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## SINGING.

OLD Westminsters will scarcely restrain a smile when they see that once again the Editor has dug up this disreputable bone, and has deposited it at their feet. Certainly it is by no means the first occasion upon which an article has appeared in this Magazine on this subject. Those who care to turn up the first number of *THE ELIZABETHAN*, will triumphantly see that among the correspondence is a letter deploring the state of singing in Abbey.

It is strange, to say the least, that there should have to be complaints on this subject when it is remembered that Westminster counts it as one of its greatest privileges to use Abbey as the School Chapel. Yet this it would seem is the way we treat our privileges. A visitor attending Latin Prayers up School, would be amazed to see the complete indifference of the Lower School to the immunity granted to us by our pious foundress. They seem to take but a distant interest in proceedings, being occupied rather in revolving in

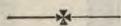
their minds the quickest method of escaping down School after "Re Licet," without causing undue commotion and thereby attracting the monitors' notice. In Abbey, there is some slight excuse for the silence of the School. But up School there is none. The fact that so few sing the psalms and prayers is simply due to the fact that people are either too lazy to learn them, or too lazy to sing them. In either case they are equally reprehensible.

In Abbey on week days to sing the hymn with an organ so far away is not an easy thing. A few suggestions might be helpful. Firstly that the school service should take place in the choir; secondly, that if this is impossible a harmonium be used instead of the organ, and thirdly that we use the ordinary hymnbook of Hymns A. & M. For though as Westminsters it is our bounden duty to take off our hats to the alumni poets out of whose writings the School hymn book is composed, the fact remains that these hymns are neither well-known, nor entirely suitable for singing.

It is not our custom at Westminster to do any-



thing in a hurry. We always talk for a long time, and when we have pondered the thing well, we do it. But surely the allotted time is past; after half a century of agitation surely the time has come to dismiss this well-worn subject for ever. We may alter the place of our service or of our organ, but *imprimis* we must remember that the remedy rests with each individual member of the School. If he resolves to sing and not merely to listen to the efforts of others more energetic than himself, there will be an enormous difference in the volume of sound, and in the tone and brightness of our service.



### School Notes.

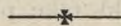
WE congratulate Major and Mrs. Shaw on the birth of a daughter.

The collection, for the C.M.S. on the feast of SS. Simon and Jude, and for the School Mission on the festival of All Saints, amounted to £4 11s. 6d. and £4 10s. od. respectively.

On Tuesday, October 24, Major Edwards delivered an illuminating lecture on Toc. H., on Thursday, November 2, Mr. Shea, Secretary of the R.N.L.I., gave an interesting lantern lecture on the Royal Life Boat Institution, and on Monday, November 20, Mrs. Macgregor Morris lectured to the Lower School, on "A Rob Roy Canoe in Palestine."

Mr. F. W. Fawcett, of Craven Cottage, Halliford-on-Thames, has most kindly presented to the College Library the copy of *Terence* which his father used when he acted in the *Eunuchus* exactly a century ago. Enclosed in the book is a cutting from the *Times* of that date which especially commends 'Mr. Fawcett's performance of *Gnatho*.'

A copy of the Westminster Verses of the late John Sargeant has been given to the Scott Library by the Librarian, Mr. A. T. Willett.



### House Notes.

K.SS.—Very little seems to have happened since the last number of THE ELIZABETHAN. But we have to congratulate Baker on regaining his pinks, Blair on winning well-earned pinks, and Wood on playing for the 2nd eleven. The rest of us have led quiet and undistinguished existences. Fives ties have been played off with abnormal energy ;

we are glad to see that King's Scholars have been playing fives a great deal lately.

The Literary Society flourishes exceedingly, and has had several promising readings. We are now busy with the second half of the Play; and in a few days we shall be moving lockers. We must wish Cocks the best of luck in his Woolwich examination, and hope that Blair, Lloyd-Jones, Popplewell and Baker will all be successful at Oxford.

Of late vaccination and its effects have considerably moderated our energies both up fields and on the Water.

A.HH.—Mr. Rudwick is now conducting the training of the House Platoon. We tender him the heartiest welcome. So far, vaccination has played havoc with our efforts to train a Seniors Team, and with the fives ties, which are progressing very slowly.

We have no great aspirations as to our prospects for Seniors, but the team should do well. J. B. Pickering is playing for the 1st eleven and E. H. Horton has regained pinks.

In addition to this we might make mention of an ancient and striking object of considerable interest, which has been of late deposited in the Upper. This object, striking, we hope, in no other way than to the eye, is the famous mummified remains of a cat, discovered many years ago in Ashburnham House. The cat is believed to have belonged to Dr. Liddell.

