the Hon. Secretaries, 222, Strand, W.C. 1.

THE WESTMINSTER BALL.

THE ADVENTURES OF A PINK CIRCULAR.

MY DEAR,—I often wonder why I was ever printed, though it is, of course, very nice to meet you in this cosy wastepaper-basket, and so many old friends here too. I see the Mission Circular—still in white, with her pink sash, and, to my surprise, I came across some Commemoration tickets; so unexpected—I thought they were going to be collected. My brother?—no, he's not here—caught a chill floating in the Thames. Fortunately, Mr. Manisty was on his barge and saved him; but tell me, how did you get on the other night?

Well, I was thrown on the floor, and we were left there sometime, 2,800 of us, wondering where we were going to be sent—terribly exciting, my dear. You see, the Secretary, having addressed the envelopes, it was quite impossible to say where we might get to. Just think of all the terribly exciting places some of us had to go to. I might have been sent to the Common Room—that would have been too wonderful—or perhaps to that delightful 'upper,' just round the corner. No, dear, I'm sure the Head of Water had nothing to do with my brother floating in the Thames.

Well, as I was saying, I was lying quite comfortably on a nice blue carpet, reading all about the famous ladies and gentlemen who are going to attend the Ball, and wondering what the difference was between the band of Mr. Pilbeam and the music of Mr. Garceau, and thinking I ought perhaps to telephone City 7572 for some information, when I was picked up and thrown on the table—too bad, my dear.

We were then sorted out—oh, their geography was too awful. Their counting was almost worse, but I must say I felt sorry for them having to count 2,800 of us and to divide us into packets of 30. However, at last it was all done and we were

packed in a nice suit-case all ready for the Postmaster-General.

I thought I would read about the Latin Play before going to sleep. What! Were you all alone? Oh, I had a nice little white friend in with me—telling me all about the Play and how to get a ticket if I wanted to see T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York on the 19th. But I can't quite make out why they call it the 'Latin Play.' I distinctly remember my grandfather—yes, dear, that jolly old bit of yellow parchment you met in the cellar one night—telling me it was called 'THE PLAY'; and I fell asleep, dreaming of comfortable dormitories, monks and what-nots.

I woke up in a taxi, and we got to the Post Office quite safely, and there—oh, my dear, can you believe it?—we were counted all over again; but a nice gentleman did it this time, and he knew all about geography and counting, and so we were soon off—only all to meet again in this cosy waste-paper-basket at 222.

Well, well—are you surprised, dear, that I wonder why ever I was printed?

The reason why you were printed (dear) will only be known on the 14th of December at the Hyde Park Hotel. E. R. B. G.

SQUASH RACKETS.

This year a handicap is being arranged, for which twenty-eight entries have been received.

The tournament will be divided into two classes, and the Committee, although the information as to the form of some of the entrants is not very adequate, are endeavouring to frame a handicap that will ensure very even matches.

Each competitor will be notified the details of the handicap and the draw in due course.

The following matches have been definitely arranged, whilst dates of further fixtures will be announced in due course:—

- Oct. 22—Badminton Club.
- „ 28—Wentworth.
- Nov. 11—Bank of England.
- Dec. 6—R.N.C., Greenwich.
- „ 9—Wentworth.
- Feb. 10—Bank of England.
- „ 24—H.L.I., Aldershot.

FIVES.

(Secretary.—W. E. GERRISH, Ashburnham, Sandown Road, Esher.)

The Head Master has kindly granted O.W.W. the privilege of using the new School covered courts on Tuesday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m. A considerable number of O.W.W. have already

taken advantage of this opportunity, but as there are four standard courts available there is room for still more players.

Matches are arranged at the courts so that every player can be sure of getting a game.

The following are fixtures for the season:—
1928.

Sat., Oct. 20—City of London School at Blackfriars.
Sat., „ 27—Old Aldenhamians at Aldenham.
Sat., Dec. 1—Cuddesdon College at Oxford.
Tues., „ 4—Westminster School at Westminster.

Sat. „ 29—Old Citizens at Westminster.
1929.

Sat., Jan. 12—Old Aldenhamians at Westminster.
Sat., Feb. 9—Old Citizens at Blackfriars.

Sun., „ 10—London Hospital at London Hospital.

Wed., „ 13—City of London School at Blackfriars.

Sat., „ 16—Berkhamsted School at Berkhamsted.

Thurs., „ 21—Westminster School at Westminster.

Sat., „ 23—Charterhouse School at Godalming.
Sat., Mar. 2—Highgate School at Highgate.

Sat., April 6—Old Reptonians at Westminster.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

THIS Society, of which the inaugural meeting was held on Friday, December 9, 1927, has now held some nine meetings. A lecture was also arranged on October 17, 1928, at which Mr. Clarke spoke on the 'Wonderland of Photography.' Sci. Soc. members were invited to this, because the Secretary of that Society kindly gave permission for the lecture to be held on a Wednesday evening. Mr. Clarke gave a very interesting lecture, illustrated by a varied and excellent series of slides, including one of the precincts of the School.

The meetings are, as a rule, held on Monday evenings for printing and developing on alternate weeks. As yet only gaslight printing has been attempted, although the Society possesses facilities for the bromide process. The dark room is the Junior Laboratory, used by permission of Mr. Earp, the President, who has done a great deal in assisting the foundation and organisation of the Society. A store-room, in which twelve lockers have been installed, has been acquired. Dishes, chemicals and accessories are also kept there. The subscription of one shilling a term which members pay is spent on chemicals and accessories, and with the remainder it is hoped eventually to purchase an enlarger, which would help the membership and increase the advantages of the Society.

