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School Notes.

THE Madrigal and Orchestral Societies' Concert was given on Monday, March 31.

The Senior Vincent Prize was won by N. C. Masterman.

The result of the 2nd trial of Orations was: Senior—C. A. Whitney-Smith; Junior—P. F. G. Copley.

The Junior Vincent Prize was divided between D. B. Hubback and J. A. Baldwin.

J. D. Argyle was awarded a Heath Harrison Exhibition at Brasenose College, Oxford, and E. H. G. Lonsdale was elected to an Exhibition in Classics at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

The School Confirmation was held on Tuesday, March 24, by the Bishop of Winchester.

On Friday, May 22, a Recital was given by the English Ensemble Trio.

DATES OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- June 12—Exeat.
- „ 20—Radley Match (away).
- „ 27—Wellington Match.
- July 1-4—Henley.
- „ 4—Charterhouse Match (away).
- „ 6-7—Sherborne Match.
- „ 24-25—O.W.W. Match.
- „ 24—School Concert, 8.15 p.m.
- „ 27—Election Dinner.
- „ 28—Election Term ends.
- Sept. 22—Play Term begins.

THE CHALLENGE.

THE following have been elected to :

Resident Scholarships.

1. C. M. O'Brien (mathematics). (Mr. G. K. Thomson, Abbey School, Beckenham.)
2. M. E. Dean (classics). (Mr. K. A. Moresby, Colchester House School, Clifton.)
3. J. A. Head (mathematics). (Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Deal.)
4. D. R. C. Engleheart (classics). (Westminster School.)
5. E. J. A. Freeman (classics). (Mr. A. H. Linford, Downsend, Leatherhead.)
6. H. B. Ball (classics). (Westminster School.)
7. H. B. Fox (classics). (Rev. T. A. Lord, Merton Court, Foots Cray, Kent.)

Non-Resident Scholarships.

1. A. F. Huxley (classics). (Westminster School.)
2. W. G. Steven (modern subjects.) (Westminster School.)

Exhibitions to the Value of £20.

1. E. H. Seward. (Mr. R. H. F. Coleman, Gate House School, Kingston Hill.)
2. H. V. King. (Mr. C. M. Fiddian, King's College Choir School, Cambridge.)

THE SPORTS.

THE training period started off on March 5 in weather that became increasingly cold over the week-end of the 'Varsity sports, and culminated in a heavy fall of snow. Thanks to a dozen or so stalwarts who volunteered for 'casual labour,' the whole of the quarter mile track was swept the same evening, giving to Fields what must have been an unprecedented appearance; and not only was the possibility of the track being swamped with the melting snow avoided, but no valuable time was lost for training. Whereupon the clerk of the weather, foiled of his attempt to ruin the Sports at the very start, turned over a new leaf, and provided for the rest of the term a consistent period of dry weather and, what was even more welcome to the spectators, freedom from the customary biting winds.

The Long Distance Race on March 12 just avoided a possible source of disaster in the flooding of the towpath by the spring tides, and was completed without incident by the majority of the 50 starters.

The winner will not be likely to forget his first appearance, immediately after the race, as a public

orator, expected to give his views of life in general and his success in particular to an unemotional microphone and a highly interested crowd. The time was better by 17 secs. than last year, and will no doubt improve still further when there is more experience of distance running.

The Sports proper started on Monday, March 16, and continued through the week, the final day being on the Saturday. They were followed by the House relays on Tuesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 19, and to the matches against Eastbourne on Saturday, 28th, and Aldenham on Monday, 30th. The extension of the under-16 events in the School Sports paved the way for another innovation, the introduction of Colts' matches into each of the Eastbourne and Aldenham fixtures.

Among performances which were, on the whole, in all the classes at least as good as last year, a few deserve special mention. Of the Colts, Byers stood out as a hurdler and sprinter. In the low hurdles, which is, at the moment, easily his best race, he substantially lowered the Senior time of last year, and should beat his own record next year. At the same time, Angelo showed real promise as a jumper, long and high. He jumped 17 ft. 10½ ins. in the under-16 Long Jump, and as he won the under-16 High Jump in the School sports and in both Colts' matches, his full powers in this were never tested until the Public Schools Sports. All congratulations are due to him for tying with two others in the under-16 event in these at 5 ft. 2 ins., and commiserations for having to be content with third place in the re-jumping. A potential high-jumper in the School is a new experience.

Of the Seniors, the Captain, Baker-Cresswell, went from good to better in the distance events. Starting with his victory in the Long Distance Race, he made an unfortunate miscalculation in the School Mile, losing it to G. D. Milne, who, incidentally, deserves all credit for an extremely plucky race. Having learnt his lesson, he made very sure of the Half Mile, won the Mile against Eastbourne, and only lost the Half Mile there by an inch or so, and finished up by winning the Mile against Aldenham in 4 mins. 50 4/5 secs. and the Half Mile in the School record of 2 mins. 8 3/5 secs. His pacemakers, ten Doesschate and Argyle in the Mile and Matthews in the Half Mile, did their duties exactly as desired, and the winner owes much of his success to their assistance—the better the pacing got, the better his winning time. Next year he will have to aim at the mile record of 4 mins. 45 secs (and at lowering his own half mile record as well, if he chooses!), with the help of still faster pacing, or, better still, by developing the clockwork methods of Nurmi the Finn.

OPEN EVENTS.

100 YARDS.—I Fitzsimons, 2 Edey, 3 P. M. Sutton—
11 1/10 secs.

QUARTER MILE.—I P. M. Sutton, 2 J. D. Argyle, 3
Edey. 56 2/5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I G. E. Baker-Cresswell, 2 L. D. S. ten
Doesschate, 3 Matthews. 2 mins. 11 1/5 secs.

MILE.—I G. D. Milne, 2 G. E. Baker-Cresswell, 3 L. D.
S. ten Doesschate. 5 mins. 6 1/5 secs.

LONG DISTANCE.—I G. E. Baker-Cresswell, 2 L. D. S.
ten Doesschate, 3 G. D. Milne. 15 mins. 18 3/5 secs.

HIGH HURDLES.—I Byers, 2 G. D. Milne, 3 Rich.
19 3/5 secs.

LOW HURDLES.—I Byers, 2 Labertouche, 3 G. D. Milne.
28 3/5 secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—I Myers, 2 Strong, 3 Baughan.
29 ft. 8 ins.

HIGH JUMP.—I Grace, 2 G. E. Baker-Cresswell, 3
F. E. Studt. 4 ft. 11 ins.

LONG JUMP.—I Stevens, 2 Strong, 3 Rich. 18 ft.
5 1/2 ins.

UNDER-16 EVENTS.

100 YARDS.—I Byers, 2 Angelo. 11 1/5 secs.

QUARTER MILE.—I Byers, 2 Belson. 59 3/5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I Edgar, 2 O'Brien. 2 mins. 29 secs.

MILE.—I Edgar, 2 Belson. 5 mins. 47 3/5 secs.

HIGH HURDLES.—I Wright, 2 Angelo. 20 1/10 secs.

LOW HURDLES.—I Angelo, 2 Lonnon. 32 1/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Angelo, 2 Wright. 4 ft. 7 ins.

LONG JUMP.—I Angelo, 2 Wright. 17 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

UNDER-14 1/2 EVENTS.

100 YARDS.—I Kavanagh, 2 H. D. Simpson. 12 2/5
secs.

QUARTER MILE.—I Spearman, 2 G. O. J. ten Doesschate.
67 2/5 secs.

HURDLES.—I Ivanovic, 2 J. B. Bury. 20 2/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Preston, 2 T. H. Baker-Cresswell.
4 ft. 4 ins.

LONG JUMP.—I T. H. Baker-Cresswell, 2 A. Bindloss.
14 ft. 1 in.

