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EDITORIAL.

With the passage of time we, successive generations here at Westminster, tend to become over dignified, unnatural; certain it is that we are without that refreshing quality of naïveté and modesty which our fathers here possessed to great degree. The following words appear in the Report of Evidence delivered before the Public Schools Commission in January, 1863: '. . . There were prizes (in 1862) for jumping the pole, and long jumping, and throwing the hammer, and running in sacks.' The scholars of Westminster in 1862 indulged in the sack-race! We can improve on the Greek

άλμα, ποδωκέιην, δίσκον, άκοντα, πάλην, with

μαρνάμενοι παίδες θυλάχοις δολιχοδρομέουσι.

Is there anyone who will deny that indulgence in these childish exercises forms the best type of school sports? Let us then become as children, and revert to the form of athletic programme so commonly used at preparatory schools. At these seminaries the athletic meeting is generally held in the summer term. Consider the advantage; with bitter experience we may say that since the institution of the Sports

> 'Iam satis terris nivis atque dirae Grandinis misit Pater.'

Gather then, fair sisters, proud mothers and eager fathers! And even while we run the long distance race in sacks shall you also race among yourselves in the brilliant sunshine of Election Term. Ascot in Vincent Square!

Look your fill, visitors, at the gentlemen of Westminster School racing in sacks.

'What an unspeakable idiot of an Editor!' And pardon me, sir, you too. For neither will you mourn, nor pipe, with me. Content yourself, therefore, with the existing institution, nay more, enjoy it.

School Motes.

THE Pancake Grease on Shrove Tuesday was won by J. A. Cook, Captain of Football and Cricket and Head of Grant's. Scales had to be used to settle all doubtful claims.

The roof of School is shrouded in scaffolding. The ravages of the death-watch beetles have necessitated their extermination, and the work is now proceeding.

The collection in Abbey on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was £5 5s. 5d.

A cable of good wishes from the Calcutta O.WW. has been received; we thank them for their expression of loyalty to Westminster, and repeat that we are always pleased to hear of their activities abroad.

It seems that The ELIZABETHAN is sixth in order of seniority of school magazines. First comes Hurstpierpoint (1858), then Eton (1863), Marlborough (1865), Winchester (1867), Ardingly (1871), and Westminster (1874).

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

This term has seen in the School the inauguration of a Junior Branch of the League of Nations Union. For this purpose Dr. Gilbert Murray came down on February 15, and we were markedly fortunate in securing so eminent and learned an expert to expound to us the work and projects of the League, and of the Union. In a few simple but impressive words he set forth the horrors which the League is determined to prevent, and appealed to all to join the Union, either from motives of imperial patriotism, or some still deeper moral instinct. Generous response was made, and in a few days a large number expressed their desire to join. A business meeting was held on Saturday, February 19, at which the following were elected officers:—

President.—C. H. V. SUTHERLAND (K.S.). Hon. Treasurer.—H. A. P. PHILLIPS (A.H.). Hon. Secretary.—H. L. JONES (K.S.).

It is proposed to hold two meetings a term, perhaps three, at one of which it is hoped that a qualified expert will come and talk to us. The other meetings will be devoted to the reading of papers, or debate. The Librarian has kindly assigned a table up Library to the League and its books.

MUSIC.

The following lecture recitals have been enjoyed this term. For these our thanks are due to the various lecturers and performers, and also to Mr. Lofthouse for arranging them. Short criticisms will appear in the next number of The Elizabethan.

February 14.—Lecture-Recital by Mr. J. H. Field, 'The Oboe and Cor Anglais.'

February 21.—Lecture-Recital by Mr. Carritt.

'The Romantic Element in Music.'

February 28.—Lecture-Recital by Mr. C. Draper, 'The Clarinet.'

March 9.—Chamber Music by Mr. Mangeot's String Quartet.

The Bach Cantata Club is giving a series of concerts, some in St. Margaret's. The Mass in B Minor will be given at the Queen's Hall on March 29, Instrumental Items at the Royal College on May 24, Sacred Cantatas in St. Margaret's on June 14, Motets and Chorals in the same place on October 25. Tickets for these concerts may be obtained from the Secretary of the Club, Oxford University Press, Amen House, E.C. 4.

EMPIRE FAUNA.

Mr. J. Spedan Lewis (O.W.) writes appealing to Westminsters, O.WW., and friends to become members of the Society for the Preservation of Fauna of the Empire. Minimum subscription is ten shillings. He says: 'It seems to be clear that, unless deliberate effort of this kind is made, many forms of life, some beautiful and all interesting, extant to-day, will soon have been wiped out: our successors may well regret our negligence.' Those interested should communicate with Col. J. Stevenson-Hamilton, Secretary, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 8.

FIELD DAY.

THE Corps indulged in questionable amusement when on Thursday, March 3, it partook in a tactical exercise at Aldershot. A galaxy of schools, including Westminster, Wellington, Harrow and Reading, opposed the solitary Charterhouse. My indignation breaks out in doggerel:—

Each road that centres to the seat of war With khaki myrmidons is blocked afar;

The heath——! with prostrate forms so thickly spread That reinforcements scarce know where to tread.

The supreme military brain in the War Office would do well to observe that little ground for initiative is left to commanders when the only possible thing to do is to have a policeman to

direct the chaotic mass of troops.

For us the day consisted in a pleasant 'bus ride from Fleet, a sojourn by the wayside at Pondtail Bridge for nearly two hours, a siesta among the gorse and a spasmodic advance. 'B' Coy. were by this time either drowned in swamps (a perfectly good road ran a dozen yards away) or lost on hills. Operations now ceased. Blanks, it was said, had been fired somewhere. A good tea at a well-known drill hall refreshed us for a march back to Aldershot Station. Anyhow, we had a superb breath of fresh air, and an unparalleled opportunity for observing the vernal progress of Nature in the scenery for which the Aldershot Command is so justly famed.

CALCUTTA OLD WESTMINSTERS.

UNITED SERVICE CLUB, CALCUTTA. February 12, 1927.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Since I last wrote to you Westminster has again given a Governor to Bengal, Sir Hugh Stephenson taking the place of Lord Lytton during his absence on leave. On Lord Lytton's return in October, Sir Hugh went home to enjoy a brief rest before taking up the duties of his pro-consulship in the neighbouring province of Behar and Orissa. Both he and Lady Stephenson will be much missed in Calcutta.

Mr. Hopkyns went on leave preparatory to retirement in August, but the lure of the East will probably prove too strong for him, and we hope to be able to welcome him back again. During the past year our numbers have been swelled by the arrival of Major Perry and Messrs. Dulley, Farrer and Packenham-Walsh. Mr. Holmes went home for a few months to shake up the steel and iron markets of the world. On his return arrangements were put in hand for our annual dinner. which was held in the United Service Club on February II. The Honourable Mr. Justice Cuming was in the chair. The steward of the Club had managed to secure sufficient carnations both for buttonholes and the decoration of the table. Mr. Holmes arrived with a magnificent loving-cup under his arm, and Mr. Wood came in from Malda with some wild duck—the spoil of his gun. Mr. Lee said Grace and made only one mistake in his pronunciation—a great improvement on last year. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman proposed 'Floreat,' which was drunk in due and ancient form. A most enjoyable evening was spent. It was decided that a cable should be sent to the headmaster and an attempt made to enter a team for the Public Schools Golf Cup.

