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EDITORIAL.

THE number of Societies which the School possesses has reached that point at which it is difficult to find time to fit them all in. Monday is the favourite day, since a whole hour is available for those who wish to listen with rapt attention to exponents of modern views on various subjects, or for those who prefer to exercise their brains, which apparently need no rest after seven periods of School, in juggling with knights and bishops in praiseworthy attempts to checkmate an unfortunate king, or again for those who like to produce, or perhaps we should say have to produce, sweet sounds from manifold instruments ranging from the violin to the double-bass, from the piccolo to the trombone.

This term has seen the inauguration of two new Societies, the Political and Literary Society and the Gramophone Society. The former of these has temporarily absorbed the Debating Society, whose meetings in recent years had been

growing more and more sporadic, whose stock of motions for debate had long been exhausted, and whose members were too bashful or else too lazy to prepare and deliver speeches. A Debating Society is very useful both for the interchange of views in the School and for the chance it affords for people to improve their speaking and to cultivate self-confidence, and we think that the revival of the Society in a few years time should be attended by good results. The Political and Literary Society provides an excellent means of getting into touch with and discussing some of the leading problems and views of the modern world. Members are able to obtain knowledge at first hand on subjects as varied in their appeal as the aim of Mahatma Gandhi's work in India and the motives lying behind his civil disobedience campaign, and the method adopted by historical novelists of drawing from small scraps of evidence a full and detailed picture of life in past ages. The Gramophone Society, which has chosen Friday evenings for its activities, had its first meeting a short time ago, at which a collection

of Debussy's compositions was played. Its members are able for a very small subscription to listen to concerts which can embody every branch of music. The Society thus provides an ideal means of combining pleasure with education.

Of the older Societies, the Chess Society has recently been resuscitated, and its recovery from the morass into which it had sunk has been so rapid that several matches against other schools have already been held. The School also possesses a branch of the League of Nations Union, which has for its object the promotion of a feeling in favour of world peace, in the minds of the younger generation. Finally, we note that Ashburnham has followed the example of College and Grant's by forming a Literary Society. The annals of College Literary Society indeed go back as far as 1882, and, originally an exclusively Shakespearean Society, not until some twenty years later was Sheridan introduced to it, and, subsequently, W. S. Gilbert, whereas now, we fear, it is only as a gesture of respect to the founders of the Society and to the shades of the older authors that the Society valiantly reads one of Sheridan's plays every year.

School Notes.

ON Armistice Day the Two Minutes' Silence was observed up School and the Lamp of Remembrance lit and placed by the Captain of the School on the War Memorial.

The Aldenham match was played up Fields on Tuesday, November 17, and lost by two goals to three.

The Lancing match was played at Lancing on Thursday, November 19, and resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

The Charterhouse match was played at Charterhouse on Saturday, November 28, and lost 1-4.

Lectures up School have been given by Sir Henry Hadow and Mr. C. R. Fairey on 'Fashions in Music' and 'Progress in Aviation' respectively.

Of the Cheyne Prizes for Mathematics, the Senior was won by P. Russell (A.H.) and the Junior by J. F. Davis (K.S.).

A Gramophone Society which meets on Fridays for the purpose of hearing recorded music has been formed this term, and the Headmaster has kindly consented to be President. It is hoped that factory tours may be made in the future. The subscriptions are utilised for the purchase of the gramophone.

Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher and Lady Knapp-Fisher have permanently founded the Prize for Music which they had kindly presented annually for some time past.

THE CHALLENGE (BYE-ELECTION).

THE following elections have been made to resident King's Scholarships in College :

R. E. Pattle, from Mr. Coleman, Gate House School, Kingston Hill.

E. H. Seward, from Westminster School and Gate House School, Kingston Hill.

N. M. Beyts, from Westminster School, and Mr. Serille-Phillips, The Hall, Nevill Holt.

D. Petley, from Mr. F. G. Turner, Tormore School, Deal.

B. E. Urquhart, from Mr. Moresby, Colchester House, Clifton.

T. C. Pearce, from Messrs. Layton and Reynolds, The Manor House, Horsham.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.
(Lost, 2-6.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 17. Westminster lost by two goals to six.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; M. Huggins, L. P. B. Bingham, J. B. Latey; R. H. Angelo, A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, J. F. Turner.