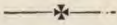
enormously. The primary aim of and reason for the Society is to provide Boarders and others who wish to carry on with photography during the term with facilities for doing so, as well as uniting those interested so that they can work together, gaining the advantages of occasional lectures and of reduction in working costs which co-operation permits.

The following are the officers :—

Treasurer.—J. R. C. ENGLEHEART.

Assistant Treasurer.—M. H. DAVIES.

Secretary.—R. C. PLAISTOWE.



LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION (JUNIOR BRANCH).

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ON Monday, October 22, members were privileged in hearing an address on Disarmament by Professor Noel Baker, who is Cassell Professor of International Relations in the University of London.

Professor Baker said that there was no pageantry, no adventure and no achievement in modern warfare. Its horrors had been increased by the use of aircraft and of poison gases. The League of Nations was trying to abolish war by abolishing one of its causes—excessive armaments. He pointed out that Lord Grey had said that competition in armaments was the real cause of the outbreak in 1914. There were two arguments for the maintenance of armaments. The first was that they were valuable for policing the world. If that was so, the police force seemed dangerously inflated. The second argument was the utility of armaments for repelling invasion. But that idea was not sound if the interests of two nations, and not of one alone, were taken into consideration. It had become nonsensical for each nation to protect itself at great expense regardless of the views and interests of other nations. We were not living cut off from each other. A new international spirit was in existence. Nobody who had witnessed, as he had done, the scenes which took place at the Olympic Games held in Amsterdam could doubt this. But trade as well as sport had been internationalised. The interests of nations were not in conflict—they were common. Therefore he was glad to see that the plans of the League of Nations for arbitration and disarmament were beginning to reach maturity, and he hoped that the time would soon come when unproductive expenditure on armaments could

be better used for rehousing the slum dwellers, beautifying the banks of the Thames or some such other public services.

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E. L. F.

To many Westminsterers the death of Ernest Long Fox will have come with a sense of personal loss. The son of Dr. Edward Fox, of Bristol, he was educated at Clifton and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he took his degree with a second in Mods. and a first in Greats. In 1883 he came to Westminster, and for forty years, and under three Head Masters, he served the School. He was successively House Master of Home Boarders, Ashburnham, and Rigaud's. He was almost the last of that generation of masters who did so much for Westminster at a critical time (1880-90) and afterwards. Indeed their personalities were so strong and they became so much a part of Westminster that it is almost impossible for many to think of the School without that familiar group in the middle of Yard.

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Mr. Stephen McKenna wrote some years ago : ' Shut your eyes and listen for the cry you first heard perhaps four-and-twenty years ago : " Ruth-erford's coming " ; ask yourself what people mean when they say that a man is dead or has retired. The doors of the Houses open, and you see Failes, Tanner and Raynor appearing on their steps. Fox comes down from Library, Nall from Home Boarders. Bending under the arch of Common Room, you distinguish Sargeant and Huckwell, Just and Kneen, with half a dozen more. Somewhere in that group you will see " Mike. " ' It was Failes, then, but to many of us it is a short, dark figure who emerges from Rigaud's and goes " swingin' " across the Yard like some battleship going into action. There is a pause, a small boy approaches with a question. There is much manœuvring for position, for the small boy is unaware of a deafness in one ear. Finally the question is asked, and the answer given with that sudden and delightful smile which changed and irradiated the whole face. For there is no denying that normally it was a forbidding exterior. But the boy, who greatly daring, took his troubles to him, found in him the kindest, wisest and tenderest of friends. Once a boy who burst into his study was amazed to find his House Master crawling about the floor surrounded by his small children, and was greeted with the surprising remark, " I'm a bear. " But in truth, like Dr. Johnson, " there was nothing of the bear about him except his skin, " and therefore he lives in the affectionate remembrance of countless Rigaudites and Westminsterers. When

one thinks of him, scenes from the past come crowding on the brain.

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Friday afternoon in the winter. The Upper Vth wrapt in impenetrable gloom. Did it begin with 'Repetition'? Yes, it must have, because it was essential to get through in view of the fact that on Saturday the entire 'Rep.' for the week was heard, and two failures running involved an 'Impot.' 'Me Miserum, quanti montes volvunter aquarum, Jam, Jam——.' Too often one was submerged oneself! And then the grammar paper. Still in one's dreams one struggles with the dreadful problems involved in the ablative singular of 'scaber, saluber, ater,' etc., or the genitives of mus, glis, lis, etc. But all this was but the prelude to what was to come—Greek conditional sentences; who could ever forget it?—'If the King had it ('meanin' he hadn't') he would give it.' 'If you are wise, you will make friends with the rich and prosperous.' The dreadful pause, the wild and despairing shot at the Greek, the sickening silence, followed by 'Go to the bottom, please——.'

But it was fine training, and to this day (like Mr. Wordsworth) 'my heart leaps up' when I hear the words Thucydides, the VI Book of the *Aeneid*, prolepsis (who could ever forget the example which began, 'I'll smash your——'), Bradley and Additionals, and in my mind's eye I 'can in a moment travel thither' and see the revolving bookcase 'spinnin'' and hear the crash of his pen in the inkpot.