The following attended:

The Honourable Mr. Justice A. H. Cuming (QS. 1884–1888), G. L. Colvin (Ash. 1892–1896), C. H. Holmes (H.BB. 1892–1896), the Rev. P. E. Lee (H.BB. 1895–1899), Major W. E. Perry (H.BB. 1897–1900), A. G. R. Henderson (K.S. 1899–1904), M. H. B. Lethbridge (K.S. 1902–1907), A. E. F. Wood (K.S. 1903–1908), H. B. Thacker (G. 1909–1914), M. St. J. Moses (Rig. 1912–1915), W. M. Binney (K.S. 1913–1918), C. E. Stones (H.BB. 1913–1918), G. Packenham-Walsh (K.S. 1913–1918), T. Dulley (G. 1916–1920), R. Duttson (Rig. 1917–1920), G. A. Cooper (Rig. 1917–1920), R. R. Mounsey (G. 1918–1921), the Honourable O. Farrer (Ash. 1919–1922).

The Rev. T. E. T. Shore and Dr. A. Martin

Leake were unavoidably absent.

I must again convey to you, sir, the best of wishes from the Calcutta Old Westminsters for the continued prosperity of the School, and beg to remain Yours truly,

A. G. R. HENDERSON.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. LANCING. (Won, 6-3.)

Played Saturday, November 27. Westminster gained a well deserved victory over Lancing. The School forwards were well supported by the halves, and in the first twenty minutes established a lead of three goals. Gardiner dribbled well, but his shooting on the whole was not accurate. After he had opened the scoring with a high shot, Foster ran through to score by himself, and Carr turned a pass from Lonsdale to good account. Wethered reduced the lead for Lancing, but Foster made the half-time score 4–I. After the interval Seton scored again for Lancing, but an oblique left-foot shot from Carr completely beat their goalkeeper, after which Foster added his third goal. The game continued to be keenly contested, till Wethered, just before time, scored Lancing's third goal.

Westminster.—A. J. Ropes; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. W. J. Thurlow, C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, R. W. D. Carr, G. M. E. Paulson.

Lancing.—N. H. Cooke; J. C. Frith, G. Dyas; R. R. Vassar-Smith, A. Bradford, F. H. Chrestien; P. H. P. Simonds, A. G. Seton, G. P. Wethered, G. R. Taylor, G. A. K. Collins.

WESTMINSTER v. MALVERN. (Lost, 0-4.)

Played Saturday, December 4, at Malvern. For the first quarter of an hour Westminster held their own, but the Malvern centre-half soon scored with a long dropping shot. The School nearly scored more than once, but the opposing defence was too good. A quick throw-in and run down produced the next goal, before our defence could get back, and before the interval we were another goal down. The second half was chiefly remarkable for the work of the Malvern wings, and the brilliance with which Cook and Jeremy kept them off. Clare was always good in goal, and sometimes averted a seemingly inevitable goal. Bird had injured his leg, and took no further active part in the game. The last goal came from a perfect centre by their outside-right. Westminster never got going in this half: lack of a half was partly the reason, and partly a failure to upset a good defence.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. W. J. Thurlow, C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, J. M. Aitken, G. M. E.

Paulson.

Malvern.—L. D. Wardle; C. H. J. Hill, J. L. W. Carwright; J. G. I. Templeton, J. L. P. McClintock, C. D. A. Pullman; C. R. Acheson-Gray, J. Patchett, J. M. Pyne, D. M. Reid, E. O. W. Hunt.

WESTMINSTER v. ALDENHAM. (Lost, 1-8.)

Played Thursday, December 9, at Aldenham. The wide margin between the scores gives no impression of a really good game. Aldenham's goalkeeper, Leaver, was exceptionally good, and the home side had two inspired periods and profited by each of them to the extent of three goals. Clare had no chance of saving shots by Hardman and Golding, who shared the goals, and our chief defence lay in the fine game played by Cook. The first half only saw us one down. Sturdy was often dangerous, but failed to shoot well in front of goal. After the interval, Hardman and Golding, playing excellent football, produced their galaxy of goals. The School never gave up trying, and at last Foster scored, only to be answered again by Aldenham.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. W. J. Thurlow, C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, R. W. D. Carr,

G. M. E. Paulson.

Aldenham.—K. W. Leaver; H. G. Russell, R. A. Bird; K. C. Tours, C. M. Jackson, F. G. Schofield; H. D. Noone, E. D. R. Shearer, K. C. B. Golding, C. R. Hardman, L. O. King.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD ALDENHAMIANS. (Won, 4-0.)

Played Saturday, December 11. Westminster started attacking from the very first; Sturdy, Gardiner and Carr all shot frequently, but unsuc-

cessfully. At length Carr succeeded in scoring from a mêlée in front of their goal. For the rest of the first half we were occupied in defence. After half-time Carr scored from a centre by Sturdy, and Sturdy, a little later, scored from the goal mouth, and soon after followed with another.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. J. Thurlow, J. H. K. Thomas, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, R. W. D. Carr, R. Broadie-

Old Aldenhamians.-T. Green; F. B. Blundell, K. Altman; J. Wolff, Rev. P. J. Heaton, J. R. Montgomery; A. T. Fitter, G. D. Herron, L. A. Swindells, R. F. Linnet, K. S. Mitcheson.

WESTMINSTER v. HARROW. (Lost, 3-5.)

Played Saturday, February 5. Harrow, used to playing on bad ground, played much better on the mud of Big Game Ground than the School did. They attacked immediately, and scored two goals in quick succession, the School defence finding it hard to turn on the slippery ground. The School forwards were not well together; however, Gardiner gave a clever pass to Carr, who was unmarked, and a fine shot scored. Harrow scored again before the interval (1-3), and again after. Then the School rallied splendidly, and a good shot by Sturdy encouraged the team again; soon one of the Harrow backs put the ball into his own net in attempting to clear. Then Lindsay scored with a wonderful oblique shot for Harrow, and we lost our hold on the game. Backs, forwards and goalkeeper had played well, but our halves left much to be desired.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; L. J. D. Wakely, J. H. K. Thomas, C. W. J. Thurlow; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, R. W. D.

Carr, G. M. E. Paulson.

Harrow.—Cadman; Callighan, Palmer; Mathieson, Lindsay, Carlisle; Dower, Wright, Harmsworth, Hobday.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD LANCING BOYS. (Won, 3-2.)

Played Saturday, February 12. The School beat Old Lancing Boys by three goals to two, having led at half-time by a goal to nothing (the goal being scored by Cooper). Sturdy was unlucky, and also Gardiner, in not scoring in the first half. After the change, Gardiner scored a beautiful goal, and soon after repeated it. Carr beat the visitors' goalkeeper, but was given off-side for the second time. Then the Old Boys rallied and scored twice just before time.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. J. L. Thurlow, J. H. K. Thomas, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, R. W. D. Carr, G. M. E. Paulson.