Old Bradfield Boys.—R. G. Benda; F. de L. Evans, F. M. Webb; J. D. Tucker, R. G. Shaw, P. P. Roome; C. F. Mackwood, R. W. E. Groves, P. L. Bathurst, I. M. Sorenson, J. G. Mason.

WESTMINSTER *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

(Won, 7-1.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 29, and won by seven goals to one.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; M. Huggins, L. P. B. Bingham, J. B. Latey; R. H. Angelo, A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, J. F. Turner.

Trinity College, Cambridge.—F. C. Maddox; D. F. Smith, F. E. Darycott; J. W. Brook, G. Hunter, E. Sholton; J. B. Sturdy, F. E. Pagan, R. L. Bennett, D. S. Graham Campbell, F. E. Levis.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHRIST CHURCH,
OXFORD.

(Lost, 1-3.)

Played at Vincent Square, November 5, and lost by one goal to three.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; M. Huggins, L. P. B. Bingham, J. B. Latey; R. H. Angelo, A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, J. F. Turner.

Christ Church, Oxford.—C. G. Ford; R. H. Williams, R. N. Heaton; G. J. Gorman, R. P. F. Wilson, J. R. C. Engleheart; I. Johnson, T. R. Williams, I. C. Duthie, I. I. Milne, A. N. Other.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CORINTHIANS.*(Lost, 1-7.)*

Played at Vincent Square, November 12. Their goals were scored by Kemp-Welch (4), Foster (2), and Gardiner, while Marshall scored for Westminster.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; M. Huggins, L. P. B. Bingham, J. B. Latey; R. H. Angelo, A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, C. F. Byers, J. F. Turner.

Corinthians.—G. R. M. Ricketts; J. A. Cook, A. E. Knight; J. D. Tucker, J. A. Danvell-Smith, J. C. Thistleton-Smith; R. H. C. Human, K. J. Gardiner, G. D. Kemp-Welch, J. D. Argyle, M. Foster.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ALDENHAM.*(Lost, 2-3.)**(From The Times of November 18.)*

Aldenham School beat Westminster School at Vincent Square yesterday by three goals to two, a score which does not truly reflect the winners' superiority.

Had it not been for Myers, who played an inspired game, Aldenham must have won by a larger margin, as they had by far the better of the game. Aldenham were superior in tactics, but, above all, they were faster in their movements, and placed the ball more accurately than did their opponents, who delayed too long in attack and parted with the ball too quickly in defence, with the result that the ball invariably went to an opponent. Time and time again this lost them a hard-won advantage. Both the Aldenham backs were very sound and covered one another cleverly. Sim played an excellent game and fed Sparke with accurate passes which were too much for the Westminster defence. The forwards did admirably, and their ball control was a feature of the game. Myers kept goal well.

The game started at a great pace, and the ball was taken quickly from one end of the field to the other. Westminster opened the scoring when Marshall put the ball past Humbert from an accurate pass by Munro. Westminster played good football, but Aldenham steadied down and gained a grip on the game that, except for a short period at the end, they did not relax. Myers saved twice in quick succession, and Humbert saved well from Munro. Aldenham then attacked, and Moon miskicked badly to let in Sparke, who scored an equalising goal with a beautiful oblique shot. Half-time came without further score, but Aldenham had been unlucky on several occasions.

Early in the second half Turner shot into Humbert's hands and Munro ballooned the ball over the cross-bar. Munro soon after missed an open

goal, and generally the finishing of the Westminster forwards was weak. The Aldenham forwards took the ball down, and Hunt drew Myers out of his goal before passing to Payne, who put the ball into the open goal. The Aldenham left wing was playing a fine game, and Myers saved in quick succession from Sparke, Payne, and Barrell. Sparke was then prominent with a good run, and, taking the ball into the goal-mouth, made a clear opening for Barrell. Bingham, who played the best game for Westminster, was very prominent both in defence and attack, and was able to begin the movement which led to Westminster's second goal, just before time. He passed to Munro, who beat several opponents and centred so accurately that Marshall had only to tap the ball past Humbert.

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Aldenham.—R. A. Humbert; G. Mathieson, P. J. Hardie; R. G. Hunt, P. D. V. Hunter, A. W. S. Sim; J. W. Lingard, J. M. Barrell, H. G. Payne, B. T. Taylor, D. J. Sparke.