G.G.—Our first duty is to offer our sincerest congratulations to Major and Mrs. Shaw on the birth of their daughter.

At present there seems very little to chronicle except that we must congratulate the following:—Hartley on regaining his pinks, Murphy on his thirds and on being made a corporal, Lashmore, Jacomb-Hood and Hornsby on their promotion to lance-corporals and Whitley and Lewis on rowing house-colours.

Owing to vaccination very little progress is being made in yard and fives ties, and many of our members of big game have had to stand down.

Finally, the Literary Society has enjoyed two readings of Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

R.R.—The demand for House Notes comes at a time when there is really nothing of any very great interest to record.

Though yard ties have not yet begun, we are glad to say that fives and racquets ties are in the second round.

On Thursday, October 26, the O.T.C. went to Shoreham for a field day with Lancing College.



The Rigauds' platoon, under the able leadership of Mr. Ellis, were right in the centre of the attack with two Lancing platoons on our left and three Westminster platoons on our right. Though in the final attack all six platoons seemed to be on top of one another, Rigauds came out very creditably.

The Literary Society has again started its meetings, so far devoting its energies to singing the well known songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. We would take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Fox for their kindness in arranging these very enjoyable evenings.

Lastly, we congratulate those Rigaudists who have appeared in the School Chess Team.

H.BB.—The demand for House Notes has again descended on us with such suddenness that we can do nothing but endeavour to rectify any omissions in our last effort. First of all we believe that Holmes has not yet been congratulated on winning the fencing medal last Lent Term. He appears to have been at last successful in wresting it from the previous holder. On entering the realms of modern history we find Whimster, Rankin, Witherby and Keymer comfortably (we hope) ensconced in the Inner room. Salvi has played in the 1st eleven. We are glad to see Lowe fit again in view of the coming school matches. Stockford and Whitlamsmith have played in the 2nd eleven. As regards coming events our prospects for the Drill Competition, despite the herculean efforts of Sergeant Salvi, are (like our brass) not too bright; we mean, however, to win Seniors. The cult of the red armet has considerably cramped the House's usual activity. Many, we fear, will wish the writer had been vaccinated on his other arm!

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### FIELD DAY.

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On October 26, a field day took place at Lancing. The forces were divided as follows: : Westminster and Lancing, A Coy., the Brown Force, were to attack Lancing B Coy., who defended Lancing Ring. Lancing were on the left of the attack, and Westminster on the right. Of Westminster, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 platoons were to attack Lancing Ring in front, while No. 5 platoon (K.SS.) were sent round by themselves without an officer to a point on the hillside between Cow Bottom Farm and Lancing Ring, from which they were to deliver a flank-attack.

At zero hour the platoons marched off independently to their positions, without encountering any resistance for a considerable time.

No. 1 Platoon (A.HH.), on the right flank and in the front line, got divided. Half the platoon went out of bounds, and were disqualified, while the other half advanced, gallantly wiping out with their rifle-fire No. 5 Platoon, which was proceeding in front to its position. Half-a-dozen men from the sections which had gone out of bounds escaped the notice of the umpires, and joined the flank attack platoon.

About this time No. 2 Platoon (H.BB.) got behind, and apparently lost its way. All through the day this platoon did not fire a shot (they had got rid of their ammunition before it came to be demanded back in Yard, though!). No. 3 Platoon (R.R.), though theoretically in support of No. 2, who "failed to materialise," advanced and made a brilliant attack on their own account; meanwhile their platoon headquarters sat under a tree, marking and inwardly digesting the tactical situation and chocolate.

No. 4 Platoon came up, filling the gap caused by the sections which had been put out of action at the beginning, and lent valuable assistance in the main attack. In the meantime one section of No. 5 was held up by a force of the enemy consisting of one man, with two umpires and a bugler in support. By a clever manœuvre on the part of the platoon headquarters, the umpires were enticed away, whereupon the enemy retired and the advanced continued unchecked. Having reached their station, the flanking platoon waited for the main force to deliver their attack. As soon as the attack was launched, the College platoon struck the enemy on the flank, and the Ring was on the point of being captured, when the "Cease Fire" sounded.

We marched back to the College, where we were given an excellent tea, and were lent some footballs, with which we kicked about until it was time to fall in. The Lancing band, which was second in the competition at Camp last summer, marched us down to the station, after a thoroughly amusing and enjoyable day.

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### THE FIELDS.

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WESTMINSTER *v.* H.A.C.

(Lost 1-3.)

