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CRICKET SEASON, 1922.

EAST Summer Term will not quickly be forgotten, for, in addition to many glorious performances by our Rowing Eight, our Cricket Eleven performed prodigies of valour. The record of 7 matches won, 5 drawn, and only 2 lost speaks for itself, and we think that Taylor's team will rightly go down to history as being one of the most successful the School has ever had. We say 'successful,' but not 'the best,' because once more, as in the case of 1921, our side was not composed of good cricketers *all the way through*, although they were indeed all splendid triers. Once again was the burden and heat of the day borne on the broad backs of just two or three, while the remainder were little more than stop-gaps, who never bowled and who seldom made a run, but who had a certain elementary idea of fielding, into which we are glad to say they put all their energy and vigour. We defeated in turn Sherborne, Radley, Wellington and Charterhouse. The last-named was a fitting climax to an uninter-

rupted career of success; on a beautiful sunny morning, our great rivals had been dismissed for a score of twenty-odd runs in about three-quarters of an hour by some wonderful bowling by Taylor and Lowe. And that, too, before the rest of the School had been able to get 'Up Fields' to witness this record-breaking performance. To make a long story short, Westminster had beaten Charterhouse by 10 wickets *before* lunch, the game having been in progress for only 1½ hours! For that one epoch-making morning alone, the 1922 side will never be forgotten. Four out of our five School matches were won; even so we showed ourselves a very inferior cricket side to Malvern, in the short time the weather allowed the match to be played. Given two full days, they would almost certainly have defeated us.

Two more memorable performances were accomplished which are worthy of note: at Sherborne, our first wicket pair, Taylor and Lowe, put on a couple of hundred for the first wicket without being separated, while they repeated that great feat in a later match against the Old Wykehamists.

We maintain that the secret of our success last year was due almost entirely to our having quite a strong and varied attack. It was our *bowling* that won all our matches, and special praise must be given to Taylor and Lowe. Match after match they pegged away, the former with his cleverly flighted leg breaks and googlies, affording an excellent foil to the latter with his fast swinging deliveries. After these two we had Stonier, who had tremendous power of spin, and who when once he *did* get a length was the most dangerous bowler on the side. Then the elder Hartley, too, proved himself a reliable and accurate (if somewhat stereotyped) bowler, who could be depended upon to keep the batsmen playing, while the 'wicket-takers' were enjoying a much-needed rest. It is a noteworthy fact that not once during the season did any side succeed in getting 300 runs against us (and we had some very fine batting sides with which to contend). In addition to this, we had Tiarks, a left-hander, Munt and Jacomb-Hood, all of whom could bowl.

Inasmuch as our bowling was in great measure dependent upon Taylor and Lowe, it was to these same two that we pinned our faith in batting. Time after time they gave the side a wonderful start, and the proportion of runs which they made throughout the season to the rest of the side is really ludicrous. We had only three reliable players to come after them, McBride, Jacomb-Hood, and Clare, but they rarely obtained much success, except in one notable instance at Wellington, when a most plucky display on the part of the two first-named, after our champions had failed us, undoubtedly was responsible for our victory. In sheer point of style Jacomb-Hood shows the greatest promise, and should have made more runs last year.

The rest of our batting was frankly lamentable; having been given such wonderful starts by the first pair, we could never have believed it possible that such ineptitude could be shown by the later batsmen. This was the great blot on the side; to put it in a nutshell our bowlers generally did their work so well that victory was made possible by the success only of the first two or three batsmen. It would have been a very different story, we fear, if our last six batsmen had been called upon to make 100 runs for victory. Fortunately they never were.

Our fielding was on the whole good. The captain at cover showed a fine example of keenness—as he did indeed in all departments of the game. If ever a moderate side was inspired to great things by its captain, then this 1922 side was, quite apart from the fact that the captain shared with Lowe nearly all the runs, and very nearly all the wickets too! The slip fielding was not good, only, as

a general rule, the easiest of chances being taken. McBride in the long-field is undeniably a safe catch, while Tiarks held all, or most, that came to him. But Munt, Clare and Jacomb-Hood will entirely spoil their chance of ever appearing even in second class cricket unless they double their pace in running after the ball, and show more alertness in anticipating it. The younger Hartley behind the wicket was only fair, as he let far too many byes, but he brought off some smart bits of stumping off Taylor.

To sum up: if the School as a whole will model their batting upon that of last summer's captain, all will be well in that department. More 'punch' is wanted in the batting all through the school; there is much too much pottering about while at the wicket. The Colts batsmen, too, must play with the same freedom and confidence in a match as they do in a net. Some of the displays of these younger players (particularly against Harrow) were pathetic, showing as they did the state of abject paralysis to which an attack of nerves can bring a young batsman.

The fatal tendency to play straight balls to leg instead of driving them straight back to the bowler must be eradicated. The very short one of course may be hooked round, but we speak here only of half volleys and good length balls.

Westminster fielding is improving, but it is still *far* behind the standard of our best Cricket Schools. All Westminster boys seem stiff in the back, and unable to bend; moreover, they don't observe the golden rule of keeping *their eye on the ball, until it has actually entered the hand*. As to bowling, we can only repeat the golden rules:—(1) Keep the arm right above the head at the time of delivery, (2) Concentrate on length and direction alone. When you have got the length, *then* try and spin the ball, and—one last word—remember that a good *slow* bowler with a little spin is an invaluable asset to a School side against other School sides. That's why we won last year; the other schools could not with comfort play the slow bowling of Taylor and Stonier, while Lowe with his fast deliveries forming a contrast completed their discomfiture. The batsmen were never allowed to settle down, and get to feel 'at home'; Taylor and Stonier made them potter about, while Lowe gave the 'coup de grace' while they were so doing.

In the name of the School we congratulate Taylor and his men on their great achievement. We cannot hope always to equal their record, but it has given us new encouragement and a worthy standard always to try and attain.

Finally, let us in the years to come strive to produce a better balanced eleven, when each of

the members will be pulling his weight, and not letting the whole work fall upon the shoulders of two people. An eleven such as this may sometimes—as in 1922—be successful, *but it can never be great*, in the true sense of the word.

A review of a cricket season at Westminster cannot be complete in our judgment without some reference to the admirable way in which Elson looks after our First Eleven wickets and the Practice wickets. No side can attain success without a good practice wicket, and this year Elson had very especial difficulty in coping with the evil effects which the drought of 1921 brought about. How well he overcame this great handicap, unassisted by unlimited artificial means, as at the Oval and Lords for instance, we all know, and he thus plays a very big part in any success our Eleven may have attained.

CHARACTERS OF ELEVEN, 1922.

C. H. TAYLOR (*Captain*).

A beautiful batsman with a most matured style. Can bowl an excellent googlie, and at cover-point is very reliable, and at times brilliant. A very fine all-round cricketer, who during the four years that he has been in the School XI. has been strikingly successful in inspiring others with his skill—and his keenness.