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A summer evening up Fields. Final House Match—Grant's *v.* Rigaud's. R. T., serene and smiling, seated in his usual place by the side of the pavilion, only a slight waggle of the foot suggesting inward anxiety. Removed, afar off, E. L. F., his chin resting on his stick firmly planted in front of him, his eyes following every movement in the game, speechless, grim. There is one who will bear to his grave the reproach of having run out C., the Captain of the School XI ('in my House') at a critical moment in a House match, and another who remembers with delight not merely hitting a joyous six to the far corner of Fields, but a vision of the House Master of Rigaud's throwing up his hat in the air. Trivialities, perhaps, but the debt which Westminster games owe to the keenness of E. L. F. and R. T. is one not easily to be repaid.

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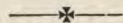
What more? Surely the great love for Westminster, the confidence in its present and in its future, the willingness to give the best years of his life to serve it, the wisdom born of experience, the friendship which bound him to his colleagues.

It may, perhaps, be permitted to quote part of

the fine and touching letter which he wrote on the day that he retired to one of them:—

'It is good of you to class me with R. T. and J. S. I feel to-day more of a weakling than a giant, conscious of having done so little for Westminster, which has done so much for me.

'The future will work out all right. The potent influence of the spirit of the place will put its mark on the newcomers as it did on us. I have seen little of them—one is so afraid of being a bore—but they will do the School good service. A man of 25 may stand up School with the atmosphere of O.W.W. all round him and be 'cocksure of himself,' a man of 35 will have learnt to be humble-minded. My grateful thanks. Good-bye. Floreat.'



THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.

(*Drawn, 3-3.*)

Played at Vincent Square, October 20. This was a very fine performance for a School side, as the opposition was very good indeed. They played good football, and it is to our credit that we broke up so many attacks by our rock-like defence. We did not commit the fatal error of trying to play them in their own style, but exploited our own bustling methods, which often lead to success. The game was played at a terrific pace throughout, and we were always one behind, but just managed to pull that last effort out at the end. Our three goals were scored by Mackenzie, Wingate, with a glorious drive, and Thomson, who rounded off a good run by a cross-shot. Our more experienced opponents were hustled off their game, and we never let them settle down. Our defence, as ever, was unperturbed with Evans and Luard playing their usual calm and scientific game.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; J. D. Evans, J. K. Luard; C. E. Lonsdale, C. F. Wingate, D. E. Ryland; H. J. Thomson, I. W. A. Symington, C. R. Aitken, M. Mackenzie, H. B. Graham.

Old Bradfield Boys.—R. G. Benda; R. S. Blundell, F. M. Webb; D. R. Fussell, J. G. Stevenson, R. G. Shaw; C. R. Watson-Symth, F. M. Sorenson, R. W. E. Groves, E. C. Gilbert, N. G. Shaltos.

WESTMINSTER *v.* H.A.C.

(*Lost, 2-4.*)

Played at Vincent Square, October 25. In this match we met a very clever side, who on their own ground were just too good for us. The first half was very even, the play if anything favouring us slightly, and the score was 2-2 at half-time. Symington headed one in and Thomson scored the other with a good shot.

The Company played up in the second half, and with two very good through passes brought their number of goals up to four. We were a little handicapped from the start, we think, by the ground, on which we were not able to open out our forward play quite as much as at Vincent Square, but this did not effect the result to any great extent.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; J. D. Evans, J. K. Luard; C. A. Bird, C. F. Wingate, C. E. Lonsdale; H. B. Graham, M. Mackenzie, M. Broadhurst, I. W. A. Symington, H. J. Thomson.

H.A.C.—W. E. Mackenrot; L. T. Tytler, J. H. Heyman; G. Hughes, C. M. Yond, E. M. Parker; J. E. Austin, A. S. Soole, A. H. Covington, A. B. Pilcher, J. S. Cox.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ALDENHAMIAN.

(*Won, 3-2.*)

Played at Vincent Square, Saturday, October 27. In a rather patchy game, Westminster showed to advantage in both forward and defensive play. There were times when we were so definitely on top that goals must have come but for indifferent shooting. We were two goals up at half-time, which hardly reflected the run of the play. Thomson scored the first, and it will ever be a mystery to the spectators present how he got his foot round the ball and put it in from so fine an angle. Mackenzie headed the second.

After half-time Thomson scored again with another glorious drive, and with a three goals lead we looked safe. But the Aldenhamians scored two quick ones, both from Cronin's centres, whose play on the wing was a feature of the match.

Bompas played a grand game in goal, saving two certain goals, with Lonsdale playing his usual sound game in the half division. In other respects the team was not quite as good as usual, being effected possibly by a hard game against the H.A.C. two days previous.

WESTMINSTER *v.* TRINITY, OXFORD.

(*Won, 5-0.*)

Played at Vincent Square, October 30. Trinity were rather outclassed in this match, in which we did very much as we liked. The scoring came at regular intervals, Symington having a great day, with four to his credit, and Mackenzie scoring the fifth. We played open football and had much the better of the argument, our halves in particular being prominent. Credit is due to the team, however, for the great display they gave when they had lost Bird, who retired with a broken wrist in the first five minutes. The two halves, with double their usual work, stuck to their opposing forwards manfully, and our goal was seldom troubled.

WESTMINSTER *v.* MALVERN.