300 YARDS HANDICAP.—I Myers, 2 Munro.

CONSOLATION RACE.—I Brookes, 2 M. K. Macfarlane.

O.W.W. RACE.—I M. F. Porterfield, 2 M. F. Young.

LONG DISTANCE HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP.—Grant's and
Homeboarders tied.

SPORTS CHALLENGE CUP.—Rigaud's.

VICTOR LUDORUM CHALLENGE CUP.—G. E. Baker-
Cresswell.

After the Sports, the prizes were presented by
Mr. E. R. B. Graham, O.W.

INTER-HOUSE RELAYS.

CHALLENGE CUP.—Rigaud's.

CHALLENGE BATONS.—Senior Sprint, Rigaud's; Senior
Hurdles, Grant's; Senior Medley, Rigaud's; Junior
Sprint, Homeboarders; Junior Hurdles, Grant's; Junior
Medley, Homeboarders.

The Cup and Batons were presented to the
House Captains by Mrs. Costley-White.

THE SCHOOL v. EASTBOURNE

(at Eastbourne).

SENIOR MATCH.

100 YARDS.—I Hopkinson (E.), 2 Fitzsimons (W.).
10 4/5 secs.

MILE.—I Baker-Cresswell (W.), 2 Tripp (E.). 4 mins.
55 4/5 secs.

QUARTER MILE.—I Hopkinson (E.), 2 Edey (W.).
56 4/5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I Irving Bell (E.), 2 Baker-Cresswell (W.).

LONG JUMP.—I Hopkinson (E.), 2 Smith (E.). 20 ft.
6 1/2 ins.

HURDLES.—I Hampton (E.), 2 Davey (E.).

HIGH JUMP.—I Duncanson (E.), 2 Brooke (E.) and
Grace (W.). 5 ft. 1/2 in.

Eastbourne—6 events. Westminster—1 event.

COLTS' MATCH.

100 YARDS.—I Downes (E.), 2 Byers (W.). 11 2/5 secs.
QUARTER MILE.—I Byers (W.), 2 Downes (E.). 60
1/5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I Mornement (E.), 2 Wyatt (E.). 2
mins. 20 1/5 secs.

LONG JUMP.—I Angelo (W.) 2 Bomford (E.). 17 ft.
1 1/2 in.

HURDLES.—I Byers (W.), 2 Bomford (E.). 19 1/5 secs
HIGH JUMP.—I Angelo (W.), 2 Lerwill (E.). 4 ft. 7 ins.

Westminster—4 events. Eastbourne—2 events.

THE SCHOOL v. ALDENHAM

(at Vincent Square).

SENIOR MATCH.

LOW HURDLES.—I Byers (W.), 2 Labertouche (W.).
28 1/5 secs.

MILE.—I Baker-Cresswell (W.), 2 Gibbon (A.). 4 mins.
50 4/5 secs.

100 YARDS.—I Hacking (A.), 2 Martin (A.). 11 2/5
secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Lewis (A.) and Hardie (A.). 4 ft. 9 1/4
ins.

QUARTER MILE.—I Hacking (A.), 2 Edey (W.). 56 1/5
secs.

LONG JUMP.—I Strong (W.), 2 Stevens (W.). 18 ft.
8 1/2 ins.

HALF MILE.—I Baker-Cresswell (W.), 2 Matthews (W.).
2 mins. 8 3/5 secs. (School record.)

HIGH HURDLES.—I Moreland (A.), 2 Milne (W.).
19 1/5 secs.

Westminster—4 events. Aldenham—4 events.

COLTS' MATCH.

LOW HURDLES.—I Angelo (W.), 2 Hunter (A.), 30 secs.
100 YARDS.—I Spring (A.), 2 Hunter (A.), 11 1/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Angelo (W.), 2 Markham (A.). 4 ft.
8 1/4 ins.

QUARTER MILE.—I Spring (A.), 2 Hunter (A.). 57
4/5 secs.

HALF MILE.—I Maclean (A.), 2 Edgar (W.). 2 mins.
25 1/5 secs.

Aldenham—3 events. Westminster—2 events.

THE FIELDS.

It is with great pleasure that we record the appointment of A. C. Russell, the Essex and England cricketer, to the post of groundsman and coach at Vincent Square. We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

WESTMINSTER *v.* LORDS AND COMMONS.
May 19.

WESTMINSTER.

J. G. Byrne, c Dalkeith, b Cartwright	...	...	19
A. C. Johnson, b Cartwright	...	...	31
R. H. Angelo, b Cartwright	...	...	22
M. Matthews, b Cartwright	...	...	1
M. Broadhurst, c Hope, b Harrison	...	...	22
J. S. Browne, lbw b Harrison	...	...	26
J. F. Turner, c Aberdare, b Cartwright	...	...	5
S. E. Mangeot, c Nicholson, b Dalkeith	...	...	0
J. D. Argyle, not out	...	...	8
P. N. Labertouche, c Aberdare, b Campbell	...	...	0
J. E. Rich, b Cartwright	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	12

Total ... 151

Bowling.—Young 0 for 18, Harrison 2 for 41, Campbell 1 for 44, Cartwright 6 for 26, Dalkeith 1 for 10.

LORDS AND COMMONS.

Lord Aberdare, b Johnson	...	...	44
H. O. Hickox, c Brown, b Broadhurst	...	...	15
Capt. A. Hope, b Broadhurst	...	...	3
G. H. M. Cartwright, b Johnson	...	...	36
R. S. Young, b Angelo	...	...	11
Lord Dalkeith, not out	...	...	66
Capt. O. W. Nicholson, c and b Angelo	...	...	0
E. T. C. Harrison, st Matthews, b Broadhurst	...	...	10
E. Thurtle, not out	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	2

Total (7 wickets) ... 196

E. T. Campbell and J. Mills did not bat.

Bowling.—Rich 0 for 30, Angelo 2 for 64, Broadhurst 3 for 60, Johnson 2 for 36, Labertouche 0 for 4.

WESTMINSTER *v.* FREE FORESTERS.
May 23.

FREE FORESTERS.

R. H. Twining, lbw b Angelo	...	...	10
Col. L. Hoare, b Angelo	...	...	37
T. J. R. Dashwood, not out	...	...	33
A. M. Crawley, not out	...	...	44
Extras	...	...	3

Total (2 wickets) ... 127

E. P. Soltie, M. W. Payne, N. McCaskie, A. S. Crawley, S. W. Beadle, C. S. Marriott, J. L. Masterman did not bat.

Bowling.—Rich 0 for 19, Angelo 2 for 42, Johnson 0 for 24, Broadhurst 0 for 35, Labertouche 0 for 4.

Westminster.—M. Matthews, A. C. Johnson, M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne, J. S. Brown, R. H. Angelo, S. E. Mangeot, J. D. Argyle, J. F. Turner, P. N. Labertouche, J. E. Rich.

WESTMINSTER *v.* M.C.C.
May 28.

WESTMINSTER.

J. G. Byrne, ct Stanyforth, b Dalmeny	...	...	8
A. C. Johnson, b Dalmeny	...	...	18
R. H. Angelo, b Hilder	...	...	40
J. S. Brown, b Hilder	...	...	58
M. Broadhurst, ht wkt b Hilder	...	...	4
J. F. Turner, ct Stanyforth, b Taylor	...	...	19
M. Matthews, lbw b Taylor	...	...	8
F. E. Pagan, c and b Taylor	...	...	0
J. D. Argyle, lbw b Taylor	...	...	0
I. K. Munro, lbw b Taylor	...	...	5
P. N. Labertouche, not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	32

Total ... 193

Bowling.—Dalmeny 2 for 24, Hilder 3 for 82, Webster 0 for 34, Taylor 5 for 22.

M.C.C.