Old Lancing Boys .- E. P. Merritt; C. E. Mercer, A. G. Seton; G. W. Shaw, A. Bradford, L. J. Morgan; T. E. Johnson, E. M. Bates, A. Milne, G. Bradford, G. H. Goodman.

WESTMINSTER v. BRADFIELD. (Lost. 2-5.)

Played Saturday, February 10, at Bradfield, Westminster opened the scoring, after a good deal of weak play by the opposing inside-forwards. The ball travelled from Sturdy and Gardiner across to Paulson, who put in a beautiful dropping shot, which was judged badly by their goalkeeper. After the interval. Bradfield attacked unexpectedly. Our defence, abandoned by our halves, worked valiantly, but at last Bradfield scored, and three times in quick succession. Sturdy, however, scored again for us, but our defence was by new well shaken, and Bradfield added two more goals, while we could only force two fruitless corners.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. W. J. Thurlow, J. H. K. Thomas, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, R. W. D. Carr. G. M. E. Paulson.

The 2nd XI were beaten o-2 on November 18 by the H.A.C., and by 1-5 playing against O.WW. 2nd XI on December 18, and by 0-5 against St. Andrew's on January 29. It beat an inexperienced team of the R.M.A. on February 12 by II-I; Foster scored five times, Graham, four, and Mackenzie twice. Against O.WW. 2nd XI on March 5 it lost 2-4. Teams in this match:

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; C. H. V. Sutherland, R. G. Wormell; J. O. Sahler, C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird; J. M. Aitken J. W. Porterfield, I. W. Symington, H. B. Graham W. B. S. Sheldon.

O.WW.-K. H. Hill; E. F. Lutyens, A. H. Wyatt; C. M. Catia, A. E. Rice-Oxley, L. Clare; A. C. Grover, C. F. Bull, A. C. Feasev, L. R. Moore, W. M. Atwood.

The 3rd XI lost to O.WW. 3rd XI by 1-4 on December 18, but beat them 3-2 on March 5.

Westminster.—H. L. Jones; D. J. Jones, P. Aitken; J. D. Evans, D. Macdonald, G. Radermacher; C. Y. Mills, H. J. Thompson, A. H. Smith, J. Synge, H. Luard.

The Colts lost to Harrow Colts on February 8 by 1-3. On February 19 they beat St. Andrew's, 3-I.

Colts .- M. Mackenzie; I. W. Symington, J. D. Evans; . H. Luard, G. H. Radermacher, H. B. Graham; H. J. Thompson, C. Y. Mills, C. A. Bird, G. Freeman, P. Aitken.

K.SS. v. T.BB.

Played Tuesday, March 8. The annual match between King's Scholars and Town Boys ended in a victory for the latter by ten goals to five. That Town Boys were able to score ten goals was due in the first place to the clever football of Gardiner at inside-right, and, secondly, to the lamentably feeble tackling and position-play of the King's Scholars' defence. One would have thought that, knowing that Gardiner was by far the most dangerous forward opposing them, K.SS.

would have detailed a half-back to watch him, and do little else; but nothing of the kind was done: always he seemed to receive the ball with no one near him, and, with the backs not playing up to their men, he had little difficulty in either going right through himself or making openings for the other forwards. In addition to this, the College goalkeeper, though he made one or two admirable saves, was too small to be able to deal with a high shot, and his nerve was no doubt shaken by the gaper' which he let through in the first few minutes of the game. It is to his credit that he saved as many shots as he did. The backs made the great tactical mistake of not playing far enough up on their men, thus making it practically impossible for any of the opposing side to get offside: of this error the T.BB. forwards took full advantage.

In contrast to the defence, the K.SS. forwards played magnificently. They scored five times, and they were opposed by the complete School defence. The three inside-forwards brought off some delightful combined movements, and Franklin on the right wing, though he lacked their football ability. produced occasionally remarkable bursts of speed, one of which directly led up to a goal. The T.BB. defence found Cooper and Sturdy difficult to stop, no matter whether they were interpassing or going through on their own. Cooper showed repeatedly the instinct he has for being in the right place at the right moment, and as a result scored several goals, whilst Sturdy's goal in the second half, when he slipped his half and both the opposing backs, was one of the best seen up fields this season. Argyle, at inside-left, naturally tired some time before the end, but he revealed considerable football ability, and should, if he will take pains to get quicker on his feet, come rapidly to the front. It is no light task for a Junior to be confronted by the School halves and backs, and he is to be congratulated on a thoroughly good performance.

In the T.BB. defence, Jeremy was particularly good, and Cook's long and well-directed kicking made many an opening for his forwards. Backs all too seldom realise that they can do more than just clear their lines; Cook showed this clearly, and has shown it throughout the season.

The match, as a whole, may be summed up in two phrases: the complete inability of the K.SS.

defence to hold Gardiner, and, on the other hand, a really fine display by the College forwards.

K.SS.—H. A. R. Philby; C. H. V. Sutherland, H. L. Jones; D. J. G. J. Jones, M. Mackenzie, R. N. Heaton; E. L. Franklin, J. B. Sturdy, K. H. L. Cooper, J. D. Argyle, E. F. Barlow.

T.BB.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. H. R. Jeremy; C. J. Thurlow, J. H. K. Thomas, L. J. D. Wakely; J. M. Aitken, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, R. W. D. Carr, Referee .- D. J. Knight, Esq. G. M. E. Paulson.

FIXTURE CARD.—Ist XI.

| Oct. 9-v. Old Malvernians | Drawn | 3-3 |
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| ,, 16—v. Old Harrovians | Drawn | 4-4 |
| ,, 23-v. Old Bradfield Boys | Lost | I-7 |
| Nov. 4-v. Trinity, Oxford | Lost | 1-5 |
| ,, 6—v, Toc H | Won | 5-3 |
| " 13—v. Trinity Hall, Camb. | Lost | I-5 |
| ,, 18—v. H.A.C. (Away) | Lost | 3-4 |
| " 20—v. Charterhouse | Lost | 0-5 |
| " 25—v. Corinthians | Lost | 3-15 |
| ,, 27—v. Lancing | Won | 6-3 |
| Dec. 4—v. Malvern (Away) | Lost | 0-4 |
| " 9—v. Aldenham (Away) | Lost | 1-8 |
| " 11—v. Old Aldenhamians | Won | 4-0 |
| ,, 18—v. O.WW | Lost | |
| Ian 27 % Cosuals | | 1-3 |
| Jan. 27—v. Casuals | Lost | 2-7 |
| Feb. 5—v. Harrow | Lost | 2-5 |
| ,, 12—v. Old Lancing Boys | Won | 3-2 |
| " 19—v. Bradfield (Away) | Lost | 2-5 |
| ,, 26—v. Old Carthusians | Lost | 3-7 |
| Mar. I—v. Christ Church | Won | 4-I |
| ,, 5—v. O.WW | Lost | 4-5 |
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SUMMARY.—Played, 21; Won, 5; Lost, 14; Drawn, 2. Goals scored for, 54; Against, 101.

THE WATER.