Westminster failed to get well together, but in spite of that managed to hold the H.A.C. for the first half of the game. The enemy's inside left, shortly before half time, broke right through and proving much too fast for our backs scored with a beautiful shot. In the second half H.A.C. pressed hard and Hartley was kept busy. Our forwards managed to get going once or twice



but nearly always failed to shoot in time. Hornsby, however, succeeded at length in scoring the equalising goal. The team as a whole played decidedly better than in the two previous matches.

*Westminster.*—R. W. Hartley, M. F. Young, L. Clare, J. H. Blair, J. H. Wetherby, E. B. H. Baker, G. D. Harvey, J. M. Hornsby, M. S. Murphy, C. A. Rowland, E. H. Horton.

*H.A.C.*—Yates, Waterman, Fish, Pope, MacRennet, Vind, Austin, Poole, Carington, Tyra, Pemberton.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD LANCING BOYS. (*Lost 2-3.*)

Westminster still further improved their game and at one time looked as if they might win, at half time when the school was one up, the score being 2-1 in our favour. Both our goals were well scored by M. S. Murphy in the first half, and indeed during the first half of the game Westminster had the upper hand. Shortly after half-time, however, our defence suddenly gave way and allowed the Old Lancing Boys to score two goals fairly easily. Although our forwards, particularly Horton who played a great game as the right wing, made desperate attempts to equalise, their efforts were frustrated by the brilliant play of A. H. Hilder, our opponents' goal keeper. As at the beginning, so at the end of the game, Westminster were continually pressing, but our shots at goal were usually rather weak, and we were defeated after an excellent game by 3-2.

*Westminster.*—R. W. Hartley, J. M. Hornsby, W. M. McBride, M. F. Young, G. D. Harvey, M. S. Murphy, C. A. Rowland, E. H. Horton, E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Blair, J. H. Witherby.

*Old Lancing Boys.*—A. M. Weldon, G. M. Gibbs, L. H. Johnson, H. G. Smith, B. A. Forrest, G. P. Sabern, D. B. Hulme, S. A. Palmer, G. H. Coley, A. G. Fyfe, J. R. S. Shanack.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* OXFORD O.WW. (*Won 6-0.*)

After an unsuccessful attempt to procure a team of Cambridge O.WW., we were able to arrange a match for Commemoration Day with a team, chiefly drawn from the "House," captained by A. H. T. Chisholm. The game was an excellent one, and the School succeeded in winning its first victory 6-0. We pressed the whole time, and had it not been for the goalkeeping of H. R. Munt, the score would have run into double figures. Chisholm was unfortunate enough to kick the ball into his own goal in attempting to clear. With the return of Lowe to the forward line a new vigour was manifest and in general the combination of the team was better.

*Westminster.*—R. W. Hartley, G. V. Salvi, M. F. Young, E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Witherby, J. H. Blair, E. H. Horton, J. M. Hornsby, R. G. H. Lowe, G. D. Harvey, J. B. Pickering.

*O.WW.*—H. R. Munt, A. H. T. Chisholm, G. W. Stonier, R. C. Fisher, F. E. E. Cahn (T. G. Lund, A. J. Stockford), P. G. R. Burford, C. F. McFarlane, C. M. Cahn.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* R.E. CHATHAM. (*Won 6-2.*)

Westminster followed up their victory of the day before by defeating R.E. Chatham 6-2. Lowe scored two beautiful goals in the first half, during which Westminster dominated the game. At half-time the score was 3-0 in our favour. In the second half Hornsby scored his second and Witherby our fifth goal with a magnificent long shot. Although the R.E. succeeded in scoring twice, our defence showed a decided improvement, and the enemy's forwards were rarely allowed to get away. Shortly before time Harvey scored our sixth goal.

*Westminster.*—R. W. Hartley, M. F. Young, G. V. Salvi, J. H. Blair, J. H. Witherby, E. D. H. Baker, P. B. Pickering, G. D. Harvey, R. G. H. Lowe, J. M. Hornsby, E. H. Horton.

*R.E., Chatham.*—Osborne, Smith, Ciran, Gurnhill, Chevis, Clarke, Hutchins, Stowell, Baker, O'Donnell.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* LANCING. (*Won 2-1.*)

Our opponents brought a big reputation with them, and probably few of the school supporters expected Westminster to win. But win we did after a tremendously hard game by 2-1. Lowe as usual opened the scoring from a good pass by Hornsby, and both Lowe and Hornsby were extremely unlucky a few minutes later in hitting the cross bar with shots which, if they had been a few inches lower, would have gone in. Westminster pressed during most of the first half, but were unable to score. The second half provided some very fast and exciting football. Both sides attacked again and again. Hornsby succeeded in scoring a second goal for the school; and shortly afterwards R. H. James scored for Lancing. Lancing played well, but we played better, and succeeded in holding our advantage to the end although both sides began to show signs of weariness. Our defence was decidedly better and McBride and Blair in particular are to be congratulated on their excellent play, as also are all the forwards.