R. G. H. LOWE.

Shared with Taylor the honours of last season's Cricket. His batting has developed to a great degree, and his bowling now has that little bit of venom and bite which it formerly lacked. He showed himself, too, a stout-hearted cricketer.

W. L. HARTLEY.

His batting has been disappointing, as it is stilted, and he hits across the flight of the ball. An accurate bowler, who would be twice as good, if he could keep his arm up at the moment of delivery. Slow in the field.

G. W. STONIER.

If once he obtained a length (which was rarely) a most deadly spin bowler. Bowled excellently in the earlier matches. Very disappointing batsman, who in the nets is splendid, but who in the middle tries to turn straight balls to leg with always fatal results.

W. N. MCBRIDE.

Should have made more runs, if only he had made use of his great reach. Too much work done from the shoulders and elbows, and too little from the wrists. Wants to loosen out altogether next year. A good out-field.

L. CLARE.

A promising batsman who has improved. Has a good off-drive, but he wants to be more free, and also wants to learn and master all the different scoring strokes on the leg-side. Not a good field.

R. W. HARTLEY.

A fair wicket-keeper, but who let too many byes when the ball just misses the wicket. As a batsman he watches the ball well, but wants to develop scoring strokes.

E. R. MUNT.

An unreliable performer. At times showed glimpses of batting form, but never got his left leg to the pitch of the ball. A fair bowler, and a very bad and clumsy field.

J. W. JACOMB-HOOD.

Shows great promise as a batsman and his style is modelled on the correct lines. Should avoid as yet the lofted drive over the bowler's head, and should take care not to hit across a half-volley on the leg stump. Should develop and persevere with his slow leg-breaks. A dreadful fieldsman.

J. H. BLAIR.

Most disappointing. Seems to lose all batting form, owing to turning round and facing the ball every shot. One of the best fields and very quick.

J. G. TIARKS.

A fine-looking batsman in the nets, but his efforts in the middle were entirely negligible. Some idea of left-handed bowling, and a fairly safe catch.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

Played at Vincent Square, July 8.

CHARTERHOUSE.

F. L. Barker, c Munt, b Lowe	0
C. H. Harker-Taylor, c and b Taylor	3
S. F. Peel, b Lowe	9
H. C. Crawford, c and b Taylor	4
C. G. Varcoe, b Taylor	0
J. T. Morgan, b Taylor	0
C. J. Quiney, b Lowe	0
G. T. Kenyon, c Stonier, b Taylor	0
R. A. Chettle, b Taylor	0
A. N. Morgan, b Lowe	2
W. H. Lambert, not out	4
Extras	3

Total 25

Bowling.—Lowe 4 for 7, Taylor 6 for 15.

WESTMINSTER.

C. H. Taylor, b Varcoe	23
R. G. H. Lowe, b Varcoe	16
W. N. McBride, c Peel, b Varcoe	9
L. Clare, b Lambert	22
R. W. Hartley, c Crawford, b Barker	5
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, b Varcoe... ..	28
W. L. Hartley, st Chettle, b Quiney	1
E. R. Munt, not out	28
G. W. Stonier, not out	8
Extras	12

Total (for 7 wkts.) 151

J. H. Blair and J. G. Tiarks did not bat.

Bowling.—A. N. Morgan 0 for 22, Lambert 1 for 17, Quiney 1 for 33, Varcoe 4 for 51, Barker 1 for 8, Peel 0 for 8.

WESTMINSTER v. MALVERN.

Played at Vincent Square, July 15.

WESTMINSTER.

C. H. Taylor, b Jagger	4
R. G. H. Lowe, b Toppin	44
W. N. McBride, c Lewis, b Foster	21
L. Clare, c Legge, b Jagger	3
R. W. Hartley, c Foster, b Jagger	10
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, b Jagger	4
W. L. Hartley, lbw b Jagger	0
E. R. Munt, lbw b Jagger	3
G. W. Stonier, not out	14
J. H. Blair, c Lewis, b Jagger	15
J. G. Tiarks, run out	0
Extras	14

Total 132

Bowling.—Jagger 7 for 25, Holmes 0 for 31, Foster 1 for 31, Toppin 1 for 14, Greenstock 0 for 10, Welch 0 for 7.

MALVERN.

R. A. Parry, b Lowe	10
J. D. S. Muirhead, c Lowe, b Taylor	52
E. R. T. Holmes, b Lowe	16
S. T. Jagger, not out	23
Extras	10

Total (for 3 wkts.) 111

G. B. Legge, B. E. Lewis, T. B. G. Welch, L. S. Foster, G. W. Greenstock, C. G. Toppin and R. A. Orchard did not bat.

Bowling.—Lowe 2 for 30, Taylor 1 for 41, Hartley 0 for 10, Stonier 0 for 20.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

Played at Vincent Square, July 22.

The Old Wykehamists had not a strong side, and we took a heavy toll off their bowling. Taylor played brilliantly, hitting with great power and certainty. His best effort was a six into the road to the left of the pavilion. Lowe was slow by comparison, and was not so good as usual. Stonier came in and hit out well, collecting 26 in about

20 minutes. Rain stopped play at 5.15 and the game was abandoned soon afterwards.

WESTMINSTER.

C. H. Taylor, run out	152
R. G. H. Lowe, c Jones, b Hodges	85
W. N. McBride, c Gregson, b Wright	8
G. W. Stonier, not out	26
L. Clare, c Lee, b Joy	6
Extras	31

Total (for 4 wkts., innings declared closed) 308

R. W. Hartley, J. W. Jacomb-Hood, W. L. Hartley, E. R. Munt, J. H. Blair and J. G. Tiarks did not bat.

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

W. G. Pringle, lbw b Taylor	13
H. C. V. Jones, b Lowe	16
G. Turner, lbw b Lowe	2
E. C. Lee, not out	2
F. M. Luttman Johnson, not out	2
Extras	3

Total (for 3 wkts.) 38

F. D. H. Joy, A. W. Hodges, R. M. Wright, D. N. K. Gregson, C. F. McFarlane (sub.), and W. C. Norton did not bat.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

Played at Vincent Square, July 29, 1922.

The Old Westminsters lost Stones to the first ball of the day, but Kann and Bompas, both playing bright cricket, took the score to 38. After this wickets fell regularly before Lowe, who though not bowling so fast as usual, owing to a strained leg, kept an admirable length and found a spot to suit him. His analysis of 8 for 31 was an admirable performance, and he followed this up by batting well for 45. Taylor left at 9, Stones beating him with a ball that went with his arm. We had lost six wickets when their score was passed and the innings closed for 139—a rather poor show on a good wicket.

O.W.W.