WESTMINSTER *v.* LANCING.*(Drawn, 1-1.)**(From The Times of November 20.)*

The match between Lancing and Westminster at Lancing yesterday resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

The ground was slippery and the ball was greasy, and both these circumstances made ball control and constructional play difficult. There was, however, a lamentable lack of finish by both sets of forwards near the goal, for which the elements could not be blamed.

Gordon-Walker was in excellent form at back, and was not afraid to take the ball up the field when the opportunity presented itself. Both goalkeepers played very well, but were lucky that the finishing of the forwards was not stronger and more accurate. Myers made some fine saves when goals seemed certain. Matthews was a safe back, and Bingham and Latey, particularly the latter, did good work. Munro and Cornish were the outstanding forwards. Both had bad luck on several occasions with good shots.

For some time neither side gained an advantage. Munro had two chances, but he shot wide on each occasion, and then Macrae broke away for Lancing and centred accurately for Cornish to score from close in. Young saved from Byers at the expense of a corner kick, and Munro headed over from a centre by Angelo. Munro then made a run from the half-way line, going through the Lancing defence to score an equalising goal, his shot giving

Young no chance. There was no further scoring in the first half, although Atchison went very close with a long shot.

Myers was hotly peppered at the beginning of the second half, and after fisting cut twice he was forced to concede a corner. Westminster broke away, but a good pass from Munro to Angelo was intercepted by Gordon-Walker, and play was taken back again to the visitors' goal-mouth. A score for Lancing seemed to be certain, but with an open goal all the forwards muddled their chance, and the backs cleared. With an open goal, this time in favour of Westminster, Marshall completely missed the ball, and Gordon-Walker took the ball right down the field, but Cornish shot over the bar. Play fluctuated, and although both goalkeepers were tested, they dealt effectively with everything that came to them. Marshall shot at point-blank range, but Young flung himself at full length and just put the ball round the goalpost.

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Lancing.—E. A. de L. Young; B. T. Gordon-Walker, G. H. Swynnerton; J. Miles, I. A. N. Atchison, R. Gilbert-Harris; J. Rashleigh, J. E. Spencer, F. J. Cornish, K. A. N. Read, R. R. Macrae.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(Lost, 1-4.)

Torrents of rain had fallen overnight at Godalming, but even so I hardly expected their fast ground to be affected to any considerable extent, and the game was fought out, as I thought it would be, on a typical fast Charterhouse ground. Both sides took a little time to settle down, probably through over-eagerness, and nothing of note happened till after ten minutes play, when our opponents drew first blood by a goal scored in a rough and tumble in front of the posts. From now till half-time, Westminster played their best football of the match and, gradually finding their feet, began to develop a series of promising attacks. Nevertheless the Charterhouse defence held out until about five minutes from the interval, when Byers gave a perfect little pass to Munro in mid-field, who picking up the ball at full speed, dashed right through the backs, and keeping his head cleverly put the ball past the goalkeeper, who quite rightly had run out—a beautiful goal, and one which gave us every hope that in the second half we should settle down to play our best football and snatch a victory. But a marked change came over the game after the interval, and Charterhouse quite frankly, were 'all over' us for the rest of the game. I have never seen a Charterhouse side play better, and this is high

praise. We were outpaced, out-dribbled and out-manceuvred. The opponents' forwards began swinging the ball from wing to wing with beautiful long *ground* passes—you can do this at Godalming, so fast is the ground, and this, coupled with the pace and ball control of the forwards, especially on the wings, proved too much for our sorely harassed halves and backs, pluckily as they tackled and kicked. Myers was magnificent in goal, and had it not been for his pluck and agility, they must have scored a great many goals. As it was, they got three more. The first came in the first few minutes after the kick-off, when their centre-forward receiving a gem of an opening, side-stepped both backs and made no mistake with his shot. The second was scored in another quarter of an hour, and was half-volleyed just underneath the cross-bar by the outside left from a corner kick—rather a lucky one, this. The third one came in another ten minutes from a quick dribble of the outside left (incidentally the best player on the field), who tricked and rounded Moon and whipped across a centre which one of the inside forwards met with his head and steered into the net.

Our forwards broke away spasmodically, but except on one occasion never appeared likely to score, and as the game went on, and as our backs and halves were more and more subjected to an unremitting pressure, so our forwards gradually faded right out of the picture, and when they *did* get the ball, made nothing of their meagre chances. So Charterhouse ran out, well deserving winners by 4 goals to 1.

