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In the British Museum are housed files containing the back numbers of every periodical published in this country for years past. THE ELIZABETHAN reposes there with its contemporaries; perhaps an enthusiast has been found, or will be found, to turn its leaves and wonder at the change which has taken place in its contents in the sixty years of its existence. True, the Fields, the Water, the Play, the Obituary, and Correspondence appeared in 1874 as they do to-day—but with a difference. The Eleven *v.* the Twenty-two (the second eleven playing the first could only score four runs, of which two were byes), positions in the Oral Challenge, lithographs of the Play and the School buildings, and editorial expositions of football tactics have all disappeared; Debating Society meetings, reported at length, resulting in the decisive rejection of such motions as "that in the opinion of this House War is a bad thing"; lists of Westminster Worthies (the forerunners of the Record)—all these may furnish excellent material for a future social historian or for

another Karl Marx prosecuting his researches in the reading room.

In the interval Elizabeth may appear to have "gone gay"—to have become Lizzy—by the adoption of new dresses and new diversions; but THE ELIZABETHAN, while primarily a chronicle of the School's functions and activities and literary aspirations, should also reflect the feelings of Westminsters in matters which directly affect the School. The Correspondence columns—columns then, but inches now—once caused an editor, long-suffering always, to complain that his readers were too much inclined to rash ideas of pulling down the school and substituting for its well-known features swimming baths, a library, fives courts, tennis courts, a skating rink. The Scott Library was established as a direct result of pressure in THE ELIZABETHAN, and other examples might be cited. To-day the post-war attitude is apparent; except for routine letters, few of any interest come to the editor. He receives weekly a bulletin from the Boy Scout

movement, but that is all he can count on. Everyone is resigned or determined to put up with what is here: can it be that Westminster is perfect?

The Editor, then, adopting a device employed by a predecessor in the opposite circumstances, writes a letter for his own columns:—

To the Readers of The Elizabethan.

SIRS,—I find your correspondence uninteresting, and I shall probably resort in future to dismissing it with pithy remarks without even printing the effusion itself—a practice frequent in publications with less principle but with greater apparent circulation than my own. If you wish to avoid this summary treatment, I ask you to follow these directions.

When you have decided that “something must be done about it” do not merely tell it to a few friends, or growl the original grievance to yourself, but bring it to the light of day in the manner indicated. Only so will the people who are responsible be properly impressed, and, if the suggestion is worthy of yourselves, you will find it adopted. I must, of course, reserve the privilege in certain circumstances of keeping such correspondence for my own delight and for the prevention of possible misunderstandings; but I assure you that your remarks will interest not only myself but more other readers than you might have imagined.

I am, Sirs, your obedient and, by now, thoroughly frightened servant, THE EDITOR.

“OUR CONTEMPORARIES”

So far as we know, the English public school and its descendants in America and the Dominions alone have magazines in which they record events of interest to themselves. Of these, the magazines of our own country alone can lay claim to the title of a school chronicle, for the American magazines resemble a news-sheet more than anything else. Yet our own chronicles have room for much improvement; their fault lies generally in a refusal to alter much that is out of date and antiquated. The formation of new societies and the adoption of new sports mean a constant change in the matter of a magazine; yet reports of meetings are included haphazardly, and literary articles are inserted as gilt on the otherwise uninteresting gingerbread; the result is to give a patchwork effect to the whole, as if it were a scrapbook and not a coherent magazine. It must be said in fairness that some schools have made a long-needed reconstruction in the form of their chronicles; of these Marlborough and Harrow now produce very good magazines, which are pleasant to look at and contain excellent articles. But there is still a great deal to be done; one college still produces a magazine with uncut pages, and many others are still printed in unreadable type.

The majority of magazines may be placed under two headings—those for purely esoteric

use, and those intended for the outside world to read. The former are chronicles pure and simple, containing only reports of school activities, written for the most part in an extremely colloquial style; as every one in the school knows the contents of the magazines already, one may justly wonder what use it serves. It can only be concluded that they are solely for the perusal of the old boys. Yet there are many schools that are not content merely to have a dull chronicle of school life, and they supply what the others lack in interest. The standard of literary talent is usually high, and the articles are intelligible to an outsider. The verse is naturally immature; but the efforts are in many cases better than the tailpieces in weekly publications.

Finally, may we be allowed a complaint against the editorials? Editors are inclined to shirk their duties. The difficulties of writing a good editorial on the same subjects when nearly everything has been said before must not be underestimated; but the editor of the *Eton College Chronicle* produces an editorial—a good editorial—every week. Elsewhere the task is often delegated to a games master, who has to invent something to say in addition to what has been written already in the sports columns. Occasionally the editorial is left out, or a report

of some school event apologetically inserted in its place. Surely it should not be difficult for the editor to find some subject to write about, even at the risk of plagiarising his predecessors.

What should a school magazine be? It is difficult to lay down definite requirements, as different schools demand a varying form. But a magazine should always have good, thin paper, and clear type; the subjects should be kept strictly to their own headings; verse, for instance, should not be inserted between "School Notes" and football columns. The magazine ought to have a cover, if it is a magazine of any pretensions and not issued every week or fortnight. The size is a question of personal taste; an octavo magazine is easier to post, while a quarto magazine is pleasanter to read; on the whole the quarto is preferable, since it enables its editor to plan his subjects in an orderly fashion. The magazine should contain enough of literary or topical interest to balance the news articles; there is often too much space given to articles on sport, which could more profitably be used for literary subjects. We have mentioned before that the magazine should contain an editorial; for the rest, it should be left to the editor to see that it has the greatest possible appeal for the greatest number of readers—not merely for those who delight in seeing their names in print.

(To be continued.)

[The Editor wishes it to be understood that this is an expression of his reviewer's opinion, and does not necessarily agree with his own feelings.]