C. E. Stones, b Lowe	0
P. W. G. Kann, c McBride, b Stonier	21
H. S. Bompas, b Lowe	19
H. R. Blaker, b Lowe	4
A. C. Feasey, b Lowe	0
F. S. Fleuret, b Lowe	20
W. S. Lonsdale, b Lowe	6
R. C. May, b Lowe	2
L. A. M. Fevez, c R. W. Hartley, b Lowe	11
K. Brodie, c Lowe, b Taylor	5
D. A. Radermacher, not out	4
Extras	15

Total 107

Bowling.—Lowe 8 for 31, Taylor 1 for 24, Stonier 1 for 37.

WESTMINSTER.

C. H. Taylor, b Stones	6
R. G. H. Lowe, b Lonsdale	45
W. N. McBride, b Feasey	6
L. Clare, lbw b Kann	15
R. W. Hartley, c and b Feasey	10
G. W. Stonier, st Bompas, b Lonsdale	4
H. L. Hartley, c Bompas, b Kann	12
E. R. Munt, b Kann	22
J. H. Blair, run out	6
C. F. McFarlane, c Blaker, b Stones	3
J. G. Tiarks, not out	4
Extras	6
Total	139

Bowling.—Feasey 2 for 53, Stones 2 for 28, Kann 3 for 36, Lonsdale 2 for 16.

MOLESEY REGATTA.

THE School entered the VIII. for this regatta on the last Saturday of Election Term, through the kind offices of Mr. Manisty, one of "Water's" most enthusiastic supporters. It was a very strenuous testing for the crew, particularly as our bow oar went out of school the night before the races, and also owing to the fact that we were obliged to race three times in two hours, meeting a fresh crew in the final heat!

FIRST HEAT.—*Versus* STAINES.

Both crews got away well, Westminster leading by a canvas after the first minute. Dulley was content to keep a crisp stroke, doing about 34 and rowing it long. Half way down the island Staines made an effort to overtake us, but Dulley put the stroke up to 37, and kept the boat forging ahead by just a little more than one length. On approaching the booms, Staines came at us again, and managed to pull up a little, but Westminster were rowing strongly together—although bow seemed very uneasy, and rather knocked up—and won by one and a half lengths.

SECOND HEAT.—*Versus* SCHOOL OF MINES.

Our opponents got away from us almost immediately, rowing 40 to our 38. Westminster seemed ill at ease, and did not manage to settle down to uniform work until the island was reached. At this point, Dulley made a magnificent spurt, and overtook School of Mines, who had been leading by a length. Both crews were then rowing well together, but School of Mines began to row a trifle short. By the end of the island Westminster were three-quarters of a length to the good. When opposite the booms, School of Mines came at us again, and pulled alongside to within half a canvas, but this was their final effort, and Westminster, lengthening their stroke slightly, and rowing strongly at 37, won by half a length.

FINAL HEAT.—*Versus* QUINTIN.

Westminster got a very good start, and within the first half minute were half a length to the good. Quintin, who were a heavier crew, took some time to settle down, and lacked vitality up to this stage. Half way down the island they made a splendid effort to overhaul us, and managed to get within three-quarters of a length, but Dulley seemed content to keep up a good long steady stroke, rowing at 35. Towards the end of the island the result of the race wasn't in doubt. Quintin, although together, were rowing too short. Just after the booms, Westminster increased the stroke to 37, and, rowing well within themselves, won by 2 lengths, thus winning the Junior-Senior event. One of the main factors of the crew's success in these last two races was the splendid coxing of Winnifrith, who showed good judgment throughout.

Thus ended a most encouraging year's work. Out of 13 races rowed by the first VIII., 10 were won, and the worst defeat was only by one length at Henley, against Emmanuel College. The second VIII. won both their races against the two Thames R.C. crews.

Criticism of the Eight.

Stroke (DULLEY).—A very good all-round oar, with one or two rather bad faults. As a stroke he has done excellent work, showing splendid judgment, and an inexhaustible supply of energy. It will be a difficult task to find a substitute possessing his peculiar faculty of being able to size up the opposing crew during the course of a race.

7 (CURTIS).—A good solid oar, with plenty of life. His one great difficulty was the lack of control of the shoulders at the catch, combined with a tendency to slacken off the forward movement of the hands. Towards Henley he had greatly improved and could always be relied upon to transmit the body swing from the stroke-oar.

6 (POPPELWELL).—Has done splendid work throughout the season, in spite of great inconvenience caused by indifferent health. A good strong oar, with plenty of life.

5 (DE KAY).—Has filled the place admirably. Quite a good oar, with just a slight tendency to row short.

4 (MARTIN).—The most improved oar in the boat. His chief fault was a tendency to let the stomach go in at the finish, causing an ugly round back. A good worker, with splendid wrist work.

3 (SHAW).—A natural oar, with a splendidly consistent body swing, and rows a good strong stroke during a race. The chief faults were the tendency to shoot the slide and having the arms slightly bent at the catch.

2 (YOUNG).—A good oar, with a natural swing and wrist action. The tendency to "row short" could easily be deleted with a little thought.

Bow (MURPHY).—A very neat oar indeed. He has done good work throughout, and certainly possesses all the attributes of a natural oarsman.

Cox (WINNIFRITH).—Although a beginner, he has done good work, and during the latter part of the year showed splendid judgment in carrying out a very difficult and trying duty.

J. G. J.

WATER.

KING'S SCHOLARS *v.* TOWN BOYS.

THIS year for the first time since the revival of Water, this race was rowed in VIII.'s. It was decided to use the two clinker boats, the Victory and the Challenge, as the two cutters were so unequal.

It was thought that Town boys, having five of the School crew, would overwhelm the King's Scholars; the latter, however, were lucky in having the two stern oars of the first VIII., as they were able to build up a sound VIII. on them. Town boys were at a loss for a stroke.

The course, as originally decided, was from Harrod's to Putney Bridge, but on the afternoon of the race it was shortened to a mile (from the post to the bridge) owing to the water being so sluggish.

King's Scholars were first off the mark, and gained two or three feet in the first half-minute. Dulley kept the stroke going, and the King's Scholars boat gradually drew ahead. At Beverley Brook there was a length of daylight between the two boats.

Coming in from Beverley King's Scholars led down the stroke, but Town boys did not gain enough to be in their striking distance.

CREWS.

K.SS.—Berman, de Selincourt, Chalk, Wilson, Peck, Binyon, Curtis, Dulley (str.), Winnifrith (cox).

T.B.R.—Montifiore (bow), Holdsworth, Young, Martin, de Kay, Edwards, Byam Shaw, Murphy (str.), Tanner (cox).

HOUSE RACES.

These were rowed in clinker IV.'s. In the first round Grants beat Home boarders, and Ashburnham beat Rigauds fairly easily. In the final G.G. held A.HH. for a short way, but the latter were too strong for them, and eventually won easily.

COLQUHOUN SCULLS.