THE Trial Eights raced over a course from Hammersmith Bridge to the School Boat House, a distance of about one-and-a-half miles, on Thursday, December 2. 'A' crew won the toss and chose the Surrey station. Both crews started off fast, Buckney striking 10, 19\frac{1}{2}, 40 to O'Malley's 10, 19\frac{1}{2}, 39. Both crews raced level pass Harrods Wharf, but near the mile post, which was reached in 3 minutes 10 seconds, 'B' crew, who were very well together, began to go up. 'A' crew, however, hung on gallantly, but Buckney spurted again at Beverly Brook, and brought his crew in winners of an excellent race by a length and 2 feet. Time, 6 minutes, 55 seconds.

Buckney stroked his crew very creditably with a certain amount of length and life, but he is inclined to be heavy with his hands with the result that he sometimes fails to get his beginning behind the rigger. Smith, who was first tried at stroke, improved his body swing when rowing at No. 6, and combined well with stroke. Montefiore is as yet a crude oar, but he has improved with coaching. Higgs at No. 4 rows much better when he holds his head up, but unless he does this he blinds forward badly.

'A' crew were unconvincing with the exception of Ball, Weigall and Harrison, who showed promise. O'Malley was inclined to become short towards the finish of the race; this was owing to his lack of weight, and because the men behind him failed to help him to keep the stroke long. G. A. Ellison was inclined to stroke's weakness, but he rowed well. The crews were as follows:-

Middlesex 'B' Crew.—C. McNeil, A. J. S. Negus, J. P. Teed, E. C. Higgs, D. Montefiore, K. J. H. Smith, G. E. D. Halahan, L. A. R. Buckney, H. N. Allen (Cox). Surrey ' A ' Crew.—J. D. Carleton, R. A. Ball, A. D. B. Weigall, A. E. K. Salvi, C. M. Harrison, D. Cragg-Hamilton, G. A. Ellison, D. K. C. O'Malley, G. F. Watson (Cox).

Thanks to Mr. Manisty, who very kindly provided a launch, the coaches were able to follow the D. F. A. F. race.

FIVES.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD ETONIANS. (Won, 5 games to 4.)

Play began under somewhat depressing conditions, a light shower of rain having made it slightly wet underfoot. The games, however, were not much affected. In the first game the visitors had not vet become acclimatised to the court, and the School pair ran away 15-6. In the following game the opponents began to show their true form, and soon ran ahead with the score at game ball-8, but the School rallied and after a great struggle managed to carry off the game 18-13. Against the visitors' second pair the School pair combined their play more successfully, and won the first game with but one ace scored against them.

In the second, a splendidly fast game, the visitors succumbed with the score at 15-7. The second School pair started off in splendid form, winning their first game 15-12. A fast game followed, sternly contested throughout, ended in victory for the visitors with the score at 15-17. In the deciding contest, the second pair played a rather erratic game and lost the rubber, 8-15. The visitors' first pair combined with a change of court proved rather too much for them and both games were lost, 6-15, 12-15.

Old Etonians.-Hon. C. Lambton, W. Leigh-Pemberton (1st Pair); R. G. F. Burrows, R. B. Hakin (2nd Pair). Westminster.—E. F. Barlow, M. Mackenzie (1st Pair); N. L. Foster, D. J. Jones (2nd Pair).

WESTMINSTER v. OLD ALDENHAMIANS. (Drawn.)

Played on January 27, the games began under unpleasant climatic conditions. The first game between the visitors' first pair and the School pair was keenly contested throughout, the School just managing to get home 15-12. In the following, a fast game, the visitors had become quite acclimat-

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ised to the court and, combining their play beautifully, at once shot ahead; it was not until the score stood at game ball-q that the School made a really determined effort to rally. Game ball was reached with some difficulty, and after a splendid fight for the remaining three points the School pair won the rubber. The visitors proved rather too much for the School second pair; with the advantage of a slower court they ran away in two games with but six aces scored against them. Two good games, however, resulted against the visitors' second pair, in the second of which, chiefly owing to good first cuts on the part of Mackenzie, the School at once took the lead and gained eight consecutive aces. Their success. however, seemed to throw them off their feet a little. play began to be erratic and the game was eventually lost 10-15. In the final set the visitors' second pair were at a disadvantage in a much faster court and the School pair won without difficulty, 15-2, 15-6.

The games (by which it had been arranged to decide the match) thus stood at 4 each.

Westminster.—E. F. Barlow, H. L. Jones (1st Pair); M. Mackenzie, D. J. Jones (2nd Pair).

Westminster v. City of London School. Match won 15–2, 15–8, 15–6.

FENCING.

WESTMINSTER v. STOWE.

(Fought February 12.)

From the *Times*: 'A very interesting match, three-a-side, with foil and épée, was fought between Stowe School and Westminster School, in the Westminster Gymnasium. Stowe, the better-balanced side, won by seven defeats to eleven, taking the foil event 3–6 and the épée 4–5. It is evident that the boys at both of these schools are thoroughly well coached in the handling of their weapons. With a few exceptions the assaults were marked with good style and restraint, and in correct phrasing some of these young fencers show a good example to their seniors.' The results were:—

FOIL.

Westminster.—W. G. Walter, I defeat; B. E. Petitpierre, 2; E. F. F. White, 3. Total, 6. Stowe.—A. C. Dawson, B. R. S. Houghton and P. I. R. O'Shea, I defeat each. Total, 3.

ÉPÉE.

Westminster.—Petitpierre and Walter, I defeat each; A. B. Rae, 3. Total, 5.

Stowe.—P. H. A. Charlot and F. J. Walter, I defeat each; F. H. B. O'Reilly, 2. Total, 4.

CHESS.

WESTMINSTER v. CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL. Played on February 4.

| | WESTMINSTER. | | | CITY OF LO | NDON | Schoo | OL. |
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| Ι. | I. P. Winckworth | | 10 | R. L. Colliso | n | | 10 |
| 2. | R. M. Mere | | $\frac{1}{2}$ | S. P. Smith | | | |
| 3. | H. A. Burt | | 0 | A. E. Page | | | 1 |
| 4. | L. J. D. Wakely | | 1 | P. R. Hall | | | 0 |
| 5. | N. C. Masterman | | I | H. Stait | | | 0 |
| 6. | F. M. Oppenhein | ner | 0 | J. Dell | | | 1 |
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Result-Match drawn.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE. Played on February 19.

| WESTMINSTER. | | CHARTERHOUSE. | |
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| I. J. P. Winckworth | I | L. R. Hale | . 0 |
| 2. R. M. Mere | 1 | J. W. P. Chidell | . 0 |
| 3. H. A. Burt | | P. H. F. White | . 0 |
| 4. N. C. Masterman | I | J. E. Grantham | . 0 |
| 5. C. H. Croft | | | . 0 |
| 6. C. E. G. Wickham | I | E. A. N. Dollymore | . 0 |
| | - | | - |
| | 6 | | 0 |

Result-Match won.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

On February 7 the Society discussed the motion: 'That the abolition of Westminster ceremonial traditions would have no bad effect on the spirit of the School.'

THE SECRETARY (F. W. Allen), excepting useful functions such as the Play and Commem., proposed the complete abolition of School dress, Latin prayers and other inconvenient ceremonial, and with reservations argued that even the buildings and history of the School had little connection with the true traditions and spirit of Westminster, which were the product of people and not external and superficial conventions.