1933

II.—FIELDS

THE entrance to Vincent Square used to be a deplorably undignified affair; the visitor on his way to the pavilion was confronted by a forbidding iron fence which seemed to terminate in an abandoned enclosure, beyond which could be seen a side of the pavilion. The enclosure was a sad erection of sagging canvas, inadequately covering the remains of some wooden seats, their feet buried in heaps of sodden coke :

a fence of broken palings, once white, completed three sides of the enclosure, while a lean-to on the fourth side gave a rough shelter for deck-chairs. The pavilion itself, once reached, did not appear more favourable. The washing accommodation, especially for visiting teams, was rudimentary, nor was there any proper kitchen to provide teas. The whole effect was of haphazard untidiness.

Now, however, things are very different up Fields, and it is difficult to realise the conditions which existed until a short time ago.

A completely new flat-roofed annexe has been built on the east side of the pavilion. It comprises a large tea-room, a ladies' entrance, and an efficient kitchen and store-room. The tea-room is panelled with Columbian plywood and has a tiled floor: the furniture is steel, designed to fit together and be stored compactly: there is a long teak counter for dispensing tea, which runs into the adjoining kitchen. The rest of the new building is taken up by a ladies' stand and cloak-room. In the building the main feature of interest is the solution of the problem how—with a minimum of blank wall space—to dispose of three separate ranges of sliding doors and windows, so as to remove the partition between tea-room and ladies' stand, and simultaneously to throw open the front of both these sections of the building. This has been done so successfully that either may be cut off from the other completely, and retain the front open, or both may be thrown into one. In the pavilion itself new bathing facilities have been provided. A white-tiled bathroom, equipped with the latest showers, and a tiled plunge bath, 2 ft. 6 in. deep and 12 ft. square, have been built behind the visitors' room, which as well as the Pinks' room has been re-panelled and fitted with new wash-basins. To supply all these fittings a new hot-water plant has been installed (which makes water really hot). Other improvements are a new scullery for the ground staff, a new machine-shed, and remodelled sanitary arrangements; the early 19th century idea of a pavilion—the range of sheds flanking the "Old Lodge"—has been cleaned, refitted and re-roofed to provide a groundsman's room, a deck-chair store, and a building for nets, fertiliser and other stores.

In connexion with the pavilion alteration, Mr. Humphrey Wyatt, O.W., has carried out the scheme which he suggested some years ago. It provides for the re-erection of the Ashburnham gates, to give a dignified entrance to the new car-park, in a stone-walled forecourt, with a new exit behind the pavilion. In front of the Old Lodge the generosity of Mr. E. R. B. Graham, O.W., has made possible the erection of a new flag-post. Finally, an excellent new scheme, which must be warmly commended, is on foot to equip the whole ground with teak seats of a dignified appearance. A beginning has been made by the presentation of a seat in memory of T. Staveley Oldham, O.W., which, we hope, will be the forerunner of many others.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1933-1934

It may be said at once that this year's Football XI has been the best since K. H. L. Cooper's highly successful one in 1928-9, and a comparison of the two, were there space, would be not uninteresting. The figures of this season read as follows: Played 24, Won 9, Lost 11, Drawn 4; Goals for 51, Goals against 67. In School matches we defeated Lancing, Malvern and Highgate, but were overcome by Charterhouse, Aldenham and Winchester. The matches against Aldenham and Winchester were to me, who watched the XI play throughout the season, great disappointments, as in neither of them did we show anything like our true form. On the other hand, it is a great satisfaction to be able to record at last our first victory over Malvern.

Two things stand out and call for comment this year. They are first the combined teamwork and method of the XI, and secondly the inspiring leadership both on and off the field of the captain, C. F. Byers. These two things, of course, are closely connected: indeed the former would have been impossible without the latter. Byers has been in this respect the successor of Cooper, and everyone should realise how much the XI and the School as a whole owe to his inspiring energy on the one hand and his ability as an organiser on the other.

The success of the XI was due almost entirely, I should say, to their playing according to a

carefully worked out and well understood plan. Their defensive system was admirably conceived and admirably carried out, and when it broke down, as it did on occasions, it was due not to any fault in itself, but to an intolerable strain being laid on it, owing to the inability of the forwards to sustain an attack. This weakness forward was in its turn the result of two things: primarily the ineffectiveness of our two wingers, and secondly the lack of thrust down the middle caused by the smallness in stature of the centre forward. Alderson was quite one of the best players on the side and no one could have put more "devil" into a game than he did, but his lack of inches made it impossible for him to reach the ball in the air and to force his way through a staunch defence by sheer weight. But the blame must lie principally on the wingers, who were given in match after match the opportunities to score and make for others three times the goals they did.

As I have said, the great merit of the side lay in their methods, and much of the credit for this must go to the untiring coaching and enthusiasm of H. A. White. It was a pleasure to see the ball kept so strictly on the ground, to watch the care with which a pass was made with all the accuracy possible, to notice the inside forwards running into open space to pick up a loose ball; the marking and positioning of the defence was almost always exemplary. Moreover the faults which I mentioned in last year's criticism, namely, failure in ball control, kicking and heading, were this year to a large extent remedied. In this respect I must mention Hebblethwaite and Symons, who displayed a technique of ball control and footwork very unusual in boys of their age, and Hobbs, whose heading was almost professional in its accuracy and power. We were lucky also in possessing in Béranger a goal-keeper far above the school-boy average (his absence in three matches in the Lent term emphasised his value to the side), and in Coleman a back of the highest promise. I shall not this year write detailed criticisms of the individual members of the XI, partly because space is lacking, but principally because my contention is that it was team work which brought our success, and that renders individual criticism superfluous.

The competition for the Senior House Cup held little interest this year, as it was obvious from the start that Homeboarders would win as they liked. They won all their matches by enormous margins without even being extended and were the strongest House XI I have seen here. They were in addition the only House side to adopt any settled plan, and this alone would have been enough to give them victory.