(*Lost, 0-1.*)

Played at Malvern, November 10. A strong wind blowing down the ground made accurate football very difficult, and produced a hard but not too scientific game. Westminster won the toss, but elected to play against the wind, and when at half-time Malvern led by one goal only, our policy seemed to be justified. But although we maintained severe pressure throughout the second half we could not quite pull through, although Graham had hard luck when he hit the upright with their goalkeeper beaten. It was a great struggle, and there was, we think, hardly a goal's difference in the play. The ball travelled from end to end, but for one period in the second half, when we had them hemmed in their goal-area, it seemed that we must score. We forced several corners in succession, until Cullan relieved pressure with a dangerous raid, which almost led to a goal. Our backs played magnificently as a pair, with Evans as good as anyone on the field. Bompas gave a safe exhibition in goal. The halves were not quite in their best form, and there was a slight tendency to muddle in the excitement of the moment.

The forwards played quite well as a line, but Graham was starved on the left wing, a fault of the inside forwards, who kept it too close. If we had opened out the game more to the wings the result might have been very different, but the wind made forward play very uncertain. Our marking was good and the general defensive play of a very high standard, but the team was rather lacking in cohesion for short periods in the second half, when passes went astray. A great sporting game, which is really all that matters in a School match.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; J. D. Evans, J. K. Luard; C. E. Lonsdale, C. F. Wingate, D. E. Ryland; H. J. Thomson, I. W. A. Symington, K. H. L. Cooper, M. Mackenzie, H. B. Graham.

Malvern.—R. P. Phillips; H. G. Du Vallon, K. S. Duncan; M. Gilford, R. H. Bradshaw, P. F. Hume; J. R. T. Burrows, G. L. Walker, C. D. A. Cullan, D. M. Beith, G. N. Crabtree.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(*Won, 4-2.*)

This match, played at Vincent Square on November 17, resulted in a victory for Westminster by 4 goals to 2. The match will ever be memorable for the splendid quality of the football displayed by both sides, winners and losers alike. We claim with no hesitation that this was one of the most thrilling and magnificent displays of football ever seen up Fields, and we would wish at the outset to pay tribute to the visiting side for their skill, vigour and dash, which but served to inspire

our own side to reach similar heights and so afforded the many spectators an hour and a half's thrill which none of them, we are sure, will quickly forget.

The visitors started off with great confidence, and the way in which their forwards were positioning themselves, and were exploiting the famous 'through pass,' so beloved by the great Corinthian forwards of the past, boded very ill for ourselves. And sure enough, after five minutes the ball was slung out to the Charterhouse outside left, who with a surprising turn of speed cut right in and scored with a fine cross shot, which found the farther corner of the net. A bad start for us, but we played up splendidly, and refused to crumple up, as we have so often done against Charterhouse. Gradually our defence began to knit itself together, our half-backs began to be successfully *constructive*, and not, as before, only unsuccessfully *destructive*, and our forwards began to swing the ball from one side of the field to the other—the play became faster and faster, and twice we came very near to scoring, once from a very swift cross shot from Lonsdale off a free kick—it was brilliantly saved—and once when Cooper headed the ball against the cross-bar, with our opponents' goalkeeper well beaten. Our reward soon came: from a *mêlée* in front of goal Symington timed one with his head perfectly, and in it went into the net. All square again, and a shaky start nobly retrieved. Again and again the visiting forwards swept down on our goal, but every minute our defenders seemed to be stiffening, each attack was broken before it reached the danger point, and our forwards from time to time would relieve the pressure by taking the ball up the field again with well conceived concerted movements. Five minutes before half-time Wingate gave a gem of an opening to Mackenzie, which left him in front of the goal with only the keeper to defeat—he did not fail, and banged the ball in hard and true. When the whistle went we were leading by a goal, and were just about value for it, we think.

Fast as the game had been previously, the pace became terrific after the resumption. The visitors pressed very hard for five minutes and nearly scored. But our side, inspired by Cooper's example, soon recovered, and from that point till ten minutes from the end we were undoubtedly the superior side. It was during that fateful thirty minutes that we clinched the match, and splendid side as our opponents were throughout, we think that it *was* on the score of that half-hour that we deserved our victory on the day's play. We exerted tremendous pressure, and rarely have we seen our side maintain such an intense and sustained attack. When the second half was fifteen minutes old, Lonsdale took the ball down on the right, transferred, as far as we could see, to Cooper, who scored

with a glorious shot, which, curling all the way, went in just under the bar high up to the goalkeeper's left. Three goals to one! Then during further sustained pressure one of the Charterhouse backs had the real bad luck to deflect another shot of Cooper's into his own goal—we must say, though, that the unfortunate defender had no other course but to stick out a leg, as the ball was going into the goal, with the goalkeeper quite unsuspected. So he may take comfort from that. Between our third and fourth goal Charterhouse had had a great break away, and would have scored had not Bompas run out and brilliantly deflected the ball over the bar with the tips of his fingers. There was only ten minutes left now, and we looked certain winners, and then it was that our adversaries made their last effort, and a right gallant one it was. It crowned the match as an exciting and thrilling spectacle. Down the touch-line went the Charterhouse outside-right with the ball at his toes—over it came, a perfect centre, and one of the inside forwards crashed it into the net without hesitation—a beautiful goal, and, from a sheer football point of view perhaps the best of the match. But this was not all—straight from the ensuing kick-off our opponents centre-forward went right through, drew the last back, and left his inside-right with a clear run in, but Bompas again saved miraculously, and, just getting a touch, turned the ball only a couple of inches wide of the post. Nearly 4-3, and after that anything might have happened, but in the last three or four minutes we settled down again, and when the final whistle went were again making determined raids on the Charterhouse goal.