D. J. Knight, st Matthew, b Johnson	...	...	124
R. Stanyforth, lbw b Argyle	...	...	17
L. B. Neame, b Broadhurst	...	...	47
T. J. R. Dashwood, not out	...	...	24
A. L. Hilder, b Labertouche	...	...	13
Keith Falkner, not out	...	...	7
Extras	...	...	10

Total (4 wickets) ... 242

W. H. Webster, T. M. Murray-Rust, Lord Dalmeny, H. R. Blaker and C. H. Taylor did not bat.

Bowling.—Angelo 0 for 82, Argyle 1 for 28, Johnson 1 for 51, Broadhurst 1 for 71, Labertouche 1 for 10.

THE WATER.

FIRST EIGHT *v.* ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL.

This race was rowed on May 6 from Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge. St. Thomas' won the toss, and chose the Surrey station. Westminster got a bad start, and after a minute were over a length down. But at the Boathouse they got together and began to creep up. By the bottom end of Harrods' Wharf the crews were level, but St. Thomas' started their final spurt here, and gained over $\frac{1}{4}$ of a length. Westminster spurted almost immediately, and a hard struggle at the finish ended in St. Thomas' winning by 3 feet. Time, 8 mins. 20 secs.

Westminster.—(bow) J. M. H. Browne, (2) C. Lewis, (3) J. H. Freeman, (4) B. E. Strong, (5) W. R. Hawthorne, (6) R. E. Sammel, (7) J. C. H. Cherry, (stroke) L. D. S. ten Doesschate, (cox) G. W. Scott.

FIRST EIGHT *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

The O.W.W. put in three weeks of practice for their race against the First Eight this year. The race was rowed on May 9 from the University Stone to Hammersmith Bridge. The O.W.W. won the toss and chose Surrey. Westminster got an

indifferent start, but the O.WW., who were rather out of the tide, did not gain much. At the Boat-house the School was leading slightly, and from here they went on drawing away, to win by 7 lengths in 8 mins. 20 secs. The O.WW. could not keep going as a crew over the course owing to their short time of practice.

Westminster.—(bow) J. M. H. Browne, (2) C. Lewis, (3) M. D. D. Howlett, (4) B. E. Strong, (5) W. R. Hawthorne, (6) R. F. Sammel, (7) J. C. H. Cherry (stroke) L. D. S. ten Doesschate, (cox) G. W. Scott.

O.WW.—(bow) P. A. North, (2) G. S. M. Birch, (3) T. M. Tyrrell, (4) R. L. Bennett, (5) R. E. Ball, (6) D. Cragg-Hamilton, (7) C. Mellor, (stroke) G. B. Aris, (cox) W. B. Young.

FIRST EIGHT *v.* IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

On Monday, May 19, the First Eight rowed Imperial College from Hammersmith Bridge to the Stone. There was a good tide and a strong following wind. Westminster won the toss and chose Surrey. Westminster gained slightly at the start, but Imperial recovered and drew away quickly by Harrods, and were 2 lengths ahead at the Mile Post. Here Westminster began to row harder, but with less cohesion, and on the last mile Imperial gained $\frac{1}{2}$ a length, winning by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in about 8 mins.

Westminster.—(bow) J. M. H. Browne, (2) C. Lewis, (3) M. D. D. Howlett, (4) L. P. B. Bingham, (5) W. R. Hawthorne, (6) R. F. Sammel, (7) J. C. H. Cherry, (stroke), L. D. S. ten Doesschate, (cox) G. W. Scott.

SECOND EIGHT *v.* IMPERIAL COLLEGE SECOND EIGHT.

This race was rowed about 5 minutes after the First Eight Imperial College race, over the same course, Imperial winning the toss and choosing the Middlesex station. Both crews displayed poor technique, but raced well. Westminster lead slightly till the Mile Post, were down a canvas at Beverley, but managed to reach the Stone a canvas in front. Time, 7 mins. 54 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Westminster Second Eight.—(bow) R. F. Walker, (2) B. N. Gedye, (3) J. F. B. Stevens, (4) J. G. Lea, (5) G. E. Baker-Cresswell, (6) J. G. R. Bramhall, (7) J. Ormiston, (stroke) P. A. Gardiner, (cox) A. A. Titcomb.

THIRD EIGHT *v.* EMANUEL SCHOOL FIRST EIGHT.

On May 21 the Third Eight had a race with Emanuel I from the Mile Post to Hammersmith Bridge. Westminster won by a distance in 2 mins. 56 secs.

Westminster Third Eight.—(bow) I. D. Lloyd, (2) C. G. F. Strother-Stewart, (3) D. F. Albert, (4) T. R. Crook, (5) J. L. Campbell, (6) G. R. Fearnley, (7) M. P. Lonnon, (stroke) F. G. P. Quixley, (cox) P. Russell.

'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST' (*Oscar Wilde*).

BY THE HOMEBOARDERS DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE PLAY PRODUCED BY W. HAWTHORNE.

... Perfectly phrased, and quite as true as any observation in civilised life need be.

There are many respects—bewilderingly many for the amateur critic—in which the Homeboarders Dramatic Society's recent performance of Oscar Wilde's brilliant comedy has called forth admiration and praise. The individual acting was so competent as to defy discrimination; the speed of action and dialogue left nothing to be desired; the company as a whole had a unity rare amongst amateur players; and the inspiration and efficiency of the production was throughout evident. Perhaps, as these virtues have been recognised by all who attended the performances, I may be allowed to call attention to what was less obvious, but quite one of the most important elements in the success. It was the incredible fact of a number of 1931 schoolboys (formerly and since quite normal) adopting and assuming with as much certainty as if they had been alive at the time the attitude and tone of a period in many ways different from their own—the 'nineties' of the last century. And it was this which made 'The Importance of Being Earnest'—a play which, if acted in a 1931 spirit, would appear clever and no more—really shine with the full force of its farcical brilliance. In other words, the 'period' was perfect.

If there was so invidious a thing as a palm for the best actor, I suppose it would have gone to C. A. Whitney-Smith. He was certainly the best when not actually speaking, and we never saw his none-too-easy part flag for a moment.

J. C. Cherry owed a lot to the person who cast him in the part of Mr. John Worthing, for it suited him down to the ground. J. M. H. Browne took a difficult part, and made it a great success. A. Johnstone Wilson, like Cherry, must have fallen like manna upon the producer. J. G. Patisson's performance as Cecily Cardew was little short of consummate; it was impossible to say whether one admired his gestures or the intonation of his words the more. S. E. Mangeot made the most of a small part. His 'Letitia at last!' was unbearably funny. The two butlers were butlers in the fullest sense of the word.

THE SCHOOL STORE.

THIS term sees the opening, after much preliminary hard work, of a store situated within the School which will in future provide almost everything that is necessary for the outfit of a West-

minster boy. By the institution of the store various benefits are secured; boys are able to procure their requirements on the spot; minor commodities, as widely diverse as embrocation and lemon squash, Blanco and razor blades, are available from a single order; the price of articles is almost always cheaper than before, and the quality often better; and the profits will be devoted to the Games Fund. Old Westminsters' colours will soon be stocked. The controllers, Messrs. T. M. Murray-Rust and C. H. Fisher, are much to be congratulated upon their undertaking.

RECORD FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Mr. W. Anderson Scott (O.W.) on completing his record flight to Australia and back. He flew from England to Australia in nine days in April, and his return journey, which he completed on June 6, took him 10 days 23 hours. He was welcomed on his return by the Secretary of State for Air, who congratulated him on an achievement which, as he said, had done honour 'to Westminster, to the R.A.F., in which he held a commission for five years, and to Great Britain and the British Empire.'

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL BALLET.

MONDAY, July 6, and Wednesday, July 8, at 8.15 p.m., up School.

Tickets, 2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d., obtainable from L. H. Burd, Esq., 28, Great College Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, or from J. R. C. Engleheart, 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1.

