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VALE.

THE years pass, and now it is time for us, too, to take our leave, sorrowfully indeed, but with the comforting thought that there is always a stream of fresh young blood pouring into the School, to give it new life and vigour ; as for us, our destiny does not end here.

Motion is a thing of vital importance, and motion means energy. We can drift with the tide, or wander through an apathetic existence here vaguely amused. But how dull, how utterly lifeless ! We have inherited a long and glorious tradition ; but it is wasted on us if we use it for nothing else than an occasion for petty, self-complacent boasts. Not many, I suppose, have read the inscription on the war memorial in the Broad Sanctuary.

It runs as follows :—

TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE
 EDUCATED AT WESTMINSTER SCHOOL,
 WHO DIED IN THE RUSSIAN AND INDIAN WARS,
 A.D. 1854—1859,
 ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE,
 OR FROM WOUNDS, OR SICKNESS,
 SOME IN EARLY YOUTH,
 SOME FULL OF YEARS AND HONOURS,
 BUT WHO ALL ALIKE
 GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY,
 THIS COLUMN WAS ERECTED
 BY THEIR OLD SCHOOL-FELLOWS
 IN TOKEN OF SORROW FOR THEIR LOSS,
 OF PRIDE IN THEIR VALOUR,
 AND IN FULL ASSURANCE
 THAT THE REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR HEROISM
 IN LIFE AND DEATH
 WILL INSPIRE THEIR SUCCESSORS AT WESTMINSTER
 WITH THE SAME COURAGE AND SELF-DEVOTION.

Westminster is always Westminster of the present, not Westminster of the past. Westminster of the past is only a memory. But let it be a memory that seems worth while to challenge. Be active and alive, always doing something. We have before us a blank sheet. Let us cover it, then, with bold red lines. Everyone in the School, from the smallest upwards, must take part by doing all that he does with a good hearty will. And it is well worth while; for everyone knows that there is infinitely more satisfaction in a thing done really well than in a lifetime of comparatively comfortable boredom without enterprise or achievement.

FLOREAT.



POST LUSTRA DECEM.

THE first number of the first volume of THE ELIZABETHAN bears the date July, 1874. It may, therefore, possibly seem not unfitting that one who played a very minor part in the founding of the paper, and contributed a very small fraction to the early numbers, should give some account of the founders and the founding.

The Seniors of 1874-5 were a very small election. They numbered originally eight only, for there had been four *praelecti* in the election before them, and the names were:—E. V. Arnold (Captain), P. G. L. Webb, W. C. Ryde, W. H. A. Cowell, G. M. Hill, C. F. Brickdale, F. Whitehead, and A. M. Heppel. The last left in 1873 and died in 1885. The next above him, the Rev. F. Whitehead, died in 1913. The others are all alive to this day.

Arnold was easily the best man in the School in classics, mathematics and English subjects; he was not an athlete, but attained to the Second VIII. Webb, a good second to Arnold intellectually, was a musician and Captain of the Football XI. Ryde was a leading member of the Cricket XI. Cowell was in the VIII and stroked the Q.SS. VIII. Brickdale was Head of Water, the best actor of his period, and a born artist. Whitehead was in the Football XI. Hill steered the Q.SS. VIII. Arnold won an open Foundation Scholarship at Trinity, Cambridge, and followed this up by becoming Senior Classic, Smith's Prizeman and 16th Wrangler—a degree that has, I believe, rarely been equalled, much less surpassed. A Trinity Fellowship followed as a matter of course, and he afterwards became, and still is, Professor of Latin at Bangor. He founded the 'Cambridge Review,' which still flourishes, and published a learned work on Sanskrit. Webb, Ryde, and Cowell had the

Ch: Ch: Junior Studentships (as they were then called) and all three took second classes in Classical Moderations and Greats.

Webb entered the Home Civil Service, and rose high in the Patent Office. During the War he controlled our petrol and earned the C.B. and the C.B.E. He has also published two very choice volumes of translations from Heine into English Verse, and has been for about forty years, as Secretary of the Handel Society, a well-known figure in the London musical world. Ryde was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple, wrote a standard work on Rating Appeals, acquired a large practice both as a junior and K.C., and retired a few years ago. Cowell became a master at St. Edward's School, Oxford, in 1880 and after forty-four years of service under five head-masters is still 'going strong.' Early in his career he introduced the Westminster institution of a School Play, and in the coaching of successive generations of actors has beaten even Mr. Raynor's record, writing, incidentally, prologues to over thirty plays.

Hill, who with Whitehead took the Trinity Scholarships, is a successful solicitor in the City. Whitehead was a quiet country parson.

Brickdale, who took a very good second in Greats, was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, and soon after published a book on Conveyancing reform by Registration of title; he took an important part in the preparation of various Bills and Acts relating to Land Transfer, and was appointed to the Land Registry Office, of which he became head in 1900. He published some standard works on Land Registration and was Knighted, for which the School got an early play. He retired last year, and is a Busby Trustee.

This Election introduced other things besides THE ELIZABETHAN, which have stood the test of time, for example, the restoration to its proper form of the now famous epilogue to the Play, the introduction of the passing game at Football, the first VIII in the then newly reconstituted Water, the revival of the football match with Charterhouse, the revival of the Q.SS. and T.BB. race (we were Q.SS. *imperante Victoria*, as we had been *regnante Elizabetha*), the rules for the election of Captains, and the foundation of the O.W. Football Club. This last was Webb's work, and a good work it was. The beautifully illuminated book for prayers in School—is it ever used now?—was Brickdale's design and work. Broad collars for juniors—the traditional every day dress of the English boy which had dropped out at Westminster—was another of our reforms.

It is a little difficult—after fifty years—to say in whose brain the first suggestion of a new School paper formed itself. I am inclined to think that

Arnold was the man. At any rate he and Brickdale were the leading spirits. Of course the idea of a School periodical was by no means new at Westminster, but the form THE ELIZABETHAN was to assume was quite different from that of its predecessors, such as *The Trifler* (1817) and *The World at Westminster* (? date). These were really collections of essays on general subjects, on the model of Addison's *Spectator*, and of Johnson's *Rambler*, rather than School chronicles and newspapers. There was much discussion about the name of the paper. All our endeavours to find something pun-proof proved vain, and 'Elizabeth Ann' at once saluted the name chosen. Brickdale designed the head-piece; the wood block which was cut from his design was carelessly done; the windows in the Victoria Tower were all awry and the tincture lines in the Royal Arms wrong also. Moreover a good deal of criticism was aimed at the birch and the solitary 'wire,' which seemed to indicate our only employments. The artist redrew his design; Dr. Scott generously paid for a new block and an electrotype; the result appeared in No. 5, and is in use to-day.

The original Editors produced ten numbers. It was practically all done in College. L. S. Bristowe was almost the only Town-boy who helped. Arnold was Editor-in-Chief; Ryde did the Cricket; Brickdale, Water; E. H. Alington—the gifted Third-Election Captain, who was next year Captain of Cricket and Football, as well as Captain of the School, and who won the Half-Mile and Hurdles three years in succession¹—Webb and Whitehead, most of the Football, and all of us paragraphs and letters. Sir Patrick Colquhoun and another O.W. contributed some interesting reminiscences.

