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THE SCHOOL GAMES.

It was not until nearly three centuries of the life of our Public Schools had passed by that games were recognized as the best means of amusing the boys in their spare time at school, and as an aid rather than as a hindrance to education. Towards the end of the eighteenth century, however, many a Westminster used to amuse himself by rowing on the river, and in 1816 the first six-oared boat was launched. Two years earlier, the growth of the town had made it necessary to fence in what became Vincent Square from the rest of the Tuttle fields. In 1818 the School boat beat the Templars, and 1820 was very successful against the London Clubs. In 1829 the first match against Eton was rowed and lost, but the Westminster boat had its revenge eight years later.

The School continued to furnish oars of the first merit to the Universities until Water was abolished, owing to difficulties which then seemed insuper-

able, and in response to an unanimous appeal by the staff.

The first notable cricket match was played against Eton as early as 1796 and the victory was with Westminster. Three years later a match against the same opponents was drawn at Lord's, and in the two next years the School suffered defeat. In 1806 the first recorded match of K.SS. v. T.BB. was played, the King's Scholars winning by ten wickets.

The quest of the origin of the School football carries us back as early as 1710, when the Chapter complained that the football habitually played in the cloisters was becoming a nuisance, and the boys were driven out into green. Since 1875 there have been matches against Charterhouse, both at cricket and football.

The playing of the earliest matches was carried out in the teeth of opposition from the Headmasters and staff, who did not realize the possibilities of organized games, or at any rate did not embrace them as a welcome alternative to such

amusements as marbles and rat-catching. In those early days of the nineteenth century the Public Schools set an example of clean and healthy amusement, which the nation has done its best to follow. The result has been professional football and cricket, and the professionalism that has grown up round our national games is now reacting to some extent on the Public Schools. It is a hard thing if school games are to be spoilt by the imitation of those who have tried to imitate them and who have not altogether succeeded. The aristocracy (so we are told) has already lowered the standard of morals by pandering to the plutocracy, and it is to be hoped that the boys of the English upper classes will set an example of clean and healthy amusement with no ill-feeling thrown in to the rest of the nation.

The tradition of our three Westminster Sports grew up side by side, and it is difficult not to hope that they may be so developed in the future. These are difficult times for Water, but Water is very necessary to the life of the School. There is much too little space up Fields, and the more boys that can be drawn away to Water the better, especially as cricketers seem to tend more and more to be born and not made. Since the School is in the heart of London, Water is almost essential to its well-being.

One of the chief drawbacks of organized games is that they do not offer enough variety of amusement, and any variety our games do offer should be cherished. The more variety there is, the more certain a boy is to be doing what he likes, and the keener he will be. It was because boys were doing what they really liked that Westminster athletics were so brilliant after the Napoleonic war, and if the right mean between too much variety and over-concentrating can be found, there is no reason, in spite of her small numbers, why she should not be equally brilliant in the near future.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

The Beggar's Opera.

THE present extraordinarily successful revival of the Beggar's Opera owes much of its success to the delightful singing and acting of Mr. Frederick Ranalow (O.W.) in the part of Capt. Macheath. It is, perhaps, worth recalling that when the Opera was originally produced in 1727, Dean Swift, in the midst of an enthusiastic letter of praise to the author, John Gay, writes: "Lord, how the school-boys at Westminster, and University lads adore you at this juncture! Have you made as many men laugh as ministers can make weep? etc." (See Pope's Works, ed. J. Warton IX, p. 91.)

L. E. T.

POETRY.

" ABBEY."

Gray, silent mother of Earth's most mighty town,
Full of wise years; yet not in age austere!
What is thy word to youth that enters here?
—"Who kneels with my memorials of renown;
And in these aisles, whose arches are the crown
Of consummated lives, daily draws near
The invisible spirit with a mind sincere;
Stands on the steeps of Honour, and looks down
On lesser fortunes."—Mother, we are but young,
In thought sequestered and in act confined.
But when, within the lists of larger Life
Each one his gage against the world is flung,
And we press forward; clad and armed for strife;
Memory with grateful love shall turn to glance
behind.

ANON.

(Written after morning service at Westminster School.)

TO A CHINESE JAR.