Before coming to an end, however, I do feel it necessary to say a brief word about the lack of enthusiasm in the School as a whole. There is a grim contrast between the enthusiasm displayed by the 1st XI, 2nd XI, Colts and Junior XI's and the lack of it in the rest of the School. It has been said sometimes in the past that you could not expect enthusiastic support from the School when the XI were doing badly. That is a poor argument anyway, and this year, when the XI has always provided eminently interesting football, and match after match has been full of excitement and interest right up to the final whistle, it has been proved to be no argument at all, as there has been noticeably no more enthusiasm. We have also tried the effect of making the watching of matches voluntary: there has been, so far as we can see, no effect. This is a sad thing to have to say, but I say it in the hope that every boy in the School will think it over for himself and then realise that it is his own special duty—and a duty which ought to bring pleasure with it—to support whole-heartedly his School in every aspect of its activities. Here is an example. When the XI went away to play Highgate in a most important match, the opportunity was given to all boys to go and watch the match. Less than forty did so. Think about that. c. H. T.

WESTMINSTER v. CORINTHIANS.

PLAYED FEBRUARY 13th; LOST 0—8.

In the first half the Corinthians were on top all the time, K. G. Hirst scoring their first goal soon after the kick off. This was shortly followed by two more from R. W. V. Robins and J. F. T. Toppin. Westminster, however, held their own after this and twice nearly succeeded in scoring. However, before half-time the Corinthians had scored four more goals, two by G. A. K. Collins, one by C. G. Toppin, and one by R. W. V. Robins. The second half was much more equal and Westminster kept the ball well away from their goal, although they themselves failed to score. Only once, about half way through the second half, when C. G. Toppin broke through, did the Corinthians score; after this there was no further score.

Westminster.—R. E. Lygon; R. W. Coleman, C. C. Klein; C. F. Byers, E. R. Hobbs, W. H. Studt; J. F. Turner, D. E. Samuel, H. F. B. Symons, E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, J. G. Corrie.

Corinthians.—J. E. B. Hill; R. H. Taylor, G. Dyas; J. V. Kingston, G. A. R. Green, J. L. T. Guise; K. G. Hirst, C. G. Toppin, R. W. V. Robins, J. F. T. Toppin, G. A. K. Collins.

WESTMINSTER v. CASUALS.

PLAYED FEBRUARY 17th; DRAWN 4—4.

J. Alderson scored the first goal for us soon after the kick off, giving us a lead which we did not long maintain, for M. R. Soper soon brought the score level. J. Alderson, however, again scored, but before half-time the Casuals scored twice more by H. R. Wilkins and M. R. Soper. We scored again after half-time by H. F. Symons, but they immediately followed this up by one more goal by M. R. Soper. H. F. Symons broke through just before time and shot, bringing the final score to 4 all.

Westminster.—P. F. Forbes; R. W. Coleman, C. C. Klein; D. E. Samuel, E. R. Hobbs, W. H. Studt; J. F. Turner, J. Alderson, H. F. Symons, E. C. Hebblethwaite, R. H. Angelo.

Casuals.—R. P. Wakeford; E. M. C. Heath, I. B. Ingal; R. V. Kimpton, H. W. Hewitt, G. W. Stallibrass; H. R. Wilkins, M. R. Soper, R. H. Heslop, D. E. Hacking, L. M. Harvey.

WESTMINSTER v. WINCHESTER.

PLAYED FEBRUARY 20th; LOST 0—3.

Westminster had in this match the disadvantage of playing without their captain, Byers, and with a goalkeeper only just returned from illness; but this cannot satisfactorily account for a deserved defeat. Winchester, on a strange ground, settled down more quickly than Westminster and almost in the first minute of the game were unlucky to have a good goal given offside. Directly after this there were two occasions when we might well have scored, but neither chance was accepted, and afterwards play in the first half was almost entirely confined to the Westminster side of the field. The backs had continually to clear attacks by the Winchester forwards, which should have been broken up by the halves, who were too inclined to leave their tackle late and to confuse the backs. The Winchester forwards were quick on to the ball all this half, and it was seldom that the Westminster forwards received constructive passes from their halves: when they did the inside and centre-forwards made good use of them. But the attacking in the first half was mostly by Winchester, and it was only due to fine play by the backs, especially Coleman, that enabled us to finish the first half only one goal behind Winchester, whose outside right, C. P. Greenway, scored just before the interval with a hard cross shot. From the beginning of the second half, Westminster made a determined effort to draw level. The forwards took most of the chances that were offered them, and some clever constructive football was played in the centre of the field. Alderson was unlucky not to score from a difficult position with a well judged drop shot, which hit the crossbar. The wings, however, failed to get the ball into the centre consistently, and many dangerous movements came to an end when the ball was passed out to them.

Winchester possessed forwards who were fast and played an open game which our halves could not adequately control: several times a long pass from one side of the field to the other found our defence out of position, and it was from one of these that the Winchester outside-left, H. G. Wrinch, scored soon after play had started again,

Westminster, however, continued to press and Alderson again nearly scored with a shot which just cleared the crossbar: our halves gave their forwards many more opportunities, and for a time it seemed that we might at least level the score. But Winchester again broke away to score, from a low hard drive by H. G. Wrinch. Béranger, in spite of his illness, was playing a brilliant game and saved many dangerous situations, but he was perhaps a little below form. Finally, after desultory Westminster attacks, the whistle blew for time with Winchester ahead by three goals to none.

It was an unsatisfactory match, for neither side played good football; Westminster, handicapped by the absence of Byers, were well below their usual form, and played together only for a short time in the second half, when the short passing game might have brought a score. But the outsiders were never able to complete the sometimes brilliant work of the insides. The long open passes of Winchester on the fast and accurate ground upset our defence, which could not sufficiently feed the forwards. Winchester played more together and so deserved their victory over a side which was at times brilliant individually, but seldom as a whole team.