When No. 1 at last appeared, it was very variously greeted. Dr. Scott smiled sadly; Mr. Ingram—the last of the 'Statutable Undermasters'—hoped we should not waste too much time over it. Mr. Marshall—affectionately remembered as 'The Bird,' from his aquiline profile and almost Georgian neck-wear—remarked 'this is chronic'—a somewhat cryptic utterance—perhaps a prophecy on the Delphic model, now taken to mean that it would defy time. Still a very fair number of copies were sold. No. 2 did not go off quite so well. Anyhow we were seized with the idea that the paper wanted interest—wanted lightening, and lighten it we did, but in a fashion which almost lightened it out of existence. Natural science lectures (one hour a week) had lately been introduced and were unpopular among us simply because they

were new. What better subject, we thought, for a little light banter? We had the impression, too, that Dr. Scott shared our prejudices and would be agreeably tickled at our obvious preference for the Classics as a subject of study. Accordingly—boys don't do things by halves—the leader of No. 3 was a dashing, not to say risky, attack on the new learning, while in another column appeared an only too obvious parody of a science lecture. It was rather school-boy fun, but it was excellent business, especially after our science lecturer (a first-rate scientist, but perhaps a little lacking in sense of humour) gave it a first-class advertisement in the shape of a reasoned expostulation at the commencement of his next lecture, wherein he laboriously explained that he really had not said what he was said to have said, but something quite different. What was, however, more serious—and more disappointing—was that Dr. Scott, whose opinions we had altogether misjudged, was himself considerably hurt by the leader, and also (quite rightly, if I may now say so) regarded the general attitude taken up as a breach of discipline, and warned the staff that we must mend or end. The incriminated writers, who had no idea how deeply their bolts could penetrate, adopted for good the former alternative, and in its fourth number THE ELIZABETHAN appeared in a form which established that happy mean between dullness and flippancy which has ever since distinguished it.

With No. 5 began the use of the new head-piece, and it contained the first illustration. This was an etching of the corner of Little Dean's Yard from the gate of Ashburnham to the door of College. It was the first effort of our artist, in the difficult process of etching. It may not be very great as a 'plate,' but it has considerable interest, as it records not only the state of the buildings of that date, but also 'Scott coming.' Then the Lower School (Mr. Ingram's charge) used to gather round the Headmaster's side door a few minutes before morning school, and the moment he appeared shouted in chorus the Headmaster's name. They were supposed to say 'coming' also, but I do not remember anything but a shrill scream of 'Scott.' The cry was taken up in various ways—shouted down College, chanted at Grant's and Rigaud's—and the Undermaster came down from his house and met the Head at the steps of School, where other masters and boys were assembling, Mon. OS., of course, on guard at his post.¹ Then we all

¹ I have two early 'proofs' in which the Headmaster has no head! The art of etching is not easy. The process of 'biting in' involves nitric acid, which is a wandering spirit. For some time after the early experiments it was unsafe to sit on the Seniors' table in College. Those who did carried away lines of red on the seat of their trousers.

¹ He was a Blue (Assoc.) and is now Headmaster of a famous Preparatory School.

trooped up School to prayers. There is a charming vignette in Brickdale's prayer-book of this daily ceremony, in which, I think, Marklove's whiskers, 'Jimmy's' cap, and 'the Bird's' grey head—in the far distance—can be made out.

No. 6 was the Play number. I think we looked upon that as our *chef d'œuvre*. It had twelve pages and two illustrations, and moreover contained the Prologue (Dr. Scott's) and the Epilogue (our own child), with verse translations of both (ours also). It must be remembered that for some years the Epilogue had been drifting away from what we understood to have been its original character—a farcial version or continuation of the Play, in which the characters were unaltered but appeared in modern dress and did sometimes excellent modern fooling. Our production (we believe a unique one) took shape almost accidentally, arising out of a dark talk in Dormitory late one Sunday night on returning from the accustomed week-end holiday, and growing up bit by bit round the happy nucleus idea of staging an underground railway accident, while old Callicles (the play was *Trinummus*) was digging up the treasure in his cellar. The text was a joint work, but Arnold was responsible for most of its final form. The tradition that we revived has been very faithfully followed by a wonderfully brilliant succession of scholars and wits.¹

The illustrations, etchings as before, represented Charmides and the Sycophant (Ryde and Cowell), and an imaginary bas-relief, 'found at Pompeii,' giving all the characters in a row, beginning with Luxuria and Inopia and ending with the Sycophant. An omitted letter in one word of the inscription caused it to be taken—by the Bursar—for a genuine antique.

No. 7 recorded the retirement of the last of the Gingers, who for three generations had held the School bookshop, and published a number of the books in use in the School. He was a grey little old man, wearing gills and mutton-chop whiskers, with refined and kindly features, a typical figure of a Victorian bookseller. He was declared by an O.W. who left in 1835 not to have altered in the slightest degree during the interval. On retiring he changed his name to Godfree, having only tolerated his patronymic so far out of consideration (so he said) for the School connexion.

I have three more etchings which were done for that number, but I am not sure that they were ever published. If not, it was a pity, for they had

¹ At any rate till recent years. It seems to me that the connexion of more recent Epilogues with the plot of the Play has become slighter and slighter, till it has almost disappeared in a wilderness of macaronie puns—very funny, no doubt—but 'the Play's the thing' *mea quidem sententia*.

considerable charm. They were a view through the Dark Cloister to the Steps of School, a sketch of the steps that lead to Jericho Parlour, and a distant view of Lambeth Palace from the Commons' Terrace.

No. 8 began two discussions—a debating society and the New Rules for the election of games' captains. The first had no result; the authorities were adverse, and no time permissible could be found. The second resulted in the settlement of several burning questions. A small but excellent little carbon print from a photograph of the act drop of the stage was issued with this number. I remember being very proud of this, but it was not as popular as the etchings, and Mr. Dale was emphatically, though politely, scornful.

No. 9 contained the sad story of the revived Charterhouse match—played on gravelled snow and lost—and No. 10, our editorial farewell. It is pathetic—but wholesome—to note that our successors never even recorded the result of Election 1875.

THE ELIZABETHAN now continues almost exactly on the lines on which we started it. The only change that I notice is the addition of the pink cover—an improvement, I admit, but not of capital importance. LAG MONITOR.

‘CAMBRIDGE NOTES.’

THIS book, by Mr. W. W. Rouse Ball, contains much that will interest Westminster as well as Cambridge. For instance, there is a chapter devoted to the history of the Westminster Scholarships at Trinity. From an unknown date until the early years of the nineteenth century Westminster Scholars of that College wore gowns of a cut different from those of other undergraduates, and further distinguished by having on the sleeves a violet button with a silk loop. This distinction was discontinued (perhaps not to the regret of those concerned) when the present system of different gowns for different colleges was introduced.

There is also a full account of the proceedings of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Undergraduates which had a brief but glorious career in 1838. It owed its origin to an order made at Trinity that all undergraduates should attend chapel at least eight times in every week, namely, twice on Sundays and once every other day. The Society issued printed marking-sheets which showed the attendance in chapel week by week of the Fellows of the College; together with notes and comments, e.g., 'The Fellows have been very irregular during the last week in their attendance. . . . This irregularity cannot proceed from ill-health for they have been constantly to Hall.'

Among the chief promoters of the Society were at least two O.W. scholars of the College, viz., G. E. L. Cotton (afterwards Headmaster of Marlborough and Bishop of Calcutta) and W. J. Conybeare, the joint author of the book which many years ago was profanely known in the Shell as 'The Life and Adventures of St. Paul.'

We get the following glimpse of the undergraduate days of Thomas Pepys of Trinity, O.W. and the cousin of the Diarist:—

'Agreed that Cassil should be punished a monthes commons. . . . Agreed at the same time that Pepys, besides a monthes commons, should have an admonition and pay the charges of the chirurgion for the healing Cassil's head which he broke with a key.'

A few years later a more distinguished O.W. at Trinity got into trouble for disobedience to the Vice-Master and contumacy in refusing to submit to discipline. In this case the entry runs:—

'Agreed that Dryden be put out of Commons for a fortnight at least, and that he goe not out of the Colledg during the time aforesaid, excepting to sermons, without express leave of the Master or Vice-Master; and that at the end of the fortnight he read a confession of his crime in the hall at the dinner-time at the three fellowes tables.'

The exception in favour of sermons is characteristic of the date, viz., 1652; at all events the gated poet could not complain that he was so fast in prison that he could not get forth.

—*— WATER.

