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WESTMINSTER ROWING.

THIS article is not a comprehensive survey of Westminster rowing, but is merely a collection of the most important incidents; moreover, it is written in order to bring home to that large part of the school, which appears to be entirely ignorant of all school history, the fact that in the past Westminster was a first class rowing school, and one of the pioneers of amateur rowing in England.

The records of rowing at Westminster, without which any history of rowing is incomplete, are the earliest continuous record of rowing in the nineteenth century. The King's Scholar Water Ledger, which contains these records, starts in 1813, with a few lists of various crews which manned the six-oared boat, the 'Fly,' during that, and several succeeding years. In these early days the crews were always numbered back to front and it was not till 1844 that stroke was No. 8. The first race recorded in the Ledger took place in 1817, when the crew, in a new six-oar named

the *Defiance*, beat the Temple six-oar, hitherto an unbeaten crew, 'by half a boat.' At this period, and in fact at all times, the crews indulged in long paddles, and races of prodigious length; for instance a row to Richmond and back in three hours and three quarters, outings to Sunbury, Walton, Greenwich, and one never to be forgotten row to Windsor and back in a day. This feat was accomplished on April 23, 1825; the eight left the Horseferry at 3 a.m., took lunch at Staines, reached Windsor at 2 p.m., returned to Staines for dinner, and reached the Horseferry at 12 p.m., spending fourteen hours out of twenty-one in the boat, and sustaining an average speed of eight miles per hour. There is not space for a detailed account, but we quote from No. 4's diary: 'We left one oar, No. 7, at Richmond on our way down, and at Putney our stroke oar was so done up, that he lay in the bottom of the boat and we came the last six miles with only six oars, in a pouring rain.'

In 1829 the series of races with Eton began. The first two resulted in easy victories for Eton, but the second of these is not surprising, since, on

their arrival at Maidenhead, the Westminster crew found the Eton boatmen amusing themselves by fitting the Eton boat inside theirs. In 1835 Westminster was again beaten, but this time by the small margin of three lengths in a four-mile course; however, in 1837 the tide of victory turned; the race this year, which was at Windsor, was watched by William IV., and it was for this race that pink was finally adopted as the school colour. The race was won by Westminster by eight lengths in a two and a half mile course, and when the King saw that Westminster was ahead, he pulled down the blinds of his carriage and drove home to Windsor Castle, which he never left till his death seven weeks later.

In 1842 Westminster repeated their victory, beating Eton by thirty-five seconds over the Mortlake to Putney course; this race is notable for the fact that, owing to a quarrel between the King's Scholars and Town Boys, the eight was composed entirely of King's Scholars. In 1843 Eton won by three quarters of a minute over the Varsity course.

For the race in 1845 Sir Patrick Colquhoun, that staunch supporter of Westminster rowing, designed a new outrigger eight; this boat, of which there is a painting 'up Library,' is probably the first outrigger eight ever built. The race, over the Mortlake-Putney course, was won by Westminster by one minute five seconds, a victory partly to be attributed to their superior racing craft, but partly, perhaps, to greater skill. In the following year the boat race was again won over the same course by Westminster, but this time only by three lengths. There is one thing to chronicle about this race, namely, that it is the last time that Eton has been beaten by another school. In 1847 the race was rather a tame affair, as Eton won by one minute fifty seconds over the usual course.

In 1853 a series of races with the Leander Club was started. The school has good reason to be proud of her victories, and of her defeats, in these races, for, although Leander had not then reached that position in the rowing world which she now holds, her crews were composed of men of considerable experience and skill. The results of these races are briefly as follows: Westminster won five out of the nine races, namely those in 1854-57-58-65-80, while Leander registered four victories in 1853-56-63-81. It is interesting, however, to notice that the Westminster victories varied from three to eight lengths, while Leander never succeeded in winning by more than two lengths.

In 1860 the Eton and Westminster boat race was revived, after a lapse of thirteen years; the last four races were all easy victories for Eton, but it must be remembered that Dr. Warre, perhaps the

greatest rowing coach who has ever lived, and the founder of the English orthodox style of rowing, became a master at Eton in 1860, and undertook the coaching of her eight. Secondly that the embankment, which was begun about 1852, was finished in 1868, and after hampering the efforts of Westminster oarsmen during its erection, finally, on its completion, put an end to rowing on the Westminster water.

There remains little further to chronicle; in 1872 water was revived and some rowing was done at Wandsworth, but the school never had a chance of regaining her former standard, and 'Water' was abolished in 1883, not to be revived until 1913.

We cannot do better, in conclusion of this article, than give the record of perhaps the finest oar that Westminster has produced, namely, E. C. Burton. He was admitted to College in 1841, rowed against Eton in 1842 and 1843, and in conjunction with E. P. Colquhoun presented the senior sculls before being elected away to Christ Church in 1844. At Oxford he stroked the Varsity eight to victory in the Grand at Henley in 1847 and 1848, while in 1851 he coached and coxed them when they won the same cup; against Cambridge he rowed twice for Oxford, in 1846 and 1849. In 1847 he brought Christ Church to the head of the river and kept them there for three years, as well as winning the Ladies Plate at Henley in 1848 with the 'House' eight. Herowed for the Christ Church four, winning the Oxford fours in 1845-6-7, the Stewards and Visitors at Henley, both in 1847 and 1848, and the four-oared Cup at Maidenhead Regatta in 1849; partnered by A. Milman, O.W., he won the Oxford pairs in 1846, and in the following year himself won the Oxford Sculls. Nor were his energies entirely devoted to rowing, for he was a very fine athlete and horseman, and won, among other things, the two first Grand Nationals.