Our backs compared very favourably with those of our opponents, and tackled and kicked well, especially Matthews, who played quite one of his best games; but their pace was inadequate to stop the lightning movements and resulting momentum of the Charterhouse attacks. Our halves were hard working, but hung back, I thought, a little too far, with the result that—at any rate in the second half—the attacks of our forwards were more or less unsupported by the half-backs, who in attack should act as a second and supporting line to keep the thrust 'going' and alive, by running the ball back again among the forwards when they have just been temporarily robbed of it. Bingham worked hard and was the best half, while Latey and Huggins (the latter with an injured foot) found their hands (or rather their feet) so full in coping with the fast Charterhouse wings that they had little time to show their *constructive* ability. Of the forwards, Munro was certainly the best, and acclimatised himself to the fast condition of the ground more ably than the others. Marshall played quite well if somewhat lacking in pace, but Byers never

found his true form, and his quick pace was seldom in evidence, as I think he found the lively ball something of a problem with which to cope. And now we come to our wings, and I fear that it was here that Charterhouse showed the most marked superiority—all through the season we have shown a marked lack of initiative and dash on the wing. It is essential that a wing forward should not merely be an automaton and 'boot' the ball time and again into the middle the moment he receives it, but he *must* make ground on his own and occasionally beat the half or the back opposed to him and thus create an opening. Angelo does occasionally make a little ground, but he hesitates too much, especially in getting off the mark, and gives one the impression that he is thinking almost *too* much of the right thing to do, and is terrified of making an error. Let him play more light-heartedly, and rely more on the speed, which we know from athletic sports that he undoubtedly possesses. Turner seldom makes more than four yards with the ball and rarely attempts to round or beat his man, but gets rid of the ball at once as if it were a live coal! Both these young players will do well in the future we are sure, and I hope a little kindly advice such as this will not *discourage* them, but *encourage* them. It is all meant *very* kindly. Lastly, the side as a whole has been criticised, and perhaps rightly so, for ignoring the wings and playing the close passing game with the three insides overmuch, in the earlier matches, but it should be remembered that the temptation to do so *is* great, especially to young players, when the wings repeatedly fail to make appreciable use of any of the passes that come their way. But as a matter of fact in this match, and in the last two or three I have seen played, the wings *have* had chances, and have been quite fairly—if not lavishly—plied with the ball, and I do not think we can fairly accuse our forwards in the Charterhouse match at any rate of indulging *overmuch* in the close passing inside-forward game, whatever they might have done earlier on. Another point that must be remembered is that very often a footballer fails to obtain beautiful openings, *not* from the lack of desire on the part of the other players to give him the ball, but because they cannot find him in a suitable and *unmarked* position, and so the intended pass fails to mature. If I watch a footballer I always see what he does when he has *not* actually got the ball in his possession, just as much as I do when he *has* got the ball at his feet. He *must* get in the right position to receive the pass. Well, it was a splendid match, and our side played gallantly and pluckily against a quicker-moving and quicker-thinking side. Charterhouse, we all will admit, were full value for their victory. D. J. K.

2ND XI *v.* OLD LANCING BOYS.

Played at Vincent Square, October 10. After a very even game, Westminster lost by two goals to three.

2ND XI *v.* EALING PRIORY.

Played at Morden, October 29. The ground was practically unplayable and, since the visitors were unable to get accustomed to this, the match resulted in a victory for Westminster by seven goals to one.

2ND XI *v.* ALDENHAM.

Played at Aldenham, November 28. The match started in drizzling rain, the ground being in a condition ideal for a Westminster team. In spite of a big advantage in weight, Aldenham were unable to break through the defence, and the game was very even until a few minutes before half-time, when the Westminster forwards rushed three goals in eight minutes. After this, the game settled down to mid-field play with occasional attacks upon both goals, neither side being able to score again before the final whistle. Westminster thoroughly deserved their victory, as the team played together exceptionally well.

Westminster.—J. R. O'Brien; C. C. Klein, J. W. Triggs; A. K. Milne, R. W. Edgar, J. C. Bune; I. P. G. Walker, J. Alderson, F. E. Studt, E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, M. K. Macfarlane.

 THE WATER.