IN every way this has been a very successful term for Water. The 1st VIII. won their races against Radley and Beaumont, and rowed extremely well in their Ladies' Plate heat against Pembroke, one of the strongest crews at Henley. The 2nd VIII. won all their three races against Eton, Beaumont and St. Paul's. The 1st IV. won its race against Haileybury, and had a great struggle with the Tonbridge 2nd IV.

There is no doubt that this year Westminster has established itself (I should say re-established itself) as one of the rowing schools, and now this position has got to be maintained. This can only be done if more people come down to Water regularly. It cannot be too emphatically stated that anyone who is physically fit can row well enough to be of real use to the School. Of course it is unpleasant at times, it means a great deal of hard work, often in the worst of weather, but anyone who has rowed at Henley, or won a race

in the Second Eight, will bear witness that it has its reward.

FIRST EIGHT RACES.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BEAUMONT.—This race was rowed at Kingston on Wednesday, June 18, over a course of a mile and a quarter, down-stream. The race was started by C. W. Warner, Esq., of the Kingston Rowing Club. Both crews got away well at the start, but Westminster, rowing the longer stroke, soon began to lead, and after a minute and a half were clear of Beaumont. By the time they reached the bottom of Raven's Ait they were two lengths ahead, and going down the reach from the Training Ship to Kingston Bridge they steadily increased their lead, finally winning by four and a half lengths in 6 min. 8 sec. For the first race of the year this was quite a good row, but after they had got their lead the crew were content to go on bringing their slides up just as fast as in the first minute, and the rate of striking was dropped by letting off the work from the stretcher, with the result that the last part of the row was rather a scramble. Beaumont were a nice-looking crew when paddling, but when they rowed their lack of swing told against them, and they lost all their length in the water.

WESTMINSTER *v.* PEMBROKE (Ladies' Plate).—It was unfortunate that we should have drawn Pembroke in the first round for they were a strong college crew, which included two Blues and three Trial Caps, and had rowed second on the river at Cambridge in the May Races.

The crew arrived at Henley on the Saturday afternoon, and in the words of the 'Field,' 'created more than a mild sensation' by taking nearly three-quarters of a length off the Jesus crew for the Grand in a two minute row. This was just what was needed to counteract the news of the draw, and they improved steadily on the Monday and Tuesday.

The race was rowed at 5.25 on Wednesday afternoon. There was a strong head wind blowing down the course, which favoured the much heavier college crew. Both boats got away well, and Westminster, rowing a rather faster stroke, led by a few feet for the first minute. At the quarter-mile the crews were dead level, and then Pembroke began to go slowly away: they had nearly half a length at the half-mile and three-quarters at the mile. The School crew hung on to them splendidly all the way, going for them continuously, and rowing well together, but in spite of a fine spurt by stroke at the mile they were not strong enough to crack them up, and were beaten after a very

plucky race by one and a quarter lengths, in 7 min. 51 sec., which was the fastest time of the day.

WESTMINSTER *v.* RADLEY.—This race was rowed at Marlow on Thursday, July 3, the day after both crews had been beaten in their heats for the Ladies' Plate. The course was just over a mile up stream. Radley won the toss and chose the Berkshire station, which gave them shelter from the wind which was blowing at the time, though it gave them the worst of the stream; just before the race started it began to rain and the wind dropped, so that Westminster on the Bucks side found themselves in the better station.

Radley had a slight bend in their favour at the start, and rowing 38 to Westminster's 40 gained quickly at the first. By the end of a minute they were one length ahead, and they increased their lead by half a length in the next minute. But Knight had refused to be hurried, and lengthening his crew out nicely after the first minute soon began to creep up. A favourable bend soon made them level, and then Westminster, rowing the longer stroke, began to go away. With a minute to go Westminster were a length ahead. Radley made a fine effort to get up, but Knight still refused to be flurried and brought his crew in three-quarters of a length ahead.

Westminster were obviously suffering from the effects of their race on Wednesday, and did not move nearly so fast in the first minute as they had done against Pembroke, but they settled down and rowed a really good race when they were being led by a length and a half. Radley were very fast off the mark, and rowed with great determination all through, but they seemed to get rather short after the second minute.

Mr. Hunt, of Monckton Coombe School, kindly acted as umpire, and officials of the Marlow Rowing Club as starter and judge. In spite of the horrible weather there was a good gathering of supporters of both sides. Time: 5 min. 47 sec.

The 1st VIII. this year reached a far higher standard of oarsmanship than either of their immediate predecessors. They rowed with plenty of life, and were fairly long in the water, and they raced magnificently. Their obvious fault as a crew was a tendency to swing their shoulders over to get their beginnings after the slides had reached the front stops. This fault gradually diminished during practice, but they never really got hold of the water as far behind the rigger as they might have done. It is only when the shoulders are kept absolutely natural

and loose that a crew can get that quick entry of the blades right behind the rigger which is essential to real pace.

Otherwise the crew rowed in a style which was approved at Henley as being the right style, and the following extracts from the Press may help to show that we are justified in claiming that the Westminster VIII. was the second best school crew at Henley this year.

Daily Telegraph.

'Pembroke College, Cambridge, met Westminster School. The boys' crew was one of the best at Henley, and were unlucky in coming up so early against a very strong college crew. They hung on to Pembroke well, and the latter had to go all out to win in the best time of the day.'

Sunday Times.

'The school rowing, especially that of Shrewsbury and Westminster, was remarkably good.'

Morning Post.

'Westminster, a strong crew, well together, rowed a fine race against Pembroke, and were beaten in the fastest time of the day.'

The Field.

'Westminster showed the most remarkable improvement, and for a short distance were very fast indeed.'

CHARACTERS OF THE CREW.

Bow (A. L. W. SHARP, 9 st. 10 lbs.).—A neat oar, who rowed well all through practice. He must learn to keep his blade covered up until the oar meets his chest, and to get all his body swing done while the slide is coming up.

2 (C. E. W. LEWIS, 10 st. 10 lbs.).—Took some time to settle down on stroke side. At the beginning of practice he had very little control of his slide, and forced his shoulders over and his blade up into the air at the beginning of every stroke. He improved rapidly after the Beaumont race, and rowed really well at Henley.

3 (J. W. FILSON, 12 st. 4 lbs.).—Learned a great deal in a short time. He is still rather stiff and clumsy in his movements, but he always had plenty of water on his blade, and with more practice and experience should become a very useful oar.

4 (E. C. T. EDWARDS, Capt., 11 st. 7 lbs.).—A good waterman with a nice easy swing; he has rowed consistently well throughout the term. As Head of Water his keenness and good sense have been invaluable; and the success of the crew has largely been due to his example.

5 (J. M. H. HOARE, 12 st.).—Is handicapped in a light eight by the slowness of his movements. An aptitude for sitting at the finish and admiring the view, instead of shooting away the hands, and rocking the body up over the slide at once, was the root of all his trouble. However he had practically mastered this before the crew reached Henley, and rowed well in all the races.

6 (G. H. W. REECE, 12 st. 2 lbs.).—A very greatly improved oar since last year. His build makes him awkward to look at, and he is still rather weak at the finish, but he gets his beginning clean from the stretcher, and has contributed enormously to the pace of the boat by solid thrusting.

7 (H. R. A. EDWARDS, 11 st. 11 lbs.).—The outstanding oar in the boat. He is a fine waterman, and the only member of the crew whose blade goes in every time exactly where he reaches to. He has made an admirable seven.

Stroke (E. P. KNIGHT, 11 st.).—A very gallant oarsman who is never beaten. His determination and judgment have been invaluable to the crew when racing. At the beginning of practice he was very slow into the water, because he was swinging on his front stop, and though he has made vast improvement he has not quite got rid of this habit yet. If he can learn to get body and slide moving together all the time so that his blade is dropping in right behind the rigger every stroke he will be very useful indeed next year.

Cox (G. P. YOUNG, 6 st. 3 lbs.).—Remains undisturbed in the most trying situations. He steers well. If he can learn to use his voice effectively and will study the action of the elements on a boat when steering to windward of an immovable object he will make a good cox.