Thou jar of bronze, spoil of the ancient East,
What couldst thou tell of things forever hid
If thou couldst speak? What craftsman wrought
thy lid
Formed in the likeness of a grinning beast?
Perchance thy sides with all their weird device
Once glistened with the sacrificial wine,
Or thy broad lip, within some inner shrine,
Dripped with the blood of ancient sacrifice.
If thou could'st speak! But no, thou hast no
tongue,
Thy secrets ne'er will see the light of day,
But, since so far thy praises I have sung
One thing that's in thy favour will I say.
One use thou hast, for thou sufficest yet
To hold the ashes of a cigarette.

School Notes.

On Friday, March 11, the Pentacle Club treated us to a most convincing display of black magic. We were initiated successively into the arts of card-sharping, needle-work, juggling and spiritualism, and departed with the pleasant assurance that Percy Hatter (sometimes disrespectfully referred to as insane) had emerged for the occasion from the spirit world and had been with us that afternoon.

On St. Matthew's Day the Rev. Harold Anson preached a very interesting sermon at the School service. The collection amounted to £4 6s. 9d.

Since our last issue, Burford and McFarlane have been given their "Pinks."

On February 16 Miss Sturge spoke to the School for a few minutes after afternoon school on the Relief of Central Europe.

All the eighteen candidates for the Certificate A examination have passed their practical test.

On March 10 the first eleven played a team of boys from the Briton Ferry Steel Works, South Wales. The match was a great success, and it is hoped that the experiment of playing such teams may be repeated.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(At Vincent Square.)

(Lost, 0-3.)

The ground was in good condition for this match, which was played at a great pace, especially in the first half. The Charterhouse forwards were very clever in their passing, but the backs were uncertain in their kicking. The game opened with a strong attack on our goal which threatened danger, but we managed to clear somehow. After this we went to the attack, but our forwards, though good in mid-field, lacked as usual the necessary finish in front of goal. On the day, McFarlane was easily the best: he made two fine individual efforts, both of which almost ended in a goal. The Carthusians' first goal was scored by Barnard from a tussle in front of the Westminster goal. Barnard also scored from an extraordinary sort of screw kick after a corner in the second half. The third and last goal was scored at close range by Gilliat from an opening made for him by Barnard. The Westminster halves and backs were probably as good as their opposite numbers, but it was the superiority of the Charterhouse forwards that won them the match, which was in every respect a very enjoyable one.

WESTMINSTER.

Munt; Keily, Chisholm; Mellor, Taylor, Jacomb-Hood; Peacock, Lowe, McFarlane, Harvey, Burford.

CHARTERHOUSE.

Lowe; Benn, Parker; Morgan, Austen, Waldy; Magusty, Barnard, Gilliat, Anderson, Barker.

WESTMINSTER *v.* H.A.C.

(At Finsbury Pavement.)

(Won, 1-0.)

It is a sign of improvement in the side that we beat the H.A.C. on their own ground this term, whereas last term they defeated us at Vincent

Square. In the first half there was no scoring at all, and play was very even. Matters were made fairly easy for our forwards by the fact that the H.A.C. centre half played as a forward and very seldom tried to check a man once he had passed him. Whether this was the reason or not, at any rate the School forwards played very well and carried out some very fine passing movements. Even after our goal had been scored by Lowe a quarter of an hour from the finish, the game was not absolutely safe, as the great speed of the H.A.C. centre forward was always a cause of anxiety to our defence, and several times he came very near to scoring. However, apart from these occasional break-aways, we had decidedly the best of the second half, and the score might easily have been heavier. Harvey had one great chance of scoring but waited too long; Burford also had a chance, but the ball spun off at right angles from his foot. Blair was playing for Peacock, who was away from the side, and did very well, getting in many excellent centres.

WESTMINSTER.

Munt; Keily, Chisholm; Mellor, Taylor, Jacomb-Hood; Blair, Lowe, McFarlane, Harvey, Burford.

H.A.C.

Kidd; Thompson, Waterman; Hind, Nicholson, Mac-krenrodt; Austen, Bassett, Tyrer, Soole, Bluett.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HARROW.

(Lost, 1-3.)