There was a good entry for these. Dulley was the winner of these and of the gold badge presented by Mr. G. Armitage, M.P. (O.W.). The race was rowed in the most appalling water.

JUNIOR SCULLS.

These produced some good racing. Form shown was quite good, considering the want of practice. Edwards was the eventual winner.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We must congratulate all those whom we ought to congratulate, viz. the K.SS. VIII. on their victory over the T.BB., and also the following past K.SS., Taylor, Cross, Tiarks, de Selincourt and Berman, on their respective successes at election. We much wish that Dulley and Murphy, who left at Election, will make in the City the prodigious fortunes they undoubtedly deserve.

We have to welcome seven Juniors and a piano, which has arrived with them in College. Owing to some slight misunderstanding there are only 39 King's Scholars this term.

We are sorry to announce that Miss Aitchison has had once more temporarily to retire for reasons of health. We hope sincerely to see her back thoroughly cured. If her health permits, she has promised to return to help at the Play. Setting up is past, and we are now rehearsing in grim earnest. As several of the actors intend to go up for Open Scholarships at Oxford this term, we confidently anticipate the usual rush and muddle on the last few days before the Play nights.

A.HH.—We will begin our congratulations by noting J. N. E. Muspratt and A. Scott, who have been given Cricket Pink-and-Whites, next C. A. Rowland and T. G. Lund, who are Thirds, and then J. B. Pickering and W. S. Strain, who are awarded Colts Cap and House Colours respectively. We lost Seniors, we understand, because of the fast wicket which was peculiarly suited to the H.BB. bowling.

Congratulations to G. W. Stonier on being elected to Christ Church. Amongst others who have left, D. J. Neal, L. D. Martin, A. Scott and J. N. E. Muspratt are missed very much in their several spheres of activity. The ever-helpful Neal has been a great asset to us, and it is now that we feel his absence.

Continuing our congratulations, the following are concerned. In the Corps, E. H. Horton is C.Q.M.S., and R. Rendle, C. A. Rowland and S. H. Hamilton are Corporals now. E. H. Horton is a School Monitor and A. Herbert a House Monitor.

We are very delighted to announce that there is a record entry of 64 for the Fives Ties this term. Whether they will ever be played off this term remains to be seen!

Our Seniors' prospects are distinctly hopeful and we appear to possess amongst Juniors a few likely footballers.

In concluding, we must not forget the Senior and Junior Shooting teams, who did so well in winning the two Cups on the miniature range.

G.G.—Last term there left us—W. L. Hartley, I. M. Main, F. C. DeKay, E. T. Holmes, W. B. Dobree, C. R. Smith, while the following new boys have come to take their places: F. E. Puxon, A. G. de Montmorency, C. H. Ellis, A. H. Walker, R. G. Mordaunt, as boarders, and C. P. Clark, J. P. Winckworth, T. J. Carling, R. W. Carr as half-boarders. Thanks to larger accommodation provided by the new buildings our numbers have increased to sixty-one.

We must congratulate R. W. Hartley and B. G. Davies on being made Monitors, J. W. Jacob-Hood, A. A. Negus, V. J. G. Stavridi and R. A. Frost on coming up from Outer to Middle, and G. E. Johnstone, A. W. D. Leishman, T. C. Dobree, L. S. London, E. Whitley and J. M. Hornsby on coming up from Hall to Outer.

Congratulations are also due to D. E. Lashmore and A. M. Shepley-Smith on Cricket Thirds, and to D. J. Peacock on Rowing House Colours.

It is difficult, at present, to tell what chances we have in Seniors and Juniors, but we have several members of big game and several promising colts who should do well. Finally, yard and fives ties are in full swing.

H.BB.—First of all we must bid a sorrowful goodbye to Mr. Nall, who has directed the fortunes of H.BB. for so many years. We trust his connection with us has not been finally severed, and we wish him long life and happiness in his retirement. He has found a worthy successor in Mr. Willett, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. His advent has been happily marked by the laying-on of hot water. We congratulate Lowe on being Captain of the School, of football and of cricket. Harvey and Witherby play in the 1st XI. and Clare, Allen and Salvi in the 2nd. Our prospects for Seniors are bright. In the Corps, congratulations are due to Salvi on his promotion to Sergeant, to Madden and Sibley, who are Corporals, and to Knight, London and Shaw, who have received their first stripes, also to London and Sibley on being the School Cadet pair. Clare, Sibley, Salvi and Harvey have come into the Upper. Our numbers are 89, and we conclude with an exhortation to

those of this number who have not yet joined the Corps to reconsider their decision. Since parade is in any case compulsory their defection is as senseless as it is deplorable.

R.R.—At the beginning of a new school year, every House is conscious of a great many changes. This year is no exception for us, as Sherring, last year's Head, Blaker, Feasey and Baliol-Scott have left from Upper, Rintoul and Stern from Under, as well as several from Hall. We welcome Robson, Devereux and Wilson as new House Monitors, while Bonar, Hemmant, Holdsworth, Magnus and Droke-Brackman have come into Under. As we have eight new boys this term, our numbers are about the same.

We congratulate the different teams who brought back to us the Swimming, the Junior Cricket, and the Singing Cups, and also those Rigaudites who distinguished themselves by winning the Senior and Junior races and the heat diving at the Swimming Sports.

The House is well to the front in the Corps with Young as C.S.M., Verdier, Hansen and Devereux as Corporals, and Palmer as a Lance-corporal. We hear with pleasure that Mr. Ellis is going to assist us with our Corps work this term, and we hope, with his help, not only to retain the Senior Cup, which we won last year, but also to win the Junior Cup which the Artists' Rifles have so kindly presented to the School. Several members of the House are entering for the 'A' Certificate Examination to be held next March, and we wish them the best of luck.

Our prospects for Seniors are not too good, but we hope for the best. Young, Hansen and Madden have been playing regularly in big game this term, and have represented us in the 1st and 2nd XI.'s in their first matches of the season.

* ELECTION, 1922.

Elected to Christ Church.—C. F. McFarlane, C. H. Taylor, G. K. Whitlamsmith.

Elected to Trinity.—A. G. N. Cross, A. P. Taylor.

Elected to Christ Church Exhibitions.—N. Baliol-Scott, G. W. Stonier.

Triplett Exhibitions of £50, £30, £25 for three years were awarded to A. J. W. Chamings, J. G. Tiarks, and M. de Selincourt respectively; an exhibition of £20 for one year was awarded to H. D. Berman.

Samwaies Exhibitions were awarded to A. C. N. Cross and A. P. Taylor.

COMMEMORATION, 1922.