Westminster.—S. C. Béranger; C. C. Klein, R. W. Coleman; W. H. Studt, E. R. Hobbs, D. E. Samuel; R. H. Angelo, E. C. Hebblethwaite, J. Alderson, H. F. Symons; J. F. Turner.

Winchester.—A. D. Murray; H. H. Baird, H. A. S. Disley; W. B. Foster, J. D. Eggar, W. E. D. Paul; C. P. Greenway, R. K. Cornwallis, J. N. Grover, A. B. Kingsley, H. G. Wrinch.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

PLAYED FEBRUARY 24th; LOST 0—4.

The Westminster team was in "end of season" form and easily succumbed to an Old Westminster team not so strong as that which it had beaten in December. The School's forward play was noticeably inferior, particularly in front of the goal.

I. K. Munro scored twice in the first half and once in the second; H. B. Graham added the fourth goal.

Westminster.—S. C. Béranger; R. W. Coleman, C. C. Klein; D. E. Samuel, E. R. Hobbs, W. H. Studt; J. A. G. Corrie, H. F. B. Symons, J. Alderson, E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, C. F. Byers.

Old Westminsters.—D. A. Bompas; W. H. D. Wakely, J. M. Evans; W. A. Symington, R. W. Edgar, D. E. Ryland; N. P. Andrews, K. H. L. Cooper, I. K. Munro, C. H. Taylor, H. B. Graham.

THE SECOND XI, 1933-1934

After a shaky start, the 2nd XI settled down into a fairly good side and had on the whole a successful season. Though rather small, the team played clever football, which, if they had been just a little quicker on the ball and more accurate in their kicking, might have become really good. At times they did very well against heavier and more experienced club teams, and in their chief School matches they won against Highgate (away), drew with Lancing, and just lost to Aldenham (away).

The team was:—

R. E. Lygon; R. F. Duncan, P. C. Belson; V. R. Ivanović, D. E. Samuel (capt.) or G. Holliday, N. Wallis; J. A. G. Corrie, E. A. Bompas (Lent term A. A. Bindloss), R. J. Arnold (or W. D. Scott), N. M. Beyts, F. F. Richardson (or G. M. Abrahams).

Matches played, 19; won 6, lost 10, drawn 3; goals for, 42, against, 66.

POLITICAL AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES

IN Play term the Headmaster spoke of impressions gained from his recent visit to Russia, Mr. Vyvyan Adams, M.P., on "The future of Europe," and F. M. Hardie, O.W., on "Will there be a War in 1935?" On December 1 Mr. Noel Baker gave the annual League of Nations address to the whole School, pointing out the necessity for whole-hearted support of the League by all Powers, since by no other means will European war be long averted. Since then Professor A. V. Hill, D.Sc., O.B.E., has spoken on "Science and Learning as common interests of Mankind," Baron Alexander Meyendorff on "The situation in Eastern Europe," and Professor H. J. Laski on "Liberty in the Modern State." On March 5 The Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, addressed the Political Society on British Commercial Policy, tracing its development since August, 1931, explaining the necessity for the imposition of import duties, and dealing with the successful negotiations leading to trade agreements with individual countries. Two terms of exceptionally interesting meetings were closed by Mr. A. L. Rouse on the "Future of Socialism," and an address by Professor Julian Huxley on "Science and Society."

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

DURING the past year the Society has been enabled considerably to extend its activities, and its thanks are due to all who have assisted it in the formation of its programme; particularly was the success of many visits due to F/O. H. R. A. Edwards, O.W.

In Election term members visited the London Air Force squadrons at Hendon, the Royal Air Force Experimental Establishment at Farnborough, Hornchurch R.A.F. aerodrome, and the Royal Air Force display at Hendon. Visits

were also made to Imperial Airways' Croydon aerodrome and to the King's Cup air race at Hatfield. In Play term members saw a demonstration of the Cierva Autogiro at Hanworth and the Handley Page factory at Cricklewood. Lectures were given by Squadron-leader Norman, of Heston Airport, on "Ground Organisation for air lines," and by Major Cooper, of the Air Ministry. The Headmaster has kindly allowed the Society to use a room in which a Jupiter aeroplane engine is now installed. Shell Mex, Ltd., lent a working model of the Curtis wind tunnel, used for pilots' instruction. Mr. J. S. Rudwick has consented to become Vice-president in place of Rev. G. Pentreath.

HALL EPIGRAMS

THE theses for Hall Epigrams for Election 1934 are:—(1) *θαυμάτων πέρα*. (2) *Vultus instantis tyranni*.

Contributions to the Budget should be sent to the Master of the K.S.S., 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1, on or before Monday, June 25th.

It is requested that each Epigram be written on a separate piece of paper, and on one side only.

Mr. D. C. Simpson has been appointed Master of the King's Scholars.

The design of the School arms on the cover of this issue has been prepared by Mr. A. S. H. Mills and executed by Mr. Harold Wolfenden. The design in use for the last 60 years was that of Sir Charles Brickdale (when a Third Election in College); it was redrawn after 5 issues of THE ELIZABETHAN, and opportunity was then taken to introduce the oars and bats in addition to the buildings and arms already shown.

The Editor, on looking over the files of THE ELIZABETHAN, finds that no copy of Volume V is among them. He would be grateful if any O.W. could help him to obtain either a bound volume or separate issues. He finds that he has two bound sets of volumes VIII-XII, which he would willingly exchange for the one he lacks. Any copies of Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 2, would also be welcomed.

A lecture-recital on the clarinet was given by Mr. C. Draper on January 29; on February 14 Miss Rose Morse sang a group of modern British songs, by Vaughan Williams, Peter Warlock, and William Walton, with explanation and accompaniment by Mr. R. G. Carritt; and on February 28 Mr. Harold Samuel gave a piano recital.