When we think of Westminster Rowing, there are always two things to remember; first that we are the only school who has ever beaten Eton in a race, and secondly that although the last time a Westminster gained a rowing blue was in 1893, we are second only to Eton in the number of blues gained at the Varsities. With such a wealth of tradition behind us, and with these two facts to ponder over, surely, now that 'water' is being given a fair chance, we shall sometime rejoice that select circle of first class rowing schools.

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THE REV. A. G. S. RAYNOR.

ALTHOUGH most of our readers know that Mr. Raynor retired at the end of last term, we feel that we must take this opportunity of wishing Mrs.

Raynor and himself every happiness and success in their new home at Steventon. Mr. Raynor came to Westminster in 1885, from Repton and St. John's College, Cambridge, and was appointed Master of the K.S.S a few months later, on the retirement of the Rev. A. Sloman. All old K.S.S and many others will retain grateful memories of Mr. Raynor's mastership and of his unflinching championship of College rights and customs. His great services to the Play and to Westminster scholarship were fittingly mentioned in the Prologue, and we may also refer to a very appreciative and well merited tribute which appeared in the *Spectator* at the end of last term. We shall hope often to see him in Dean's Yard in the future.

THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE Hon. Treasurer would be obliged if subscribers would kindly send him their subscriptions as soon as they fall due.

Owing to the continued high cost of printing, it has been found necessary to increase the amounts payable as life-compositions by 25 per cent. Separate particulars will be found on p. 13. Existing life-compositions are not affected.

School Notes.

We have to congratulate A. G. N. Cross (K.S.) on winning an open Classical Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, and A. J. W. Chamings (T.B.), on an open Natural Sciences Scholarship at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

We welcome among our numbers this term two new masters, Mr. Luce and Mr. Smith. Mr. Luce, who was educated at Eton and King's, Cambridge, where he was a foundation Scholar, took a first in the Classical Tripos in 1919, and won the Bell Scholarship. He is, as everyone knows, succeeding Mr. Raynor, and we wish him the best of success in maintaining that high standard of scholarship and efficiency which Mr. Raynor set both in his form, in college, and in the Play. Mr. Smith is only going to be with us for a term, and is studying methods of education at various classes of schools in the same way as Mr. Martineau, who was with us a year ago.

The results of the Prize competitions for last term were as follows:—

Ireland Greek Verse (Halved).—J. H. Blair, K.S., A. G. Cross, K.S.

Phillimore Translation.—A. G. Cross, K.S.
Gumbleton English Verse.—R. A. Frost, T.B.
Prox. acc.—F. A. Madden, T.B.

R. A. Frost's poem on Dr. Busby is printed in full in this number. The entry for Orations was very weak indeed, there being only one competitor, R. J. E. Dix, who recited the piece with great lucidity and clearness.

On Wednesday, December 14, the Captain of the School and the Captain of the King's Scholars attended the State Opening of Parliament.

The Madrigal and Orchestral Societies will hold their concert on Thursday, March 13, at 8.15 p.m.

The Pancake 'Greaze' will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 2 p.m., the time being altered owing to the Royal Marriage in Abbey on that day.

The Sports will be held on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, April 5, 7 and 8.

The School is entering an VIII. for the *Country Life* Shooting shield, for miniature range shooting.

The Charterhouse match is not, as was stated on the fixture card, to be played at Vincent Square, but at Godalming, on Saturday, February 18.

The collection for the School Mission on the festival of the *Conversion of St. Paul* came to £4 15s. 4½d., while on the day of the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin the collection of £6 9s. was devoted to the Westminster Hospital.

There are 349 boys in the School this term.

In our last issue we made mention of the O.T.C., criticising the slackness of those members of the School who are not members of it. There is, however, another point on which we would like to throw some light; there appear to be some people in the School, people whose names are well known to the authorities, who are not content with being too slack to join the O.T.C., but who consider it their duty to further the interests of the School and corps by discouraging new boys from joining. One supposes that we must consider ourselves fortunate in not being blessed with many people of this type, but it seems difficult to imagine how a person can come to a School and, with no apparent reason, set himself to do it as much harm as he can.

POETRY.

THE following is the winning composition from the large entry for Gumbleton English Verse Prize :—

DOCTOR BUSBY.

I dreamed a dream, and in my dream, behold,
I heard a voice say, ' Know you what is death ?
Think you the soul dies when the limbs lie cold
And the heart's still ? Think you that life is
breath ?

Life is a spirit, an eternal motion,
Endless it flows throughout eternity,
As a ship sails upon a boundless ocean,
As a wave quivers through th' ethereal sea.

The dead live on where they have loved before ;
For God alone is Heaven, and He is here—
There is no distant land, no far-off shore :
The dead remain with those who hold them
dear.

The spirit dies not, though the sad bells toll,
Dust unto dust returns, and earth to earth ;
Death breaks the fetters that surround the soul
The spirit reaches light ; death is but birth.'

The voice ceased, and I woke from out my sleep ;
Yet still there seemed to echo in my ear,
Those words which I had heard of life and
death :—
' The dead are living, distant and yet here.'

I thought of Busby then, how long ago
He led his school through years of blood and war,
Like as a shepherd leads his helpless flock
To fertile plains from rocky heights afar.

I thought that he, perchance, is ever near,
Watchful as in those days so long gone by ;
For I remembered what the voice had said,
" The dead live on ; the soul can never die."

He heeded not the threats of Cromwell's power ;
He dared to stem the great usurper's pride ;
He dared to pray for England's lawful king
At that dread hour when martyr'd royalty died.