SECOND EIGHT RACES.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ST. PAUL'S.—This race was rowed on June 19 from Barnes Bridge to the *Stork* training ship. L. Cecil Smith, Esq., kindly acted as starter and umpire.

St. Paul's won the toss and chose the Surrey station. Westminster went off at 34 and quickly obtained a lead of a length. Till they reached the head of Chiswick Ait they appeared to have the race well in hand, but then St. Paul's came up very fast on the inside of the bend, until the crews were practically level. Whitley then began his spurt, and Westminster drew right away, to win comfortably by a length and a quarter. Time: 6 min. 14 secs.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BEAUMONT.—The race was rowed for a mile down stream at Old Windsor on Saturday, June 21. Beaumont won the toss and

chose the right bank, which gave them the advantage of the stream and the bends. Westminster got a bad start, and Warren had his rudder on very hard for the first ten strokes. At the end of a minute Beaumont were clear, and were soon a length and a half ahead. Their effort now faded away, and Westminster, rowing steadily, quickly drew level, and took the lead opposite the School boathouse. They were clear on the last corner, and taking the Beaumont water rowed in easy winners by two lengths. Time: 4 min. 38 secs.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ETON.—Westminster had reached the top of their form when this race was rowed on June 26 from Hammersmith Bridge to the School boathouse. Westminster rowed 38 in the first minute and drew away, although Eton were rowing a slightly faster stroke. They were a length ahead at Harrods when a steamer forced both crews towards the Surrey shore, and Westminster, on the inside, lost all the help of the tide, so that when the crews were again in mid-stream all their advantage had been lost. A level race ensued to Beverley Brook, but the Eton cox took his crew over the flats, and Westminster kept level, rowing much the slower stroke. Whitley then began a magnificent spurt, and Westminster gained every stroke to pass the boathouse three-quarters of a length ahead, in 7 min. 52 secs.

The Eton crew was made up as follows:—P. C. Burges, 10 st. 10 lbs. (*bow*); T. H. Kelly, 11 st. 1 lb.; J. M. Foster, 11 st. 1 lb.; D. G. C. MacNabb, 10 st. 6 lb.; E. W. C. Birch, 11 st. 10 lbs.; A. S. Clayton, 12 st. 12 lbs.; Earl of Feversham, 12 st.; P. W. D. Craig, 10 st. 4 lbs. (*stroke*); J. N. E. Vaughan, 7 st. 6 lbs. (*cox*).

Early in the term the 2nd VIII. gave no promise of the success which they finally achieved. There was not a single eleven stoner in the crew, and they showed no skill which might overcome this deficiency. Young, Peck and Binyon had not rowed since last summer, and their stiffness and heavy-handedness permeated the rest of the boat. However, after Whitley had recovered sufficiently to stroke the crew they improved rapidly in length and rhythm, and by the time of their first race, though never beautiful, they were well together, and occasionally quite fast.

In their first two races they kept their form well and rowed gallantly when things were going against them, and this gave them great encouragement for their great race against Eton. The Eton 2nd VIII. this year were not a good crew, and their rowing was lifeless, short and rhythmless. Nevertheless we were giving them nine pounds a man, and the crew cannot be too highly praised for their splendid victory.

CHARACTERS OF THE CREW.

Bow (J. A. PECK, 10 st. 8 lbs.).—Rowed a good blade, but his lack of body control at the finish made him very unsteady forward, so that occasionally he upset the boat.

2 (D. E. F. C. BINYON, 10 st. 5 lbs.).—Never quite recovered his form of last year, as he failed to control his slide, with the result that he rowed every stroke in two pieces. A trier.

3 (H. K. WILKES, 10 st. 8 lbs.).—A thruster. When he can hold back his slide, and swing his body in one piece from the hips instead of from the small of the back, he may develop into a good oar.

4 (M. F. YOUNG, 10 st. 7 lbs.).—One of the main propelling forces of the boat. He made an excellent captain of the 2nd VIII., and an ideal spare man at Henley.

5 (H. N. NASH, 10 st. 13 lbs.).—A crude oar, with only one idea, but that a good one. When he can control his body and his hands his energy will be used to better purpose.

6 (F. R. WORTHINGTON, 10 st. 12 lbs.).—The best potential oar in the boat. He has not quite learnt to co-ordinate his body and slide, nor to drop his blade cleanly into the water, but with a little more experience he will be useful to School rowing.

7 (E. W. R. GUYMER, 10 st. 12 lbs.).—Another very promising oarsman. Although he often fails to cover his blade he was responsible for most of the life and length of the crew.

Stroke (E. WHITLEY, 9 st. 6 lbs.).—In spite of his illness and physical weakness he stroked the boat with great determination and enthusiasm. He is not a good oar as he has no pretensions to a swing, but his courage was responsible more than anything else for the unbeaten record of the crew.

Cox (L. P. C. WARREN, 7 st. 2 lbs.).—Not yet a good cox, as his steering lacks accuracy and forethought, but he made no mistake in the race against Eton.

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 THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. SUTTON.

May 29, 1924.

SUTTON.

D. J. Knight, c Gorman, b Cambell	123
E. J. Henderson, c Robson, b Harvey	...	...	27
J. S. Pickard, c Robson, b Cambell	...	...	17
T. G. M. Bell, c Shepley-Smith, b Harvey	...	...	37
D. D. Napper, b Cambell	...	...	26
P. C. Barnet, b Cambell	...	...	13
A. E. Cross, not out	...	...	7
A. F. A. Freeman, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	6

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 256

T. J. Wheeler, L. V. Straker and S. E. Walmisley did not bat.

WESTMINSTER.

L. Clare, c Cross, b Freeman	...	...	...	21
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, run out	...	...	...	55
J. H. Robson, b Wheeler	...	...	...	1
R. W. P. Gorman, b Pickard	...	...	...	8
T. G. C. Lund, c Henderson, b Knight	...	...	...	50
J. A. Cook, b Wheeler	...	...	...	0
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Barnet, b Straker	...	...	...	30
A. Clare, c Henderson, b Wheeler	...	...	...	7
R. E. Bromet, c Knight, b Wheeler	...	...	...	1
C. A. Harvey, not out	...	...	...	7
D. R. F. Cambell, not out	...	...	...	14
Extras	...	...	...	16

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 210

Bowling.—Cambell 4 for 39, Harvey 2 for 65.

WESTMINSTER v. SHERBORNE.

Played at Sherborne on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3 and 4.

Westminster won the toss and elected to bat on a sodden wicket. Rain interfered a great deal with play, but a start was made after lunch. Neve took 8 wickets cheaply for Sherborne and our only stand was made by Gorman and S. Smith.

When Sherborne went in our bowling and fielding were weak and they should not have run up such a big score. Rain prevented any play on the second day.

WESTMINSTER.

L. Clare, b Neve	...	...	...	2
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, b Neve	...	...	...	13
J. H. Robson, c Forbes-Basset, b Neve	...	...	...	5
R. W. P. Gorman, hit wkt, b Bond	...	...	...	38
T. G. C. Lund, lbw Neve	...	...	...	0
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Grant, b Bond	...	...	...	32
J. A. Cook, b Neve	...	...	...	11
A. Clare, b Neve	...	...	...	2
C. A. Harvey, c Grant, b Neve	...	...	...	0
G. E. Johnstone, not out	...	...	...	7
D. R. F. Cambell, b Neve	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	12

Total ... 126

Bowling.—Neve 8 for 34, Bond 2 for 15.

SHERBORNE.

J. A. C. Grant, c Harvey, b Johnstone	...	...	23
X. Y. Eglington, c Lund, b Johnstone	...	...	67
J. A. Nunn, b Johnstone	...	...	75
F. H. Wright, not out	...	...	27
X. Y. Rawlins, not out	...	...	14
Extras	...	...	6

Total (for 3 wickets) ... 212

R. G. Forbes-Basset, A. L. Spens, H. D. Latham, G. C. W. Neve, W. P. Haines and L. T. Bond did not bat.

WESTMINSTER v. FREE FORESTERS.