On February 7 Sir Wilfred Grenfell gave a lecture up School, illustrated with lantern slides, on Labrador and the work done there by his medical mission. On the following Wednesday Mr. Seton Gordon lectured on the Golden Eagle and other Scottish wild birds, showing some of his unique photographs. On March 2 Professor A. Newell, of the James Bryce Travelling Fellowship, lectured on the United States to-day under Mr. Roosevelt's government. On March 9 some members of the Pentacle Club, from Cambridge, gave an exhibition of their magic.

From *The Times* of 1833

WESTMINSTER PLAY.—Last night the King's Scholars on this foundation repeated their performance of the Phormio of Terence, to an overflowing audience. . . . After the play an epilogue was spoken, or rather acted, by the characters. It was full of point and humour, and elicited the loudest applause from the laughing visitors. It is disagreeable to notice anything that throws any slur upon the character of the minor arrangements, but it seems to us that a little care might have prevented hot potatoes being thrown about the seats during the performance. We saw one hit a gentleman and, breaking into 50 pieces, scatter its mealy favours upon the persons of all around, as far as a pretty wide circle went. This should be looked to in future; even the licence of the Saturnalia had its bounds.

On Friday last some of the Chambers belonging to St. Peter's College, Westminster, fell down, to the great Surprise of the Gentlemen that lay there; which being represented to Dr. Friend, the Head Master, Leave was given them to remove to private Lodgings. That Part of the Building having, it seems, been long propt, and is supposed to be as old as the Abbey.—*Daily Post*, Mon., Aug. 11, 1729.

FIVES

THIS game has been steadily increasing in popularity during the past few years, both among old and present Westminster. Considering the limited time available, the standard of play in the School is by no means low, and there has been great keenness both for the Senior and Junior House Cups and for the Open Handicap which is held every Lent term.

The number of matches which the School plays has now been raised to ten, which will probably be the maximum desirable. Although all the matches but two this season were lost, it was only a question of "finishing power," and our opponents always had to fight hard for every point. Three out of the four School matches were played away and were all lost; that played at Westminster was won. Our failure in away matches is partly due to our courts, which are exceptionally fast and of somewhat unusual dimensions. This encourages a specialised style of play which is fatal when adopted on courts of the usual nature, and our team was never able to settle down under the conditions which they encountered on visiting other schools. All the club games were played on the School courts, but only one resulted in a victory. This does not mean that we are much inferior to other players; for in these games too we always gave our opponents a hard fight. Let us hope, therefore, that the interest in Fives will not decrease, but, on the contrary, increase to such an extent that the standard of play will be correspondingly higher. Progress depends most of all on the keenness of the Juniors, as it will soon be their turn to play for the School, and their turn to encourage those younger than themselves.

The Juniors this year are distinctly promising, and with practice they should become really good players. It may be remarked for their encouragement that K. C. Gandar Dower, in an article in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News" a few weeks ago, ranked Eton Fives first out of all the ball games he had ever played.

The following are the results of the matches played this season:—

v. Old Carthusians	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—3
Aldenham (away)	Open	.....	.....	Lost	0—3
	Under 16	.....	.....	Lost	1—2
O.W.W.	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—3
Triflers	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—3
Old Citizens	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1—3
Lancing	Open	.....	.....	Drawn	2—2
	Under 16	.....	.....	Won	3—1
Charterhouse (away)	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—1
Highgate (away)	Open	.....	.....	Lost	0—2
	Under 16	.....	.....	Lost	0—2
St. Catharine's, Cambridge	.....	.....	.....	Won	4—0
Triflers	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1—3

The following have played for the School:—

J. F. Turner (capt.)	J. R. O'Brien.
J. Alderson.	D. B. Huxley.
A. A. Bindloss.	E. A. Bompas.
R. M. Mills.	J. O. H. Powell-Jones.
	C. M. O'Brien.
	Under 16.
C. M. O'Brien.	V. R. Ivanović.
T. C. Pearce.	D. L. Wilkinson.
A. F. Huxley.	K. S. Andrews.

J. F. T.

BOXING

THE School lost the match against Highgate by 3 fights to 5. The heavy-weight, J. R. O'Brien, and R. H. F. Scott, were both extremely unlucky in losing very even bouts. P. G. F. Rice-Stringer made good use of his long reach and won a fight in which he acted as substitute for N. M. Beyts, the captain, who unfortunately was unwell. N. Wallis won with a perfect knock-out in the second round. V. R. Ivanović, acting captain, outboxed his victor of last year. Two of the fights were abandoned owing to Rubella but, in spite of this, the evening showed a great variety of fights.

The teams and results were:—

Heavy-weight.	
C. H. Fenner (H.)	} H. on points.
J. R. O'Brien (W.)	
11 stone 6 lb.	
J. A. Mackintosh (H.)	} W. on points.
P. G. F. Rice-Stringer (W.)	
10 stone 7 lb.	
A. D. M. Livingstone (H.)	} H. in 1st round.
D. F. Currier (W.)	
9 stone 9 lb.	
A. G. A. Turnbull (H.)	} H. in 2nd round.
J. P. Rayne (W.)	

G. R. Lindsay (H.)	} W. in 2nd round.	9 stone.
N. Wallis (W.)		
R. Middleton (H.)	} H. on points.	8 stone 6 lb.
R. H. F. Scott (W.)		
R. L. Ziar (H.)	} W. on points.	8 stone.
V. R. Ivanovic (W.)		

J. A. Turnbull (H.)	} Abandoned.	7 stone 7 lb.
J. W. Woodbridge (W.)		
M. H. Webb (H.)	} Abandoned.	7 stone.
J. L. L. Orbak (W.)		
R. E. Chandler (H.)	} H. on points.	6 stone 7 lb.
K. F. Davies (W.)		