It need hardly be pointed out that the production of a Westminster Ballet up School is both an ambitious and a costly undertaking. As regards the expenses, the price of tickets is being kept to the lowest possible limit, and it is therefore essential that, if the cost of production is to be met, there should be a full house on both nights. Boys and O.W.W. can make success practically certain if they will (a) come themselves and (b) see to it that their parents and friends know all about the Ballet well in advance of the dates.

The performance itself should be a most interesting one. The idea of a School Ballet is, so far as we know, practically unique, and the Ballet will be produced on entirely original lines under the supervision of Mr. H. S. Williamson (recently Art Master at the School). There will be a full orchestra of some 30 or 35 players, which, in addition to accompanying the Ballet, will play overtures and *entr'actes* during the performance.

The general scheme of the performance is a first half consisting of a prologue and ballet woven round the story of the Fall of Troy, whilst

the second half will be a representation of modern life.

The Head Master is giving warm support to the scheme. The profits, if any, will be given to the School Mission.

FIVES.

THE annual Open Handicap Fives Competition took place last term. The final was played on March 31 between F. E. Pagan and J. R. Cheadle (-8) and J. D. Argyle and J. R. O'Brien (-7), the former winning by 3 games to 0.

Half Pinks were awarded to E. H. G. Lonsdale, F. E. Pagan and W. R. S. Doll.

O.T.C.

THE Inter-House Squad Drill Competition last December was again won by Rigaud's (Under-Officer P. M. Sutton).

There have been three Field Days since our last notes—at Tadworth on October 29; Berkampstead Common, with Aldenham and Highgate, on March 6 (one of the coldest battles that ever happened), and Ashdown Forest on March 27, with Lancing.

The winners of the Bugle and Drum Competition were I. D. McFarlane and J. A. Wheeler.

The Annual Inspection took place on March 25, the Inspecting Officer being Major-General Sir A. R. Hoskins, K.C.B., D.S.O. (O.W.).

Camp this year is at Tweseldown, Aldershot.
G. L. T.

MASTER WILLIAM KING.

THERE lie before me as I write the School Bills of 'Master William King' during the time (October, 1801, to July, 1803) that he boarded at 'Mrs. Clapham's Boarding House, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster.' They are addressed to his father, the Rev. J. King, at Winesham, near Ipswich, Suffolk. William King appears in the *Record of Old Westminsters*, but only, as it were, by accident, and nothing has hitherto been known of his parentage. Nor is anything known of his subsequent career, but we may, perhaps, hazard the suggestion that he was the William King (1786-1865), 'son of the Rev. John King, many years Master of the Ipswich Grammar School,' who earned a little niche for himself in the Dict. of Nat. Biography as one of the promoters of co-operation.

But however that may be—and we must leave it to the learned Editor of the Record to substantiate—it was decided in the year 1801 that Master Billy, like Bobby Shandy of an earlier date, was 'to be fixed at Westminster

School.' We may imagine the anxious concern with which the good Rector and his wife studied the single sheet which contains the 'Terms of Mrs. Clapham's Boarding House.' 'Board, Washing and Lodging p. ann., £36 15s.' plus an entrance fee of £5 5s. was the first item. A guinea to the Head Master and to the Under Master, another guinea to the Usher of the House, and yet another 'to the Usher of the Form in which the young Gentleman is placed' shows how the scanty salaries of the staff were eked out. 'Yearly fees to the School—eight guineas when in the Under School and seven when in the Upper' seemed modest enough, but £4 4s. extra p.a. 'for a single bed' needed consideration, and finally there was the item: 'Each gentleman is to bring one p. of sheets, one dozen of Towels, and one silver Table Spoon,' and that must have caused concern to Mrs. King. Perhaps the Rector smiled as he reflected that whatever might have happened at his birth, his son should go to Westminster with a silver table spoon in his hand.

And so in due course Master King arrived up Clapham's in October, 1801, and no doubt the little gentleman was welcomed by his 'Dame' with her usual embracing and motherly smile. And very small he must have felt, though secretly proud of his nice bureau (15s., and probably old and taken over from some other young gentleman), his single bed, his shilling a week pocket money, and his important though small accounts running at 'my taylars,' 'my glovers,' etc.—what matter if these last barely totalled one pound. He was pleased—and so was his father!

In due course the Rector received the first term's bill, accompanied by a nice little letter in Mother Clapham's spidery handwriting, in which she regretted that it had not been in her power to get a frank, and flattered herself that he would not think 'the extra charge [on account of the dearness of provisions 10s.] unreasonable in the present times.' She further did herself the pleasure of mentioning that 'the School would meet on Tuesday, the 19th inst.,' and while begging 'to be remembered kindly to Master King,' she remained 'with respects, Sir, Your much obliged and most obedient Servant, Martha Clapham.'

We know a little about 'Mother Clapham.' She had married an O.W. called Robert Clapham (*q.v.*, as they say in the Record!) and for a quarter of a century she had pursued—in Gibbon's immortal phrase—the humble industry of keeping a boarding house for the Westminster Scholars, first in Great College Street, then at 1, Dean's Yard, and at this time at the house which a later generation decided should finally be known as 'Rigaud's.'

There is little to say about William King's

school days. The bills succeeded each other with regularity. Mrs. Clapham 'has the pleasure to say Master King is very well'—so the emetic and 'port wine etc. when not well—15s.,' was well spent. He went on the water, and the waterman got 1s. 6d., and the glazier's item was usually a heavy one. No doubt his marbles went through the windows, as marbles do; for marbles and hoops were the fashion at the School at this time. The extra charge on account of the dearness of provisions went up to a guinea, in spite of the Peace of Amiens, and it cost him £2 to return home as the holidays came round.

He must have been a clever child, for by October, 1803, he had climbed into the Sixth Form. We get a glimpse of him in the diary kept by Lord John Russell (the future Prime Minister), then a small boy in the Under Third. On December 7, 1803, he records that he decided that he would not go to the second night of the Westminster Play, but went instead to Dawson's, where 'the Clapham fellows' (need I say that the diarist was a Grantite!) acted 'Othello,' and King 'did pretty well' as Iago.

The bills came to an end in January, 1804, but according to the Record, King did not leave the School until Christmas, 1806. Let us hope that his parents had duly given the 'Quarters notice (or Board) . . . required before a Gentleman leaves the House.'

L. E. T.

[For the papers from which this article was compiled we are much indebted to F. G. Joseph, Esq., O.W., who has kindly presented them to the School.—ED.]

The Elizabethan Club.

President—H. F. MANISTY, Esq., K.C.

Hon. Treasurer—SIR ERNEST GOODHART, Bart., Benenden Place, Benenden, Kent.

Hon. Secretary—MR. D. C. SIMPSON, 20, Great College Street, S.W. 1.

Games Secretary—MR. P. H. WYATT, 26, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. 1.

Committee Meeting—Thursday, June 11, 5.45 p.m.

Annual General Meeting—Thursday, July 16, 5.45 p.m.

Contributions to the Testimonial to Elson should be sent to Mr. E. R. B. Graham, 222, Strand, W.C. 1. The presentation will take place on the second day of the cricket match between the Old Westminsters and the School (Saturday, July 25).