June 7, 1924.

FREE FORESTERS.

E. O. Bleachley, c Shepley-Smith, b Clare	16
R. H. Bettington, b Cambell	25
Capt. G. H. D'O. Lyon, R.N., c Black, b Harvey ...	100
C. H. Knott, b Shepley-Smith	29
E. J. Mordaunt, b Cambell	21
Maj. H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b Cambell	0
M. E. Impey, b Cook	27
E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, b Harvey	2
V. R. Price, b Cook	0
Col. H. H. M. Harris, not out	20
Extras	1

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 241

J. C. Masterman did not bat.

WESTMINSTER.

L. Clare, b Price	9
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Masterman, b Price	32
J. H. Robson, b Price	3
R. W. P. Gorman, b Fletcher	15
T. G. C. Lund, b Price	19
A. M. Shepley-Smith, b Bettington	4
J. A. Cook, c Impey, b Bettington	0
A. A. G. Black, not out	5
C. A. Harvey, b Price	0
G. E. Johnstone, b Price	0
D. R. F. Cambell, b Price	0
Extras	10

Total ... 97

Bowling.—Price 7 for 28, including the hat trick.

WESTMINSTER v. I ZINGARI.

June 10, 1924.

I ZINGARI.

R. S. Stafford, b Cambell	21
Col. A. C. Johnston, c Harvey, b Cambell	122
C. S. Crawley, b Shepley-Smith	26
O. Leise, hit wkt, b Shepley-Smith	59
Capt. T. E. W. Brinckman, not out	6
M. F. Buller, not out	4
Extras	20

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 258

Capt. C. MacRae, Capt. C. L. M. Sutton, Maj. G. C. R. Bunham, O. W. Nicholson and O. T. Norris did not bat.

WESTMINSTER.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Norris, b Crawley	126
T. G. Lund, lbw Bryan	3
J. H. Robson, run out	1
R. W. P. Gorman, run out	42
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Buller, b Sutten	18
L. Clare, not out	23
J. A. Cook, c Buller, b Crawley	11
Extras	20

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 244

C. A. Harvey, A. A. G. Black, C. O. Ormerod and D. R. F. Cambell did not bat.

WESTMINSTER v. WELLINGTON.

Played at Wellington on Thursday, June 19, and won by Westminster by 55 runs. Wellington made a disastrous start against the bowling of Cambell, Ormerod and Harvey and lost 7 wickets for 45 runs, but eventually, thanks to some hitting by May, their total reached 116.

We went in soon after two o'clock and soon lost 4 wickets for 37. At this stage, however, Clare and Robson made a great stand, which won the match for us. Clare hit very hard and Robson played very carefully. Clare went on batting very well, and was eventually eighth out at 155 for a match-winning innings of 75. This was our first victory of the season.

WELLINGTON.

S. C. Dobson, c Johnstone, b Harvey	25
R. F. A. David, b Cambell	6
A. J. James, b Ormerod	1
A. J. Peech, c Clare, b Harvey	0
E. J. Foord, b Cambell	0
R. C. Dobson, b Cambell	5
W. D. S. May, c Gorman, b Ormerod	29
N. M. Peech, c Lund, b Cambell	0
J. P. Johnson, b Ormerod	13
R. Bryan, not out	16
A. P. Dudley-Hill, c Lund, b Cambell	11
Extras	10

Total ... 116

Bowling.—Cambell 5 for 40, Ormerod 3 for 48, Harvey 2 for 18.

WESTMINSTER.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Bryan, b May... ..	0
T. G. Lund, lbw Bryan	2
A. M. Shepley-Smith, b Bryan	8
R. W. P. Gorman, b May	11
L. Clare, lbw Johnson	75
J. H. Robson, c Bryan, b May... ..	22
J. A. Cook, run out	4
G. E. Johnstone, c Dobson R. C., b Bryan	3
C. O. Ormerod, c Foord, b Johnson	12
C. A. Harvey, not out	6
T. R. Cambell, b Johnson	4
Extras	24

Total ... 171

Bowling.—Bryan 3 for 44, May 3 for 37, Johnson 3 for 17.

WESTMINSTER v. LORDS AND COMMONS CRICKET CLUB.

June 26, 1924.

Fine bowling by Cambell (6 for 24), well backed up by McBride (3 for 32), brought about a collapse after our opponents had made a good start. Jacomb-Hood played well for us, and we won comfortably by 5 wickets.

LORDS AND COMMONS C.C.

Col. Metcalfe, b McBride	12
Maj. G. H. M. Cartwright, c Lund, b McBride	35
Col. Moore-Brabazon, b Cambell	33
Capt. Hacking, b Cambell	5
Col. Horlick, b Cambell	7
Earl of Dalkeith, b Cambell	7
Viscount Curzon, b McBride	1
Sir Rowland Blades, not out	0
Maj. Lloyd-George, b Cambell	0
H. G. Hogbin, st Robson, b Cambell	0
F. G. Penney, absent	0
Extras	30

Total ... 130

WESTMINSTER.

T. G. C. Lund, b Horlick	6
J. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Dalkeith, b Cartwright	63
J. H. Robson, c and b Hogbin	2
R. W. P. Gorman, b Hogbin	9
L. Clare, c Metcalfe, b Horlick	29
A. M. Shepley-Smith, run out	3
W. N. McBride, c Dalkeith, b Horlick	23
J. A. Cook, b Horlick	1
C. O. Ormerod, b Horlick	5
D. R. Cambell, c and b Cartwright	6
C. A. Harvey, not out	1
Extras	6

Total ... 154

Bowling.—Horlick 5 for 37, Cartwright 2 for 47, Hogbin 2 for 53.

WESTMINSTER *v.* M.C.C.

June 28, 1924.

Westminster had all the better of a drawn game, Jacomb-Hood, McBride and Clare all batting well for the School. When the M.C.C. went in, although Cambell bowled steadily and took 4 for 32, we could not get them out—F. V. Harris and A. W. Brakspear playing out time.

WESTMINSTER.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, b Turner	61
T. G. C. Lund, b Turner	0
R. W. P. Gorman, b Turner	0
W. N. McBride, c Dales, b Crawley	46
L. Clare, c Crawley, b Dales	39
J. H. Robson, b Dales	27
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Dales, b Marriott	17
J. A. Cook, not out	13
C. O. Ormerod, b Dales	12
D. R. Cambell, not out	15
Extras	18

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 248

C. A. Harvey did not bat.

Bowling.—Turner 3 for 68, Crawley 1 for 52, Dales 3 for 40, Marriott 1 for 19.

M.C.C.

H. H. Marriott, c Cook, b Cambell	22
C. S. Crawley, lbw Cambell	3
H. L. Dales, c Robson, b McBride	3
F. G. Turner, c Clare, b Ormerod	16
F. V. Harris, not out	38
Maj. Guy Lee (Capt.), b Cambell	1
R. O'Brien, hit wkt, b Cambell	9
A. W. Brakspear, not out	32
Extras	18

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 142

Col. W. A. Salmon, G. E. Bankes and Rev. E. H. Kennedy did not bat.

Bowling.—Cambell 4 for 32, McBride 1 for 38, Ormerod 1 for 28.

WESTMINSTER *v.* MALVERN COLLEGE.

Played at Vincent Square on Monday, June 30, and Tuesday, July 1, and resulting in a win for Malvern by an innings and 97 runs. Malvern won the toss and elected to bat. Westminster were kept in the field the whole afternoon while Malvern knocked up the great total of 432. Holmes played a magnificent innings of 166, and Bird hit very hard for 73 not out. Westminster were left with 40 minutes batting, and in consideration of their long day in the field did not do badly to score 44 for 2 wickets at the close of play.