#### ✱ WATER.

WATER has been doubly fortunate, for during the past month it has received two presents. The first is the gift of a lithograph of the Eton *v.* Westminster Boat Race of 1847, depicting the Westminster Crew shooting Putney Bridge, while the Eton Crew—the artist was surely a Westminster



in sympathies—can be dimly discerned in the distance. This has been presented by the Rev. L. Dixon, through the kind offices of Mr. T. Staveley Oldham, and is at present hung in the VIII.'s room in the Boat-House at Putney. The second gift is that of a cup which has been generously given by Mr. J. G. Jeffreys to encourage Junior watermen. It will be contended for annually during the Easter Term. The race will be rowed in tub IV.'s, and will be won by the House that gains most points.

Nothing very eventful has taken place down at Water this term. A couple of VIII.'s and of IV.'s have been made up, and there will be a short race for them at the end of the term. We have just purchased four new rumtums. The addition of the School Arms and of the flag-staff improves the appearance of the Boat-House.

## WESTMINSTER "COMMÉM."

### QUEEN ELIZABETH'S ACCESSION DAY.

ONCE in three years, the Royal College of St. Peter's, Westminster, formally and religiously remembers in a unique Latin service in the Abbey those who, by their benefactions, founded it and added to its lustre. This service was held on the anniversary of the accession of the school's foundress, Queen Elizabeth.

It is fitting that the name of the famous Queen should be given chief place in the service as the Foundress. Yet the *Commendatio Benefactorum*, which was read, recalled how the School was fostered from far earlier times by the piety of Princes. Thus King Henry VIII. conferred upon it many privileges and immunities, which were confirmed and increased by his illustrious daughter, and by subsequent Sovereigns, such as James I., George I., George II., and Victoria. Still, Queen Elizabeth remains the outstanding figure in the School's history, and to her the School owes its peculiarly privileged position and the close association which has long existed between it and Christ Church, Oxford, and Trinity College, Cambridge.

The service, in Latin throughout (to which Queen Elizabeth in her youth must have been well accustomed), was essentially one of thanksgiving. This characteristic note was struck in the Psalms (148 and 150), and in the *Te Deum*. No lesson could have been more suited to the occasion than that which was beautifully read by the Dean, from the 44th Chapter of Ecclesiasticus, the opening verses of which are so extraordinarily appropriate to the traditions of the school. Every

syllable of the long *Commendatio Benefactorum* which followed, and was read by the Headmaster (the Rev. H. Costley White), must have been heard by all in the large congregation, and many names famous in the history of England would have been recognised. Certainly not least among these were Queen Elizabeth's own Minister, Cecil, Lord Burleigh, and Mildred, his wife. The prayers which are read daily in the school were intoned, and the service closed with the noble hymn "*Salvator Mundi Domine*," set to a familiar tune, and the soft effect of the last verse, sung by the congregation kneeling, was extraordinarily fine.

The service must have needed great rehearsing and reflected much credit not only on Mr. Nicholson, the Abbey organist, but also on Mr. A. Goldsbrough, the School music master. For this occasion the school voices were reinforced by the Abbey choristers. And surely, exceptional as is this service for the Abbey, there is no other such congregation as fills the Abbey at "*Commém.*" On no other night does an Abbey congregation appear in evening dress. The white shirt fronts of the men and the open surplices of the King's Scholars (thrown back so as to disclose their gay pink and white buttonholes), and the scarlet cassocks of the Abbey clergy, and the choir, contrasted with the dark shadows of the great Abbey Church as the background. Many of the men showed full evening dress, but the evening dresses of the ladies were covered by their cloaks.

A few minutes after the close of the service the lights of the Abbey were extinguished, and the congregation was making its way up School to be received by the headmaster and Mrs. Costley White. There many friendships were renewed. As the Kings and Queens were again left to their sleep, it was pleasant to think the whole ceremonial had taken place close to the tombs where rested the remains of not only the great Queen Elizabeth herself, but of many of the other benefactors who had been remembered in the service and had helped to make Westminster what it is.