This match was played at Vincent Square on March 8, Tuesday. The ground was exceedingly hard and, as a result, a very fast game was witnessed. There was a disastrous start, as the Harrow forwards went through from the kick-off, and their centre forward scored with a longish shot before many of our side had realized that the game had started. In any event our defence was taken completely unawares. But our team soon settled down and for the next twenty minutes had as much of the play as our opponents, but disaster again overtook us mid-way through the first half, the Harrow inside left dribbling brilliantly, crowned a great individual effort by shooting past Munt into the far-off corner of the net. We rallied splendidly from this second reverse, and at length Swann, after a good swinging pass from Lowe, equalised with a shot that might very easily have been saved, but it bumped awkwardly as it reached the Harrow goalkeeper and beat him. Their goal had a very narrow escape ten minutes after the start; one of our forwards got his head to the ball from a corner and it looked a certain goal, but the Harrow keeper effected a glorious save low down with his left hand. The teams crossed over with the score 2-1 in Harrow's favour, and for five

minutes after the resumption it looked as if we were bound to equalize, but our forwards lacked the finishing power and the ability to crown their many attacks with a goal. Several glorious chances went begging, and in a break-away the Harrow inside right ran straight through at tremendous speed to score the best goal of the match. Nothing further was scored, although in the last moment an excellent movement, initiated by Burford (who after a good run slung the ball right across the goal mouth), came to naught, Lowe shooting feebly and allowing the goalkeeper just to turn the ball round the post. The match thus ended in a win for Harrow by 3-1.

The School can be said to have put up a splendid fight against a very fine bustling type of side with a formidable reputation behind it. There was very little to choose between the two teams, *the superior pace and dash of the Harrow inside forwards, as compared with ours*, just turning the scale in their favour. Our forwards were clever but every movement was carried out at too slow a pace, so that the Harrow defence was not caught napping and our passes were invariably anticipated. Lowe was unquestionably our best forward and gave many accurate passes in addition to using his weight to some purpose. Swann was hard-working but clumsy, and Peacock was too slow. McFarlane never seemed to get a good control of the ball and was consequently too easily robbed and made very little ground. Taylor, at centre half, was magnificent, and stood out unquestionably as the best player on the field; both in defence and attack he was accurate in all he did, and our forwards should have profited very much more by the many beautiful openings he made for them. The wing halves worked hard but did not join enough in the attack and hung too far back. But in defence they were excellent and never left off worrying their opposing wing men, but judicious *ground* passes to their forwards were conspicuous by their absence. Keily was slightly the better of two splendid backs, as he was surer in his kicks than Chisholm, but both tackled remorselessly and hung on grimly to the speedy Harrow forwards. Munt, in goal, gave a very good display, but was a little slow in clearing. He had no chance with any of the Harrow shots that scored.

To sum up: the whole side gave a very fine display of grit and endurance and stuck to their task to the end. There was plenty of dash and life in the football and some splendidly accurate and robust tackling. The forwards carried out several promising movements, but their slowness was lamentably evident in contrast with the pace of their opponents, and except in the case of Lowe there was an absolute lack of the ability of getting the ball under control when dribbling. A football

should be "*caressed*" (there seems no word that describes it better) by the forepart of the foot; if not, it is such a sensitive object—especially on our hard and lively ground—that it will spring away from the toe of the dribbler very easily and no good forward movement will ensue, as the player will have lost control of the ball and will have been robbed of it. But the side played their hardest from start to finish and went down with colours flying, which is all that matters after all.

For Harrow, the centre half was best and played very stylish football, while the inside right and inside left showed great pace and dribbling ability.

WESTMINSTER.

Munt; Keily, Chisholm; Mellor, Taylor, Jacob-Hood; Peacock, Lowe, McFarlane, Swann, Burford.

HARROW.

Bennett; Burten, Enthoven; Key, Whitworth, Hermon; Dickenson, Thorn-Thorn, Spencer, Tregonning, Bausher.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BRITON FERRY.