Within this hall, that through the centuries
Has echoed to the sound of youthful feet
And careless voice, still stand his effigy,
His dreaded birch, his table and his seat.

Now, facing them there is a monument
Glorious with glorious names ; names that will
live
Forever in the shrine of sacrifice :
They gave themselves : what more had they to
give ?

In the hot south the sands stretch far away ;
The poppies in the fields of France are fair ;
' Mid the wild seas the foaming waves mount high ;
But those whom we have loved, they lie not
there.

They haunt these scenes, where but few years ago,
They laughed as happy schoolboys, ignorant
Of life and death and war's relentless shafts,
With all their mind on their play-business bent.

They, guardian spirits of the royal school,
That made them men, they, worthy of that name,
Fill other hearts with patriotic fire,
And kindle brighter still th' undying flame.

So will they teach the heart of youth unborn,
Who tread this hall, to pay—if need arise—
For freedom's sake, for country, God and king,
With eager will, their life's great sacrifice.

'Twas Busby taught the school to love the right,
To hate base deeds, to scorn, to shrink at fears ;
He set the rock of manly enterprise,
That has roll'd down the pathway of the years.

Strong spirit, mighty soul, as then, so now
Guide thy loved school, come years of good or ill ;
Teach us, thy children, what we ought to do ;
Help us, for we are weak ; be with us still.

O school, O little world, be strong in truth,
On good and noble work be always bent ;
And make the future worthy of the past,
That he may watch, and be full well content.

R. A. FROST.

THE VALKYRIES.

We leap to our horses when the ravens fly together,
as they flutter on the battlefield and drop
before the slain,
We rush through the clouds, and the vapours of the
morning, as they writhe with the turning of
the serpents of the mist,
And we shout ' Heiaha ! ' as we charge toward the
fighting, where the battle-weapons thunder in
the valley by the sea,
And we ride, ride—Hoyo-to-ho, we ride !

The wind blows keen and it whistles in our tresses
as they stream along behind us in the fury of
the rush,

It blows on our cheeks, and we laugh while we
breathe it, as the horses of the gods scent the
battle from afar,*

We turn and we plunge to the valley of the battle
and we lay across our saddle-bows the heroes
who are dead.

And we ride, ride—Hoyo-to-ho, we ride!

We fly past the birds as they hover on their pinions,
and they quiver in the gulfs and the spaces of
the world,

The broadsword clicks as it hits against the stirrup,
and the saddle-leathers creak as we whirl
towards the sun,

And we shout as we ride 'mid the rattle of the
weapons and the thunder of the going of the
horses of the air.

And we ride, ride—Hoyo-to-ho, we ride!

House Notes.

K.SS.—First and foremost in our notes we must
take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Raynor the
best of success in his new vocation, and as the
Prologue gracefully puts it, 'Longum in novo
negotio versetur Otiosior.' Next we wish Mr.
Luce the heartiest of welcomes, and look forward
to a long and prosperous period under his guidance.

To turn from the doings of our pastors to our own
activities, we must tender our heartiest congrat-
ulations to Cross, who has won an Open Classical
Scholarship at Trinity, Cambridge; in addition
to which he won the Phillimore Translation Prize
and halved the Ireland Greek Verse with Blair.
In the O.T.C. we easily lead the way, both in
numbers in the Corps and in numbers of candidates
for the 'A' Certificate, but very unfortunately we
lost the drill cup by two points, in spite of the
fact that our senior squad was by far the smartest.

We will refrain from the statement, usually
to be seen in house notes, that our chances in
juniors, in the sports, and in all other competitions
this term, are good; no doubt they are, but we
must not anticipate.

The great question as to whether King's Scholars
are going into Princess Mary's wedding appears to
have been settled in a very favourable manner, but
we must not be too sure.

To conclude, we have enjoyed several readings
of the Library Society, in which we have covered
The Midsummer Night's Dream and *The School for
Scandal*.

GG.—At the end of last term there left us F. N.
Hornsby, G. R. Woods, A. N. Chart, D. W.
Llewellyn and R. Wyatt. In their stead we have
the following new boys:—R. L. Giles, A. G.
Hildersly, R. G. Samuel, R. N. Watson, boarders,
and J. A. Cook and G. Ross, half-boarders.

We must congratulate W. N. McBride on being
made a monitor, W. B. Enever and B. E. G. Davies
on coming up from Outer to Middle, and E. W. T.
Horne, C. R. B. Smith, W. B. Dobrée, E. T.
Holmes, F. C. DeKay from Hall to Outer.

Heartly congratulations are due to W. L. Hartley
and R. W. Hartley on gaining their Pinks. The
first named received his after the Aldenham match,
while the latter received his after the Malvern
match. We must also congratulate F. N. Hornsby,
E. W. T. Horne, and M. S. Murphy on well-
deserved house colours. Fives ties are being
continued from last term, and there is every hope
of their being finished. Lastly the Literary
Society has met once and has finished a very
enjoyable reading of *The Scheming Lieutenant*.

RR.—Last term there left us R. F. Strange,
F. P. Bristowe, J. H. Wilkes, N. E. Harris, and
we welcome as new boys Hale, Filson, Fasse t,
Clarke. We won the Corps Cup by a small margin,
in spite of the fact that we had only two N.C.O.'s.
We offer our congratulations to Hansen, Sherring,
Madden, Bristowe, Brockman, on their House
Colours. In Seniors our team, already weakened
by illness, was unlucky enough to meet a strong
Home Boarders side in the first round, and was
defeated 10-2 in a game that was not so uneven
as these numbers seem to show. Our prospects
for Juniors this term, however, are cheery. 'Flu
carried off half the house at the end of the term,
and we were obliged to cancel the House Supper,
Yard Ties and Racquets Ties also being postponed.
In Leagues last term RR 2 and 3 came in first and
third, respectively, and this term we have had a
record entry for Fives Ties, fifty entering out of a
possible sixty-five.