—*The Times.*

## THE REV. G. H. NALL.

AN old Westminster who left during the War finds many great changes in the school to-day. One of these has just taken place in the resignation of the Reverend G. H. Nall. Mr. Nall's services to Westminster are recognized by all, and with especial gratitude by those who were privileged to hold office under him. As House Master of Home Boarders for many years he devoted himself to its welfare, and his judgment was seldom, if



ever, at fault. He believed in interfering as little as possible with the boys and always relied on his monitors to deal with situations as they arose ; but the mark of his personality was stamped clearly on the house, and the standard attained in a gathering of somewhat unwieldy size is witness enough to his influence for good. May we wish Mr. and Mrs. Nall many happy years, and congratulate him and ourselves that he has handed his work over to a worthy successor.

The writer of the above, who was himself a Home Boarder, rightly pays his tribute to Mr. Nall as a House Master. But for most Westminster Mr. Nall is inseparably connected with the Scott Library, of which he was the Librarian for so many years. To increase its efficiency he devoted unlimited time and trouble. We venture to think that it is entirely due to his unselfish work that the Library is a model of what a School Library ought to be, and that many boys both at the School and after they have left look back with pleasure to hours spent in the Scott Library.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

October 19.—*Motion*—"This House deplors the Constitutional Impotency of the Crown." *Lost by acclamation.*

October 24.—"This House is of the opinion that Modern Civilization is Bad." *Ayes 9, Noes 7.*

November 9.—"This House hopes for the speedy Disestablishment of the Church." *Ayes 4, Noes 10.*

November 16.—"This House is of the opinion that Prohibition is Highly Desirable." *Ayes 9, Noes 11.*

On November 2, a meeting of the Debating Society was held to discuss the motion: "This House is of the opinion that at present the Franchise ought to be restricted."

*The Proposer* (A. T. LLOYD-JONES) said the lower classes spent the majority of their time lounging against the public houses and were in no way entitled to have a vote ; it was inconceivable that these fools should have any share in the government.

*The Opposer* (E. B. H. BAKER) said that each class legislated for its own interests and that the slum people would never be benefited if they had no say in the government whatsoever.

*The Seconder* (A. E. WOOD) in his usual enthusiastically Liberal way told the society how well

the Educated class would govern, how this class was sure to minister to the needs of the whole world.

*The Fourth Speaker* (the SECRETARY) attacked both the Liberals and the Diehards ; he said that the project to limit in any way the extension of the Franchise would, when put into practice, only result in ruin. The theory itself was bad, and also the common sense of the working man was an undeniable reality, Socialism being only the result of oppression.

I. W. T. ALLEN remarked that the lower classes were flattered by the belief that they were represented in Parliament, and it was futile to deprive them of this harmless power, while R. A. WILSON said that the Franchise was the greatest education possible for the uneducated. The President painted a lurid picture of the present state of the working people. He pointed to the successful government of England in earlier times by the educated classes alone, and said that the present lower classes were quite incompetent to rule ; they could only turn screws in factories.

The motion was carried by the casting vote of the President (*Ayes 10, Noes 9*).

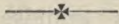
### ART SOCIETY.

ON November 24, M. R. Holmes gave a lecture, accompanied by slides, on the subject of "Dragons in Heraldry and Romance." He began by defining generally the different species of dragons, and proceeded to trace their origin to prehistoric monsters such as the Pterodactyl, which, he said, was very likely found in fossilised form by the ancients. Other dragons, he continued, were very likely crocodiles in origin, as for example the dragon of the Apocrypha, and that killed by St. George. He showed us several slides of this last incident as depicted by various Old Masters, pointing out the various mediaeval conceptions of the Dragon. Passing on to Heraldry, he described again many varieties of dragons, some of which had never yet been blazoned on any arms. He told us what families bore dragons, and what dragons they bore ; the Drakes, for instance, bore "Argent, a Wyvern noué gules." He then turned to the dragons of Norse legend, such as those slain by Sigfrid and Beowulf, together with mere-monsters and other gruesome beasts. He gave graphic descriptions of their nature, and the manner in which they were killed, and convinced us that these dragons were thoroughly undesirable creatures.



Turkish dragons were on the other hand gentler animals, their chief purpose being to "watch" treasure, as the name "dpáneur" implies. They, like the gold-guarding griffins of classical mythology, were comparatively harmless unless unduly provoked. He concluded by describing Chinese dragons, and showed us how to distinguish an ordinary dragon from an Imperial one by the number of their toes. The latter appears to have been extremely composite, and held in great respect.

The lecture was most amusing and instructive, the slides were excellent, and the lecturer was loudly applauded by a large audience.



### "LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT."

WE have been asked to print a Latin translation of the hymn, 'Lead, kindly light,' by the late Charles Earle Freeman, who was a Master here from 1876-1885.

Te, lux alma, sequor; nam vesperis advenit umbra:

Dirige iam dubios, taeda benigna, pedes.