COMMEMORATION this year will be held on Friday, November 17. Service in the Abbey will be at 8.30 p.m., and the Head Master and Masters will be 'at home' up School to O.W.W. at 9.15. All O.W.W. are invited to be present. Those who intend to come should write to the Bursar, enclosing an addressed envelope, for the necessary form of admission.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

THE following are the officers for the ensuing year:—

- Captain.*—R. G. H. Lowe (H.B.).
Monitors.—G. C. S. Curtis (K.S.), J. H. Blair (K.S.), E. H. Horton (A.H.).
Captain of K.S.S.—G. C. S. Curtis.
Prin. Opp.—R. G. H. Lowe.
Head of Home Boarders.—R. G. H. Lowe.
Head of Rigaud's.—M. Young.
Head of Grant's.—D. E. Lashmore.
Head of Ashburnham.—E. H. Horton.
Captain of Cricket.—R. G. H. Lowe.
Head of the Water.—G. C. S. Curtis.
Captain of Football.—R. G. H. Lowe.
C.S.M., O.T.C.—M. Young.

THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE following are officers for the ensuing year:—

- Editor.*—G. C. S. Curtis.
Hon. Secretary.—J. H. Blair
Hon. Treasurer.—I. F. Smedley, Esq.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting of this Society the following were elected officers:—

- Visitor.*—The Rev. the Headmaster.
President.—R. G. H. Lowe, H.B.
Vice-President.—G. C. S. Curtis, K.S.
Hon. Treasurer.—J. H. Blair, K.S.
Hon. Secretary.—D. P. Story, K.S.

On Thursday, October 5, the House met to discuss the motion:—

"This House deplores and will attempt to remedy its present unhappy and disastrous condition." The motion was lost by several votes.

On Thursday, October 12, the House met to discuss the motion:—

"This House has no faith in the Present Government."

The Proposer (A. HERBERT) said that the Government had provoked war with Turkey, and it had

only been averted by General Harington. Their policy had been muddled in relation to Russia and Ireland. There was room for discussion of the Government Departments. The Reparations Question had been treated badly, but the only agreement the Government's opponents could come to was that it was heading for disaster.

The Opposer (R. A. WILSON) called the Government's opponents traitors; he denied that Turkey had been provoked, and he refused to criticise the Government's financial policy. If he could not praise the Government, he said that none other would have done any better.

The Seconder (T. V. RUDDOCK) indulged in some personalities on the Prime Minister and found fault with the system of a Coalition. He disagreed with the Government's policy of unemployment doles and advocated a wholesale use of workhouses.

The Fourth Speaker (G. D. POPPLEWELL) said no other Government would have done the work better. At first a Unionist, he had found the Government's Irish Policy useful for the extermination of the Irish and their leaders, such as Michael Collins. When Herbert had suggested three alternative Governments, Conservative, Labour or Liberal, the Secretary stood up and attacked Mr. Lloyd George; he disagreed with the Coalition's Foreign Policy, save for the holding of Chanak, and he urged rigid economy.

The Vice-President, in summing up, remarked upon the gigantic tasks before the Government, but blamed it for the present state of party politics and the oligarchic condition of the constitution. The motion was lost by 7 votes.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

THE officers for the ensuing year are:—

- President.*—F. O. M. Earp, Esq.
Vice-President.—A. H. W. J. Cocks, K.S.
Hon. Secretary.—W. H. Dyson, A.H.

Many promises of lectures have been received, and we hope to enjoy another successful season.

Lectures will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

School Notes.

THERE are 48 new boys this term, and 352 boys in the school.

The Play this year is the *Andria* of Terence. The Play nights are December 14, 18 and 20.

The collection on Election Sunday in aid of the School Mission amounted to £41 18s. 10d.



CRICKET XI., 1922.

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EISEN.

J. G. TIARKS.

J. H. BLAIR.

E. R. MUNT.

L. CLARE.

R. W. HARTLEY.

J. W. JACOMB-HOOD.

G. W. STONIER.

R. G. H. LOWE.

C. H. TAYLOR (Captain).

W. L. HARTLEY.

W. N. MCBRIDE.



HENLEY VIII., 1922.

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L. MARTIN (4). M. S. MURPHY (*Bow*). M. F. YOUNG (3). G. A. BYAM SHAW (2).
F. C. DE KAY (5). H. W. M. DULLEY (*Stroke*). J. C. JEFFREYS, ESQ. G. C. S. CURTIS (7). G. D. POPPLEWELL (6).
A. J. D. WINNIFRITH (*Cox*).

We are glad to welcome to the Staff and to the School Mr. M. Watkins and Mr. M. H. Ellis; and, to a temporary appointment, Mr. King.

Mr. Watkins has come to fill Mr. Huckwell's place. He was a wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge in 1921.

Mr. Ellis rowed stroke in the Shrewsbury VIII. which won the Elsenham Cup at the Henley Peace Regatta. He was stroke of the Oxford VIII. in 1920 and bow in 1921.

Mr. King has come to take the place of Mr. Smith.

On October 6 Mr. G. Shaw gave an enlightening lecture-recital on "Modern English Songs," up School.

On October 12 Commander Elwell Sutton, R.N., described his adventures in a gunboat on the Tigris, 1917-19, up School. In spite of the fact that the sun appeared in an uncalled-for way and obscured the lantern slides, the lecture was a great success.

The Clifton Gordon Reading Prizes, senior and junior, were won by A. H. Herbert and D. C. Watherston respectively.

On Sunday, October 15, the Headmaster preached before the University of Cambridge.

THE WESTMINSTER HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

BY RALPH TANNER.

OF making many histories there is no end; but there was obviously room for a book on the lines of Mr. Ralph Tanner's history, recently published by The Sheldon Press, and now in use in the School. Mr. Tanner's aim has been to bring into prominence the intimate connexion which the Abbey, and consequently the School, has had with many of the salient facts and many of the most prominent actors in the drama of England's story. The book is written in simple and straightforward fashion, with pleasant touches here and there which recall the author's characteristic humour.

It has been well produced, both type and illustrations being excellent, and no doubt it will be, as it deserves to be, highly popular with Westminsters, both young and old.

MR. NALL.

AN appreciation of Mr. Nall will appear in the next number of THE ELIZABETHAN.

HALL EPIGRAMS.

THE verses and epigrams recited at Election Dinner included a farewell address to Mr. Raynor, a similar compliment to Mr. Nall, and two poems in memory of the late Mr. John Sargeant. These were justly admired for their felicity of phrase and allusion. We reproduce them below, together with a selection from the epigrams. The latter were for the most part of the playful or facetious order, seldom touching the satiric note. In this connexion we seem to remember some one saying at the time that they were 'a watery lot'; but he was a captious critic—or was he merely attempting a joke? Our readers must judge.

*In memoriam Joannis Sargeant olim magistri qui a.d. IV
Id. Mart. huius anni mortuus est.*

Si quidquam mutis gratum acceptumve sepulchris
Accidere a nostro, care, dolore potest,
Dulce tibi fuerit quod cena haec annua nostra
Te iubet et nomen commemorare tuum.
Hinc abes heu! hodie primum, veteresque sodales
Non iterum possunt ora videre tua,
Non prensare tuam dextram, bona dicere verba,
Et post vina tuos carmine nosse sales.
Fida tamen fidum revocant te pectora, tuque
Non minus absenti corpore amicus ades.