Play started at 11 o'clock on the following day, but Westminster gave a poor show of batting and were all out before lunch for 182, for which total we had to thank Clare, 47, Robson, 33, and Cambell, 35. Following on we did even worse, and lost 2 wickets for 0. At this stage, however, McBride came in and batted very steadily, and the total was increased to 37 when the next wicket fell. Our batting, however, was poor, and we were all out for 153 by 4.45. McBride played a plucky innings of 44, in spite of a strained back, and Lund did well for 28. Malvern thoroughly deserved their victory, but we ought to have scored more runs.

MALVERN.

V. F. Chamberlayne, c Shepley-Smith, b Cambell	2
J. E. Davenport, b Cambell	59
E. R. T. Holmes, b Shepley-Smith	166
T. G. B. Welch, b Shepley-Smith	49
N. J. P. Wadley, run out	10
J. W. Greenstock, b Ormerod	17
C. G. Toppin, b Ormerod	0
E. B. Hoefield, b Harvey	26
H. C. D. Abrams, b Shepley-Smith	0
H. E. S. Bird, not out	73
E. R. T. Wells, c McBride, b Harvey	9
Extras	21

Total ... 432

Bowling.—Cambell 2 for 96, Ormerod 2 for 74, Shepley-Smith 3 for 75, Harvey 2 for 32.

WESTMINSTER—1ST INNINGS.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, lbw Abrams	18
T. G. Lund, c Abrams, b Wells	3
R. W. P. Gorman, b Wells	18
J. H. Robson, c Welch, b Greenstock	33
L. Clare, b Greenstock	47
W. N. McBride, lbw Toppin	3
A. M. Shepley-Smith, run out	0
J. A. Cook, b Toppin	0
C. O. Ormerod, b Greenstock	0
D. R. Cambell, c Abrams, b Holmes	35
C. A. Harvey, not out	9
Extras	16

Total ... 182

Bowling.—Abrams 1 for 43, Wells 2 for 35, Toppin 2 for 18, Greenstock 3 for 39, Holmes 1 for 6.

WESTMINSTER—2ND INNINGS.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, lbw Wells	0
J. H. Robson, b Abrams	0
R. W. P. Gorman, b Toppin	20
W. N. McBride, b Holmes	44
L. Clare, hit wkt, b Toppin	12
T. G. Lund, c Abrams, b Greenstock	28
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Hoefield, b Holmes	3
D. R. F. Cambell, c Holmes, b Greenstock	14
J. A. Cook, c Abrams, b Greenstock	1
C. O. Ormerod, b Toppin	5
C. A. Harvey, not out	0
Extras	26

Total ... 153

Bowling.—Abrams 1 for 29, Wells 1 for 12, Greenstock 3 for 16, Toppin 3 for 28, Holmes 2 for 25.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

July 5, 1924.

This match resulted in a win for Charterhouse by just over 100 runs. It was indeed a tragic day for us, as on two separate occasions the game was to all intents and purposes flung recklessly away. By three o'clock, thanks to some excellent and steady length bowling on the part of McBride, Cambell and Ormerod, we had established a winning position, for on a beautiful plumb wicket we had dismissed nine of the Charterhouse side for the comparatively small score of 190. Then came disaster, our bowling seemed suddenly to lose all sting and sense of direction, and with Fletcher and the last Charterhouse batsmen playing pluckily and well, they soon assumed the upper hand, and added another 100 runs in about 45 minutes. All credit must go to these two for an exhibition of pluck and grit, yet we can, we fear, find no excuse for the lamentable and inexplicable falling off in our bowling; at such a moment, too, when the match seemed in our hands; yet we let victory slip from our grasp in the most feeble manner. We could have wished that it had been possible for McBride to take the ball himself once more;

two or three overs from him might have done the trick, as he had been by far our most dangerous bowler, till his back unfortunately failed him. But yet he was obviously in great pain and he did his job in a sterling manner afterwards by playing a real captain's innings of 70 odd, while all the rest of our batsmen, sound in muscle and limb, were offering little or no resistance. Cambell, too, who had already captured three wickets, was not called on again, and we consider that the match was lost during the half-hour in which the two Charterhouse batsmen were helping themselves to runs—valuable above all price—off the innocuous and wretched stuff which bowlers like Harvey, Jacomb-Hood, Ormerod and Cook were sending down. Ormerod, in particular, after having bowled really well, suddenly lost all sting and every other asset that goes to make a successful bowler.

We batted quite well against a score of 290, —always well behind the clock—until McBride was smartly taken at first slip; Jacomb-Hood had bad luck in being beautifully snapped at the wicket, just as he was 'getting going.' But a draw looked very probable when at 6.30 (with half an hour to play) we had still five wickets to fall. Then followed a wretched collapse—our later batsmen failing altogether to sense and appreciate the fact that we were playing (or ought to have been playing) with our backs against the wall—and at 6.50 we had only the last wicket to fall. Robson chose this last 20 minutes of all time during the season to play the bold and enterprising game he might well have so often done before, but we fear we must say it was very bad cricket to do so on this particular occasion. Suddenly to play fast bowling after the manner of a George Gunn was foolishness on the part of a batsman who had never previously scored runs at the rate of more than 20 an hour. Then with Robson attempting an absurd run Harvey was easily run out, with only another over to go! Yet again the game had been presented gratuitously to our opponents—in fact a very sorry display of bad judgment. We can only conclude the excitement of the occasion to have been altogether too much for Robson, who must remember the golden rule that it is a cricketer's duty to watch accurately and to sense with certainty the particular situation in which his side is placed at any given moment. We would temper this criticism by saying that one or two of his strokes were beautifully executed; he was playing with a damaged wrist too. We hope he will have ample opportunity for exploiting these same strokes when runs are really needed. This indeed is our chief criticism against the School side in this match—and indeed on several occasions—that they fail

to weigh up a situation. The capturing of that last Charterhouse wicket was vital to a degree, but we should doubt whether, when that last partnership was taking place, our eleven—either individually or collectively—really realised the fatal blow that was being given to our hopes of victory by every single run scored.

We have criticised sternly and harshly, and we hope that it will be accepted in the spirit it is written. If we write an account at all, it is useless and futile to conceal our firm opinions under the mask of politeness; all of us, even the greatest, can only learn by our faults and our misfortunes. It has been my lot to write on this particular match, in which not even the most ardent supporter of the School side could legitimately have flattered them. If we had written on other matches we should have had many words of praise to bestow, but in this case we cannot quite see how we can do other than criticise adversely. It was just one of our bad days; we failed to clinch victory when it was well within our grasp, and we failed utterly at the close to play the only game that was open to us under the circumstances.

We will close by saying that Charterhouse deserved their victory, if only on the ground that they were not guilty of tactical blunders as we were. We consider the wicket-keeping of Morgan for Charterhouse to have been an outstanding feature of the match, combining as he did the two qualities of gracefulness and effectiveness.

D. J. K.

CHARTERHOUSE.

G. E. Blundell, b Cambell	...	...	...	7
T. A. Eccles, c Lund, b McBride	...	...	...	12
J. M. Carter, lbw Ormerod	...	...	...	38
R. C. Bett, st. Robson, b Jacomb-Hood	...	...	...	21
C. E. S. Gordon, c Jacomb-Hood, b Ormerod	...	...	...	4
J. T. Morgan, b Cambell	...	...	...	40
J. G. Munroe, b Cambell	...	...	...	56
J. A. Hilton, lbw Ormerod	...	...	...	3
F. F. Fawcett, b Ormerod	...	...	...	1
G. S. Fletcher, not out	...	...	...	50
G. D. Kemp-Welch, not out	...	...	...	46
Extras	...	...	...	17

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 295

Bowling.—McBride 1 for 50, Cambell 3 for 69, J.-Hood 1 for 55, Ormerod 4 for 53.

NOTE.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. C. W. Grant-Wilson for his generosity in defraying the greater part of the cost of the new Ladies' Enclosure up Fields.

WESTMINSTER.