THE races for the Rouse Ball Cup and the Town Boys' Rudder were held respectively on October 24 and 29, and October 31 and November 3. Owing to the reconstruction piles at Putney Bridge the course was shortened, ending at Ayling's instead of at the Stone.

ROUSE BALL CUP.

Heat I.—Rigaud's (Surrey); Busby's; Home-boarders (Middlesex). Won by H.BB. in 4 mins. 2 2/5 secs. by 3 1/2 lengths. BB. second easily.

BB. gained a slight lead at the start, but were hit by H.BB. within the first minute. The race was not stopped, and by the time both crews were clear of each other, H.BB. were leading by over a length.

To avoid a re-row, it was decided to put BB. into the Final.

Heat II.—Grant's (Surrey); King's Scholars; Ashburnham (Middlesex). Won by A.HH. in 4 mins. 15 secs. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. K.SS. second easily.

A very close and well-contested race between A.HH. and K.SS., daylight never showing between the crews. At Beverley K.SS. were only $\frac{1}{2}$ length down, and looked like getting on terms with their rivals until a final spurt by Gardiner brought A.HH. in $\frac{1}{2}$ length to the good.

Final.—Ashburnham (Surrey); Busby's; Homeboarders (Middlesex). Won by H.BB. in 4 mins. 49 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs. by 2 lengths, A.HH. beating BB. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

H.BB. slipped away at the start, and, in spite of erratic coxing over the last part of the course, were never seriously challenged. A.HH. and BB. had a close and exciting race for second place, but the latter, getting rather ragged, were badly upset by a wash from a tug near the finish, and were finally passed by A.HH. in the last 15 strokes spurt.

TOWN BOYS' RUDDER.

Heat I.—Ashburnham (Surrey); Rigaud's; Busby's (Middlesex). Won by BB. in 4 mins. 25 secs. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. A.HH. second easily.

BB. were a much faster crew than in the Rouse Ball Cup, and, rowing very hard and well together, led A.HH. from the start. The latter seemed to be taking things too easily, and their spurt, though effective, was too late to put them ahead.

Heat II.—Homeboarders (Surrey); Grant's (Middlesex). Won by H.BB. in 4 mins. 49 secs. easily.

Homeboarders were clear in the first six strokes and paddled over the course.

Final.—Busby's (Surrey); Homeboarders (Middlesex). Won by H.BB. in 4 mins. 27 secs. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Very bad conditions, with a strong cross-wind and rough water delayed the start, and spoiled any chances of a record time. BB., striking 36 in the first minute to 32 by H.BB., led at the start, and at Beverley were $\frac{1}{2}$ length up. H.BB., however, continued to row steadily and in good rhythm, and drew level at the Football Ground. Again coxing was indifferent, both crews being far too much on the Middlesex station. The bad water now began to tell against the less experienced crew, who by this time were completely rowed out, and H.BB. drew steadily away to the Mile Post.

C. H. F.

CREWS.

H.BB.—J. M. H. Browne (bow), 10 st. 7 lbs.; M. D. Howlett (2), 10 st. 2 lbs.; J. C. H. Cherry (3), 12 st. 13 lbs.; J. G. Bramhall (stroke), 11 st. 3 lbs.; R. Bowen (cox), 7 st. 5 lbs.

BB.—C. G. Strother-Stewart (bow), 9 st. 9 lbs.; G. R. Fearnley (2), 11 st. 1 lb.; J. H. Freeman (3), 11 st. 5 lbs.; R. F. Sammel (stroke), 12 st. 1 lb.; H. M. Thomas (cox), 6 st. 10 lbs.

A.HH.—F. E. Quixley (bow), 9 st. 13 lbs.; P. Beeman (2), 9 st. 5 lbs.; J. Ormiston (3), 11 st.; P. A. Gardiner (stroke), 11 st. 1 lb.; P. Russell (cox), 7 st. 2 lbs.

K.SS.—A. R. Liddiard (bow), 10 st. 9 lbs.; C. R. Eggar (2), 8 st. 8 lbs.; J. F. Stevens (3), 10 st. 3 lbs.; T. R. Crook (stroke), 9 st. 8 lbs.; R. D. Barlas (cox), 8 st. 1 lb.

RR.—V. M. Bright (bow), 9 st. 6 lbs.; A. B. Richardson (2), 9 st. 1 lb.; F. R. Cullingford (3), 8 st. 9 lbs.; A. A. Titcomb (stroke), 7 st. 3 lbs.; N. M. Beyts (cox), 7 st. 13 lbs.