H.BB.—Although we beat Rigauds with great
ease in the first round of Seniors, Ashburnham
proved just too good for us after a very hard game.
But our congratulations are due to H. Clare, G. V.
Salvi, C. A. Harvey and W. R. James, who
deservedly received their House Colours. Also to
G. D. Harvey on well-earned Pinks. We ought to
make a fairly good show in Juniors, if our numbers
playing in Colts are to be taken as a guide. Turn-
ing to work, we must congratulate A. J. W.
Chamings on his Scholarship at Cambridge.
Three people left at the end of last term, but five
new boys have come to take their place, so that

our numbers are eighty-nine. Three new lockers have been put up in the Under to make room for the new comers. Fives ties seem unable to flourish despite the management of P. G. H. Lowe, and last term's have not yet been played off, although the draw has been made for the new ones. A goodly number of people in Big Game and in Colts Game makes it rather hard to play ties off on ordinary afternoons. In the Corps, Madden, Pickering and Salvi received their first stripes last term, and Chamings and G. K. Whitlamsmith at the beginning of this. The recruits this term are a few more than last, but there is a great deal of slackness among the younger members of the House, who seem to take no pride in their House's reputation of having the smartest and largest platoon in the Corps. Finally we wish the best of luck to all those in the House who are going in for a Certificate. It is satisfactory to see that they are not a few.

A.HH.—It is our first duty to congratulate the football team on their excellent, though somewhat unexpected achievement, in defeating a side which appeared on paper to be considerably superior. This victory brings the Shield permanently to Ashburnham—G.G. having won it seven and a half times and A.H. eight. C. W. Stonier and A. Scott gained their House Colours after the first round (*v.* Grants, won 5-2), J. N. E. Muspratt before playing for the 1st XI., and W. H. Dyson, C. W. Iisley, E. R. Munt, J. B. Pickering and J. E. Dunning, after the final. They thoroughly deserved them and we congratulate them.

Congratulations also to D. J. Neal and W. S. Strain on becoming monitors.

In spite of the fact that only two members of the House left last term, our numbers are now 97—a record—there being six new boys. This necessitated the making of four new lockers.

We are glad to announce that certain members of the House, who have hitherto not been in the Corps, have done the right thing and joined. At the same time we should like to point out that we feel that there are still many, who, it appears, have no natural reason for not joining. It is essential both for the School and the House that the Corps strength be increased. We therefore hope that those not in the Corps will follow the good example of those who have already joined.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* LANCING.

(Lost, 0-1.)

THIS match was played at Lancing on November 26. Westminster at once set up a strong pressure,

and if it had not been for faulty shooting, would have scored in the first five minutes. But gradually the Lancing halves took charge of the game, and many of our attacks were very quickly crushed in mid-field. Play ruled very even till half-time, which arrived with neither side having scored. Lancing's goal, which was to prove the winning one, came ten minutes after the resumption, the inside left after a skilful run scoring very cleverly with an oblique shot which travelled very fast and just went in inside the post. Westminster several times looked like drawing level, but their efforts faded away dismally in front of goal; Rowland just missed the post once, and Horton had a glorious chance, only to finish up with a weak shot. The Lancing forwards never looked like scoring again, indeed Westminster had most of the game in the last quarter of an hour, but all in vain, and so the game ended, leaving Lancing winners by 1-0.

Our defence played an excellent game and showed great pluck and resource in checking the attacks of the speedy Lancing forwards. Hartley in goal was sound, while Keily did the work of half-a-dozen men at back. Massingham fed his forwards well and tackled resolutely, but was sadly deficient in pace, while the wing halves, hanging back too far, showed a total lack of attacking powers.

The blame of our defeat must rest upon the shoulders of the forwards in that they showed themselves absolutely incapable of banging the ball into the net. Attack after attack, excellently conceived and carried out in mid-field, collapsed miserably when twenty yards from the Lancing goal. The forwards too, especially the insides, showed a distinct lack of pace, and very little progress was made with the ball. To sum up, the splendid tackling of the defence deserved to have won us the victory, if only the forwards had shown more grit in putting the final touches to an offensive movement. That last ounce of effort when near goal makes all the difference between a goal scored and a goal thrown away. For the winners the centre-half was very prominent, while the centre-forward showed a fine burst of speed on one or two occasions.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ALDENHAM.

(Lost, 0-1.)

Played on December 7.

The story of this match is almost identical with that of Lancing, only in this case we had very much more of the game and yet failed to score—unaccountably on two occasions. We were not quite at full strength, Randolph being forced to stand down and Witherby coming in in his place

at left-half. The first half was very evenly fought out, and both goalkeepers effected magnificent saves, notably one by Hartley in which he got to the ball in a miraculous manner. Lowe sent in a stinging shot, which was just put over the bar by the Aldenham goalkeeper, while Harvey showed unexpected pace and powers of dribbling on the left wing. As at Lancing, the fatal goal came ten minutes or so after half-time. The ball was scrambled through in a *mêlée*. Again as before the Westminster forwards surged down the field time after time and made the most desperate efforts to get on terms. There was a thrilling incident when with the Aldenham goalkeeper lying on the ground seven yards in front of his goal, both Lowe and then Macfarlane, in the space of two seconds, kicked the ball straight at him and hit him as he was on the ground, with an open goal behind him! Both Lowe and Rowland subsequently only missed by inches, and the whistle blew leaving us again the losers by the only goal scored in the game.