Nox ruit: et tenebras inter domus aurea distat:

Dirige iam dubios, taeda benigna, pedes.

Dirige: nec requiem licet anticipare futuram;

Ire sat est tarde, si tamen ire licet.

Haec ego—praeteritis quatum mutatus ab horis,  
'Dirige iam dubios, taeda benigna, pedes.'

Optabam placitos, alieno numine, cursus;

Dirige iam dubios, taeda benigna, pedes.

Fulgida tunc accepta dies: interque timorem

Iipse (precor, lapso parce) superbus eram.

Quae mea tot duxit vestigia tuta per annos,

Diriget haec dubios taeda benigna pedes;

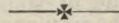
Per stagna et campos poterit, per tesqua, per undas

Ducere, dum reducem fugerit umbra diem;

Caelestumque fruar risu, caelestia cernam

Ora, prius longa morte negata mihi.

C. E. FREEMAN.



### HISTORICAL NOTE.

THERE has recently been purchased for the Scott Library Horace Walpole's copy of the original edition of the *Alumni Westmonasteriensis*. It contains his bookplate and besides the usual MS. notes, there are one or two notes in Walpole's own handwriting. Walpole, himself, was of course an Etonian, but he numbered many Westminsters among his friends.

### Old Westminsters.

At the General Election the following Old Westminsters were elected Members of Parliament:—Lt.-Col. W. C. H. Bell (Devizes, U.); Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, C.B. (Hemel Hempstead, U.); Mr. H. S. Morris, K.C. (East Bristol, N.L.). Col. Bell and Mr. Davidson retained their seats, Mr. Morris, who is Recorder of Folkestone, is a new member. The following Old Westminsters were unsuccessful candidates:—The Hon. R. D. Denman (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, L.), Mr. R. Armitage (Central Leeds, N.L.), Mr. E. Atherley-Jones (Bishop Auckland, N.L.), Mr. E. J. C. Neep (Woodbridge, Lab.).

Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, C.B., M.P., has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Mr. W. Edgar Horne, who had sat for the Guildford Division of Surrey since 1910, retired before the General Election from Parliament. He is a Governor of the School.

The Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Bethnal Green, is the Labour Mayor of Bethnal Green, for the ensuing year.

The Rev. G. C. Fanshawe, Vicar and rural dean of Godalming, has been appointed to the Rectories of St. Maurice and St. Lawrence, Winchester, and to an Hon. Canonry in Winchester Cathedral.

We congratulate the Rev. Prebendary C. E. Fisher on the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding. Prebendary Fisher was admitted up Grants in 1851, became a Q.S. in 1853, and was Captain of the School in 1857. His nephew and his great nephew have been Captains of the School.

Sir Cecil J. B. Hurst, K.C.B., K.C., has been elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

Mr. K. W. Sorley and Mr. F. L. Moss have been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn and the Middle Temple, respectively.

Mr. P. Usher has passed with distinction Part I. of the Oxford Ordination Course Examination.



### Births.

CASTLE--SMITH.—On October 10, at Alexandria, the wife of Lt.-Col. H. Castle Smith, attached Egyptian Army, of a son.

RILEY.—On November 6, in Jersey, the wife of Capt. C. J. M. Riley, M.C., Coldstream Guards, of a daughter.

SHAW.—On November 14, at 2, Little Dean's Yard, the wife of Major D. P. Shaw, D.S.O., Master of Grant's, of a daughter.

### Marriages.

SHARPE--WHINNEY.—On July 27, Reginald Taaffe Sharpe to Phyllis Maude, only daughter of the late Edward Whinney (O.W.) and Mrs. Whinney, of 15, Campden Hill Court.

ANDREWS--HUGHES.—On July 29, Norman Palmer Andrews, only son of D. Palmer Andrews, Chief Solicitor, L.C.C., to Elsie MacGregor, daughter of Alfred M. Hughes.

REESON--POOLMAN.—On July 29, Dennis Owston Reeson to Elfrida Cutts, daughter of the late F. W. Poolman, of Melbourne, Australia.

SAYER--ST. AUBYN.—On October 17, the Rev. Arthur Gerald Sayer (O.W.), Assistant Priest of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, only son of Arthur Sayer (O.W.), of Pett Place, Charing, to Bridget Catherine, younger daughter of the late Edward St. Aubyn, of 14, Connaught Square.

ATHERLEY--JONES--RICHARDS.—On October 26, Egbert Atherley-Jones, son of Judge Atherley-Jones, K.C., to Betty Fanny, daughter of the late Rev. H. W. Richards of Stanwick Rectory, Northants, and Mrs. Richards, 2, Berkley Place, Cheltenham.