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

VINCENT SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

Public Schools Club,
61, Curzon St., W.1.

Sir,

On behalf of the General Committee of the Elizabethan Club, I am desired to ask you to publish this letter. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the Pavilion and the subsisting buildings attached to it at Vincent Square, notice of which was brought before the Club early in 1933, plans were obtained together with estimates to repair and remodel them.

At two Special General Meetings of the Club a sum of £600 was granted and a further sum of £1,000 from capital was lent by the Club to the Governing Body of the School for the purpose of doing the required works. Under the supervision of a Sub-Committee of the Club the work was duly carried out to the satisfaction of the School Architects.

The following improvements have been provided, viz. :—Tea room, ladies' cloak room; kitchens and serving accommodation; hot baths and shower baths for the visiting teams; a motor mower shed; and repairs to outbuildings, giving improved accommodation for the groundsman.

Simultaneously, under the supervision of the same Sub-Committee but at the charge of a generous Old Westminster, who has borne the whole cost, the following improvements have been made, viz. :—the entrance gates which formerly stood in front of Ashburnham House have been erected at the main entrance to Vincent Square and the ground between the gates and the Pavilion has been laid out as a drive and parking place. A carriage exit has also been made at the back of the Pavilion so that there need be no turning or reversing of cars.

The cost of that portion of the work falling on the original fund will amount to about £1,700, so that beyond the sums voted by the Club by way of gift and loan, a sum of £100 is still required. It is believed that this sum will be readily obtained when the above facts are brought to the notice of Old Westminsters through the medium of *The Elizabethan*.

I may take this opportunity to remind your readers that during the first half of the last cricket season the Elizabethan Club paid for the services of a professional coach for the younger boys, and that both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Russell

attach the greatest importance to the continuance of this coaching.

Subscriptions for the above-mentioned purposes will be gladly received and acknowledged by the Honorary Treasurer of the Club, Sir Ernest Goodhart, Bart., Benenden Place, Benenden, Kent.

Yours faithfully,

RALPH T. SQUIRE,
President of the Elizabethan Club.

A WESTMINSTER NOVEL

Sir,

For my sins, as people say, I have been reading *Big Ben Looks On*, and my first impression is that if Big Ben really watched the remarkable goings-on recounted in the book, Big Ben must have laughed. Or did he cry? For there is plenty to cry about. We all know from the Record of Old Westminsters that the School can boast among its sons a neat little bunch of murderers, but here we find another murderer of quite a new type, and in strange surroundings. Most murderers have had to provide their own lethal weapons, but in this case the murderer was so fortunate as to have a choice of four loaded rifles—all kept bright and ready for use in the School Armoury. He also was prudent enough to choose a time for his fell deed when no less than four other persons were supposed to be thirsting for the blood of his intended victim, who happened to be the somewhat unattractive Science master. These four were: (1) the charming Classical master, who suffered from an inferiority complex, thinking (erroneously, as it turned out) that his father had had a dreadful past, for which his rival the unattractive Science master would blackmail him; (2) the Captain of the School, who in the intervals between spouting the Prologue and acting in the Play and the Epilogue, amused himself by spooning fluffy Flossie in the dark corners of the cloisters, and was consequently and very properly reported to the Head Master by the unattractive Science master; (3) Fluffy Flossie's uncle, who, though he himself highly disapproved of Flossie's carryings-on, yet had a bitter grudge against the Science master for getting Flossie sacked; and lastly (4) the big dunce Churchill, who had already felled the Science master to the earth for getting him done out of his promotion to the Football Eleven, and had evaded punishment by an opportune (and possibly simulated) epileptic fit.

All these four guys (as the author would call them) were

in turn wrongly suspected, and the poor Classical master was even arrested and put in prison. But the real murderer, strange to say, was the deputy Abbey Organist, who, besides being a divine musician and a prodigious athlete, was incidentally an Old Westminster and a Russian spy, and was now being secretly employed by the Soviet Government to assassinate the unattractive but ultra patriotic Science master.

The thrill of the book lies in the adventures of the four loaded rifles. One is chucked into the river, one is hidden behind a class-room radiator, one is wiped with Woolworth scent and deposited in a Hotel lounge, and one is taken up to the Dormitory for use in the Epilogue. Finger prints at last disclose the actual murderer, who is run to earth when sitting at the Abbey organ. This gives him a fine opportunity for displaying his athletic virtuosity. Before anyone could say "knife," he, like an agile monkey, swarmed up the organ pipes and leapt into the Triforium, whence he was about to spring (without Mr. Tanner's leave) into the Muniment Room, when a shadowy hand (was it Mr. Tanner's?) gave him a push and he fell and was dashed to pieces on the Abbey pavement. What Stalin said when he heard the dreadful news is not recorded, but I have no doubt that the U.S.S.R. trembled and Big Ben smiled.

I have said nothing of several other characters in the book, including Mr. Shoon, an American bore, who bumps up against us at every corner. We must hope that he found in fluffy Flossie his ideal woman, but I guess he didn't. Your readers will judge for themselves whether it will be worth their while to peruse the book. I give no advice, but admit that though I am what the author calls a "hard-boiled" Old Westminster, it has given me some new points of view. I never knew before that Mon.Os. was a place and that daring small boys could sit upon Mon.Os. In my time I was often Mon.Os., but I have no recollection that I was ever sat upon by a new small boy—still less stood upon. Again, I had never before thought of the Head Master's house having "a bland Georgian front." That sounds very pretty, and I must go and look at it again. Then it was news to me that the stage for the Play was set up-school. However, one lives to learn, even when one is hard-boiled.