Both sides were, on that day at any rate, magnificent. We thought the Charterhouse forwards slightly superior to ours in the art of positioning themselves for the through pass, but there was very little to choose between the two vanguards. Our defence, though, we thought to be definitely cleverer as a complete system, and we held a distinct advantage at centre and right-half, and at right-back. This turned the scale. Both goalkeepers were very good indeed. Bompas played the game of his life. Evans and Luard hardly made a mistake, the former being, we thought, the best footballer on the field. Wingate tackled relentlessly, and fed his forwards beautifully with his little push passes made with the instep. Lonsdale was at his best, and we know what that means. His great physical strength and weight was much in evidence. Ryland played pluckily and held his wing in check for the most part, but should try and keep on his feet more successfully. Of our forwards, Cooper made a wonderful return to form, and we owe a great deal of our victory to him for the admirable way in which he kept his line

together and distributed the ball to his two wings. In addition, he gave moral encouragement and inspiration to his whole team—this match should amply repay him for all the bad luck he has suffered individually this term. Symington was as clever and had as keen an eye for the making of an opening as ever, while we thought Mackenzie excellent, especially for the way in which he got quickly off the mark and under way with the ball at his feet. Graham and Thomson on the wings ably completed an energetic and forceful forward line.

For Charterhouse we would wish to single out the outside-left, who showed a beautiful style, and who was the quickest moving player on the field (that is saying a great deal). Surely he is a great player in the making?

A great match and a great display of football—both sides played to the top of their form, and both should earn our grateful thanks for having given us such a wonderful ninety minutes entertainment. Matches such as these should keep the flag of Amateur Association Football flying bravely enough.

D. J. K.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; J. D. Evans, J. K. Luard; C. E. Lonsdale, P. C. F. Wingate, D. E. Ryland; H. J. Thomson, I. W. A. Symington, K. H. L. Cooper, M. Mackenzie, H. B. Graham.

Charterhouse.—I. T. McGaw; G. O. S. Stiven, J. W. R. Hunt; K. L. Stock, C. Middleton, A. J. Wreford-Brown; C. R. Spencer, L. S. Cohen, F. R. S. Jeavons, J. L. H. Fletcher, R. W. Craddock.

The Captain of Football wishes to thank all O.W.W. who have sent him congratulations on the result of the match.

COLTS' MATCHES.

WESTMINSTER *v.* LANCING.

(*Won*, 3-1.)

Played at Vincent Square on November 1. The pitch was fairly hard with little wind, and in consequence a fast game resulted. Westminster adapted themselves to the conditions better than Lancing, and our forwards, with Broadhurst at his best, were very effective. Westminster scored first through Byrne, who turned a centre from Lonsdale into the net with a low shot, and a second through Broadhurst. Broadhurst shot the third also. Lancing had bad luck on several occasions, but one of our defence always seemed to get across in time. The halves worked hard, Gibbens being prominent. Colt-Williams was rather safer than Ivanovic, with Mangeot playing a spectacular but dangerous game in goal.

It was an open game, but when Westminster settled down to it they gained the upper hand and maintained their supremacy to the end.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HIGHGATE.

(*Won*, 3-1.)

Played at Highgate on November 10. It was raining hard, the ground became increasingly heavy and the ball increasingly slippery, but good control was shown, and when the Westminster defence had adapted itself to the shortness of the ground the whole team played with a thoroughly dashing and winning spirit. Lonsdale, whose play on the right wing, as well as that of Byrne on the left, was noticeably good, scored the first goal for Westminster, and Highgate scored their goal immediately afterwards.

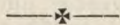
Westminster continued to attack, and two more goals were scored by Argyle. Argyle as centre-forward kept the forward line well together, and Gibbens was an indefatigable and most effective centre-half.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ALDENHAM.

(*Won*, 7-3.)

This game was played on November 22 under deplorable conditions, as the ground was very muddy and driving rain rendered accurate football almost impossible, and in view of this the play was magnificent. We think there can be very little doubt that Westminster were the better side in every department. Our forwards were quick off the mark, and the whole team's play in mid-field was a delight to watch. We were superior in the first half, but from many good opportunities we only managed to get *one* in, Argyle scoring after a fine combined movement, which made football look easy. We should have had several more before half-time, but the ball was very heavy and the pitch was sticky and becoming more so every minute. Soon after half-time Aldenham scored a very good goal, which, however, only urged us on to such efforts that by glorious football from the whole team we put on six goals before time. Tetley-Jones claimed three of these, the last a fine shot, Broadhurst two, and Lonsdale one. Aldenham replied with two more, but were rather outplayed in this half. It is hard to pick out any members of the team as meriting special praise, but Broadhurst, who played a real captain's game, gave an exhibition of ball control and good passing which was really superb under such conditions. The other forwards were excellent, the inside men, Argyle and Tetley-Jones, working hard, and they were supported by a half-back line which was devastating in its destructive power, while being very effective in constructive play. Gibbens, we feel, should not dribble quite so much, but otherwise his play was of a very high order. McNeil and Colt-Williams were a very safe pair of backs, and

Mangeot gave a sound performance in goal. The whole team in the second half played with a thrustful and winning spirit which was inspiring to see.



THE WATER.

THE ROUSE BALL CUP.

First heat, Tuesday, October 23.—Rigaud's (Middlesex Station) beat Ashburnham (Surrey Station).