BUTTERFIELD--MELLOR.—On November 11, Douglas Alexander Butterfield, son of F. A. Butterfield, of 3, Gordon Place, W.C., to Alice Rita, eldest daughter of the late G. W. Mellor and Mrs. Mellor of 19, Heathfield Park, N.W. 2.

HERBERT--REA.—On November 24, Basil Herbert, M.C., son of the late Sir Jesse Herbert, to Isabella Russell Rea, daughter of Walter Rea, of 12, Smith Square, S.W., and sister of P. Russell Rea (O.W.).

#### *Diamond Wedding.*

FISHER--MIREHOUSE. — On November 13, 1862, the Rev. Cecil Edward Fisher to Agnes, youngest daughter of John Mirehouse, Common Serjeant of London.

### Obituary.

WE deeply regret to have to record the deaths of three Old Westminsters.

ARCHIBALD BALFOUR was a son of the late Charles Balfour, of Lower Berkeley Street, and was at Westminster from 1854 to 1859. Unlike his two Westminster brothers, who played cricket for their Universities and for Gentlemen against Players, he went on the Water and coxed the Westminster VIII. in 1856. He also acted 'Phormio' in the Play of 1858. Three of his sons were at Westminster and his grandson, Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, D.S.O., M.C., was also at Westminster for a short time before going on to Eton. He died on October 29, aged 82.

CHARLES ERNEST SOAMES was up Grant's from 1874 to 1877. He was the second son of the late Eley Soames, of Bromley, Kent. He died on July 30, suddenly, aged 62.

REGINALD SOLLY OWEN was a contemporary of the last-named, and was a son of the late Rev. John Owen, of Hooton, Cheshire. He was admitted up Grant's in 1875, and became a Q.S. in 1876. He was elected to Christ Church in 1880, and was afterwards a Master at Blundell's School, Tiverton. He died at Westward Ho! on October 25.

### AN O.W. HERALD.

JOHN ANSTIS, the younger, is one of those O.W.W. whose connection with the School is not mentioned in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. His father, John Anstis, the elder (the friend and correspondent of Hearne) was Garter King at Arms, and obtained a patent securing that office to himself and his eldest son and the survivor of them. Hearne notes in his diary (10th Sept., 1725): 'Mr. Anstis (Garter King of Arms) being in Oxford (with Mr. Mattaire) I spent the evening with them last night and Mr. Burton, of Corpus Christi College (who is Tutor to a son of Mr. Anstis's just entered Gentleman Com. of that College.' A day or two afterwards, Hearne writes: 'Mr. Mattaire told us that Dr. Atterbury, the depriv'd Bp. of Rochester (who was my very good friend and acquaintance) was always both at Christ Church and afterwards his bitter Enemy, and that 'twas chiefly by his contrivance that he (Mr. Mattaire) was turn'd out from being second Master of Westminster School, to make way for Mr., now Dr., Robert Friend. His enemies also gave out that Mr. Mattaire was a Whig, but were forc'd to be silent, when he appear'd to be, as he is, a Nonjuror.' Mattaire does not appear to have been well treated, if this account is true; after he was turned out of West-



minster, he seems to have kept a school of his own, or at least to have taken pupils; for on 18th December, 1728, Hearne has the following entry:—'Last night Sir John Morgan, of Queen's College, told me that he is nineteen years and an half of age. And Mr. Blomer, commoner of Christ Church, told me also, that he is likewise nineteen and a half. Mr. Blomer was of Westminster School; and so also was Mr. Anstis for some time but afterwards he was taught by Mr. Michael Mattaire for about two years before he came to Oxford. Sir John Morgan was also of Westminster School.' Finally, on 20th October, 1727, Hearne writes:—'Last night I was with Mr. John Anstis, of Corpus, in Cat Street, and a younger brother of his, Mr. George Anstis and two others were with us. This Mr. George Anstis came from London yesterday and is to be entered to-morrow of Balliol College, where his tutor is to be Mr. Best. He hath been for five years under the care of Mr. Mattaire, having been before about a year at Westminster School.' Mattaire seems to have drawn boys from Westminster, much as was done in after years by Stephen Jordan Rigaud.