Our defence once again played well, although not so steadily as against Lancing, for it must be remembered that although the Aldenham forwards had not the speed of the Lancing five, yet they very easily might have scored three or four goals, owing to slips in our defence. Hartley at back kicked well, while Keily was once again a tower of strength. Witherby was the soundest of the halves and also the most untiring in his efforts. Of the forwards—who never really got together or showed any true combination—Harvey was easily the best, being the fastest man on the field. Lowe was too slow and cumbersome, although he showed very clever footwork and ball control. Rowland was too slow off the mark and seemed utterly unable to make headway, while Horton was clumsy and seemed quite incapable of keeping upon his feet. For the winners both wings showed great pace and the centre-half was very sound and repeatedly got his forwards moving by cleverly-placed ground passes.

WESTMINSTER v. MALVERN.

(Lost, 2-5.)

Played on December 10.

This was the first match that had ever been played between the two schools. Although beaten by 5-2 it may be truly said at once that Westminster put up a very fine performance against a very superior school side to what they had played before. Also we had not a single one of our three best half-backs playing, Taylor (alas, away the whole term), Massingham and Randolph all being unavailable. Although it was at half that we were

beaten, yet a word of praise must be given to those two young and untried players (Scott and Witherby) who had to face the full force of the Malvern attack and who defended most gallantly, and Baker, too, played a most plucky game throughout.

It was a case of a gallant defence (halves, backs, and goal) holding out bravely until that fatal last quarter of an hour told its tale of superior training and fitness on the part of the winning side. At half-time we were level 1 goal all, though the Malvern inside trio had missed some 'sitters,' yet Keily and his partners and the halves in front of him had been giving the Malvern forwards a great deal of trouble. We scored first (after five minutes' play), a mistake by the Malvern left back letting through Rowland to score an easy goal and yet one that *might* have been missed. After change of ends, a good shot by Macfarlane struck a defender's leg and screwed off it into the goal, 2-1. a piece of luck, and for a few short minutes it looked as though we might possibly pull off a victory, but the persistent attacks of Malvern gradually and surely wore down our halves and, aided by some pretty and accurate short passing, at last they surged through our weary half-backs and concentrated in mass on the backs. It was only a question of time. Could our sorely tried defence last out! Alas! four goals were added by Malvern in the last quarter of an hour, and they left the field well-deserved winners by 5 goals to 2. Of those last four goals, two were beauties, one in particular by Muirhead, the inside left, who went through most cleverly and finished up a fine individual effort with a beautiful cross shot, which just went in under the bar. Twice, just before the end, our forwards broke away, and Macfarlane had a great chance but his shot just skimmed over the bar with the Malvern goalkeeper well beaten. Once, too, Rowland had bad luck in just missing the right-hand post by a couple of inches.

Hartley, for us, did all that was possible in goal. Keily and Hartley were great workers, though both have kicked better and more accurately. The halves have been already mentioned. The forwards played a much improved game against a stiff defence. If only they had played as well in the other two school matches! Macfarlane was thrustful and showed some knowledge of the short passing game; Rowland was fair, and Lowe at times did some excellent things, but he sadly neglected Harvey, his outside left, who was starved badly throughout the game but who did the little he had to do very well indeed. Horton showed improved control over the ball.

To sum up, we lost because our halves, although playing pluckily, were worn down and over-

whelmed by repeated attacks. Moreover our lack of training was only too obvious. We held our own for seventy-five minutes out of the ninety, but that last fifteen was fatal. There was also too much *short* passing amongst the forwards to the entire exclusion of long, swinging passes to the wings, which latter were starved throughout the game. We were also beaten for pace in all positions in the field. D. J. K.

WESTMINSTER COLTS v. ALDENHAM COLTS.

(*Drawn, 2-2.*)

Played on Wednesday, February 1.

The ground was in good condition for this match, being not slippery enough to render a sure footing difficult, and not hard enough to make the ball difficult to control. Westminster started playing against a slight breeze, and for some time play was even, though always slightly in our favour. After some time Harvey broke away on the right and after a really good run, converging all the time in the correct manner towards goal, he brought the goalkeeper to the ground with a useful shot. Drake-Brockman was left with an open goal and made no mistake with his shot. After this Westminster appeared to take it too easily and the result was that from a breakaway one of the Aldenham inside forwards, at close range, drove the ball past James, who none the less made a plucky attempt to save. After half time Westminster had all the game, the ball rarely leaving our opponents' half. Despite their superiority, however, the forwards seemed to be possessed with the idea that they must dribble the ball between the posts and never shoot from more than five yards range. The result was that not until quite late in the second half was the ball rushed through the Aldenham goal from a *mêlée* just in front. It then looked as though victory was assured but James and Salvi managed so thoroughly to muddle each other that the equalising goal was scored without the interference of our opponents. Two or three minutes later the whistle blew for the last time, the result being an unsatisfactory draw of 2-2. Harvey at outside right played a very good game for us, while the best player on the Aldenham side was the left back.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.

(*Won, 1-0.*)

Played on November 12.

A very even game resulted in a win for the School by one goal to none. The school forwards

were not very good in front of goal and more than one chance was missed. It was not till the second half that Rowland scored the only goal with a good shot from some way out. Keily played a strong game at left back and effectually spoiled more than one dangerous rush by the visitors' forwards. The school forwards were getting together better than usual and were getting good support from the halves. R. W. Hartley played a safe game in goal, while both the backs were sure in their kicking.

WESTMINSTER v. TOC. H.

(*Won, 3-1.*)

Played on Saturday, February 4.