The following new members have been elected :

- A. 1928-31 BAKER, ROBERT AYSHFORD, Court Downs Cottage, Beckenham, Kent.
- G. 1927-31 EDEY, ANTHONY RUSSELL, Linacre, Wanstead Road, Bromley.
- A. 1928-31 GARCIA, CHARLES GUSTAVE GRANTON, 59, Queen's Road, N.W. 8.
- R. 1926-31 GORER, RICHARD BENJAMIN, The Elms, Fitzroy Park, Highgate.
- B. 1928-31 GRIFFITHS, ROBERT JOHN.
- G. 1915-16 JENKINS, JAMES GEDWIAN ARNOLD, c/o Forbes, Forbes, Campbell & Co., Horne Street, Bombay.
- B. 1926-31 JONES, TETLEY IRONSIDE TETLEY-, Oak Hall, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
- A. 1927-31 JUTTE, JOHN CECIL WALTER, Ashdene, Sandy Lane, Cheam.
- H. 1929-30 MANSER, ROBERT WILLIAM EDWARD, c/o Bank of New South Wales, Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia.
- H. 1904-11 MELLOR, AUBREY ROLLE IBBETSON, 22, Sheffield Terrace, W. 8.
- R. 1914-16 MOSS, FRANK LYONS, 9, Cedar House, Cheniston Gardens, W. 8.
- G. 1927-31 PAIN, PETER RICHARD, Loen, Chislehurst, Kent.
- A. 1926-31 SHEARMAN, JOHN, 93, King Henry's Road, N.W. 3.
- R. 1906-11 SLUBICKI, JOHN MARYS DE, Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.
- A. 1927-31 SMITH, RONALD WILLIAM, 32, Landford Road, Putney, S.W. 15.
- R. 1925-31 SUTTON, PETER MALKIN, 6, Holland Park Avenue, W. 11.
- A. 1915-18 WHITE, WILLOUGHBY HANSFORD-, Elm-hurst, Bourne-End-on-Thames.

OLD WESTMINSTERS GOLFING SOCIETY.

Although beaten in the first round of the Halford-Hewitt Cup this year, the Old Westminsters very nearly beat last year's winners, the Old Carthusians, who were represented by a very powerful side.

6 and 4	{	W. L. Hartley	v.	J. B. Beck	}
		R. Chapman		E. M. Prain	
4 and 3	{	R. W. Hartley	v.	T. A. Bourn	}
		Dr. H. Gardiner-Hill		G. N. P. Humphries	
	{	C. M. Page	v.	J. P. Marston	} 4 and 3
		J. G. Barrington-Ward		G. P. Jackson	
	{	G. S. Blaker	v.	C. F. Woodbridge	} 1 hole
		M. de J. Creswick		R. G. Morrison	
	{	J. E. Dunning	v.	J. S. F. Morrison	} 4 and 3
		Hon. J. W. M. Aitken		V. C. H. Longstaffe	
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In an eight-a-side match by Singles and Foursomes on the Hindhead Club's course on Sunday, April 19th, the Old Westminsters beat the Old Uppinghamians. The results were :

SINGLES.

C. Powers (7 & 5) ... 1	G. N. Hillier-Holt ... 0
M. de J. Creswick (6 & 5) 1	P. L. B. Whyte ... 0
A. C. Grover (4 & 2) ... 1	E. D. Renwick ... 0
P. S. Peak ... 0	H. S. Brown (2 & 1) ... 1
J. Poyser (4 & 3) ... 1	E. T. Williamson ... 0
W. B. Enever (2 holes) 1	E. Davenport... ... 0
R. C. Orpen ... 0	G. Mansell (1 hole) ... 1
R. S. Barnes (3 & 2) ... 1	A. Hardy 0
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6	2

FOURSOMES.

OLD WESTMINSTERS G.S.	OLD UPPINGHAMIAN G.S.
C. Powers and	G. N. Hilleir-Holt and
M. de J. Creswick (6 & 4) 1	E. D. Renwick ... 0
A. C. Grover and	P. L. B. Whyte and
P. S. Peak (halved) ... 0	H. S. Brown (halved) 0
J. Poyser and	E. T. Williamson and
W. B. Enever (8 & 7) 1	E. Davenport ... 0
R. C. Orpen and	G. Mansell and
R. S. Barnes (1 hole) 1	A. Hardy 0
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3	0

The Spring Meeting of the Society was held at Walton Heath on Wednesday, April 22, when the results were :

Graham Challenge Cup. Morning round on the Old Course.

M. de J. Creswick ... 79-4=75	} tied.
A. C. Grover ... 82-7=75	
K. J. Gardiner ... 91-16=75	

In the replay over 9 holes A. C. Grover won with a return of 41-3½=37½.

Cup presented by Lt.-Col. F. C. Dundas, D.S.O., for the best net return by a player with a handicap of 10 and over :

K. J. Gardiner ... 75 nett.

Foursomes against Bogey for the Club Tankards (presented by C. M. Page, Esq.):

M. de J. Creswick and W. E. P. Moon ... 4 up
W. B. Enever and A. M. Harding 1 up

Any Old Westminster wishing to play in matches for the Society should apply to the Hon. Secretary, A. C. Grover, 45, Kewferry Road, Northwood, Middlesex, giving his lowest Club handicap.

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Old Westminsters.

Mr. C. E. Malet de Carteret, Attorney-General of Jersey, has been appointed Bailiff of Jersey.

Mr. Neil A. Mackintosh, Chief Scientific Officer of the 'Discovery II' Expedition, has had conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science by the University of London.

Mr. I. I. Bowen, Fellow of All Souls College, has been appointed to a Lectureship in Modern History and Economics at Brasenose College.

Mr. W. L. Hartley has won the St. George's Vase for Golf at Sandwich.

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Marriages.

CHISHOLM-GOSSE.—On April 2, John Richard Harrison Chisholm, youngest son of the late Hugh Chisholm, to Helen, only daughter of Dr. Philip Gosse, of 25, Argyll Road, Kensington.

GEDDES-KNIGHT.—On May 2, Alastair Wilshire Geddes, youngest son of the late John Henry Geddes, to Adeline Winifred Joan, only daughter of the late Dr. Frederick Charles Knight.

HORNSBY-ROBERTS.—On May 21, Frederick Noel Hornsby, elder son of Major F. M. Hornsby, C.B.E., to Enid Mary, only daughter of A. W. Barnett Roberts, of Arra House, Wandsworth.

Obituary.

It is with great regret that we have to record the deaths of Lt.-Gen. Sir Raleigh Egerton, Vice-President of the Elizabethan Club, Sir Robert Furse, Chief Justice of Western Australia, and several other Westminsters.

WALTER RALEIGH GILBERT EGERTON was a son of Sir Robert Eyles Egerton, K.C.S.I., Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab. He was proud of the ancestry indicated by his christian names and was fond of recalling that his grandmother, who died after he had come of age, had danced with Napoleon when he was First Consul. He was admitted up Grant's in 1874, became a Q.S. in 1875, and left in 1877 to go to Sandhurst. Practically his whole military career was spent in India, where he saw much active service on the N. West Frontier. From 1911 to 1914 he commanded the Ferozepore Brigade. During the Great War he served both in France and Mesopotamia as successively brigade, division and corps commander. In 1917 he was made a Lieutenant-General. He was mentioned in despatches seven times and made K.C.B. in 1916 and K.C.I.E. in 1917. A famous Field-Marshal once remarked that Egerton was 'a very brave man whose calm courage had more than once retrieved an apparently hopeless position.' We at Westminster remember him as one who

was proud of his School and found much pleasure in his last days in attending Westminster functions, and acting as Vice-President of the Elizabethan Club. He died on May 2 after a long illness.

ROBERT FURSE MACMILLAN was the eldest son of John Macmillan, barrister-at-law, and was admitted in 1871. He became a Q.S. in 1873, and left in 1876. He went to Trinity Hall and after being bracketed Senior in the Law Tripos was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1881. He became a Judge of the Supreme Court, Western Australia, in 1906, and Chief Justice in 1913. In 1921 he was appointed Lieut.-Governor of Western Australia, and was created a K.C.M.G. in 1925. He died suddenly a few weeks ago, aged 73.