GG.—H. C. Johnson (bow), 8 st. 10 lbs.; W. H. Cleveland Stevens (2), 10 st. 9 lbs. and R. D. Preston (2), 9 st. 1 lb.; H. T. James (3), 10 st. 10 lbs.; B. N. Gedye (stroke), 10 st.; F. V. Rivaz (cox), 7 st. 12 lbs.

Although it was not possible this year for the House Fours to be coached by masters, all the Captains were able to secure the assistance of someone for a short while during their period of training. At first it had been thought that this would tend to lower the standard of racing, but, on the contrary, the level was somewhat higher than that of last year. The Homeboarders four looked very formidable with its array of three Pinks, and an experienced member of the Second Eight, but was rather disappointing. On paper they were potential record-breakers, but, even had they been given good conditions in the final in which they were pressed, it is very doubtful whether they would have lowered the existing record. They were excellent watermen, and looked a beautiful crew with a neat and swift thrust from the stretcher, but they lacked real pace, probably on account of their mediocre finish. Busby's were very much faster than was expected, and showed a great turn of speed in their last race, being the only crew to lead the winners, but this pace did not last for long. They were not evenly balanced as regards weight, having a Pink and a Pink-and-White in the stern and two lightish men in the bows, but their watermanship was very good and they had a powerful finish, which made their capabilities deceptive. Ashburnham were not much faster than King's Scholars, but they were fortunate in having the combination of 'seven' and 'stroke' of the Second Eight rowing together in the stern, and the resulting cohesion made them a uniform crew, with a magnificent last minute spurt, which always made them dangerous. The College Four had less experienced material at their disposal. They got together a good crew, and they gave a creditable

account of themselves in their race. The remaining two Houses had very little resources upon which to draw, and their Fours were consequently not up to standard, through no fault of their own. They both rowed pluckily against very heavy odds.

R. F. S.

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INFORMAL CONCERT.
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THE Informal Concert, held up School on Monday, November 2, 1931, was attended by an audience which in size alone was superior to any I have known, and which showed more appreciation than is usual on such occasions.

A most encouraging sign which this concert gave us was the amount of young talent, in the matter of soloists, which the School commands at the moment.

Nearly half the programme was provided by some of the younger members of the School, all of whom acquitted themselves very creditably.

D. Engleheart gave a very fair performance of 'Pavane' by Byrd, and he was undoubtedly the best of his group, of which the others, too, were very good. D. M. M. Carey played two preludes by Chopin very musically and with good rhythm, if a little unsure at times. Both of these should become very good pianists with time (and practice!). Another excellent performance was that of H. V. King, who sang Bach's 'Let the Bright Seraphim' with amazing skill, despite a fast-breaking voice. It is a great pity that he will not be able to sing much more for a time, as his performance was really musical both in technique and interpretation.

However, there are many faults to be found with this concert, the chief of which calls for mention. There are not enough instrumental soloists. We only had three and felt the weight of so many songs and piano solos very heavy.

Yet the three instrumental solos which we did hear were all very good. E. N. Grace on the French horn gave us a very musical performance of a song by Stanford, a piece admirably chosen for his instrument. M. G. E. Falk did very well to cope with an extremely difficult 'Romance' for clarinet by Walker, which was effective, but not, I think, inspired. Most of us realise the difficulties confronting a 'cellist, and those who do not, were they to attempt to play the 'cello themselves, would soon realise the excellence of Gardiner in the 'Minuet' of de H-rvelois which he played. His tone, as always, was delightful.

Turning now to those who have had more experience of playing at Informal Concerts, we had some delightful performances by B. N. Gedye, B. P. F. Adams and T. R. Crook; the last

I have seldom heard play with so much feeling, and his rendering of an extremely difficult piece was exquisite. Adams played Ravel like one who has played him all his life, but was a trifle uncertain in parts. Gedye both sang and played. His pianoforte playing has improved and his rendering of Grieg was very accurate, but in his singing he must remember not to force his voice too much. Finally, Crook and Panting played Bach's G minor Fugue arranged as a piano duet. Their performance as two individual pianists was excellent, but their ensemble, in spite of their having often played together, did not seem quite as good as usual.

The concert, for which we must thank Mr. Lofthouse heartily, was most successful; a credit to all who took part, and might be ranked among the best concerts of recent years.