W. N. McBride, c Fletcher, b Blundell	...	...	75
T. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Morgan, b Blundell	...	...	10
R. W. P. Gorman, c and b Blundell	...	...	25
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Gordon, b Carter	...	...	0
L. Clare, c Eccles, b Blundell	...	...	26
T. G. C. Lund, c Gordon, b Blundell	...	...	9
J. A. Cook, b Carter	...	...	3
J. H. Robson, not out	...	...	19
D. R. Cambell, b Carter	...	...	1
C. O. Ormerod, c and b Carter	...	...	1
C. A. Harvey, run out	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	14

Total ... 185

Bowling.—Blundell 5 for 90, Carter 4 for 38.

WESTMINSTER v. RADLEY.

July 12, 1924.

Time and space forbid us to do more than record our victory over Radley with the scores.

WESTMINSTER.

J. W. Jacomb-Hood, c Perceval, b Morris	...	...	1
W. N. McBride, c Turner, b Hibbert	...	...	108
R. W. P. Gorman, b McConaghy	...	...	5
A. M. Shepley-Smith, st Perceval, b Hibbert	...	...	76
L. Clare, not out	...	...	46
J. H. Robson, st Perceval, b Morris	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	23

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 268

T. G. C. Lund, S. J. P. Rock, J. A. Cook, C. O. Ormerod and C. A. Harvey did not bat.

RADLEY.

M. C. Perceval, c and b McBride	...	...	7
J. Barmby, lbw McBride	...	...	12
J. E. G. Rowland, b McBride	...	...	4
St. L. Morris, c McBride, b Ormerod	...	...	56
G. C. A. Adams, c and b McBride	...	...	8
C. M. Turner, b Ormerod	...	...	7
D. H. Hibbert, lbw Ormerod	...	...	0
L. D. Cambridge, b Ormerod	...	...	19
E. B. J. Polglase, b Jacomb-Hood	...	...	1
C. I. Collier, not out	...	...	0
C. McConaghy, run out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	15

Total ... 129

Bowling.—McBride 4 for 30, Ormerod 4 for 13, Jacomb-Hood 1 for 20.

BATTING AVERAGES TO JULY 5.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	H.S.	Av.
J. W. Jacomb-Hood	...	12	0	416	126 34.66
W. N. McBride	...	6	0	198	75 33.00
L. Clare	...	12	1	302	75 27.45
R. W. P. Gorman	...	12	0	222	42 18.50
J. H. Robson	...	12	1	143	33 13.00
D. R. Cambell	...	10	2	104	35 13.00
T. G. C. Lund	...	12	0	142	50 11.83
A. M. Shepley-Smith	...	12	0	130	32 10.83
C. O. Ormerod	...	7	1	55	20* 9.16
J. A. Cook	...	12	1	50	13* 4.54
C. A. Harvey	...	10	4	25	9* 4.16

Also batted.—A. Clare 4, 1, 55, 36, 18.33. * Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES TO JULY 5.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
D. R. Cambell ...	135	21	529	31	17.06
W. N. McBride ...	73	11	245	11	22.27
C. A. Harvey ...	87.2	12	337	9	27.44
C. O. Ormerod ...	67	5	297	10	29.70
A. M. Shepley-Smith ...	62	10	295	8	36.87
J. W. Jacomb-Hood ...	98	10	541	7	77.28

Also bowled.—L. Clare, 13, 1, 63, 3, 21.00; J. E. Johnstone, 21, 1, 93, 3, 31.00; J. A. Cook, 33, 4, 128, 2, 64.00; R. E. Bromet, 9, 1, 47, 0, —.

FENCING.

ON Thursday, July 3, we had our first 'home' School match against Eton, and lost it by 8 fights to 1. Innumerable reasons for our defeat have been put forward by various persons, more or less connected with fencing; but the chief reason was that the Eton team fenced better. They all had a coolness and assurance which our first two men lacked; and their third string, Bowlby, had a particularly admirable style, notably free from *tours de force* and showy hits.

The judges were Sergeant-Major Betts and Sergeant Stanbridge, from Chelsea Barracks, while the Etonians very kindly brought us their own instructor as referee.

It only remains to point out—like a defeated General in Thucydides—that we were beaten by a team which has three times our number of fencers to draw upon, possesses the 'coolness of experience' born of many matches, and has just beaten the Winchester fencers, who are well known as a 'hot lot.'

It is our inexperience that fights against us, for we are like amateurs against professionals, put off our game by left-handers; but fencing here is still in its lusty infancy, and we may console ourselves with the thought that in other forms of sport, especially when newly started, the School has occasionally been beaten.

A card from Marlborough bears the sad news that, owing to infectious illness, their team cannot come here for a return match. This is a pity, as our teams were well matched, and we appreciated the kindness and courtesy of the Marlborough men on the occasion of our visit there. We could not wish for better opponents.

House Notes.

G.G.—Last term there left us M. S. Murphy and E. H. D. Phillips, and we have in their places S. J. Reynolds, C. E. Lonsdale, B. W. Howe (boarders), D. A. Bompas and J. P. Low (half-boarders).

Stavridi was made a monitor at the beginning of the term, and Bromet and Lewis came from hall to outer.

Under the captaincy of J. A. Cook our XI. won Juniors, defeating both A.H.H. and R.R. by an innings; once more we are in the final of Seniors. We must congratulate J. W. Jacomb-Hood and A. M. Shepley-Smith on regaining and J. A. Cook on winning their Cricket Pinks, while G. E. Johnstone has represented the School; also C. E. W. Lewis on winning his Rowing Pinks. E. Whitley stroked the School 2nd VIII. which defeated Beaumont, St. Paul's and Eton.

In other departments of sport R. A. Frost was a member of the School VIII. for the Ashburton Shield.

R.R.—As Rigaudites have been taking such an active part in School activities throughout the term, our first duty is to offer congratulations to all those concerned.

We have three Cricket Pinks in Robson, Cambell and Ormerod. Wheeler and Paulson represent us in the 2nd XI. and Paulson, Foster and Aitken play for the Colts.

In the rowing world, Reece has regained and Filson has gained Pinks, while in the unbeaten 2nd VIII., victorious over St. Paul's, Beaumont and Eton, we had three Pink and Whites in Young, Wilkes and Warren, the cox, Hodgson, too was bow in the 2nd IV. of the 3rd VIII. against Tonbridge. Reece, Filson and Young all rowed in the T.BB. VIII., which was coxed to victory by Warren.

Lindsay, our one candidate, was successful in the 'A' Certificate Examination and is now a full corporal.

We came second in the Inter-House Shooting Competition at Bisley, being the only other House beside Ashburnham to enter a team. Our numbers for camp are higher than usual, and we hope that 'Rubella' will not keep us at home!

Unfortunately in Seniors we were beaten by Home Boarders. 'Rubella' was very much in evidence here, as three of our team (two of whom were bowlers) were unable to take part after the first day's play.

Our chances of keeping the Swimming Cup are very promising, three of last year's team still being with us.

We have entered two IV.'s for the Junior House Races at Putney, and by the time these notes appear the result of the Competition will probably be known.

Finally, may we congratulate Mr. T. M. Mavrogadato, Old Rigaudite, on his engagement to be married, which was announced a short time ago?

H.BB.—Our first duty is to bid a rather belated farewell to Mr. G. H. Witherby and Mr. D. G. Evans, who left last term, and to welcome the newcomers. We congratulate Sibley on being made a Monitor. We have survived the first round of Seniors, thanks to two brilliant innings by our captain. In Juniors we defeated K.SS., but were beaten by R.R. in the semi-final. We congratulate C. A. Harvey on playing regularly for the 1st XI. E. P. Knight, who stroked the VIII. at Henley, on well-deserved Pinks, and Nash on his Pink-and-Whites.

We must also congratulate all those who passed Certificate 'A' last term (nine out of eleven candidates from H.BB.), and the Holmes brothers on half-Pinks for Fencing. M. J. R. Holmes was second in the Public Schools sabres last term.

Lastly, we condole with Sturdy, on his leaving us to join College next term.