T. Murray Rust, Esq. (Opposer), upheld tradition in general as a source of pride, a steadying influence. The duty of a School was to produce thinking citizens; this means work, games, and not least the mere living in a school, the passive absorption of the atmosphere of the place. From a practical point of view picturesque ceremonial was a legitimate form of self-advertisement, attracting the best entrants, and giving leavers the best start. Traditions ought to be abolished only when there is a better alternative. Objections to Latin prayers were futile.

E. F. F. White (Seconder) reaffirmed the difference between superficial traditions and the essential

atmosphere and spirit of tradition.

E. L. Franklin (Fourth Speaker) read from the World at Westminster an interesting parallel to the agitation against all change in which O.WW. still delighted to indulge, pointing out the comparatively modern nature of many Westminster traditions. Tradition, though an illusion, was useful as a link to bind us to the great men of the past.

J. D. Carleton questioned the Proposer's idea that in thinking of Westminster one thinks not of places and things, but only of persons.

T. MURRAY RUST, Esq., thought that too much publicity was given to the Pancake Grease.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

Mr. D. M. Low (O.W.) contributed recently to the *Times* the following interesting note on the connection between Gibbon and the Courtenay family:—

On December 14, 1758, Gibbon writes to his father: 'Last night I was at the King's Scholars play, and, proper allowance being made, was very well entertained. All spoke justly enough and some (one or two) promised a good deal. Harry Courtenay was one of these, but he disappointed me before the end of the play. He came on with ease and entered well into his character (an old man in the 'Phormio'), got safe over the dreadful first scene. From thence he sunk gradually tho' encouraged by repeated claps, dragged himself through the last scenes in the most dead and lifeless manner.' This was Henry Reginald Courtenay, later Bishop of Exeter. He was born in 1741 and entered college in 1755. It is just possible that he may have been in the School as a town boy with Gibbon. At any rate, the reference implies that Gibbon, and his father, too, were interested and perhaps familiar with him. A very long line of Courtenays has been at Westminster, and there were probably others that Gibbon and his father. also a Westminster, knew.

Again, writing to Lord Sheffield in 1782, he says:—'And so by this time Lord L. is actually turned off. Do you know his partner (Miss Courtenay, the Lord's sister), about thirty, only £4,000, not handsome, but very pleasant.' Lord L. is Loughborough, a friend of Gibbon's. He married as his second wife Charlotte Courtenay, daughter of the first Viscount Courtenay and sister of the second Viscount, both of whom were at Westminster, as indeed were the third Viscount, who in 1831 established his right as ninth Earl of Devon, and the tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth Earls of Devon.

House Motes.

K.SS.—Congratulations are due to R. H. Lloyd-Jones on his Open Classical Scholarship at B.N.C., and to F. W. Allen on the Bishop Lee Scholarship at Trinity, Cambridge. C. H. V. Sutherland was

provisionally elected to Christ Church.

Influenza has played havoc with our athletic activities this term. We occupied a penultimate place in the final order of Junior Juniors; in the first game played only eight players were available. In Juniors, after an exceedingly good and fast game, we were knocked out by Ashburnham, 1–4. The winners were a heavier side, man for man. Junior House caps were deservedly won by H. A. R. Philby, J. E. Rich, J. D. Argyle.

Sturdy has played with his usual consistency for the Eleven, and Cooper has won Pinks. Against T.BB. we put up a good fight, and had the satisfaction of scoring more goals than K.SS. have obtained any year since 1907. It was a thoroughly good game and the result in no way regrettable. Franklin must be congratulated on his House

colours.

On the Water, if we did not win the Rouse Ball Cup, we have at least struggled valiantly against

ill-fortune and superior odds.

The first School Fives Pair is composed of King's Scholars, and usually the second. E. F. F. White has fenced for the School against Stowe and Oxford University, while C. E. G. Wickham played Chess with success against Charterhouse. Of our candidates in 'A' Certificate all passed Part I. Lastly, we express the usual hopes for the Sports and the Drill Competition.

RR.—Our first duty is to bid farewell to P. C. Carter, A. J. Ropes, G. S. M. Birch and R. L. Hoare. We shall miss them very much, and wish them all success for the future. In football we have not been too successful, being beaten in the first round of Juniors by Ashburnham, and being third in Junior Juniors. Congratulations to Paulson on his Pinks, and to Foster and Aitken on playing for T.BB. v. K.SS. At Putney things seem very bright. At the present moment we are in the final of the Rouse Ball Cup, having beaten Grant's by 2½ lengths in the first round. Buckney is to be congratulated on the way he has got his crew together.

Extraordinary keenness is being shown by the House as regards the Corps Cup, for which we have already started to parade, and for the Gym. and Boxing Cups we seem to have a very fair chance. Gatty and Foster were members of the School team that went down to Brighton to take part in

a four-handed competition there.

Our prospects for the Sports do not seem very bright, but it is hoped that Smith will repeat his last year's success, and carry off the open mile

again.

As regards the Tug Cup, we have a number of heavy people in the House, and we possess an enormous length of brand new rope. With these aids we cannot fail to do well.

H.BB.—We congratulate all those who so nobly earned their House Colours. In the re-play of the final of Seniors on the first Tuesday of Term we were beaten 6-o. Our Eleven seemed to be suffering from the holidays. Although Grant's were our superiors, this is perhaps rather a large margin. H.BB. Junior Juniors were a complete failure, the House only being able to find eight men for the first game. We ended without winning a match. Our Juniors had to play Grant's on a very unfortunate day, the frequent showers leaving a very wet surface; the Grant's small centre forward, Lonsdale, made the most of it and rather left our heavy backs standing. The two backs, Evans and Atkins, showed good promise, and Eager B. in goal made some good saves. Mills, Mangect, Forwood, Atkins, and Neave all gained well deserved Junior House Caps.

In spite of these reverses we entertain great

hopes for the future.

Lastly we would like to wish our House Master all happiness and assure him that the good wishes of all H.BB. will be with him on April 6.

A.HH.—Last term there left us R. H. Bromley and C. M. Gatley. We must congratulate I. I. Bowen on being made a Monitor. Congratulations are also due to J. H. K. Thomas on his Thirds; to W. B. S. Sheldon, W. G. Hiscox, D. E. Barker, D. S. F. Hobson, D. W. Worthington and M. F. Porterfield on their House Colours; and to C. A. Bird, G. A. Baker and D. E. Ryland on their Junior House Colours. We must condole with our unbeaten Junior Juniors team on not winning the Cup. We wish the best of luck to our House Four in the Rouse Ball Cup and to our Eleven in the final of Juniors.

GG.—Our first duty is to congratulate the Seniors team on retaining the Shield; and secondly we congratulate R. W. D. Carr and L. J. D. Wakely on being awarded their Pinks after the matches against the Old Lancing Boys and the O.WW., respectively. Next we have to confess two big disappointments: we lost the final of Juniors to Ashburnham and were robbed of the Rouse Ball Bowl in the preliminary round by Rigaud's. Returning to the brighter side of life,

we welcome the Junior Juniors Cup, and we are glad to know that F. M. Oppenheimer pleased the examiners for Election.