In memoriam Joannis Sargeant valde desiderati.

Ἐπεὶ τις, Ἡράκλειτε, τέον μόρον—ἔσσακίς ἡμῖν
παισὶν ἀνὴρ κείνος καλλιπὸν εἶπεν ἔπη·
ὦν δὲ τίς—ὄλετο γὰρ φιλομούσων φίλτατος αὐτός—
οὐ νεαρῶ σώζει ῥήματα ταῦτα πόθῳ;
οὐδὲ τι λυσitelεῖ θρηγεῖν πλέον· ἀλλὰ παλαιοῖς
τοῖσδε χάρις νείη, νεῖον ἔνεστιν ἄχος.

*In honorem Reverendī Viri Arturi G. S. Raynor, nuper
Schol. Reg. magistri, nunc in parochia Steventon apud
Oxon. presbyteri.*

Te quoque, dulce caput, merito decoremus honore
Sex per lustra chori qui coryphaeus eras:
Pulpita tu noras scaenamque ornare Terenti
Et Saturnales rite parare iocos:
Necnon collegisse epigrammata salsa iuvabat,
Multaque collectis ipse poeta dabas.
Accipe nunc grates nostras bonaque accipe vota:
Rure tuo felix vive valeque diu.

*In honorem Reverendī Viri G. Herberti Nall, multos annos
magistri, mox a schola discessuri.*

Ἄριστον μὲν ὕδωρ.

Audieram, 'Furor est post omnia perdere naulum;'
Sic aliena vetus damna poeta gemit.
Nos tamen heu! nostrum Naulum ipsi perdimus!
Aegrum
Cor furit et lacrimis irrigat ora dolor.

Ἄριστον μὲν ὕδωρ.

Μητρὸς μελαίνης χαιρέτω τερπνὸν μέθυ.
καινὸν σέβοντες δαίμον', αἰλούρου πόδα,
ὕδωρ πῶμεν—τῆσδε πλὴν νυκτὸς μόνον.

MAXIMA DEBETUR PUERO REVERENTIA.

'Maxima debetur puero reverentia' clamas,
Me poscens aliquid carminis; immo seni.

"Ἀριστον μὲν ὕδωρ.

"Ἀριστον μὲν ὕδωρ : valeant ientacula : sed vos,
prandiaque et cenae, suppeditate merum.

"Ἀριστον μὲν ὕδωρ.

When we view with amazement a flood in our basement
From water pipes burst, turncocks striving in vain,
Water we don't insist on as being ἄριστον
But only a very good thing—in the main.

MAXIMA DEBETUR PUERO REVERENTIA.

Modern parents learn how you yourselves should demean
Be as meek as it's meet you should be;
Nor when by your offspring addressed as 'Old Bean'
Retort 'Young Beginning-to-be.'

MAXIMA DEBETUR PUERO REVERENTIA.

For once the poet speaks the truth,
He sees the excellence of youth—
A contrast to the aged men
Who ploughed my efforts with the pen;
For they had not the wit to see
The excellence that lay in me.

Old Westminsters.

THE Bishop of Ripon has received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters at Leeds University.

The Rev. Prebendary E. N. Sharpe has been appointed Chaplain to the Lord Mayor-elect for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. St. J. B. Philby, C.I.E., who is one of the most distinguished of younger explorers, has published a very important book called *The Heart of Arabia*. The *Times* in reviewing it says: 'The whole book is a wonderful record of exploits crowned with astonishing success . . . the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society was never better deserved. . . . Mr. Philby seems to possess every qualification for an Arabian explorer.'

We also notice the following books by Old Westminsters which have recently been published: *The Secret Societies of Ireland*, by Captain H. B. C. Pollard; *Earl Simon*, by W. B. Nichols; *Soliloquy*, by Stephen McKenna.

Mr. H. R. F. Harrod has been appointed lecturer in Modern History and Economics at Christ Church. Mr. Harrod obtained a first-class in *Lit. Hum.* in 1921 and in Modern History in 1922.

In the Oxford Honours Lists the following Westminsters were placed in Class I.: H. R. F. Harrod (Modern History). Class II.: C. W. Baty (*Lit. Hum.*) and J. B. Herbert (Modern History).

Mr. Robert Armitage, M.P., has announced that he will not contest Central Leeds at the next election. He has represented that division since 1906.

Mr. G. B. Wilson has retired from the Indian Civil Service for reasons of health.

Births.

HUTCHINSON.—On May 28, the wife of Kenneth Hutchinson, of a son.

WOODHOUSE.—On July 13, the wife of S. C. Woodhouse, M.B., of a son.

BARRACLOUGH.—On July 21, the wife of Noel E. Barraclough, of a daughter.

BARRINGTON-WARD.—On July 13, the wife of L. E. Barrington-Ward, F.R.C.S., of a daughter.

TWEEDIE-SMITH.—On July 24, the wife of Leslie Tweedie-Smith, of a son.

HOSKINS.—On July 31, the wife of Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins, K.C.B., of a daughter.

CIRCUIT.—On August 1, the wife of George L. Circuit, M.B.E., of a daughter.

FREESTON.—On August 28, the wife of Bernard Dunkerley Freeston, of a daughter.

MARKS.—On September 12, the wife of Julian D. Marks, of a daughter.

RITCHIE.—On October 12, the wife of Sir James W. Ritchie, Bart., of a daughter.

Marriages.

MACONOCHE-OAKES.—On July 18, Alexander Francis Maconochie, I.C.S. (retired), to Ethel Mary Oakes, niece of Sir Edward Marshall-Hall, K.C.

STANNARD-KNIGHT.—On July 25, Robert William Stannard, to Muriel Sylvia, younger daughter of Arthur J. Knight, of Seaford Court, Great Portland Street, W. 1.

SHARP-WHINNEY.—On July 27, Reginald Taaffe Sharp to Phyllis Maude, only daughter of the late Edward Whinney and of Mrs. E. Whinney, of 15, Campden Hill Court, W. 8.

GOODALL-MACKENZIE.—On August 3, John Frederick Goodall to Alice Ann, second daughter of the Rev. M. C. Mackenzie, of Swatow, China.

FRANKISH-BYRNE.—On August 16, in India, Capt. William Martin Frankish, 95th Russell's Infantry, to Queenie Emilie Charlotte, eldest daughter of M. P. C. Byrne, Postmaster-General (retired).

WALKER-INSKIP.—On August 18, Charles Hay Walker to Grace Hampden Inskip, O.B.E., daughter of the late James Inskip and of Mrs. James Inskip, of Clifton, Bristol, and sister of the Bishop of Barking.