ALLAN WHISTON FERRERS-GUY was a son of T. Ferrers-Guy, of Vicarage Gate, Kensington, and the eldest of five brothers who were at the School in the 80's and 90's. He was admitted as a Homeboarder in 1888 and left in 1891. At Westminster he was in both the cricket and football teams. After leaving Trinity College, Cambridge, he became a private schoolmaster. At Horris Hill, Wixenford and Highfield Schools he won both the confidence of parents and the affection of his boys, and no one who came under his influence failed to recognise the debt which they owed to his upright and sincere character and sterling qualities. Although past military age he served in the War, and after serving as a private in the Public School Battalion he obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery. He was invalided out of the Army shortly before the close of the War. He died on March 24, and will be much missed by a large circle of friends.

LAURENCE YORKE BARNBY was the elder son of Sir Joseph Barnby, the musician, and was up Rigaud's from 1893 to 1898. He was in the Football Eleven of 1897-98. From 1898 to 1914 he was in the Bank of England. In the War he served in the R.N.R. and became a Paymaster-Commander. He died on May 3, aged 50.

JOHN GEORGE BELLAS ROGERS was a son of John B. Rogers, solicitor, and was at the School from 1874 to 1876. He afterwards went to Canada. He died on May 9.

JOSEPH FREDERICK REECE was a son of Richard M. Reece, and was admitted in 1867. He became a Q.S. in 1868, and was elected head to Christ Church in 1872. He became a solicitor, and practised at Westgate. He died on April 29.

CHARLES JOHN HEINCKER CHEPMELL was a son of the Rev. H. Le M. Chepmell, D.D., and was admitted in 1853. He was elected into College in 1859 and left in 1863. He went to Christ Church, and afterwards went to live in New Zealand. He became Headmaster of the Bishop's School, Nelson, N. Zealand. He died on November 25 last in his 87th year.

WILLIAM PHILIP CHEPMELL was the elder brother of the last named. He was at the School for a few months in 1853, but had to leave owing to ill-health. He, too, went to New Zealand, where he became a farmer and lived at Hamilton. He died in October last.

RICHARD SPENCER MILLER was a son of William Charles Miller, of Wimbledon, and was at the School from 1908 to 1912. He served with the H.A.C. in the War, where he was wounded and lost a leg. He died on April 12, aged 36.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :

Shirburnian, Garth Place Magazine, Radleian, St. Edward's School Chronicle, Bradfield College Chronicle, Panorama (2), Swansea Grammar School Magazine, Sedberghian, King's College School Magazine, Cantuarian, Malvernian, Sotonensis, Aldenhamian, Wykehamist (2), Lancing College Magazine, Harrovian, Cholmelian, Haileyburian, Penn Charter Magazine, Rossalian, Limit, The Blue, The Navy, Salopian, City of London School Magazine, Beaumont Review, Felstedian, R.M.A. Magazine, Portcullis, Reptonian, Britannia Magazine, The Eagle, Fettesian, Pauline, Wellingtonian, Blundellian, Wycombe Abbey Gazette, Malburian, Eton College Chronicle (3), Winsor Lamp.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

TRINITY COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

DEAR SIR,—We are compiling a dictionary of Westminster words, terms and phrases, and should be very grateful if any Old Westminster who possesses either knowledge, documents or printed works, not ordinarily accessible, which give information on this subject, would be so good as to let us know.

We are, sir,

Your obedient servants,

J. M. S. WHITTOW,
DAVID A. G. HINKS.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

May 14, 1931.

SIR,—May I, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the School Mission, remind your readers of the appeal made in the last issue of THE ELIZABETHAN, setting forth the financial obligations of the Mission, and asking in particular for the enrolment of a larger number of regular subscribers ?

The response to that appeal has not exceeded ten pounds, and amongst those who have contributed to this sum only two have promised to subscribe regularly.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. L. BARBER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

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

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

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

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, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 7, Park Gate Gardens, East Sheen, S.W. 14.

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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THE ELIZABETHAN LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

JUNE, MCMXXXI

*The winning entry for the Gumbleton English Verse
Prize :—*

REJECTED ADDRESS UPON THE OPENING
OF THE NEW WING OF ASHBURNHAM
HOUSE.

AN ODE IN IMITATION OF ONE BY SIR ARTHUR
QUILLER-COUCH.

O thou that standest at the very heart
Of England's youth's most beauteous chivalry,
O thou beneath that sacred grey apart,
Strange must thy solitary newness be !
Can there be something greater than before
Rising ? And in thy new created walls
See we a herald ? Can there be in store
Something the world knows not, we think 'tis
great,
So that thou dumbly urgest us to wait
Till this new light upon this old world falls ?

Stone mocks the builder. Of those stones around,
At this intruding stranger wondering,
Some few still stand that saw the conqueror
crowned,

Or doubly mourned the false confessor king.
Few thus remain ; others were raised instead
Later, and these their new companion tell
How for this building was the country bled,
And, through his folk with scorpions chastised,
Lost Lackland's luckless son was canonized.
' We have made history,' sings out the bell.

' But we will too,' replies the house new built,
Ay, may it be that truly thou hast said.
Thou mayst, nay more, 'tis certainty, thou wilt
Make us remembered when, we being dead,
The pattering feet of many generations
Have smoothed thy thresholds with their busy
noise.

We will look round upon the prosperous nations
Now lying shattered, then built up again,
And say, of thee restored, as old grey men,
' Thus was this work begun when we were boys.'

SONG : ROMNEY MARSH.

The voice of the wind is calling me
' Come over the marsh to Romney Town.'
As the night's damp veil arose to hide
The first streaked blush of his lovely bride,
A salt laugh came from the falling sea,
' Go over the marsh to Romney Town.'

A spier of ducks thrown into the sky
Shrieked, ' Over the marsh to Romney Town.'
I love the marshes damp salt air,
O'er the sand dune grass, like some old hag's hair,
Whistled and yelled as I went by,
' Go over the marsh to Romney Town.'

I followed the dykes, and went my way
Right over the marsh to Romney Town.
I heard the birds unite in prayer
With the curlews' cry, I lingered there
To talk with the birds, to kneel and pray,
So I came with the birds to Romney Town.

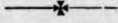
G. ATTENBOROUGH.

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THE WAKING.

I was alone—
Too tired to see the fancy curling through the
night-sweet air,
To hold those long blue fingers beneath the purple
falls of sleep,
That bathe the soul, then laughing like a rising
wind, will bear
A body, heart and soul, upward speeding through
mazes of the deep.

I dreamed alone—
While long green waves of strangely circling
thought would bind some star
In liquid arms, but ever their clasp would break in
showers of spray ;
The call of the sea, drawing children home from
near and far,
Oh ! clarion blast of the sleeping mind, sing low
to the waking day.

I loved alone—
 As day came forth majestic, bowing to the passing
 night,
 The sky-blown choir did break the air with free-
 dom's song ;
 They clashed in fierce symphony, so joined the
 dark to light—
 A sand-hill drank my agony—the lights of day are
 hard and long
 To spend alone. G. ATTENBOROUGH.



A. E. HOUSMAN.

He was born with feelings keener
 Than those of other men ;
 And he found mankind much meaner,
 The world more full of pain.

And so he fled for ever
 From a world too full of care,
 To syntaxes and grammar
 To banish his despair.

He fled to fields of learning,
 Wrote a thesis on a noun,
 Admired by the discerning
 Who wear the pedant's gown.

But sometimes he would ponder
 With detached and distant gaze,
 Unheld his mind would wander
 To age-long vanished days.

And the syntax and the grammar
 Would vanish from his mind,
 And he'd see a lad of Shropshire
 Walk laughing in the wind.

And the sun shone bright above him,
 And the village looked so still,
 But strong desires drove him
 To climb the wind-swept hill.

And a view spread out before him,
 And beside him stood his friend,
 But the fading vision found him
 Now old and near his end.

For he's in a dusty garret,
 And he's puzzling his brain
 Over ' nihil,' sipping claret,
 —A pedantic don again.