The race was rowed up river, when the water was very low and when the tide, just turning, gave little help to the crews. Starting from the University Boat Race stone, the crews got away level, and kept abreast for the first minute, A.H.H. striking the faster stroke; RR. began to go up at the London Rowing Club, and were half a length ahead at the School Boathouses. From here they gradually went away; at Beverley there was a length of daylight between the boats; Rigaud's continued to work hard, though not very well together, and travelling fast over the last half of the course they beat their less experienced opponents by $5\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 6 minutes 42 seconds.

Rigaud's.—J. A. Titcomb (*bow*), P. G. A. Diack (2), S. W. Eaton (3), L. A. F. Buckney (*stroke*), H. G. N. Allen (*cox*).

Ashburnham.—A. M. Spurgin (*bow*), R. W. Smith (2), A. F. L. Beeston (3), G. B. Aris (*stroke*), F. M. Hardie (*cox*).

Second heat, Thursday, October 25.—Home Boarders (Middlesex Station) beat King's Scholars (Surrey Station).

The crews rowed down stream from the Mile Post to the University Boat Race stone. Home Boarders started at 32 strokes a minute, dropping to 30, King's Scholars started at 36 and dropped to 34. K.S.S. led by a quarter of a length for the first minute, but H.B.B. came up along the fence and gained half a length's lead. K.S.S. held them for a time, but just before Beverley H.B.B. went up very quickly, and they led by two lengths of daylight at the Boat House; here the H.B.B. bow caught a bad crab, but although the K.S.S. made an effort, he extricated his oar with such skill that the H.B.B. got away before being overtaken. Rowing very steadily and well, they won by four lengths in 5 minutes 23 seconds.

Home Boarders.—R. H. M. Strong (*bow*), C. S. Humphreys (2), G. A. Ellison (3), A. O. B. Weigall (*stroke*), G. W. Scott (*cox*).

College.—L. D. S. ten Doesschate (*bow*), I. C. Allen (2), C. M. Harrison (3), J. H. Lee (*stroke*), A. C. Baines (*cox*).

Third heat, Thursday, October 25.—Rigaud's (Surrey Station) beat Grant's (Surrey Station).

This race was rowed immediately after that between H.B.B. and K.S.S. Although Grant's were

out of their class in this race, they put up a plucky fight, and showed that there is promising material in their House, which may yet do well in House races. Rigaud's gained a length in the first ten strokes, but Grant's hung on well, and at the fence RR. were only just clear. Here Rigaud's went away to win by 5 lengths in 5 minutes 29 seconds.

The Final Race, Saturday, October 27.—Home Boarders (Middlesex Station) beat Rigaud's (Surrey Station).

The domicile of the Rouse Ball Cup for the coming year was decided in the last race of the day, after the Junior Trial Fours and Junior Trial Eights. The crews rowed over the Mile Course down stream. Home Boarders led from the start, and over most of the course they had just over a length's lead. Rowing very steadily they kept away from their opponents, in spite of their determined efforts to regain the lead, and won a good race by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 4 minutes 50 seconds.

REMARKS ON THE CREWS.

Rigaud's, as usual, produced a hard-working crew, but they were never really together, and tended to rush up on their slides. As a crew they did not have a steady swing forward, with their heads and shoulders help up easily, and with the stomach sinking down and forward between the legs—in fact they did not get out to a strong forward position.

Grant's were well stroked by O'Malley, who gave his men plenty of time, and got the most out of them; but they had not yet learnt to spring hard at the water and to hold on to the stroke steadily at the finish.

Ashburnham, like Grant's, lacked strength in their boat. Their chief fault was a liability to get short in the swing: this was due to the body swing not being made from the lowest joints, and to the knees coming up too easily. Another way of putting it, is to say that their shortness was due to 'riding up on the slide.'

College, after their victory over the Town Boys last term, were disappointing. In the race they did not do justice to the strength in their boat; but all through practice they gave the impression of being ponderous and clumsy.

Home Boarders rowed in a style that was definitely of a different class to that of any of their opponents. They are to be congratulated on putting on the river a really good crew. The crew was well together and had a long, even swing, their blades were long through the water, and in the race Weigall and Ellison never allowed themselves to be hurried by the other crew. Weigall all through stroked with calmness and good judgment.

THE JUNIOR TRIAL FOURS AND JUNIOR TRIAL EIGHTS.

These races were rowed on Saturday, October 27, before the final of the Rouse Ball Cup. In the Trial Fours, which were rowed from the end of the fence to the Mile Post, Bridgewater's crew (Surrey Station) beat Shearman's (Middlesex) by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 4 minutes 15 seconds, after having led by one length as far as the School Boathouses. The race was started and umpired by Mr. MacDonnell.

Bridgewater's Crew.—Daws (*bow*), Pattisson (2) Colman (3), Bridgewater (*stroke*), Acton-Bond (*cox*).

Shearman's Crew.—Evers (*bow*), Dolvée (2), Procter (3), Shearman (*stroke*), Ventura (*cox*).

The Junior Trial Eights race, which was rowed in fixed seat clinker eights, was a fine struggle between two evenly matched crews. The course was down tream from the Mile Post to the Stone on a good ebb. Mr. Fisher's crew was stroked by G. A. Lewis and had the Middlesex station, Mr. MacDonnell's crew was stroked by J. W. S. Sprigge, who drew the Surrey station. Both crews started with a good will; Lewis, putting in a fast 40 strokes, lead out by a length: they held this lead over most of the course, but Sprigge came up at the end, and the Middlesex crew steering over to the Middlesex shore, the Surrey crew won by a canvas. The race was started and umpired by Mr. Franklin.