COLEBY-DALE.—On August 23, Eric Coleby to Dora Dale, widow of Charles Dale and only child of J. M. Stuart-Edwards (O.W.).

BEECH-UPTON.—On August 30, the Rev. Guy Beech, Rector of Turvey, Bedfordshire, to Judith Mary, only daughter of the late Douglas Upton and of Mrs. Upton, Chestnut Cottage, Epping.

NICHOLS-SMART.—On September 5, Frank Howard Nichols to Mabel Gertrude, daughter of Alfred Smart, of Brentwood.

MACMANUS-THOMPSON.—On September 6, in Dublin, Diarmid Arthur MacManus, Commandant-General, to Kathleen, daughter of the late Sir Henry Thompson, K.B.E., Professor T.C.D., and of Lady Thompson, of 31, Palmerston Road, Dublin.

RUDD-KEARNS.—On September 14, George Boyd Franklin Rudd to Georgina Isabel, only daughter of F. T. Kearns, late of Addington, Surrey.

Obituary.

We greatly regret to have to record the death of several Old Westminsterers, four of whom belonged to Old Westminster families.

The death of HENRY CHARLES RUSSELL, Rector of Woollaton, which took place on July 20, removes a member of a very ancient and distinguished Westminster family, which for generations sent its sons to the School. He was a son of Lord Charles James Fox Russell (O.W.) and a grandson of the sixth Duke of Bedford (O.W.). He was also a nephew of the Lord John Russell, the Prime Minister. He was up Grants from 1855-60. He had been Rector of Woollaton since 1876.

HUGH AUGUSTUS BERNERS, Rector of Harkstead, was also a member of an old Westminster family. He was a son of the Rev. Ralph Berners (O.W.), of Harkstead and Wolverstone Park, Ipswich, and came to Westminster in 1852. He had held the Rectory of Harkstead since 1865. He died on August 7,

aged 83. His great nephew (H. B. Thacker) was recently at the School.

SAVAGE FRENCH was also a Westminster of the third generation, for his grandfather was admitted to the School in the first year of Dr. Vincent's Headmastership. He himself was admitted in 1854 and left in 1859 to go to Christ Church. His photograph is in the Scott Library among those who rowed against Leander in 1858. In later life he lived at the family place, Cuskinny, near Queenstown, Co. Cork, where he died on September 18, aged 82.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL RILAND, Bedford, some time Rector of Sutton Coldfield, was also the son of a Westminster, and was himself at the School from 1855 to 1869. At Cambridge he ran the hurdles 1874-75, and the 100 yards in 1875, against Oxford. He was Rector of the family living of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, from 1892 to 1908. He was made an Hon. Canon of Birmingham in 1906, but for some time had been living in retirement at Leamington. He died on August 15, aged 70. A contemporary of the last named was HARRISON MILL FRODSHAM, who was at the School from 1861 to 1866. He was a son of the late Charles Frodsham and died at Westcliff on September 24, aged 73.

A life of unselfish devotion to the interests of others has been brought to a close by the death of HUGH MARTIN CHARTERS MACPHERSON. He was a son of the late John Macpherson, M.D., Inspector-General of Hospitals, Bengal, and was at Westminster from 1870 to 1876. While there he was *Treasurer* of THE ELIZABETHAN. After leaving Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the Bar. But his real interest in life was centred in the Church of St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street. There he was the Senior Elder, and made the Church music his special care. From 1883 until his death he held an almost unique position as a much beloved leader of the congregation. The Minister, Dr. Fleming, described him as a 'very loyal Scottish Churchman, a man of singular humility and kindness of heart, devoted with his whole soul to the perfecting and beautifying of the worship of God—always thoughtless of himself and thoughtful for others; a ministrant of Song and Service and Sacrament in this Church whose memory we shall ever proudly and gratefully cherish.' He died very suddenly while on a tour in Wales on August 8.

Another Westminster who died with tragic suddenness was CHARLES NAPIER LAMBTON, second son of the late General Arthur Lambton, C.B. He was at Westminster from 1887 to 1891.

Three Westminsters of a later generation have also died.

EVELYN VICTOR ALLEN BELL was the son of Canon Bell, of Norwich, and the youngest of four Westminster brothers. He was at the School from 1911-1914. Afterwards he passed through Sandhurst and was gazetted to a commission in the Hampshire Regt. in 1916. He was lent to the R.A.F. and was taken prisoner in 1917. He had lately been serving in Ireland. He was accidentally killed in a motor-bicycle accident near Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Two of his brothers were killed in the war.

ROBERT DUNCAN KNIGHT was a home boarder from 1918-1920. He was a son of Francis Charles Knight, of Langside Avenue, Putney. He was drowned on June 24 at Funchal, Madeira.

CHARLES LESLIE GROVE POWELL was admitted up Ashburnham in 1905 and was in College from 1905 to 1909. He was the only son of F. Grove Powell. After he left Westminster he became a doctor and served with high distinction with the R.A.M.C. during the war. He was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross. He died suddenly of heatstroke at Multan, India, on July 18.

Correspondence.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL REGISTER.

7A, OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE MANSIONS,
MARYLEBONE ROAD, N.W. 1.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

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

Crawley, Charles Henry; adm. 1872, left 1877.
Croft, Herbert Edward Prichards; adm. 1872, left 1875.
Crompton, Eustace; adm. 1872, left 1874.
Cross, Robert Clifford Lloyd; adm. 1876, left 1876.
Crosse, Andrew Frederick; adm. 1865, left 1867.
Crozier, Frederick William Francis; adm. 1874, left 1874.
Cureton, James Edwin; adm. 1858, left 1867.
Davis, Richard; adm. 1865, left 1870.
Davis, Robert Wilkinson; adm. 1883, left 1884.
Davis, Walter Stewart; adm. 1880, left 1883.

Day, William Ferdinand; adm. 1877, left 1878.
Derey, Arthur Charles; adm. 1881, left 1882.
Dods, John Charles; adm. 1857, left 1861.
Dodson, William Marriott; adm. 1880, left 1881.
Douglas, William Anthony John; adm. 1863, left 1864.
Dove, Arthur; adm. 1861, left 1863.
Druitt, Thos. Wyard; adm. 1872, left 1875.
Drury, Alexander; adm. 1872, left 1874.

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.

WESTMINSTER VERSES.