A.HH.—We congratulate R. C. Gates and R. Chapman on being made Monitors, and R. J. E. Dix on coming in to the Upper. T. G. C. Lund plays regularly for the School at cricket and S. J. P. Rock played against Radley. E. C. T. Edwards, H. R. A. Edwards and A. L. W. Sharp were in the VIII. at Henley, of which G. P. Young was cox and E. W. R. Guymer spare man. In Seniors, though Grant's beat us by 7 wickets, we did very creditably, Rock making 100 and Hawkin 61 not out. Rock, Bird, Dix, Strain, Porter and Myring have been awarded Cricket House colours. In the shooting VIII. we have Cashell, R. Chapman, P. Doulton, G. Barker, J. Fisher and Willmoth; and in the Cadet II. Ripman and J. H. K. Thomas. We retained the open range Inter-House Shooting at Bisley easily. We are hopeful of keeping the Fives Cup and getting the other two shooting cups, and the Junior Tub IV. cup. E. D. Strain and Lane play at tennis for the School, and P. Doulton does the same at fencing. Guymer and F. R. Worthington are in the 2nd VIII., and Green and Rock in the 2nd XI.

K.SS.—Congratulations to all and sundry, more particularly perhaps to Chalk, Binyon, Peck and Gorman, upon their success at Oxford, making in all four Scholarships and two Exhibitions gained this year; to Wood and Watherston, through whose combined efforts we regained the Gym. Cup; to Hoare upon his Rowing Pinks.

We were beaten in Water Lamprobatyics by three lengths, a result not altogether unexpected. We did not do so badly, however; in fact we led the Town Boys for the first two or three hundred yards. This first burst of energy culminated in a vigorous foul, which was perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the race. Winniffrith with great

determination splintered his oar. After a second start the Town Boys soon got away round the inside of the bend, and led for the rest of the way.

However we have to congratulate our Junior tub four, composed of four cricketers, whose first outing on the water was the actual race, on their excellent feat in winning in the first round by many lengths.

Congratulations finally to our Quartet, which was once more victorious in the Singing Competition, at which Dr. Vaughan Williams was kind enough to adjudicate.

Old Westminsters.

MR. C. F. WATHERSTON has been made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Mr. E. F. Knight, the well-known war correspondent of the *Morning Post*, has received the following message from the King and Queen:— 'The King and Queen having heard that to-day is the 72nd anniversary of your birthday, I am commanded to convey to you their Majesties good wishes, though they regret to learn that you are suffering in health. Their Majesties remember that you were with them in the Ophir twenty-three years ago, of which they preserve the happiest recollections.'

Dr. A. C. Boulton has been appointed Musical Director of the City of Birmingham Orchestra.

Mr. H. Gardiner-Hill won the Lancet Cup at the meeting of the Medical Golfing Society.

Mr. W. A. Pantin, Dixon Scholar of Christ Church, has been elected to the Bryce Research Studentship in History.

At Cambridge Mr. J. R. Peacock was placed in Class I. of the Natural Sciences Tripos, Part I.

Births.

FERRERS-GUY.—On March 21, at Melbourne, Australia, the wife of Capt. George N. Ferrers-Guy, of a son.

SHARPE.—On May 26, the wife of Reginald T. Sharpe, of a daughter.

GOW.—On June 3, the wife of J. Cuthbert Gow, of a son.

KITCHIN.—On June 5, the wife of Courtency Harcourt Kitchin, Lieut., Royal Marines, of a daughter.

HARRIS.—On June 11, the wife of Noel Gordon Harris, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

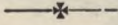
Marriages.

WILLCOCKS-BERNARD.—On June 11, Roger Hussey Willcocks, son of the late R. H. Willcocks, to Mildreda Adelaide, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, of Dean End, Lea.

PITE-WINTERTON.—On June 19, Robert William Pite, only surviving son of W. A. Pite, of 13, Elm Grove Road, Ealing, to Mary Gertrude Bidlake, daughter of the late Frank Winterton, of Thurmaston, Leicestershire.

BARRINGTON-WARD-MACFARLANE.—On June 30, John Grosvenor Barrington-Ward, Student of Christ Church, to Diana Beatrice Eleanor, only daughter of J. E. Macfarlane, of Hindhead, Surrey.

HODGSON-HOGGE.—On July 2, Gerald Hassall Hodgson, third son of the Rev. F. D. Hodgson, of St. Peter's-in-Thanel, to Madge, daughter of H. S. Hogge of Ferndown, Dorset.



Correspondence.

SAXLINGHAM RECTORY, HOLT, NORFOLK.

July 6, 1924.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I suggest a remedy for the chronic poverty of the THE ELIZABETHAN? Might it not be possible to put some six or seven shillings on to the terminal bill of each member of the School, so that, when he left, he should be a Life Subscriber? This method has been found useful in regard to the Elizabethan Club, so why not in this also?

Yours truly,
JOHN H. BLAIR.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL REGISTER.

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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:—

Sandilands, Harry; adm. 1866.
Sargent, William Turner; adm. 1867.
Scott, John James Sidney; adm. 1874, left 1876.
Secretan, Clement Charles; adm. 1873, left 1878.
Secretan, Theodore; adm. 1870, left 1876.
Sharpley, Sydney Thomas; adm. 1876, left 1878.
Shearman, Charles Henry; adm. 1854, left 1856.
Shearman, Ernest Charles; adm. 1873, left 1876.
Sheridan, Fordyce James; adm. 1879, left 1880.
Simmons, Edward; adm. 1862, left 1862.
Sinclair, Duncan Evans; adm. 1859.
Small, David Henry; adm. 1882, left 1884.
Smee, Henry Hugh Mason; adm. 1879, left 1880.
Smith, James Stewart Scott; adm. 1867, left 1870.
Smith, William James; adm. 1866, left 1872.

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.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of the Rev. WALTER KITCHIN. He was a son of Joseph Kitchin, of Norwood, and was up Grant's from 1866 to 1870. From 1885 to 1907 he held Chaplaincies in India. He became Vicar of Podington, Bedfordshire, in 1907, and held that living at his death, which took place on June 16 in his sixty-ninth year.

We have received the following notice from the *Eastern Daily Press* concerning the Rev. SPENCER FELLOWS (O.W.), who died recently:

'Many Norfolk people will regret to hear of the death of the Rev. Spencer Fellows, which has taken place in Dumfriesshire, where he was living in retirement after his resignation of the living of Pulham St. Mary Magdalene. His association with the parish was a long one, for he became rector in 1870 and held the living until 1917. He was chaplain of the Depwade Union Workhouse for almost the same length of time, as he was appointed in 1871, and held the appointment until he left the county. From 1899 to 1915 he was Rural Dean of Redenhall. The deceased clergyman was an excellent type of parish priest. In everything affecting the lives of his parishioners he took the keenest interest, and his long residence made him familiar with several generations. Like the family doctor he knew the ancestry, virtues, failings, skill in handicrafts, religious beliefs and disbeliefs, and the sporting qualities of most of his parishioners. His resignation of the living ended an era, begun at the time of the Franco-Prussian war and finished while the Great War was in progress. The greater part of his active life was spent in Norfolk, and it is in his old parish that he will be buried.'

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

The Malburian (2), *The Harrovian* (2), *The Eton College Chronicle* (6), *The Radleian*, *The Salopian* (2), *The Wellingtonian*, *Lancing College Magazine*, *The Rossalian*, *Ulula*, *Christ College Register*, *The Cheltonian*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Fettesian*, *The Cholmelian*, *The Meteor* (2), *The Ousel*, *The Blundellian*, *The Alleynian*, *The Malvernian*, *Stonyhurst Magazine* (2), *The Shirburnian*, *The Carthusian* (2), *The Haileyburian*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *The Pauline*.

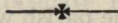
THE SCHOOL MISSION.

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

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

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

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, B. F. Hardy, Esq., Westminster School. Offers of service and of gifts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 22, Norman Avenue, Twickenham.



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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., Lougholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

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