[*Note.*—A. E. Housman, Professor of Latin, at Cambridge, produced two volumes of poetry—'The Shropshire Lad' and 'Last Poems.' The rest of his life has been spent in editing obscure classical texts and writing monographs upon ' nihil,' ' attamen in Ovid,' etc.]

THE DESIRE OF THE MOTH FOR THE STAR.

' Why do you aim for the light ? '
 Said a commonplace fly
 To a moth ; ' I know it is bright,
 But it burns, and you'll die.'

' Because,' the moth replied,
 ' I am not like you ;
 I have travelled the whole world wide,
 And life—I see through.

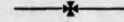
' I have travelled all over the room,'
 Said the moth to the fly,
 ' And my soul is filled with gloom
 At life's vanity.

' And that is the reason why
 —And his eyes were on fire—
 ' To this burning lamp I fly
 With ecstatic desire.'

So saying, the moth took flight—
 To the lamp he sped ;
 Flying right into the light,
 He fell down—dead.

And the lamp just guttered a bit,
 Made a greasy stain
 With a satisfied spit,
 And grew calm again.

' To end,' said the fly, ' like that
 Is more than a joke ;
 But one ceases to wonder at
 These emotional folk.'



PEPYS AT WESTMINSTER.

(*From the ' Ash Tree.'*)

MONDAY.—To school, and ruminating on a schoolboy's lot, was mightily displeased thereat. At musick I with my flageolet did play a false note, whereat my good master did strike me a great blow over the face, and did send me up school. I am resolved I must practice the wind-musick.

TUESDAY.—I went to Morden, to football, and the comfort upon the journey was not excess. The wind was great, and in my bath, finding no soap, was mightily offended thereat. Home, and found my Latin prose book was omitted in my case, whereat I exceedingly rejoiced, and did tune in on the wireless, and so to bed.

WEDNESDAY.—Waking this morning out of my sleep on a sudden, I was greatly alarmed to mind

to have left my station cap upon the middle table. To school in mighty fear, and meeting with my cap was exceedingly rejoiced thereat. Being soundly rated for my absent prose, it doth appear I must be twice up school this seventh day. But musick hath real power over the soul, and I with my flageolet did regale my fallen spirits.

THURSDAY.—This day I spent in bed, as a sore and evil malady has gripped my soul.

FRIDAY.—Being again well and having omitted to have regard to the time, and being late into hall, I must needs write an epigram.

Not finding my white shirt, and being late for physickal training, oh, miserable me! that I must stay ten minutes above. And since, having sung up school, I did close my book with a snap, being detained, I did, by two minutes, lose my appointed train.

SATURDAY.—To Vincent's Square, and did witness, for the space of one hour and a half, a mighty game of football betwixt our boys and those from Charterhouse, our noble Captain being sadly hacked, whereat I was right sorry. A man of Charterhouse touching with his hand the ball, our men did with the free kick score a goal, and did gain for us the victory. Home in joy, and so to bed.



HERRICK BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

(From the 'Homeboarder'.)

A habit in disorder vile
Breeds in appearance lack of style;
A tie tied like a hangman's noose
Is near as bad as square-toed shoes;
Two linkless cuffs, a dismal grey,
The wearer's state of mind betray;
A waistcoat which to all reveals
The residue of long-past meals;
A pair of unsuspected socks
That e'en the unpretentious shocks;
Unpolished hair that will not lie
Save tangled as a shrubbery;
Alarm me more than when I see
An ambulatory Christmas tree.



A TITLED VISITOR IN RUSSIA.

(From the 'Rigaudite Review'.)

This summer I went to Russia in order to satisfy myself of the true state of horrors there. I was entirely unprejudiced, only wishing to satisfy myself that the state of affairs were much worse than anywhere in the world, and that no happiness

existed anywhere. With this object in view I read all Miss Mary Webb's novels before the journey. I of course realised, all unprejudiced as I was, that Russia was a barbaric country, but even so it was a shock to realise that all the natives, poor wretches, were so uneducated as to be totally ignorant of the English language!! I was thus unable to ask as many questions as I would have wished. Indeed, all that counts for British culture and civilisation was gone. One might have been at the uppermost ends of the earth. How different from the quiet atmosphere of Boulogne-sur-mer, Wimereux, or Le Touquet. English papers were not to be got for love or money. Tea was execrably made. Really one has to be away from England before one can appreciate it. None of the Russians can write except a kind of scrawl that is totally incomprehensible. Besides, all the Russians are starved, few being able to afford more than three meals a day; and so great is their ignorance and simplicity, so much have the Bolsheviks imposed on them, that they go about happy and singing. Poor fools! In every street there are queues lined up; to some are given goloshes, to others batter pudding; poor, poor fools! The poor men are subject to all sorts of forms of espionage and such like. It is indeed rare that one doesn't see someone looking at someone else. How different from Italy and the other countries of Europe! Nobody in Russia washes at all owing to the 'dumping' of Russian water in England, thereby not only ruining the climate of England by their pernicious propaganda, but also severely limiting our summer dress. Ah, indeed, the Star and Garter and all it stands for is a wholly bad force not to be tolerated in a free country like England. None of the Russians have any manners; while I was there no one paid any special little attentions to me which my rank and title usually bring me. This indeed is the besetting sin of the Russians. Poor, poor fools!



CARMINA PUERILIA.

(From the 'King's Scholars' Chronicle'.)

Tres caeci mures: en circumcurrere possunt.
Tres caeci mures: quam volitare solent.
Agricolae cuncti miseram postcurrere nuptam
Quae caudas rabie iam furibunda secat.
Tres caeci mures: signum mirabile visu,
Rarius haud ullum cernere, care, licet.

Humptius in muro sidebat Dumptius alto,
Humptius horrendum Dumptius inde cadit.
At valuere satis non regis equique virique
Confractum Dumptius composuisse caput.

CALL-OVER: A TRAGEDY.

(From the 'King's Scholars' Chronicle.)

ACT I. SCENE 1. A Yard. Thunder and Lightning.

(Enter three Witches.)

1st. W. When shall we three meet again
In Morden Bus or district Train?
2nd W. When four periods are gone,
When the Latin Prayers are done.
3rd W. When games are being lost or won.
1st W. Where the place?
2nd W. In Vincent Square
3rd W. In midst of fog and filthy air.
(Witches vanish.)

ACT I. SCENE 2. A House up Dormitory.

(Enter Macbeth in bed: Alarum without.)

MAC. What rowdy man is that? He can report,
As seemeth by his visage, of Big Ben
The latest hour.

(Enter Banquo.)

BANQ. This is the stalwart John
Who, like a good and hardy soldier, fought
'Gainst my long slumberings. Good man.
MAC. Goway.

(Enter a sewer.)

JOHN. But I must off, for I have shoes to clean.
(Exit sewer.)

(Enter Boy.)

MAC. Who comes here now?
BANQ. A worthy junior. Why?
MAC. What a haste looks through his eyes, so
should he look
That seems to speak things strange.
BOY. 'Tis ten to eight.
MAC. Thou'rt mad to say it, lily-livered loon.
BANQ. Whence comest thou? Answer, patch.
BOY. From Seniors' room.
My liege, where Call-over is soon to be.

(Exit Boy.)

MAC. To rise or not to rise? That is the question.

ACT I. SCENE 3. The same. Later.

(Enter Mac., Banq., Ang., dressing.)

MAC. Is cleaning done on footwear? Are those
plaguy
Johns in commission yet returned?

ANG. Alas,
They are not yet come back. But I have spoke
With one that saw John's hole, who did report
That very nicely were they cleaning shoes.

MAC. Where's Duncan?

ANG. Duncan is in his bed:
After prep.'s fitful fever he sleeps well.
(Exit Angus.)