As to the future, we shall do our best to run fast, to jump high, to leap far and to tug hard.

We have great hopes of keeping the Physical Training Cup, which we have held for the last three years.

THE RACE THAT WAS NOT ROWED.

It is stated in Mr. Fletcher's 'Life of Warre,' on the authority apparently of the 'Eton Aquatic . Register,' that the Eton and Westminster race, which should have been rowed in 1838, was 'frustrated by the Head Master of Westminster locking up the crew, of which the Eton crew were not aware till they were in their boat.' This statement is not altogether in accordance with the facts. Williamson certainly succeeded in frustrating the race; he had been told that racing was bad for boys' health, and was one of those well-meaning people who will believe anything that a doctor tells them. His pupils as a rule were not delicate. Some Christ Church O.WW. may remember the dictum of the Rev. R. St. John Tyrwhitt (himself the son of an O.W.) about the Westminster oarsmen of that period whom he had known personally. 'They had no nerves,' he used to say; and then with a note of envious admiration—' they could digest anything."

The Westminster Eight of 1838 were as follows: E. V. Richards (*Bow*), H. R. Farrer (2), J. Randolph (3), T. Green (4), H. W. Hodgson (5), A. B. Pollock (6), H. W. H. Coxe (7), J. J. T. Somers Cocks

(Stroke), H. Maule (Cox).

The race was fixed for July 31; and as the Eton holidays began on that day, their crew were out of the Eton jurisdiction. It was otherwise at Westminster, and Williamson was a man of resource, though he does not seem to have had much faith in his own authority. The fathers of Hodgson and Farrer were both in or near London, and having been informed by Williamson that if their sons rowed 'the consequences would be very serious,' thought it best to remove them from school for the day. This, of course, was check-mate for the race. Hodgson, driving in parental custody across Westminster Bridge towards his home at Croydon, had the pleasure of seeing the crowds on land and river awaiting the race that was not rowed. Richards was also detained on some pretext by Williamson in his own house. The result was that only five of the eight turned up at the post. They were joined by two members of the

second Eight, M. C. M. Swabey and T. J. Prout; but no eighth man was forthcoming, and even had it been otherwise Eton could hardly have been expected to race a scratch crew. The Etonians behaved with great good feeling and courteously suggested that the race should be postponed. There was nothing else to be done. Pollock steered the Eton boat up to the Star and Garter and dined there with the crew, Westminster being also represented by Maule, T. Vincent, who had been in the Eight earlier in the year and had just left, and the Westminster umpire, Colquhoun (afterwards Sir Patrick). The health of the Eton crew was proposed by Pollock, and P. J. Croft, their stroke, proposed the health of the absent Somers Cocks. It does not appear that Williamson was toasted, and what Sir Patrick Colquhoun had to say about it all has unfortunately not been preserved.

It ought to have been a good race. No. 5 in the Eton boat was G. D. Bourne, who rowed for Oxford against Cambridge in 1842 and in the celebrated seven oar race of 1843. Somers Cocks rowed stroke of the Brasenose boat when Head of the River in 1840, and also in 1841, and of the Oxford boat in the same two years. Hodgson and Richards both rowed in the Oxford boat of 1841. Prout with three other O.WW. (M. Haggard, J. Y. Seagrave and W. H. Milman) rowed in the Christ Church boat, which was Head of the River in 1844. He lived till 1909 at Christ Church, being the last of the students on the old foundation and saw the House boat go Head again after a lapse of sixty years. Many House men will remember the sight of his spare and active figure riding past Meadow Gate from his rooms in Tom Quad; he was as good with a horse as he had been with an oar.

The Elizabethan Club.

President.—The Rt. Hon. LORD PHILLIMORE, D.C.L., LL.D.

Treasurer.—SIR ERNEST GOODHART BART., Stroods, Uckfield.

Secretary.—D. C. Simpson, Esq., 20, Gt. College Street, S.W. 1.

An appeal was made in these columns a short time ago for news of Old Westminsters abroad, and an immediate response has been accorded from Valparaiso in a letter which is published in the current number. We hope that others will follow the example set, and that the contingent in Calcutta will not confine themselves to telegrams.

It may interest Old Westminsters to know that, with the Head Master's permission, the Club is installing a telephone up Fields, which should soon be ready for use.

The notice in connection with Old Westminster shooting has called forth so few answers that it is necessary to abandon the project.

At a recent General Games Meeting we were faced with the resignation of the General Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Leighton. For several years he has performed a difficult task with punctuality and untiring energy, and has done much to promote the good feeling which now exists between the various and conflicting interests in the Club. In his place Mr. W. N. McBride was elected (Craigmore, Pampisford Road, Croydon).

At the same meeting it was discovered that the Games Committee was unlimited in number, and a crop of proposals threatened to bring it up to 150. To stave off this revolutionary measure the usual alternative was adopted—of doing nothing; and the whole question of the composition of the Committee was put off till the next meeting. Business continued quietly; the Morden ground created some interest, and at one time we thought a certain member was going to propose hot baths, but the moment passed. Things became brisk, however, when designs for a new cricket flag were displayed. Though one of a chaste pink with white lettering was displayed, members were in sterner mood and (not being gentlemen?) preferred black. A colossal black flag filled the Busby Library, all black save for a few pink lines, but there seemed a danger of its being cut up for ties or football stockings if adopted, and it was turned down. Eventually a design was adopted which some thought might be mistaken in the distance for a Jolly Roger-a plain pink field with a coat of arms, outlined in black, in the middle.

The Head of the Water wishes to thank the Elizabethan Club for their exceedingly generous grant towards the new racing eight, and also Sir George Sutherland for his gift of a new set of oars.

VALPARAISO.

December 28, 1926.

The Hon. Secretary, The Elizabethan Club, 20, Great College Street, S.W. 1.

DEAR SIR,—The October number of The Eliza-Bethan, which arrived a short time ago, pleads for contributions from O.WW. living abroad with a view to making the Magazine more interesting generally for Westminsters of all generations. The plea is a sound one, and, since a start must needs be made, it is my only excuse for writing.

There are to my knowledge four O.WW. in Valparaiso, and it will no doubt interest those of this generation to hear that the youngest of us, H. W. M. Dulley, has more or less revolutionised rowing and greatly increased the prestige of the British Rowing Club.

Rowing takes place in the bay, not an ideal spot, particularly when a fresh southerly breeze is blowing, as is generally the case in summer. A heavy type of boat has to be used, which stands well out of the water, of the four and six-oared class with fixed seats, sliding seats not having reached us yet. In a cosmopolitan port such as this many nationalities are represented, and at present we have five rowing clubs, Chilean, Spanish, Italian, German and British. I believe that rowing was originated by the British, who are responsible for starting pretty well all the open-air games now played by the Chileans.

The standard of rowing has never been high, which is not surprising, as the men who have come out in the past to this coast have, until recently, seldom been of the type which has been afforded the chance of playing games of any kind. The style favoured has been the short fast stroke, mostly done with the arms and entirely lacking swing.