(*Drawn, 2-2.*)

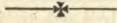
On Thursday, March 10, a team from the Briton Ferry Steel Works, South Wales, was played. The result was an excellent drawn game. The game was fast throughout and Lowe scored the first goal by an excellent shot from far out. Just after half-time our opponents scored their first goal, which was followed before long by a second. At this time in the game the school side seemed to flag distinctly, while their opponents were working as hard as ever. Towards the end of the game, however, the home team got going again and scored their second goal. The result could not have been more appropriate, and it did our opponents the greatest credit, especially in view of the facts that they had only been playing football for quite a short time, and also that they had been up since half-past six in the morning seeing the sights of London! The visitors were given tea after the match in College Hall and showed round the School by the team. The game had been a very enjoyable one, and we hope strongly that the experiment of playing such teams of real working boys will be tried again. It would be a great thing if one match of this sort could be played each football term against some neighbouring team. It is a far cry to South Wales, but we hope we shall meet Briton Ferry or at least some of its members again either on the football field or otherwise, and we should like to take the opportunity of thanking Captain Fleming warmly for bringing his team up here and Mr. Mason and Commander Coote for arranging the fixture.

WESTMINSTER.

Munt; Keily, Chisholm; Mellor, Taylor, Jacob-Hood; Peacock, Lowe, McFarlane, Swann, Burford.

BRITON FERRY.

C. E. Williams; E. Cosker, W. Phillips; S. E. Richards; G. Owen, J. H. Wilson; L. G. Wilson, G. Gwynne, E. Coop (capt.), H. Down, A. Harris.



House Notes.

K.SS.—Many of us have had mild influenza this term, two of us have been laid up with crooked knees and George is now recovering from a slight operation and is still out of school. In the first eleven we are represented by Taylor and occasionally by Blair. Moonan, R., captains the 2nd, which also includes Murphy and Baker. Eyton-Jones has played for the 1st and 3rd elevens. The College contingent, headed by the Moonan brothers, are the backbone of the orchestra, and we are well represented in the Mad. Soc. Our militarists, with Corporal Eyton-Jones in the van, have all passed the "A" Certificate Practical. The Literary Society has read "The Merchant of Venice," "She Stoops to Conquer," and "The Taming of the Shrew." As we go to Press, our prospects for Lamprobaties look very black and those for the Sports none too bright.

GG.—This term so far has been very barren of anything in the way of news. The only thing of note that has occurred is Juniors having beaten House Boarders 2-0, after having drawn with them 0-0. We played Ashburnham in the final and were beaten 0-2. We were rather handicapped as we were without C. O. Mounsey and R. W. Hartley.

We hasten to offer our tardy congratulations to R. A. Frost and A. J. Gielgud on being first and second in Orations last term.

Otherwise, there is nothing to report, although we have been handicapped by people being out of school with 'flu. The Literary Society has succeeded in meeting, and Yard Ties are well away. Fives Ties have stuck at the starting-post.

H.BB.—Late congratulations are due to Witherby on his House Colours gained after Seniors last term, and to J. J. B. Shaw on the Ireland Greek Verse Prize. McFarlane is now a Pink, and Harvey has been playing regularly for the 1st XI. We congratulate them both.

In Juniors, after tying with Grant's in the 1st round, we were beaten 2-0 when the match was replayed, the play on our side being very disappointing.

Our prospects for the various House Competitions are uncertain. In Fives we should do well, and we ought also to get through one round of the Racquets Ties. In the sports we shall have to rely mainly upon Simpson, P., and our Junior sportsmen to gain us points; and in the Tug our team is remarkable more for its energy than for its power. However, we are not unhopeful of achieving some measure of success.

Ross, Taylor and McFarlane have all contrived to pass the practical examination for Certificate A. We wish them equal success in the theoretical.

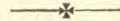
RR.—We seem to have read somewhere in House Notes that there is very little to say. Even this state, however, is better than the superabundance of news that prompts one to write notes of, say, fifty lines in length. Our state at present is the happy one. We must congratulate Burford on his Pinks, which were given to him before the Charterhouse match. Cobbold has represented the school at Racquets, and Young has been playing regularly in big game. Thanks to Cobbold's energy we have played off one round of Yard Ties, though Fives Ties and Racquets Ties have not progressed far.

Finally we wish every success to Rigaudites entering for the sports.