It is, to say the least, unusual for a reviewer to begin by expressing his personal thanks to the Editor for asking him to write his review. But there are occasions when the pretence of anonymity is tiresome, and the editorial 'we' mere pedantry, and I think that any review of Westminster Verses in THE ELIZABETHAN is one of them. May I, then, start by saying how glad I am to have the opportunity of voicing the gratitude of all Westminsters, past and present, to Mr. Fisher Unwin, by whose pious offices the book is published, and to Dr. Gow, whose brief Life adds so greatly to its value? Of the verses it is not in my mind to speak: even if I were a competent critic, I should feel disabled by a double partiality. Nor is it easy for an old pupil of Dr. Gow's to speak without presumption of the merits of the Life, but I may perhaps be permitted to quote the opinion of a colleague, whose views are both impartial and authoritative, 'I specially like Gow's memoir, which is the model of a short biography. That is the sort of "life" which should more often be written. It is a pity it should not be available in a cheaper form.' These words I think show that Dr. Gow's work has an interest, and an enduring one, even for those in whom it will evoke no personal memories, for he has made an excursion into a field which has been all too little explored. As he himself says, it is only rarely that an assistant master in a large school receives his due meed of public recognition. We need not go further than the verses themselves to find proof of it. J. S. makes reference to the two men who may perhaps be accounted the most famous assistant masters of the two last centuries, Vinny Bourne and Billie Johnson, but it may be doubted if one in a hundred of present Etonians and Westminsters have ever heard of either of them. If an outside critic can give the life such unstinted praise, J. S.'s old pupils can make only one complaint, that it was not as long again. It is unthinkable that Westminster should allow J. S.'s other works to remain long unpublished. Let us hope that Dr. Gow will accompany them with a fuller life, for the present one is too perfect in its type to bear amplifying. Meanwhile, that nothing may be lost, I am emboldened to put on record some of the many memories which the book has evoked.

Like many ardent genealogists, perhaps ardent for that very reason, J. S. could not trace back his pedigree very far in the male line. His family used the arms of Sergeantant of Uttoxeter, Argent, a chevron between three dolphins sable. These were duly engraved on the cup given him by his old pupils, but without any motto, to justify, as J. S. characteristically put it, Horace's *mutis piscibus*. I believe, however, that the first of his forebears, of whom much was known, was a great-grandfather, who was a successful speculator in turnpike trusts. J. S.'s father had a considerable practice on the old Norfolk circuit before it was divided up between the Midland and the

South-Eastern. I think it was to his father's conversation that J. S. must have owed the remarkable and accurate knowledge of the language and the traditions of the old common-law pleaders, which may be found so skilfully employed in his defence of the Westminster pronunciation of Latin.

On the side of his mother's family, the Drakes, J. S. could show a longer descent, which I believe was remarkable in counting six successive generations of only sons who were parsons. Like a greater poet, J. S. was privileged 'to rock the cradle of declining age,' for his mother, who as a girl had lived much at Northampton with Lady Throckmorton, the friend of Cowper, was very nearly a centenarian when she died.

Of J. S.'s career at Oxford I can speak with some certainty from the testimony of near relations who were at University College with him. The reticence about his Oxford days to which Dr. Gow refers, and which was marked even when he revisited Oxford in later years, was, I think, not altogether due to his having been of rather straitened means. The choice of his college was, I suppose, due to the fact that Chavasse, one of the tutors, was a cousin of his. The relationship was an intricate one, which, as may be imagined, lost none of its intricacy from the wealth of detail with which it was expounded, but I seem to remember that it was connected with the line through which J. S. traced his descent from Abigail Hill, an ancestress of whom, as a good Whig, he was strangely proud. Whatever determined the choice, it was an unfortunate one, for the College at the time was in a state of extreme ill-discipline. This reached a culminating point when Chavasse, who had several times been screwed into his room with coffin screws through the 'oak,' found on returning from his proctorial round that he was screwed out of them, and had to climb to bed by a ladder, assisted by his bulldogs.

As a consequence of this incident the whole College was sent down, except the men in the Schools, that term, amongst whom was J. S.

It may well be imagined that such an atmosphere was not congenial to J. S., and his failure to take a first in Greats was at least as much attributable to the state of the College as to attendance at the Union.

One incident in J. S.'s life between his leaving Oxford and his coming to Westminster should be recorded. While he was a master at Inverness he had become a great favourite with Bishop Eden, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, who went from Westminster to Christ Church in 1823. When J. S. was leaving Inverness for Felsted in 1885 he went to say good-bye to the Bishop, then in his eighty-second year, and a dying man. When they parted the Bishop solemnly ordered him to kneel by the bedside and gave him his blessing. The picture is not lacking in those sharp contrasts of character and surprises of fate which in skilled hands give colour to history—the earnestness of the old man, head of what almost within living memory had been a small and persecuted sect of nonjuring Tories—the ill-concealed embarrassment of the young latitudinarian Whig—the fulfilment which we all know to-day.

When J. S. came to Westminster in 1890 he was not the first of his name to be connected with the School. He tells us in the Annals that at the nadir of the School's fortunes in 1846 a Northamptonshire rector, father of a Queen's Scholar, laid certain statements before Peel, then Prime Minister, with the result that the powers of the Visitor were invoked, Williamson resigned, and Liddell was appointed in his place. The rector in question was John Sargeant, the grandfather, who thus gave the first impulse to that revival in which the grandson bore so large a part.

I have already trespassed long upon the patience of my brother Westminsters, but I cannot conclude without expressing a hope that any future edition of John Sargeant's works will contain some examples of his letter writing. He was not only an ardent student of Horace Walpole's Letters, but himself a master of that fast vanishing art. I cannot resist giving one example of what a delight his letters were:—'. . . I have to-day suffered from the unveiling of a War Memorial. The blasts of Doreas on the thin citadel of age was less trying than the hymns. . . One was marked by false stresses, false metre, false syntax, false sentiment, and false sense. What do you think of two lines which run—

"Father, sister, child and mother
Meet again."

Which meets whom in such a resurrection? And on what principle are brothers cut out of the enumeration? The questions are pressing, for it has been announced from the pulpit on the joint authority of the Egyptian pyramids and a curate of Brighton that the world is to come to an end before the New Year. One poor septuagenarian woman said to me, "Them things didn't ought to be said to old people: they scares us." I comforted her by pointing out that the church door had a notice asking for the payment of next year's subscription to some diocesan fund. "That," said I, "comes from the Bishop, and he must know better than the Vicar." I hope that this insistence on a due hierarchical order will be credited to me for orthodoxy.

He was fond of citing Sir Roger de Coverley's exclamation before Busby's tomb, and of pointing out how loyal the descendants of Busby's pupils remained for generations to the School. Let us hope that we shall see the same again, for it is the way in which he would have chosen that we should try to pay our debt.

G. R. Y. R.

'THE ELIZABETHAN' CLUB.

This Club was founded in the year 1864, and consists of Old Westminsters. Its objects are to promote intercourse among Old Westminsters and to preserve the associations and further the interests and prosperity of the School. The subscription to the Club is 10s. 6d. per annum, or on the payment of £3 3s. all future payments will be compounded for. There is an entrance fee of one guinea.

Old Westminsters who wish to join the Club should communicate with the Secretary, LAWRENCE E. TANNER, Esq., 6 Dean's Yard, S.W. 1.

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.