Shortly afterwards John Anstis stood for a Fellowship at All Souls. He claimed as Founder's kin on the strength of a pedigree drawn up and proved by his father; and this and similar claims eventually involved the College in considerable litigation. In Anstis's case the Warden and Fellows could not agree, with the result that the election devolved on Archbishop Wake (the son of William Wake, of the Curtain story) as Visitor of the College. He required proof that Anstis was not disqualified (as suggested by the College) in consequence of his holding the office of Registrar of the Knights of the Bath, a little job which he had acquired at an early age probably through paternal influence. His father carried the war into the enemies' country by starting a theory that Henry VI. (and not Archbishop Chichele) was the real Founder of the College and therefore that an office held under the Crown was no disqualification. Chichele's successor at Canterbury thought otherwise. Then George Anstis stood for a Fellowship more than once and unsuccessfully; in his case the College added insult to injury by alleging that he 'neither understood Latin nor Greek.' 'And yet I have heard it said by one or two (of excellent judgment) that he made the best exercise,' writes the indignant Hearne, who also described the Warden and Fellows as 'Mohockian Whigs.' 'The measures of their Iniquities are not yet full and every year furnishes new instances of their behaviour,' complained the aggrieved father, but neither of his sons ever got in at All Souls.

According to Hearne, the Anstis family were only contending for the righteous principle that the intentions of Founders should be fulfilled. It does not seem that John was in any real need of a fellowship. He succeeded his father as Garter in 1744, and held that office until his death ten years later. He is described by the historian of the Heralds' College as 'undoubtedly a man of abilities which he disgraced by his violent vindictiveness, especially to the members of the College.' According to the same authority, he lived at Mortlake 'indulging himself too freely with wine.' His brother George survived him and became his heir, being at that time Vicar of Colyton, Devon. All that seems to be known of him is that he indulged himself in litigation with his parishioners on the subject of tithes.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I am surprised that nothing has been done to remedy the condition of the School Bell. To the best

of my knowledge no one has, as yet, asked the School Sergeant if he sells muffins; but in the interests of the School, and of the dignity of School, such an occurrence should be guarded against.

The School is surely rich enough to provide a bell worthy of its traditions. Why should a bell turret not be erected on the roof of the Classical Sixth form room?

I am, Dear Editor,  
TINTINNABULUM.

### THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL REGISTER.

7A, OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE MANSIONS,  
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To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

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

Eachus, Charles Alfred Eedes; adm. 1882, left 1884.  
Edward, Kenrick Alexander; adm. 1862, left 1863.  
Edwards, Henry Dallas; adm. 1883, left 1886.  
Edwards, Henry Wilson; adm. 1868, left 1872.  
Edwards, Herbert; adm. 1868, left 1873.  
Ellis, Alfred William; adm. 1869, left 1871.  
Ellis, Douglas Uther; adm. 1872, left 1875.  
Ellis, Reginald Henry Uther; adm. 1871, left 1874.  
Farmer, Harry; adm. 1881, left 1883.  
Farquharson, Charles Ronald; adm. 1883, left 1886.  
Fawcett, Edward Douglas; adm. 1880, left 1883.  
Fawcett, Henry; adm. 1874, left 1878.  
Fawcett, John Vernon; adm. 1881, left 1882.  
Fawcett, Percy Harrison; adm. 1881, left 1882.  
Fendall, Charles Whitelocke; adm. 1848, left 1851.  
Fischer, Frederick Trant; adm. 1874, left 1875.  
Fischer, John Trant; adm. 1870, left 1874.  
Fischer, Thomas Trant; adm. 1872, left 1875.  
Fitzgerald, Arnold; adm. 1867, left 1869.

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.

### THE RETARDATION OF THE ABBEY CLOCK.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—An article of interest to O.WW. and others appeared in 'Blackwood' for July last, under the above heading. Perhaps you will allow this reference to it to appear in 'The Elizabethan.'

Such articles are not always noticed in the School Bibliography, published in the Public Schools Year Book, and after a time it becomes difficult to trace them.

Yours truly,  
W. A. P.

November 6, 1922.

### Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

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(2), *The Alleynian* (2), *The Westminster Abbey Choir School Magazine*, *The Cygnet*, *The Liverpool College Magazine*, *The Cliftonian*, *The King's College School Magazine*, *The Haileyburian*, *The Tonbridgian*, *The Eton College Chronicle* (2), *The Brighton College Magazine*, *The Melburnian*, *The Corian*, *The Blundellian*, *The Felstedian*, *The Reptonian*, *The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *The Ousel*, *The Johnian*, *The Harrovian* (2), *The Shirburnian*.

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### 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. Mary, Vincent Square.

The Mission is largely responsible for the upkeep of Napier Hall, where the club-rooms and hall are used by the St. Mary's (Westminster School Mission) Club for young men and boys, and by the St. Mary's Troop of Boy 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.

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

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Old Westminsters desiring to join the Lodge should communicate with the Secretary, W. J. ARMITAGE, Esq., Longholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

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