A.HH.—As prophesied in our last notes, the Juniors' Cup remains in the House. We beat RR. in the first round and GG. in the final, winning both games 2-0. The whole team showed great keenness throughout.

We are glad to see an Ashburnhamite in the School Racquets pair, and E. Munt is to be congratulated on his Racquets Pinks.

All the nine candidates from the House for the 'A' Certificate passed the practical examination with credit.



DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, February 7, the motion that, 'in the opinion of this House, the capital ship should be abolished, both for economic and humanitarian reasons' was discussed.

The President (proposer) said that no one wanted another war, that England was very poor, that each new battleship cost more than the last, and that we needed every penny we had to raise the standard of life.

Mr. Montefiore (opposer) declared that America was building battleships and what America did was generally right. Where experts were at variance, he would not speak—upon the merits of battleship versus submarine.

The Treasurer (seconder) said we wanted peace, and if nations had big navies, sooner or later they were bound to want to use them. A sharp sword was a dangerous thing. (Sensation.)

Mr. Simpson (fourth speaker) succeeded in convincing the Society that he thought imperially, but what he said was not to the point.

The President objected to *Mr. Montefiore's* theory that we should imitate America, and said that the only way to avoid war in the future was to put our minds and our money into such organisations as the League of Nations.

Mr. McGregor complained bitterly that the fact was we couldn't afford anything, let alone battleships.

Mr. Baliol-Scott made a few bashful but airy remarks, and *Mr. Munt* attempted to dispose of him by a series of miscellaneous technicalities.

Mr. Montefiore said we must build battleships or be swamped. We might as well lose our money now as in the future.

The Treasurer pointed out that we might as well use it while we had it. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried by acclamation.

On Thursday, February 10, the motion that 'this house considers the *Daily Mail* a national asset' was discussed.

Mr. Chisholm (proposer) declared with relish that the *Daily Mail* was founded in 1896 by a Harmsworth. The snobbery of the public cried 'down with Northcliffe!' even as it had cried 'Up with Byron.' The *Daily Mail* provided light amusement, puzzles and hats; was not that a national asset?

Mr. Holmes (opposer) said that its only aim was to render respectability sensational and give publicity to crime. It was in fact 'Tale Malum'—a paper written by and for office boys.

Mr. Munt (seconder) declared that one million people would not take in the *Daily Mail* if it did not do them some good. Other papers dealt more in crime; Northcliffe did not specialize in the publication of such matters.

Mr. Baliol-Scott (fourth speaker) then rose and the gist of his excellent speech was that the power of the Press and the uses to which some papers put that power was a danger to the country.

Mr. Simpson remarked that, personally, he did not take in the paper (perhaps it took *Mr. Simpson* in), because it always said 'too much red tape at the War Office!' but the red tape went on all the same.

Mr. Holmes declared with prophetic fervour that to read the *Daily Mail* was equivalent to indulging in an orgy of cigarettes and wine, and after several unmannerly interruptions and some confusion the debate was lost by acclamation.

RACQUETS.

ON February 26 we were beaten by Haileybury by four games to six. The Haileybury pair were without doubt the best, and Evers especially played a wonderful game. J. D. Percival was not serving well, but was good otherwise, while E. R. Munt, though serving well, fell off in the rallies.

Both the school players were beaten 3 games to 0 in the singles.

On March 2 C. C. Cobbold took E. R. Munt's place, but we were again defeated by Radley—4 games to 1. The School pair were not at home in a strange court, though Percival made one creditable effort in the game that was won.

On March 5 we were beaten by Oxford University, 4 games to 2. Percival and Munt represented the School; the former won his single against the Rev. M. R. Ridley.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

WE have only two lectures to record, both by A. P. Taylor. The first was on 'Wave Power Transmission,' a subject of great interest on account of its novelty. The lecturer did full justice to his subject and explained the working of the apparatus with commendable lucidity and rapidity. He showed some excellent slides which, we understand, were of his own making. His second lecture was on 'Leather,' and was also most interesting. We wish that we had room to give a full account of these lectures.

We shall be having lectures every week till the end of the term; owing to various unavoidable circumstances none was given before half-term.

MUSIC.