PROGRAMME.

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| 1 | Piano Solos (a) Pavane | Byrd |
| | (b) Waltz in A flat | Brahms |
| | (c) Mazurka in A minor | Chopin |
| | D. ENGLEHEART, G. E. NEEL and P. J. R. DELLER. | |
| 2 | Vocal Solo, 'Let the Bright Seraphim' | Handel |
| | H. V. KING. | |
| 3 | Piano Solo, Russian Dance | Colin Taylor |
| | G. F. C. HALAHAN. | |
| 4 | Trumpet Solo, Two Airs | Purcell |
| | R. R. GOODBODY. | |
| 5 | Piano Solo (a) Prelude in E minor | Chopin |
| | (b) Prelude in C minor | Chopin |
| | D. M. M. CAREY. | |
| 6 | Clarinet Solo, 'Romance' | Walker |
| | M. G. E. FALK. | |
| 7 | Piano Solo, Alla Minuetta from Sonata
in E minor | Grieg |
| | B. N. GEDYE. | |
| 8 | Horn Solo, 'The Old Superb' | Stanford |
| | E. N. GRACE. | |
| 9 | Piano Solo, Prelude | Debussy |
| | T. R. CROOK. | |
| 10 | 'Cello Solo, Minuet | de Herveleois |
| | P. A. GARDINER. | |
| 11 | Piano Solo, First Movement from Sonatine | Ravel |
| | B. P. F. ADAMS. | |
| 12 | Vocal Solo, 'Das Meer Hat Seine Perlen' | M. V. White |
| | B. N. GEDYE. | |
| 13 | Piano Duet, Fugue in G major | Bach |
| | T. R. CROOK and A. V. PANTING. | |

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HISTORICAL NOTE.
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AMONG the poems of Stephen Duck, 'the phenomenon of Wiltshire,' is an Ode to the Rev. Dr. Freind on his quitting Westminster School (see 'Gent. Mag.,' 1733, iii, 152). But in another of his poems, 'A Description of a Journey to Marlborough, etc.,' there is a further reference to the

Headmaster, then Rector of Witney, Oxon, which has not been recorded, hitherto, in the pages of THE ELIZABETHAN. It is as follows :

Hence, o'er the Plains, and fruitful Fields I pass,
Full forty Miles, till Witney ends my Race.
I visit here an elegant Divine,
In whom the Scholar, Friend, and Critic join ;
Who freely judges of an Author's thoughts,
Improves his Beauties, and corrects his Faults ;
Severely kind, and candidly severe ;
Polite, as Courtiers are ; and, as Truth, sincere ;
Who, in Minerva's Temple, taught our Youth
The Path to Wisdom, Virtue, Honour, Truth ;
Till having, with a gen'rous Mind, bestow'd
The Flow'r of all his Years in doing Good ;
Fatigu'd with Labours, and with Age decay'd,
Retires, with Honour, to the rural Shade.

L. E. T.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

At a meeting held at the beginning of the term, the following were elected officers for the year 1931-32 :

President.—J. R. CHEADLE.

Hon. Secretary.—A. C. JOHNSON.

Librarian.—A. F. JOHNSTONE-WILSON.

House Secretaries were also elected.

Mr. Blake has very kindly consented to act as master in charge of the School branch of the League of Nations Union. Owing to the activities of other societies in general and to the new Political and Literary Society in particular, it has been found impossible so far to arrange any meetings of our own. There was, however, a very interesting combined meeting of Junior Branch representatives up School on Friday, November 20. The Headmaster acted as Chairman. Mr. Flint made a short speech on the activities of last year's Geneva Summer School, and one of the members related her experiences and impressions of it. Colonel Delahaye then gave an address on 'Preparations for the Disarmament Conference.' A. C. Johnson moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by one of the representatives. Afterwards, other representatives read reports on their branch activities for the year 1930-31, but there was not time to hear all the scheduled reports. This was a very interesting meeting, and it is hoped that there will be more of a similar nature in the future.

The Elizabethan Club.

President—Mr. H. F. MANISTY, K.C.

Hon. Treasurer—Sir ERNEST GOODHART, Bart.,
Benenden Place, Benenden, Kent.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. D. C. SIMPSON, 20, Great
College Street, S.W. 1.