Your obedient servant,

P. G. L. WEBB.

REMINISCENCES

Sir,

H. G. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church and father of Alice in Wonderland, was Head Master when I went to the School, but only for one term. He was succeeded by C. B. Scott, who, in 1848, was bracketed with B. F. Westcott, Bishop of Durham, as senior classic, and so they were said to be Scott and Wee Scott. Scott was a red-haired peppery Irishman, and when, while the Sixth form was waiting in the Library, a larky boy took up a dust-covered inkpot in which unhappily there was ink, and pretended to shy it at young Forster, it made a parabola on the newly coloured wall. As Scott came in, he asked who had done that, and, when the culprit owned up, he said to him, "You never have done any good and you never will." Just about a month later he gave him a testimonial, stating that "his conduct during the whole time he had been at the school was entirely satisfactory."

Then there was James Marshall, at Grant's, *alias* Jimmy, *alias* "The Bird." When he was lurching one day with one of the Minor Canons, the hostess insisted on addressing him as "Mr. Bird." One Christmas holidays he invited three boys living in London to come to him once or twice a week to be coached for the Whitsuntide examination. He was loved by all with whom he had to do. He died many years after he resigned at a great age. The first form master I remember was a man named Wingfield—I do not know what became of him.

As a King's Scholar I was under Weare, and I have an affectionate regard for him. When he was going to marry Miss Majendie as his second wife, some wag wrote:—

"Our late Under Master, J. W. Weare,

Took a lady last night to the Sphinx of Stodare.

He had previously popped her a question methinks,

And the wary young lady popped hers to the Sphinx:

The Sphinx rolled his eye with a terrible glare,

And oracularly answered 'Beware, oh be Weare!'"

Stodare at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, had a Sphinx which was supposed to answer questions.

In my time those leaving were expected to give the Head Master £10 and the Under Master £5. In return they gave respectively Boswell's *Life of Johnson* and *Canterbury Tales*; but the salaries of the Masters have been increased. Other old customs which have been dropped were the £1 to each Welshman and to Mon.Os. on St. David's Day, by one of the family of Williams Wynn, while brawn and sausage meat from those elected to Oxford and four Stilton cheeses from Cambridge are no longer sent to College. Then I remember "Stoker," who looked after the fires: he gave me a "tally stick" which got broken and, to my regret, was burnt.

These Exchequer tally sticks were used before account books to keep the State accounts: they were sticks about two feet long and notched, every notch representing £1,000: then they were split. Part was kept in the Exchequer and the official who paid the money in kept the other part, so there was no difficulty in keeping accounts and preventing embezzlement. It was the burning of the old Exchequer sticks which caused the fire which destroyed the old Houses of Parliament.

When I was at the School all the tickets for the Play had a seal on them, with the School Arms. During the War it seems that this was given up and now the Arms are printed on the tickets.*

Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) R. BRUCE DICKSON (1855-61).

* The seal is preserved in College, and there is a specimen of a Play ticket in the Scott Library.

LACK OF KEENNESS IN THE LEAGUES

Sir,

Many, if not most, of those who play in the leagues, especially the younger members, are playing solely because they are forced to do so. They are playing without the least sense of keenness, and if, as occasionally happens, their game is cancelled, the general feeling is of joy rather than of disappointment. Recently these facts have become very evident. Especially is it disconcerting to learn that almost every one of these boys, at Westminster so uninterested, was a keen player at his preparatory school, where to miss a cricket or football afternoon was to him nothing less than a catastrophe.

The cause of so complete a change seems clear. No

doubt at his preparatory school there was need for only three or four games, and each of them would be supervised by a master. Thus, every boy with any aptitude for the game would stand a fair chance of being recommended for inclusion in the first or second XI and would naturally do his best to gain such recommendation. At Westminster, on the other hand, the average boy is placed in one of the leagues in his first term, and Authority takes not the slightest notice of him, unless it be to administer punishment when he is late, or forgets his books, or commits some similar crime. It is a system, not of reward and punishment, but of punishment and no reward. Inevitably the feeling arises that, were he the most talented player in the school, no one would recognise the fact and he could remain in the leagues till the day he left. Under such circumstances, keenness can only be the exception and not the rule.

This would also explain why a certain boy, and there must be many like him, who happens to have played several times in Colts game at cricket, takes the keenest interest in that and all the other school teams; while at football, playing in the leagues, he is quite indifferent. Yet at his preparatory school it was football, not cricket, that interested him more.

Having suggested the cause, it is not difficult to propose a remedy. In the first place, a regular third XI should be created, and for those under 16, a Colts' second XI. These teams must naturally be chosen from the leagues; and what is of very great importance, the leagues, in both cricket and football, must be played under proper supervision, preferably by a master. But should this be impracticable, perhaps the task could be undertaken in turn by Pinks, especially at the nets in Election Term. In any case, the supervision must be sufficient to ensure that all talent receives its due reward. In this way, each player would feel that he was being given a fair chance of showing his worth—which, quite understandably, he does not feel at present. I venture to suggest that if such proposals were carried out, every player would feel it worth while to give of his best, and a marked increase in keenness would be the natural and inevitable result.

Yours faithfully,

M. R. TURNER.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

MR. D. J. Jardine has been appointed Governor of North Borneo.

At Oxford the Degree of D.C.L. has been conferred upon Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, Principal of the Law Society's School of Law and Fellow of New College.

The Revd. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Superior of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, has been appointed to a Canonry in Calcutta Cathedral.

Mr. R. N. Heaton has been elected Slade Exhibitioner at Christ Church.

OLD WESTMINSTERS SCOUTS' SOCIETY

Sir, 26, Bank Place.

The second general meeting was held on Friday, March 16th, at the School Troop's H.Q., and it was decided that an extraordinary general meeting should be held in the near future, probably at the School, at which the committee should present a Constitution and Rules for discussion and adoption. It is hoped that as many O.W.W. Scouts as possible will be present in order to ensure the widest expression of opinion on the proposed rules of the Society. It should be understood that all O.W.W. who are interested in Scouting will be welcome at the meeting.