THE Madrigal Society has many difficulties to cope with; attendances at practices have not been good this term, and it is obvious that they cannot be expected to be so until the arrangements made for these practices are rather more stable and definite and a little less airy than they are at present. However, the Society struggles on manfully and will, it is hoped, justify its ambition in attempting to render Stanford's Irish Ballad 'Phaudrig Crohoore' at the Concert on March 30.

Attendance at the Orchestral Society has not been good either, but the Orchestra may well congratulate itself on its performance at the Play. The achievements of Ham with the baton and Storrs with the double-bass deserve the warmest

praise. Selections from Brahms, Handel, Mozart, Elgar, Grainger and others were played, and the whole performance was specially praiseworthy in that it was rehearsed and executed entirely by the boys themselves.

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ART SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 18, Mr. Laurence Binyon, the Curator of Oriental Prints and Drawings at the British Museum, began to give us a lecture on 'Chinese Painting' and showed us a few very interesting slides, but unfortunately the lantern failed soon after the beginning of the lecture, and Mr. Binyon, after talking bravely in the dark about an extremely complicated subject for some ten minutes, came to the conclusion that without the lantern he could not continue, and was so kind as not only to forgive the lantern's bad behaviour, but also to promise to repeat his lecture on a future occasion.

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VINCENT SQUARE.

It is proposed to dig up and re turf the first game football ground during the summer holidays.

To do so will require a large amount of labour, which could be supplied very well by O.W.W., and would be a valuable contribution towards the heavy expenditure involved. Many members of the Football and Cricket Club have already volunteered.

The gates will be opened at 6.30 a.m. and closed at sundown, and arrangements will be made for food, etc.

The scheme is cordially approved of by the Headmaster and Games Committee.

All O.W.W. willing to take their coats off and come and help Elson, please apply to *L. A. M. Fevez*, 48, Bread Street, E.C. 4.

When applying please state probable *period* and *hours* of attendance.

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W.S. CHESS CLUB.

OUR total membership is now thirty-six, owing to the election of no fewer than eleven new members, among whom we are fortunate in acquiring the services of H. B. Warburton, D. E. F. C. Binyon and K. Erskine. These three have been placed in the team.

Surprisingly, the remainder of our 1920 team has deteriorated badly; on the other hand many weaker players have made immense progress.

A. W. Stonier has lately attracted much attention to his play. After beating MacPhail, he was

tried as first board against St. Paul's, and at the end of two hours' play the pieces on both sides were equal.

C. C. Sherring and J. Jacomb-Hood have each made striking progress.

Perhaps our double defeat (at the hands of St. Paul's and The City of London) may be partly attributed to the facts that G. O. George was unable to take part in either match, and that Erskine was out of school for the first.

Our Charterhouse fixture was cancelled at the last moment.

The Interhouse Competition for the Chess Shield will take place at the end of this term. A very close contest is expected, but Rigauds are slight favourites.

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OLD WESTMINSTERS.

CANON H. SALWEY is resigning the Rectory of Easthampstead, Berks, which he has held for 28 years.

Mr. H. S. Morris, M.B.E., has taken silk and has also been appointed Recorder of Folkestone.

Lord Headley is President of the Society of Engineers.

Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, C.B., M.P., moved the Address in reply to the King's Speech at the opening of Parliament.

At Oxford, Mr. J. B. Herbert has been elected Secretary of the Union.

Mr. G. P. Pakenham-Walsh has been selected to play Golf for Oxford in the University Golf Match.

At Cambridge, the two Bell Scholarships have been divided equally among four undergraduates, of whom Mr. D. B. Harden is one.

Mr. W. R. Birchall has become a life subscriber to 'The Elizabethan.'

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Births.

ON February 11, the wife of Denys B. I. Hallett, M.B., of a son.

On February 1, the wife of Robert Stanley Barnes, of a son.

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Marriages.