Regattas usually take place twice a year, in December and March, and the British, who had formed a separate club in 1908, had never distinguished themselves above the average. It should be mentioned that there are six races usually, divided into three categories, Novices, Juniors and Seniors. Dulley arrived in time for the March, 1925, races, when the British secured two second places. It was during the 1925-26 season, for which he was elected Captain, a position he still holds, that he made his influence first felt. In the December regatta the club secured the two Senior races, and in the next, held in March, they created a record by winning every race. In the first regatta held this season Dulley preferred to act as cox, having by that time instilled enough of the orthodox English style into the Senior crew to enable them to win on their own account.

The British are therefore very much on top at the moment, and it is very amusing to read in the local papers the arguments in favour of and against Dulley's style of oarsmanship. Expert opinion amongst the local authorities, who have never seen real rowing, is plentiful, and the British Rowing Club was assured, before the last regatta, that two new sets of oars with six inch blades would entirely prejudice their chances against opponents, who were using seven inch blades, on the principle of the larger blade having the greater effect.

So much for rowing. We had thought of holding an O.WW. dinner, but the other two are not, we feel, very interested in the matter. Concerning myself, I have nothing of interest to record beyond the fact that I am coming home on leave next year after seven years in this country.

Incidentally, should any youngsters be thinking of coming out to this part of the world, knowledge of which appears to be very vague at home, it need hardly be said that we shall be only too pleased to give all the information at our disposal; our first advice would be never to come here at all.

And now, sir, having started the ball rolling from this comparatively remote corner of the southern hemisphere, we consider that it is up to others in other corners to do the same.

> Yours faithfully, C. A. MUNRO-FAURE.

FOOTBALL.

(Secretary.—C. J. PINDER, 5, Coleherne Road, S.W. 10.)

A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

(Second Round.)

O.WW. v. BRITANNIC HOUSE.

(Won, 7-2.)

Played at Vincent Square on January 8.

(Third Round.)
O.WW. v. BARCLAYS BANK.
(Won, 1-0.)

The game was watched by numerous supporters of the Bank, and it was unfortunate that, although the game was played at Vincent Square, there were scarcely a dozen O.W. supporters inside 'the rails.'

The ground was rather on the sticky side and consequently the passing was not very accurate on either side. Our defence were playing at the top of their form and rarely looked in serious difficulty, but the forward line, no doubt handicapped by last minute changes, never really got together. Had it not been for hesitation and short passing in front of the Bank's goal, enabling the Bank to clear, the win might have been more decisive. A good shot from Brookman, however, eventually enabled us to pass into the semi-final of the Cup.

O.WW.—W. N. McBride; A. H. T. Chisholm, G. B. Keily; E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Witherby, E. R. Munt; E. H. Horton, J. Brookman, N. P. Andrews, R. G. H. Lowe, J. B. Pickering.

(Semi-final.) O.WW. v. EALING. (Lost, 0-2.)

The game commenced at a very fast pace, the O.WW. having the advantage of the gentle slope of the ground. A fine pass by Brookman enabled Pickering to run down and centre and the O.WW. almost scored in the first ten minutes. Play then became very even, both sides forcing corners in quick succession, Andrews and Brodie playing well on the right wing. We had no luck, twice the goal posts were hit and Harvey headed in only to be given offside. At half-time there was no score but on changing over, it soon became obvious that Ealing, helped by the ground and a level score were a different side. On several occasions they were very dangerous until a fine centre from their right wing was headed in by their inside left and gave McBride no chance. Ealing continued to press, and our defence was severely taxed, McBride being called upon to save general fine shots until they eventually scored again. We improved in the last quarter of an hour and might have scored once. Fine goal-keeping for Ealing and a little bad luck prevented our scoring in the first half which as it happened would have made all the difference.

O.WW.—W. N. McBride; A. H. T. Chisholm, G. B. Keily; E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Witherby, D. A. Radermacher; N. P. Andrews, K. Brodie, J. Brookman, C. A. Harvey, J. B. Pickering.

O.WW. v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

(Drawn, 0-0.)

This is the first time for several years that the

O.W. have played either University.

Cambridge kicked off and pressed hard for the first ten minutes, but the Westminster forwards then got the ball, and after a bout of good passing, Brodie nearly scored with a good cross shot. Until half-time exchanges were fairly evenly divided, Cambridge having, if anything, more of the play.

On resuming the Westminster forwards pressed hard, but seemed unable to score, Lowe missing what appeared to be a fairly easy chance. Play again became even, the ball passing from one end to the other, and either side might have scored on one or two occasions. Cambridge ought to have taken the lead just before time, when Morris, who had an open goal, kicked over. The shooting of both forward lines lacked sting, the goalkeepers having very little difficulty in dealing with their shots, McBride being particularly safe.

O.WW.-W. N. McBride; A. H. T. Chisholm, G. B. Keily; E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Witherby, E. R. Munt; E. H. Horton, K. Brodie, N. P. Andrews, R. G. H. Lowe,

J. B. Pickering.

CRICKET.

(Secretary—W. B. Frampton, 3, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.)

FIXTURE LIST, 1927.

Sat., May 28-v. Byfleet, 11.30 a.m., Byfleet. v. Old Merchant Taylors, 2.30 p.m., Teddington.

Mon., June 6-v. Highgate School, 11.30 a.m., Highgate. Sat., June 11-v. The Bar, 11.30 a.m., Vincent Square. Sun., June 19-v. Chiswick Park, 2 p.m., Chiswick. Sun., June 26-v. Hillingdon Court, 2 p.m., Hillingdon

Court.

Sat., July 2-v. London Hospital, 11.30 a.m., Away. Sat., July 23-v. Westminster School, 11.30 a.m., Vincent Square.

Sun., July 24-v. Richmond, 2.30 p.m., Richmond. Wed., July 27-v. Bank of England, 11.30 a.m., Vincent ·Square.

Thurs., July 28-v. Cryptics, 11.30 a.m., Vincent Square. Friday, July 29-v. Thespids, 11.30 a.m., Vincent Square. Sat., July 30-v. Lancing Old Boys, 11.30 a.m., Vincent Square.

Sat., Aug. 20-v. H.A.C., 2 p.m., Finsbury. Sat., Sept. 3-v. Limpsfield, 2.30 p.m., Limpsfield. Sat., Sept. 10-v. Bank of England, 2.30 p.m., Roehampton.

HOLIDAY TOUR IN CHANNEL ISLANDS. Thurs. and Fri., Aug. 4 and 5-v. Guernsey Island, 11.30 a.m., Guernsey. Sat., Aug. 6—v. Guernsey Garrison (D.C.L.I.), 11.30 a.m.,

Guernsey.

Mon. and Tues., Aug. 8 and 9-Jersey Island, 11.30 a.m., Jersey. Wed., Aug. 10-v. Jersey Garrison (East Surrey Regt.), 11.30 a.m., Jersey.

All O.WW., no matter if they were overlooked by their House authorities whilst at the School, are urged to write to the Hon. Secretary should they desire to play in any of the above matches.

FIVES, RACKETS, SQUASH RACKETS AND TENNIS SOCIETY.

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

FIVES.