Snow was falling consistently and the ground was in a very heavy condition when MacFarlane kicked off towards the pavilion end. Our opponents were two short for the first twenty minutes of the game, and in that period two of our three goals were scored. Randolph was responsible for the first, getting the ball some twenty yards from goal, and quite rightly shooting at once, the goalkeeper falling in his attempt to save. A much greater use might have been made of long shots, and indeed the School is always unenterprising in this respect. Lowe got our second goal with a pretty cross shot which left the goalkeeper standing; but a little later, on the arrival of the two missing players, a good run by Farnfield ended in his flicking the ball back to O'Kelly, who drove it into the net through a crowd of vainly obstructing Westminster defenders. The second half was all in our favour, and except for an occasional rush by Toc. H. forwards, our goal was in little danger. There was no cohesion between the Toc. H. forwards, whereas the School forwards combined moderately well, despite the fact that the three insides were generally within a yard of each other, which rather prevented any really quick and effective passing. Lowe obtained our third goal from a clever cut through, and Rowland should have registered another from a very feeble goal-kick, but he held on much too long in an attempt to get unnecessarily near goal.

Massingham played extremely well in the first half, but fell off rather in the second, while Keily played his usual Herculean game.

Westminster.—McBride; Keily, Daniels; Randolph; Massingham, Baker; Harvey, Lowe, McFarlane, Rowland, Horton.

Toc. H.—W. J. Masters; H. L. Dales, H. Cook; S. M. Sheppard, J. H. Lyttle, R. I. Croucher; G. G. Farnfield, J. D. O'Kelly (capt.), S. H. Purkiss, R. S. Taylor, sub.

THE ELIZABETHAN.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Printing seven numbers	141	7	6
„ Postage	9	5	2
„ Addressing	0	17	6
„ Stationery and Cheque Book	0	12	4
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	£152	2	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions—						
O.W.W.	23	4	6			
School	76	4	0			
Masters	4	12	0			
Others	0	14	0			
Proportion of Compositions	8	8	0			
In advance at 31/12/20	12	16	4			
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	£125	18	10			
Less In advance at 31/12/21		9	5	8		
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				116	13	2
„ Odd numbers				0	7	0
„ Bank Interest				10	12	9
„ Balance, being Deficit for the year... ..				24	9	7
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				£152	2	6

BALANCE-SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1921.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions in advance				9	5	8
„ Life Compositions as at 1/1/21	209	2	0			
Add Life Compositions received in 1921	18	0	0			
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	227	2	0			
Less Proportion credited to Revenue	8	8	0			
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Surplus at 1/1/21	89	16	8			
Less Deficit for the year	24	9	7			
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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash—						
On Deposit	260	0	0			
On Current Account	33	6	9			
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I. F. SMEDLEY, *Hon. Treasurer.*
H. W. DULLEY, *Editor.*

On December 31, 1921, there were 86 Life Subscriptions, the liability on which was estimated at £218 14s.

OLD WESTMINSTERS LODGE.

THE Installation meeting was held in the Scott Library on Thursday, December 22, when Bro. L. E. Tanner was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed and invested:—

Bro. C. J. Hope Gunning (S.W.), Bro. H. Costley-White (J.W.), W.Bro. W. J. Armitage (Secretary), W.Bro. — Turner (S.D.), Bro. W. J. Williamson (J.D.), Bro. E. A. Gates (I.G.), W.Bro. C. M. Page (P.M. as D. of C.), W.Bro. A. Bevan was elected Treasurer.

The Brethren and their guests afterwards dined together in College Hall.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

ON Tuesday, December 5, a most interesting lecture was given us by Dr. Herbert Smith, the Vice-Director of the Natural History Museum. The title was 'The Discrimination of Precious Stones,' and the lecturer first described how the colour and hardness of stones helped to identify them. He then pointed out that each stone had a peculiar refractive index, and discussed an exceedingly ingenious instrument of his own design—the refractometer; by this property is determined in one reading. The identification of a stone is complete when its specific gravity has been determined by one of the methods Dr. Smith described. This most interesting lecture was concluded by the exhibition of a few slides, and a little practical crystallography with the lecturer's instruments.

On Tuesday, January 24, we were treated to a lecture by Mr. Jeffreys on the 'Agricultural Side of Australian Life.' Perhaps the lecturer's own modest description of it as 'an informal talk' may be applied to a most interesting discourse, accompanied by the most life-like slides of cows and wheat. Many a youthful gardener was tempted to migrate to Australia—which the lecturer assured us was not a land of convicts—by the tales of the Epicurean luxury in which even a small farmowner of five or six thousand acres could indulge after two or three years' farming. The audience was much intrigued by the miraculous machines which cut, threshed, and tied the corn up in sacks at the rate of 10 miles

an hour, or jumped over shrubs when it reached them. Altogether we are most indebted to Mr. Jeffreys for an exceptionally delectable evening.

THE MADRIGAL & ORCHESTRAL SOCIETIES' CONCERT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

To one who was at Westminster when School Concerts were held in College Hall, with the Armada tables piled up at the High Table end to make the platform, the Madrigal and Orchestral Societies' Concert on December 9 was a refreshing experience. In the good old days A. R. Gaul's "Holy City" was the limit of the School Choir's futuristic enterprise, but a glance at the programme of this concert finds the performers on the friendliest possible terms with Bach, Grieg, Stanford, Dvorak, Vaughan-Williams, Walford-Davies and Parry, as cheery a circle of friends as anyone could wish to delight in.