ON February 11, the Lord Headley to Mrs. Baynton,

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of a distinguished Old Westminster oar. JOHN CLARKE HAWKSHAW, was the son of Sir John Hawkshaw, F.R.S., and spent nine years as a Boarder up Grant's before he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1860. We quote the following from the *Field* (February 26): 'He rowed for Westminster in the match at Putney, which Eton won in 1860. At Cambridge he won the Colquhouns in 1861 and rowed regularly for 3rd Trinity. At Henley, between 1862 and 1865, he competed in the Grand, Ladies, Stewards, Visitors, Wyfolds, Goblets and Diamonds, but won only one event in 1865, when 3rd Trinity beat Eton in the final of the Ladies' Plate on a foul. He rowed bow for Cambridge in 1863 (the last race rowed on the ebb) and 1864, both matches being won by Oxford.' Mr. Hawkshaw, like his father, was an engineer by profession. He died in February.

The School Mission has sustained a most serious loss by the death, on Feb. 5, of one of its treasurers, ARTHUR WHITTINGTON RAIKES, the youngest son of the late Rt. Hon. Cecil Raikes, M.P., sometime H.M.'s Postmaster-General, and was admitted to the School in 1892. After leaving Westminster he did much good personal work in going down to and helping with the evening work, and for many years, though much hampered by ill-health, he has been looked upon as the chief source of life and vitality. After he moved out of London, he was always ready to attend at committee meetings in spite of the long railway journeys, and was even brave enough to attend the last meeting though obviously very far from well. It will be long before his breezy optimism with regard to raising funds and all the difficulties of carrying on the Mission work will be forgotten by those who had the privilege to know him, and Westminsters may think of him as one who has earned the title 'profitable member of this nation.'

We also regret to note the death of HOWARD SANDYS LECHMERE FELLOWS, which took place on February 18. He was the eldest son of the late Major-General Stewart Fellows and was at the School from 1872 to 1874, and was afterwards in the Solicitors' Department of H.M.'s Customs.

We regret to note the death of MRS. HAIG BROWN, the widow of the late Headmaster of Charterhouse. Many Old Westminsters will remember her kindness on the occasion of cricket and football matches at Godalming.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

March 9, 1921.

SIR,—What is this abortion on the Library mantel-piece? One may well ask what; can it be anything but a sign of the approaching dissolution of our accursed industrial civilization? The disrespect of this wilfully ignorant age for any form of learning has been sufficiently displayed in a kindred outrage. I refer to the disfigurement of School by the apparatus of a perverted art. Is it not enough that Dr. Busby, the very archetype of the classical traditions that made us what we are, should be obscured in the interests of our decadent musical tastes? Must we obscure Dr. Vincent also behind the trophies of a sordid militarism?

Sir, I remain your obedient servant,
HEGIO.

[Our correspondent refers to the Cadets' Trophy, which the School is proud to have won at Bisley last summer, and to the grand piano which has supplied a long-felt need, but is at present placed up School, so as partially to obscure the monitorial—ED.]

Our Contemporaries.

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[We are indebted to Mr. W. A. Peck for the following Historical Note.]

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There is in the Registry of the University of Cambridge a document entitled—*Byll of Complaint exhibited by the Fellows and Scholars of St. John's Colledge against certayne injuries, and outrages committed against them by the stage-keepers of Trinity Colledge att their two last comedyes.* The record is very incomplete; but it has been printed as edited by the late Mr. J. W. Clark, F.S.A., who says of it:—“One fact does emerge from the tangle of confused testimonies—the appearance of Mr. Coote, of Trinity College. He had been a scholar of the House and was a Master of Arts; but for this occasion he had donned a white frize jerkin and held in one hand a sword and in the other a dagger, and was acting as a stage-keeper.” He was also

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of Trinity College, Westminster, having been elected head of Cambridge in 1607.

At Christmas, 1610, a play was acted at Trinity. We do not know its name, or the names of the actors, but there appears to have been a great demand for seats. It will be remembered that the greater part of the University then remained in residence during the vacation; that college rooms were fireless, and that amusements were few. Bridge was unknown and female society non-existent. The chance of a night out was not to be missed. Unfortunately, at this time the relations between St. John's and Trinity appear to have been strained. Whatever was the reason, the Trinity men seem to have determined that the Johnians should not see their play. The Johnians were determined to see it if they could. The result was the manifestation of much ill-feeling both inside and outside Trinity College, which culminated in a pitched battle outside the Great Gate, which was in those days