Mr. MacDonnell's Crew.—Howlett (*bow*), T. H. M. Edwards (2), Phillips (3), Bramhall (4), E. R. C. Lewis (5), Elliston (6), Somerset (7), Sprigge (*stroke*), F. R. Bailey (*cox*).

Mr. Fisher's Crew.—Browne (*bow*), Sammell (2), Lea (3), Hinks (4), Cherry (5), Chalk (6), Murray (7), G. A. Lewis (*stroke*), Pinder-Wilson (*cox*).

Before the races on October 27, the new Boat-house was opened by Mr. E. F. Knapp-Fisher, O.W., who was introduced by the Head of the Water, G. A. Ellison. Mr. Knapp-Fisher, after a few words on Westminster rowing a hundred years ago and after thanking Mr. Franklin for all the trouble he had taken over the new annexe, cut the pink ribbon across the doors of the new Boathouse and declared it open.

We have to thank Mr. E. F. Knapp-Fisher for a new and much-needed flag for the Boathouse, and Mrs. Knapp-Fisher for the gift of a chair to the Pinks' Room.

Four light carvel-built fours have arrived, purchased from Eton. These will be used for the senior house races.

On probably December 13 there will be rowed an interesting array of races, in which all Watermen in their various Divisions will take part. Division I consists of four eights, consisting of mixed crews

of junior and senior oarsmen. It is hoped that the younger oarsmen will learn much from rowing behind experienced backs: at all events practice is proving very enjoyable, and we look forward to the day when the four eights dash off together. The other Divisions are rowing in fours.

On December 11, 13 and 15 will be rowed the heats and final of the Handicap Sculling Races for coxes and spare men of the Divisions.

The following table will be of interest to Watermen and others:—

<i>Winners of Cups.</i>	1926-7.	1927-8.	1928-9.
Town Boys' and King's Scholars' Race	T.B.B.	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i>)
Town Boys' Rudder	H.BB.	RR.	(<i>Lent Term.</i>)
Rouse Ball Cup ...	H.BB.	RR.	H.BB.
Burton and Colquhoun Sculls ...	K.SS.	H.BB.	(<i>Lent Term.</i>)
School Pair-Oars ...	<i>None.</i>	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i>)
Junior-Senior Fours	A.HH.	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i>)
Junior Fours ...	A.HH.	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i>)
Novices' Fours ...	<i>None.</i>	A.HH.	(<i>Lent Term.</i>)
Junior-Senior Sculls	RR.	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i> <i>second half.</i>)
Junior Sculls ...	GG.	K.SS.	(<i>Election Term.</i> <i>first half.</i>)

FENCING.

FENCING was first introduced into the School as long ago as 1860, when a medal for foil competition was offered. But although for many years a number of matches was fought, scarcely any encounter was won until the beginning of last Lent Term, when we decisively beat Dulwich 22-10. Since then we have continued our successes, and now the wins exceed the losses by a considerable margin. This term we have beaten, among others, Eton, Pangbourne and Bedford, and have thereby so widened our experience that now we may say that Westminster ranks with the foremost in public school fencing.

The team at the present moment is, for foil and épée, Hoppé, White, Paterson; and for sabre Edwards T., replaces Paterson. Davies has also fought fourth foil successfully and Edwards fourth épée. Our representatives in the Junior Épée Competition, which is about to be fought, are Hoppé and Paterson, and we wish them the best of luck. With two more matches yet to be fought, the results up to date are:—

v. O.WW. (*won*, 19-8); *v. Pangbourne* (*won*, 11-7); *v. Ebury F.C.* (*lost*, 9-8); *v. Imperial College* (*won*, 14-13); *v. University College 'A'* (*won*, 16-13); *v. Stowe* (*lost*, 26-15); *v. Eton* (*won*, 16-13); *v. Bedford* (*won*, 14-11); *v. Harrow* (*lost*, 11-5).

Marriage.

SILVER WEDDING.

WATHERSTON-CLARKE.—On October 24, 1903, Charles Fell Watherston to Constance Eva, daughter of the late Thomas Worthington Clarke.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

HENRY CECIL SOTHERAN was the son of Henry Sotheran, head of the well-known firm of Henry Sotheran & Co., booksellers to H.M. the King. He was born in 1861 and was at Westminster from 1874 to 1880. In due course he succeeded his father as the sole head of the great firm of booksellers. He was himself of a very retiring disposition, preferring to live in the country rather than to take an active part in the actual work of the firm. In 1893 he married a sister of his School friend, Horace J. M. Knight-Bruce. He died as the result of a street accident on October 15.

On the same day there died the Rev. WILLIAM THORLEY GIGNAC HUNT, who, at the time of his death, must have been one of the oldest Old Westminsters. He was admitted eighty years ago on September 22, 1848, and four years later became a Q.S. He acted Geta in the 'Phormio' of 1855. In 1856 he was elected to Ch.Ch. In 1861, after first of all studying law, he was ordained and became Vicar of Prestwood in 1866. But much of his clerical work was afterwards to be done in the London diocese, and for many years he was connected with St. Mark's, Notting Hill, and with the Church of the Annunciation, Marylebone. In 1924, when well over 80, he retired from active work and went to live at Ealing, where he died in his 91st year.