FURTHER RESULTS.

Jan. [8-v. C.O.WW. (Lost 0-3, 1 unfinished.)

v, 15—v. Old Citizens. (Won 3–1.) Feb. 12—v. Old Citizens. (Lost 0-4.)

,, 16-v. City of London School. (Drawn 2-2.)

,, 22-v. Westminster School. (Won 3-1.)

,, 27—v. London Hospital. (Drawn 2-2.)

The C.O.WW. in addition have a regular Fives Fixture list, playing all the leading Schools with very considerable success.

SQUASH RACKETS. FURTHER RESULTS.

Nov. 24—v. R.A.C. (Lost 1–2, 6 games to 8.) ,, 28—v. Weybridge. (Won 2–1, 6 games to 6.)

,, 30—v. Cavendish Club. (Lost 0-4, 1 game

to 12.)

Dec. 7—v. Conservative Club. (Lost o-3, 2 games to 9.)

12—v. W. Sanger's Court. (Lost 0-3, 2 games to 9.)

Jan. II—v. Cavendish Club. (Lost I-3, 4 games to II.)

Feb. 6—v. Bank of England. (Won 3–2, 11 games to 7.)

,, 16—v. Queen's Club. (Lost 0–5, 3 games to

, 24—v. R.N.C. Greenwich. (Won 3–2, 11 games to 8.)

Old Westminsters.

Major General A. A. McHardy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed Major-General in charge of Administration, Southern Command.

Dr. Edgar Douglas Adrian, F.R.S., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been nominated by the Royal Society to be their representative on the Governing Body of the School.

Mr. S. Chapman, scholar of Trinity, has been awarded a Sir William Browne Medal at Cambridge for a Greek epigram.

Sir Hugh L. Stephenson, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., Governor of Bihar and Orissa, has been appointed a K.C.S.I.

Marriages.

Lang-Faull.—On January 15, Captain Wolfran Iveagh Lang, 10th Baluch Regiment, K.G.O.J.R., Quetta, son of Mrs. Walter Lang, of 92, Philbeach Gardens, to Daphne, only daughter of Mrs. Anthony Faull, of 22, Courtfield Gardens, Kensington.

STARTIN-PERRY.—On January 19, at Fort William, Calcutta, Captain Charles Basil Startin, 1st Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment, youngest son of Charles Startin, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, to Catharine Mary, eldest daughter of Col. Edmund Ludlow Perry, D.S.O., I.M.S., of Fort William.

Scott-Gatty-Dewey.—On February 24, Alexander John Scott-Gatty, son of the late Sir Alfred Scott-Gatty, K.C.V.O., Garter Principal King of Arms, to Elayne Veronica, elder daughter of the Rev. Sir Stanley D. Dewey, Bart., of Moretonhampstead, Devon.

WHITMORE-STURGES.—On March I, at Stublington, Captain Hugh Frederick Whitmore, the Manchester Regiment, to Amy Dorothea Mansfield, youngest daughter of the late Rev. H. C. Sturges and Mrs. Sturges, of Lee-on-the-Solent.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the deaths of the following Old Westminsters:—

ROBERT WILLIAM MEAD was a son of E. Preston Mead, of Whitby, Yorks, and was admitted up Grant's in 1871. He was elected into College the following year and acted in the 'Trinummus' in 1874. He was in the Cricket Eleven of 1874. On leaving Westminster he became a doctor, and practised at Whitby, where he died on December 15 at the age of 68.

James Peter Nichols was a son of James Nichols, of London, and was admitted to the School in 1857. He was elected into College in 1861 and elected to Trinity in 1865. He acted the name part in the 'Phormio' in 1864 and rowed in the last race against Eton in 1864. At Cambridge he rowed No. 2 against Oxford in 1868. He was afterwards a solicitor, and died on January 17, aged 80.

A Westminster of a later generation was EWEN FIELD CAMERON MOSSE, who was a son of the Rev. E. H. Mosse, sometime Rector of St. Paul's, Covent Garden. He was admitted up Ashburnham in 1900 and was Head of the House in 1905. During the War he served in the R.G.A. He died early in January.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I congratulate you on the announcement which opens the October number. I am sure it is a move in the right direction. It seems to me that the office of a School paper is threefold. Its first duty is to record the daily history of the School; its second to afford an opportunity for members of the School, both past and present, to make their bow before a friendly audience with original compositions, both in prose and verse. Both are excellent, but there is a third which should have a far wider range, and that is to be a means of communication, not only between past and present, but also between the widely scattered units of the past.

For this the present attempt of the Elizabethan Club is a good beginning, but it is not nearly detailed enough. Not merely University, or civic, or political honours, but news of every kind about the less distinguished should

be fish to its net. Where is X? What is Y doing? What has become of Z? When I go out to South Africa, the Gold Coast, or India, what O.WW. shall I find there? These are questions which Old Boys are always asking, and if they find the answers in THE ELIZABETHAN, its circulation would go up by leaps and bounds. For not only sentiment is concerned. Again and again very material advantage will result. It will bring about meetings of old friends, and mutual assistance of the most valuable nature in the most out-of-the-way places. Believe one who has tried the experiment, and speaks of actual results.

This sort of thing is, of course, much easier in a smaller school than Westminster, but its influence would be proportionately greater. The Club alone might not be able to do much, but I expect the House Masters could supply a great deal of the information required. Letters from men in distant lands are read with particular eagerness. In time lists of the men in different districts can be compiled, and these are most valuable, and constantly asked for—especially by intending emigrants.

I am, sincerely yours,
W. H. A. COWELL.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan

DEAR SIR,-The Headmaster is surely mistaken in asserting, as he does in the Elizabethan Club Report, that the term 'Exeat' is a false one, and should be more correctly termed 'Sat. Sun. Mon.' He acquiesces in the suggestion all too easily. What was known to our fathers as a 'Sat. Sun. Mon.' is known to us as a 'Sat. Sun. Mon.' The expression is not forgotten, nor the valuable distinction between it and an 'Exeat,' which is one day longer. It has been a perpetual grievance for the last few years that what masquerades in the School Almanack as an Exeat, accorded us by tradition, is nothing but an impostor, a Sat. Sun. Mon. in disguise, and that term after term it is only by wearisome importunity, if at all, and at the cost of foregoing innumerable plays that the Exeat is permitted to become what it has all along declared itself to be, an Exeat.

Yours truly, H. E. WOOD.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I feel called upon to draw your attention to what I and many others, including O.WW., present members of the School, and representatives of other schools, consider to be a need. This is that Westminster has no 1st XI or 'pinks' tie. This should be remedied. There is, I believe, in existence a plain pink tie which can be worn by 1st XI colours, but which for obvious reasons never is worn. All other schools have a tie for their 1st XI colours, and I feel that it is a real need, especially as the School can only boast of two ties at all, which are wearable, the rest looking more like a one-and-sixpenny from Meaker's than anything else. I suggest one tie for all 'pinks,' but the form it shall take I leave to the Games Committee, who are, I believe, the people to deal with it.

With apologies for taking up so much time, and best wishes for the revised ELIZABETHAN in the future.

Yours, A LONDON O.W.

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