I shall be pleased to supply further details to anyone who cares to write to me.

Yours faithfully,

M. MELVILL WINGATE.

Sir,

As an O.W. who has been working in Germany since the end of 1932, that is, before the Nationalist-Socialist régime came to power, I should like, through your columns, to make a suggestion as earnestly as I can. Many members of the School will no doubt be going abroad in the summer. Let as many as possibly can come for part or all of the time here to Germany. That the new Germany is not a mere vanishing phase is now probably clear to most people. That it is also not an object of abuse and contempt, as the world at large has been taught to consider it, is becoming increasingly clear.

A first-hand acquaintance with the new Germany is, for many reasons, of vital importance. But it is not possible unless one comes here with open eyes and an open mind, ready to believe that the press and party politics have not said the last word about National-Socialist Germany. Above all, one must take every opportunity of talking with people, people of all kinds, wherever one goes.

The German exchange is, of course, heavily against us. But this is partially offset by the system of Registered Marks; and I understand that further special facilities for foreigners travelling in Germany will be in force this summer. In any case, living and travelling in Germany is cheap.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. P. BOURKE.

BIRTHS

HARTLEY.—On March 9, the wife of Rex Hartley, a son.

HOBDA.—On February 18, the wife of F. T. J. Hobday, a son.

HORNSBY.—On February 21, the wife of Frederick Noel Hornsby, a son.

HOWELL.—On February 18, the wife of Edmund A. E. Howell, a son.

ROBERTS.—On February 23, the wife of Hugh Aleth Roberts, a son.

SHARP.—On March 5, the wife of the Revd. R. N. Sharp, a daughter.

TRELAWNY.—On February 25, the wife of James Reginald Salusbury-Trelawny, a son.

WHEELER.—On February 16, the wife of J. O. Wheeler, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

ST. JOHN - CHABAUD.—On December 16, 1933, Terence Alexander St. John, to Germaine, daughter of Jean Chabaud, of Champégaud, France.

WATT - WHITEHORN.—On Febraury 27, John Hansard Strahan Watt, to Gertrude Stewart, eldest daughter of the late John Herbert Whitehorn, of Briardale Gardens, Hampstead.

OBITUARY

WE regret to record the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

HENRY GEORGE LINDSAY DAVIDSON was the eldest son of the late Lieut.-Col. C. M. Davidson, of the King's Bodyguard, and was up Home Boarders from 1886 to 1890. On leaving he went up to Trinity Hall, and in 1905 he was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple. Like his brother, Francis Coventry Davidson, whose name appears on the South African War Memorial, he was a keen soldier. He was a Major in the IVth King's Own Militia, and during the War he served in the expedition to Gallipoli. He died on February 19, aged 61.

JOHN ROLAND PRYCE, who died at the age of 68 on April 28, 1933, was the eldest son of the Very Rev. John Pryce, Dean of Bangor, and entered the School as a Queen's Scholar in 1880. In 1883 he went up to Jesus College, Oxford, as an exhibitioner, and after taking his degree he was ordained. He held benefices in Cheshire and Radnorshire, ultimately becoming Vicar of Bensington, or Benson, in the county of Oxford, when he died.

HAROLD CHARLES LUSH was the second son of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Montague Lush (O.W.) and was admitted in 1914. After leaving in 1916 he served in France and Germany with the Coldstream Guards, and on his return to England after the War he went up to Christ Church. He was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1924. He died suddenly from heart failure on February 20, aged 34.

ARTHUR HAMILTON NICHOLSON LEWERS, who

died on February 9, aged 76, was the son of William Lewers, of the Middle Temple, and was admitted in 1869. After leaving he went to University College Hospital and took his M.D. degree in 1885. He was made F.R.C.P. in 1901 and was for many years Consulting Obstetric Physician to the London Hospital. He married in 1878 Jane, eldest daughter of R. H. Frith, of Dublin.

JOHN RAWLINSON, who died on February 10 at the age of 67, was the eldest surviving son of Thomas Rawlinson (O.W.), of Lincoln's Inn. He was admitted in 1879, and on leaving became an architect. He was elected A.R.I.B.A. in 1891, and was for some time Surveyor to the Diocese of Southwark. He married in 1895 Annie Gertrude, daughter of Henry King, of Uckfield, Sussex.

We also record with deep regret the death of one who was but recently among us. JOHN MICHAEL DOWLING was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dowling and entered the School up Rigauds in September, 1933. He died suddenly from meningitis on March 4. We offer our sincere sympathy to his parents.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

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A Dinner of Old Westminsters, past and present students of the Law Society's School of Law, was held at the Society's Hall on Shrove Tuesday, the Principal, Mr. G. R. Y. Radcliffe, in the chair.

There were present Mr. H. R. Blaker (Vice-President of the Law Society), Mr. P. B. Henderson, Mr. J. B. Whitmore, Mr. A. W. Matcham, Mr. F. Pitt-Lewis, Mr. F. S. Fleuret, Mr. G. N. Cross, and the following past and present students:—

Mr. J. Abbott, Mr. J. W. Baldon, Mr. R. E. Ball, Mr. D. Cragg-Hamilton, Mr. G. M. Davis, Mr. J. D. Evans, Mr. H. Graham, Mr. C. J. E. Grundy, Mr. R. N. D. Hamilton, Mr. P. C. F. Lawton, Mr. R. H. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. J. W. Notcutt, Mr. W. G. R. Oates, Mr. R. B. Orange, Mr. G. M. E. Paulson, Mr. E. C. Robbins, Mr. W. B. S. Sheldon, Mr. J. F. B. Stevens, Mr. E. F. A. F. White, Mr. P. B. Williamson.

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THE SCHOOL MISSION

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

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

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

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, G. L. Barber, Esq., Westminster School. Offers of service and of gifts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, R. C. Llewelyn, Esq., Westminster School.

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

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