The Orchestra bore the brunt of the Concert and made a very brave show, both in its own particular items and in the accompaniments. Stanford's "Songs of the Fleet" and Bach's C major Concerto for two pianofortes may sound simple enough in performance, but they require constant attention to detail and ungrudging teamwork, and under Mr. Goldsbrough's direction the results were highly satisfactory. The old French Madrigals were thoroughly enjoyed, by the audience and performers alike, and one was even encored, French and all. Both the Societies however, with the aid of a fine soloist, Mr. Stuart Robertson, reached their high-water mark in the "Songs of the Fleet," revelling in the kaleidoscopic moods of the text and music, and giving full point to their alternating tenderness and joviality. Of the Solo items, the Pastorals of Walford Davies were highly appreciated; the singers, the Headmaster, C. P. Allen, J. Wolferstan, C. T. H. Dams, and Mr. J. G. Jeffreys, had evidently taken great pains to secure a good ensemble, and it was a matter for congratulation to find the Headmaster's interest in the School Music assuming so practical and valuable a form. The Bach Concerto was a tough nut to crack, but a judicious interchange of Soloists and Conductors secured a lively performance, though the *tempi* were a little on the cautious side. It is hoped that L. Montefiore and N. E. Feasey, with Mr. Goldsbrough and Mr. Loft-house's assistance, will soon give us the rest of the Concerto, and perhaps the triple Concerto.

Judging from the Concert as a whole, as compared with the standards of a generation ago, it may be cheerfully claimed that Westminsterers are not only fully in touch with all that is going on in the musical world outside, but are acquiring a musical equipment and breadth of vision that offer the highest hopes for the future.

Old Westminsterers.

Mr. Stanley Fisher, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Cyprus, has received the honour of knighthood.

Mr. A. R. Knapp, C.B.E., has been made a C.I.E., and Mr. E. H. Marsh, C.B., C.M.G., has been made a C.V.O.

Dr. Harold Dixon, C.B.E., F.R.S., has resigned the Professorship of Chemistry at the University of Manchester. He has held it for thirty-five years.

Mr. H. L. Stephenson, C.S.I., C.I.E., has been appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bengal.

The Lord Belhaven and Stenton has been elected a representative Peer for Scotland in the House of Lords.

Births.

DICKSON.—On December 21, the wife of J. Douglas H. Dickson, W.S., of a daughter.

BOULTER.—On January 1, the wife of B. C. Boulter, of a daughter.

DENMAN.—On January 26, the wife of the Hon. R. D. Denman, of a son.

Marriages.

BATLEY-SPARROW.—On December 29, John Armytage Batley to Anne Muriel, second daughter of the late John W. and Mrs. Sparrow, of Beckminster, Wolverhampton.

HALLETT-SPALDING.—On December 31, Hugh Imbert Periam Hallett to Winifred Sydney, third daughter of Sydney Spalding, of South Darent, Kent.

PLASKITT-WEBSTER.—On January 3, Guy Malla-bey Plaskitt to Bella, only daughter of the late Samuel and Mrs. Webster, of The Mount, Dartmouth Road, N.W.

HOLMES-TRENCH.—On January 21, Stephen Lewis Holmes, M.C., to Noreen Charlotte, only daughter of Ernest Crosbie Trench, of Croxley Green, Herts.

LOWRY-FLETCHER-WATSON.—On January 28, Geoffrey Charles Lowry to Peggy, daughter of the late P. Fletcher-Watson, R.B.A., and of Mrs. Fletcher-Watson, Paignton.

Obituary.

COLONEL JOHN BIDDULPH, who died on December 31, was a survivor of the Indian Mutiny. Admitted to the School in 1853 he became a cornet in the Bengal Cavalry in 1858 and at once saw service in the Oude campaign. For many years he was in the Political Department under the Governor-General, and was four years on the staff as aide-de-camp to the Viceroy, Lord Northbrook. He retired from the Army as a Colonel in 1895. He travelled much in India, and he made collections of Indian armour and coins. He was also the author of some works which involved original research, among which were *The Tribes of the Hindoo Koosh*, *The Nineteenth and their Times*, and a work on Stringer Lawrence, who was known as the Father of the Indian army and whose monument in the nave is familiar to us all. His nephew, who was at the School a few years ago, was killed in the war.

The REV. JAMES NEWTON HEALE, who died on December 26, aged 84, was a contemporary of Col. Biddulph's. He was admitted to the School in 1850 and became a Q.S. two years later. He was elected to Trinity in 1856 and held successively the livings of Swindon, Addington, Orpington, Harbledown and St. Thomas', Bethnal Green.

A much younger Westminster was ARTHUR FARRE SPENCER, who was a Home Boarder from 1902 to 1907. He was a son of the late Rev. Henry Spencer, Minor Canon of Chester Cathedral. He was elected second to Christ Church in 1908 and won the Gaisford Prize for Greek Verse in 1909. During the war he was a Captain in the 6th East Yorks. He died on January 10 after a short illness.

Correspondence.

CAMBRIDGE,
February, 1922.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—When still young and hopeful, your correspondent, having waded through a Cambridge Letter to the 'Elizabethan,' made a solemn vow that, should the duty of writing such a contribution ever devolve upon him, he would at least *try* to be more sparkingly humorous than the average Cambridge (or Oxford!) contributor to your pages. But with age has come (to some extent, at least!) wisdom, and the task appears in its real light. It is one of my peculiarities, sir, that I can never make a joke on a serious subject, and the fact is that we Cambridge Old Westminsters are a *very* serious subject. We are the props of the future, and that we realise our responsibility towards mankind is shown in our everyday life. We adopt the policy of 'wait and see,' and are content to lie low and behave ourselves. No one seems to be in danger of being sent down; no one edits a 'Varsity journal, and we can boast of but one single 'Blue.'