CHARLES HOWARD AUGUSTINE REECE, who died on October 2, was a son of Richard Marsden Reece, of Furnival's Inn, and was one of three brothers who were at Westminster in the early '70's. He was admitted as a Home Boarder in June, 1873, but in 1875 became a Boarder up Rigaud's. He left at Christmas, 1875, and was admitted a solicitor in June, 1883. Until his health failed he was a regular attendant at the Play and Election Dinner. He married in September, 1888, Eliza Helen, daughter of Mrs. Fleming Wilson, and had an only son who was up Rigaud's from 1920 to 1924, and was in the Westminster VIII in 1923-24.

Correspondence.

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November 9, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In a notice of the 'Record of O.W.W.' in the 'Contemporary Review' of September last a hope is expressed that Dr. Rutherford's original Admission Book may be restored to the School.

It may be well, therefore, to save useless search in the future to state that from a letter of Mr. John Sargeant to Mr. Russell Barker, dated August 23, 1915, this Admission Book was destroyed 'in accordance with Rutherford's wishes.'

Yours obediently,

ALAN H. STENNING.

November 16, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—As a constant reader, may I be permitted to offer one or two suggestions.

While rejoicing at the revival of Water, I am unable to understand why every minor race should be reported and the names of the contestants given, while no report is ever given of Colts' matches at cricket or football, and only very rarely are the doings of the Second Eleven chronicled.

The invaluable almanack supplied by the Elizabethan Club to its members gives the dates of such matches (and not of the minor rowing events). But the Elizabethan authorities would appear to consider them of no importance whatever. Every junior oarsman who can row in any kind of race obtains publicity at the outset of his career. But the cricketer or footballer has to wait almost until he gets his 'Pinks' before he comes before the public of THE ELIZABETHAN.

The great majority of O.W.W. must necessarily have been Town Boys, and from time to time a wail goes up from THE ELIZABETHAN for more subscriptions from O.W.W. But no attempt is made to cater for this great majority by reporting, or even giving the results of the House Shield matches (cricket and football). Needless to say, the Rouse Ball Cup races are reported at length.

It was not always thus. In the early 'eighties,' when I was at School, reports of House matches were given.

I believe that the Watermen are in a minority by more than two to one. Then why this apparent favouritism to Water?

I looked in vain in the October ELIZABETHAN for the result of the Wellington match. It was not reported, though the T.B.B. and K.S.S. match received due notice.

Surely all matches against other schools should be reported. I may add that this is by no means the first case of such an omission. If lack of space be an objection, I would suggest that reports of concerts, musical entertainments, and the Debating Society be abbreviated. They are of no special interest to your readers, unless they happen to be performers or debaters.

To conclude. I do not ask for lengthy reports (except, perhaps, in the case of inter-School matches), but at least a summary of results might be given.

Hoping that you may find it possible to insert this letter.

Yours, etc.,

P. H. J.

WESTMINSTER.
November 19, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—This year November 17 fell on a Saturday, and fortunately coincided with the date of the School's chief football match.

May I make the suggestion that in future years Commemoration is held on the third Saturday in November? It should not be difficult to obviate any statute which demands the observance of the seventeenth, and it would then be easier for men at the universities to be present. And if one of the important matches were played in the afternoon more Old Westminsters might be able to attend both functions. As the Charterhouse match would only be played at Vincent Square in every other Commemoration year, it might be possible to fix the match with the Old Westminsters for the third Saturday in November, especially as there are difficulties in the way of its taking place at the end of term.

Further, I should like to suggest that a School Communion Service for present and past Westminsters is held in the Abbey at 9 o'clock on that morning. I am, in fact, inclined to favour the cessation of ordinary School work, but I must leave it to others to suggest intellectual pursuits for the morning worthy of the religious, social and athletic activities of the rest of the day.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
D. C. SIMPSON.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

The Boys' Magazine (2), *The Wellingtonian*, *The Cheltonian*, *The Wykehamist* (3), *The Eton College Chronicle* (5), *The Haileyburian* (2), *The Meteor* (2), *The Harrovian* (2), *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *The Corian* (2), *The St. Peter's College Magazine*, *The Salopian* (2), *The Reptonian*, *The Malburian*, *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Cliftonian*, *The Johnian*, *The Lancing College Magazine*, *The Pauline*, *The Felstedian*, *The Malvernian*, *The Dovorian*, *The Panorama*, *The Stonyhurst Magazine*, *The Fettesian*, *The Royal Air Force Cadet College Magazine*, *The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *The Hermes*, *The Carthusian* (2), *The Shirburnian*, *The Blue* (2), *The Alleynian* (2), *The Radleian*.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

ALL our activities at Napier Hall are in full swing.

The Mission Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m., in the Club Rooms upstairs. The Scouts in the large Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8 p.m., and the Wolf Cubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We are always ready to welcome the help or the visit of any Westminster.

Our immediate need is for some boys' books for the Library, especially adventure stories. Any such gift sent to the Napier Hall or 74, Vincent Street, will be gratefully acknowledged.

Last year four Westminsters opened a Debate, which led to a good discussion among our Club members. The Rev. C. S. Morton, 34, Gloucester Street, S.W. 1, will be glad to learn that Westminster is willing to repeat this most successful experiment.

The Committee have asked J. G. H. Baker to act for the Mission in the School, and he would receive and hand on any books for the Library.

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.

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