MAC. Is this a D-Call that I see before me,
A timepiece in his hand? There's no such
thing.

BOY *(off)*. Macbeth ready, Duncan ready, Angus
ready.

MAC. Prithee, see here! Behold! Look! Lo!
How say you?

Why, what care I?

BANQ. Good sir, why do you start and seem to fear
Words that do sound so fair? *(Exit hastily.)*

MAC. It is a tale
Told by an idiot. I am not dressed
Although the Abbey bell long while ere this
Began to toll the fleeting minutes by.

Where is my stud?—Alas, one minute to—
I have thee not—What sound is that I hear?

Too well I know it—On, on, miserable tie—

Hear it not, Macbeth, for it is the bell
That summons thee to heaven—or to hall.

(Dies.)

MOS MAJORUM.

(From the 'King's Scholars' Chronicle.)

*[For this interesting side-light on Westminster in the
eighteenth century we are indebted to Miss Ermyn-
trude Gubbins, of Balham, a direct recipient of
this letter.]*

SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE, 1753.

MY DEAREST AUNTE,

My Gratitude for your seasonable Gift at Yule-
Tide surpasseth all words. I have now, as you
may observe from the Superscription, returned to
Schoole, being none too pleas'd thereat. Disasters
have fallen both Thick and Fast upon my unlucky
Head: Last Wednesday, as I exercised at Physic
Training, I (all Inadvertently) allowed a Smile to
play upon my Features at beholding the Antics,
yea the Capers, of him who appointed our grievous
Labors (a grotesque fellow, Jinks hight, but late
of His Noble Majesty's Service). Whereupon,
being wroth, he ord'r'd me to remove said Smile
from my Features (and this in no light Terms) and
to betake myself outside the Tuttle Fields, round
Which to Revolve VIII times, while meditating
upon my many Sins (and Omissions). My Limbs
being all Sore and Aching, I then made grievous
Plaint to those in Authority; but alas, it would
appear that so fierce the Fellow, and right
Dangerous withal, that no man durst go nigh him,
for fear that he might be cleft to the Chaps with a
Dumb Bell.

No better did I fare when playing at Boot Ball on Morden Lea, for having been well trodden into the Mire (which is there in Abundance) I did take my Place in the appointed Coach, and (all Inadvertently) placed also my soil'd Bootes upon the well Upholstered Seat thereof. And the fickle Dame Fortune had it that the Coachman did observe me thus Doing, at which he grew Purple in the Countenance, calling on the Almighty to witness my Misdeeds, and employing other such Low and Vulgar Abuses. Being justly Incens'd at such a base Fellow presuming to address me in the termes he did, I bade him look to himself, saying that his Trade was that of a Coachman, not that of a Dealer in Fish. I returned to School somewhat pleas'd at my readiness of Wit, but to my Sorrow I find that this Vulgar Lout has grievously misconstrued above Episode in a plainer to the Upper Master, so that I misdoubt me what may occur to me of Evil and Affliction, he being a Stern Man.

Thus you see, my dearest Aunte, that I am indeed in a Plight, and what is more I have (all Inadvertently) exhausted my Exchequer already (I cannot conceive why so Swiftly) and dare not apply so soon to my Parents. Wherefore I beseech you of your unfailing Goodness to despatch to me *speedily* some small Monies or Emoluments therewith I may tide over my financial Void.

In the earnest hope that you remain in Good Health.

Y^r. Affect. Nephew,
Bussy.

WHY ENGLAND LOST.

(From the 'King's Scholars' Chronicle.')

Dear Lady Astor, I have read
That in our Parliament you've said
The only reason you can link
With England's loss is that of drink.
Alas, this statement may be true,
But 'Guinness is so good for you.'
And furthermore you really think
That Woodfull's team abstained from drink ;
In truth six of them used to booze,
Which nowise caused the team to lose.
But if you, Lady Astor, fear
That England's team played on its beer,
May I inform you (and I know)
That every year two good crews row,
Chosen from Cantab. and Oxon.,
Merely on water.

FIGHTING ORDER.

(From the 'Homeboarder.')

(With deepest apologies to W.S.G.)

I fell in, in the Yard, one day,
Not for purpose ordinary,
But equipped in full array,
In a manner military.
Free from those who held their sway,
Over subjects tutelary,
Free to fight, and free to slay
An enemy, however wary.
But, in some peculiar way,
My equipment seemed to vary
From the pattern on display.
I received a commentary
On why one must not go astray
From such objects exemplary—
And so I'm in the 'clothes' to-day !

CHOOSING A CAREER.

(From the 'Rigaudite Review.')

At some stage or other even the most unimaginative member of the School realises with a terrifying shock that he must, at some not far distant date, choose a career and earn his own living. The very thought sends cold drops of perspiration trickling down his spine. He will actually be expected to work ! An over-indulgent parent may even suggest that he takes the London Matric, a plebian examination where 'maths' is a compulsory subject, and he will have to 'pass' in everything.

The subject of 'the boy—what will he become ?' is morbid and full of difficulties, but one, nevertheless, which has got to be faced. Having had to face the difficulty, the writer, while not pretending to be an expert, humbly appends a list (by no means complete) of a few of the careers he has considered, and his observations thereon. The observations are not helpful, but may serve as a warning to those who can spare time to read them.

The Indian Army.—This is recommended for those blessed with a love for travel, a taste for curry and a private income. An intelligent lad, who is not afraid of hard work, should attain the rank of Colonel before he reaches 80, and can retire on half-pay—the other half will be liver.

The Bar.—In order to qualify for this profession, you must first pay your fees and join an Inn of Court ; that ruins your banking account ; you then pass the examinations ; that ruins your brain ; in addition, you eat a certain number of dinners 'in Hall,' and ruin your digestion. To those remnants of humanity who pass these ordeals a

great field is open. At Assizes, felons will give you greasy guineas to defend them from a just punishment, and, if you succeed in getting them the death sentence on a charge of burglary, you cannot be held legally responsible. On the hottest day in summer you will be expected to appear in Court in an ill-ventilated and more or less white wig. If you reach the Bench, you may indulge in unlimited humour, and can commit for contempt of Court those who refuse to laugh at your best jokes.

The Stage.—This is known as THE profession. You travel the provinces and stay in the worst lodgings in England, call your friends 'Old Boy!' borrow 'fivers' from less respectable members of society—and forget to return them. When business is slack you arrange to be robbed, divorced, or injured (slightly!) in a motor-car accident, and take good care that 'Fleet Street' hears all about it.

Politics.—The chief qualifications are strong lungs and the gift of interminable speech. This profession is specially recommended to those who can shout loud and long at the November 'footer' match 'up Fields.' Honesty and fixity of purpose are quite superfluous, and more of a hindrance than a help. The lungs must be accustomed to 'hot air,' and a flexible cheek wherein to place your tongue, whilst addressing your constituents, is useful.

The Civil Service.—The candidate for this profession must adapt himself to tea-drinking at all hours, and must have at least one congenial

hobby to occupy his mind during the hours he is supposed to be earning his salary. All communications to a man who is sitting a yard away from you, at the next desk, must be made in writing, and pass through at least five other departments before reaching him. The usual form of communication is—'Passed to you for information and necessary action—please.' Should a harassed taxpayer write to you for information, keep him waiting six months for an answer, and then refer him to another department. He will probably be dead before one of the other departments refers him back to you.

Medicine.—To qualify for the medical profession means passing a number of examinations. This of itself is enough to deter many. Once fully fledged, the aspirant to fame has many advantages. The more unpalatable his physic, the more pleased will be his patients, who always believe that the nastier the physic the more good it does them. A doctor can always bury mistakes. On the other hand, holidays must be few and short; patients left too long to their own devices are apt to recover.

The Scholastic Profession.—Those who would teach the young must— No, enough has been said. The reader had better work this one out for himself.

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