I will refrain, then, from trying to be funny, and will pass on to bestow a little individual attention to the various members of our happy band. I *might* adopt the plan of classifying according to the 'makes' of our motor-bicycles, reserving a small paragraph at the end for those blessedly sane and mediæval gentlemen who still cling to the push bike for transport to lectures and elsewhere; but I think it will be better to begin with Trinity, whose only claim to priority lies in the fact that it harbours more of us than any other college.

Dr. Adrian is President of the C.U.O.W.W. Club, and Mr. Robertson is also a prominent Don.

Mr. Graham, we believe, plays Soccer occasionally, and Mr. A. le B. G. Morris (Grants) the violin. Mr. Horne looks, and probably is, absent-minded; Mr. Junkin usually wears a smile. Mr. Blundell is always sartorially perfect and is secretary of the Pentacle club. Messrs. Lea and Perkins were moving spirits in the Newnham Fund of blessed memory. Mr. Samuel can be seen in the distance sometimes, as can also Mr. Guymer. Mr. Clegg, I am told, can usually be found in the New Theatre; Mr. J. Walker is a supporter of the C.I.-C.C.U., while all that can be said of Mr. Raikes is that he is a rabid and irreclaimable Conservative, and—O depth of infamy!—writes articles to the 'New Cambridge!'

Of second year men, Mr. William Fleming is no longer a martinet and is rapidly becoming a University feature. Mr. Rattenbury seems to divide his time between playing hockey and passing examinations; his politics are sound, as are those of Mr. Bentwich. Mr. Harden keeps on the same staircase as Mr. Rattenbury and, as far as we have been able to discover, the partnership has not been dissolved. Mr. Evans is as stately, as sombre, and as handsome as ever. Messrs. Gordon, Thomas, Bevan and Rea (Christ's) are seldom to be found apart. Mr. Lord has faded away into the shadows, forgetting and forgotten. Mr. Hobday has distinguished himself by winning a Shooting Blue and by his ability to fall off a motor-bicycle while doing 30 m.p.h. without ruffling his hair or his temper. Mr. E. E. S. Montagu is secretary of the 'Varsity Labour Club, which is patronised by no less than six enlightened O.W.W. Mr. Maunsell is polite and occasionally plays fives.

Mr. Troutbeck, it is rumoured, has paid his bills and entertains ladies from Newnham to tea. Mr. Carr is still 'in stat. pup.' Mr. Dobbie seems, according to his own account, to be an expert in pipes. I am told that Mr. Peacock has a skeleton in his cupboard. Mr. Hinks oozes

brain and witticisms. Mr. Storrs is an urbane though highly inefficient O.W.W. secretary, and Mr. Beattie drives a car.

Turning to the highly important gentlemen who do not patronise Trinity, I find that I have lost the list given me by the Secretary, so must rely on my memory, which is bad. Mr. Hackforth is a don at Sidney. Mr. Charles Mellor has not been sobered by the cares and worries of university life; in fact, the 'Porcupine Club' seems to have had the opposite effect. Mr. Woods (H.B.B.) is at Clare, as is also Mr. Waterfield, of whom nothing, either good or bad, is known. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Philcox are at Caius. It is rumoured that the former is engaged to be married, while the latter is a disciple of Physical Culture.

Mr. I. G. S. Montagu, of King's, has brought a large measure of originality and eccentricity into our peaceful little circle. Mr. Swann plays Rugger for Emmanuel 1st XV. Mr. Rea is in Christ's 2nd Lent Boat, and I am told that Mr. Zanardi-Landi is 'attached' to Christ's, which 'attachment' grants him immunity from being 'progged'!

Mr. P. E. McI. Mellor plays Soccer for John's, and draws for the 'Granta.' He also plays the mouth-organ and is learning to ride a push-bike! Mr. McPhail is a chess fanatic at Trinity Hall.

Mr. McKinnon Wood and Mr. W. Walker are at Pembroke. Mr. C. A. Morris (Grants) is our only representative at Corpus. Last, but certainly not least, Mr. G. Morris, of Downing, divides his time between winning money from Mr. Hobday at put-and-take, entertaining the latter to lunch and defending the reputation of his College against violent Trinity onslaughts.

The Cambridge Old Westminster dinner is being held in Trinity on February 25. Mr. J. S. Rudwick and Mr. A. A. Milne are expected, and will be warmly welcomed as our guests. Meanwhile, sir, we all join in wishing Westminster the greatest prosperity and the best of luck in all its fields of activity in the future.

Yours very obediently,

WESTMON: ET CANTAB.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL REGISTER.

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To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Information is much desired by the Editors about the following O.W.W., of whom but little or no details are given in the Register:—

Adams, Henry Powys; adm. 1877, left 1880. Clare Coll., Camb.

Allan, Edwin Francis; adm. 1883, left 1885. Christ Ch., Oxon.

Ball, Stanley Aubrey; adm. 1879, left 1882.

Barnes, Ernest; adm. 1882, left 1882.

Beames, Rupert; adm. 1880, left 1883.

Bigwood, James Edward Cecil; adm. 1877, left 1878. Trin. Hall, Camb.

Billinghurst, Herbert Hamilton; adm. 1877, left 1878.

Blackett, Francis St. John; adm. 1875, left 1878.

Blumberg, George Henry; adm. 1875, left 1876.

Bonus, William; adm. 1879, left 1880.

Booth Augustus Audley Neville Jackson; adm. 1872, left 1876. Corpus Coll., Camb.

To save time and trouble, as well as valuable space in your columns, I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers, who can help us by supplying information would kindly communicate direct to me.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. RUSSELL BARKER.