Games Secretary—Mr. P. H. WYATT, O.B.E., 26,
Bloomsbury Square, W.C. 1.

The following are the provisional dates for the Meetings of the General Committee in 1932 :

Tuesday, January 19 (Revision of Rules).

Tuesday, February 2.

Wednesday, March 23.

Thursday, May 12.

Friday, June 10.

Tuesday, October 4.

Tuesday, November 15.

GOLF.

The Autumn Meeting of the O.W.W.G.S. was held at Addington Golf Club on Tuesday, October 6.

The winner of the Medal Competition on the old course for the Sutherland Challenge Cup was J. D. George, whose score was 96-18=78 nett.

In the afternoon Fourball foursomes against Bogey were played on the new course, and the winners of the Club Tankards (given to the Society by Dr. H. Gardiner-Hill) were F. L. Moss (7) and W. E. P. Moon (10) with a return of 5 up, M. de J. Creswick (3) and E. W. St. G. Spencer (12) being runners up with a return of 4 up.

Old Westminsters.

In the National Government the Rt. Hon. J. C. C. Davidson, C.H., C.B., M.P., is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Honble. R. D. Denman, M.P., is a Church Estates Commissioner.

Mr. R. E. More, C.M.G., O.B.E., has been awarded the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Nile by H.M. the King of Egypt, in recognition of services rendered as Agent of the Sudan Government in Cairo.

Mr. R. J. V. Pulvertaft, M.B., has been appointed to the London University Readership in Pathology, tenable at Westminster Hospital Medical School.

Mr. L. B. Edmunds has taken his B.C.L. and is a member of the Inner Temple.

Mr. P. H. T. Rogers and Mr. A. G. de Montmorency have been elected to Harmsworth Law Scholarships.

Marriages.

FARRER-RUNCIMAN.—On October 23, the Honble. Oliver Thomas Farrer, second son of Lord Farrer, to Katharine, youngest daughter of the Rt. Honble. Walter Runciman, P.C.

NEWSON-FINCH.—Recently, William Hill Newson, only son of the late Harry Newson, and Jessie Nora, elder daughter of George Finch, of 144, Inverness Terrace, W.

Obituary

MANY Westminsters of an older generation will have seen with regret the death of WALTER HARVEY LANCELOT SHADWELL, which took place on October 29, in his 80th year. He was a son of Lancelot Shadwell, K.C. Several members of his family were at Westminster in the 18th century, while he himself was the youngest of four Westminster brothers, one of whom was the late Provost of Oriel. He was admitted in 1865, and was elected into College in 1867. He left in 1869 and became a Clerk in the Principal Probate Registry at Somerset House. He was District Probate Registrar at Bodmin from 1892 to 1921. During part of this time he resided at Fowey, where he was very well known and was instrumental in reviving the ancient Corporation. He was Mayor from 1914 to 1919. He married Ethel, second daughter of the Rev. A. V. Thornton, of Cambridge. After his wife's death he moved to Hythe, where he died. He was a man of very marked personality and very much beloved by a large circle of friends. He succeeded his father and brother, the Provost, as Lord of the Manor of Northolt, near Harrow, a manor which had belonged to the Abbey of Westminster until the Dissolution of the Monastery in 1540. In its records he took the deepest interest. In 1929 it occurred to him that as he was himself childless and an Old Westminster, it would be fitting if he handed over the Lordship of the Manor and all the records since 1540 to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. The transference duly took place, through the agency of two other Old Westminsters, and in consequence, through his generosity, the Dean and Chapter are now in possession of the entire M.SS. relating to this Manor from the earliest times to the present day.

HENRY ELLIOTT OLIVER was the younger son of Frederick William Oliver (O.W.), the old Cambridge Blue and first President of the Old Westminsters Cricket Club, and was admitted up Grant's in 1884. He was elected into College in 1886, and was in the Cricket Eleven of 1889. He left in that year. In 1905 he married Lucy Caroline, daughter of John Kempster, of Pilming. He died on June 1, 1931. He was a man of pronounced literary tastes, and by his wish some of his books and a print of Dr. Busby have been given to the Scott Library.

REGINALD ERNEST OLIVIER was a son of the Rev. Dacres Olivier and a grandson of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Eden (O.W.), Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. He was admitted as a Queen's Scholar in 1884, and left in 1889. He was in the Cricket and Football Elevens of 1888-1889. He took the name part in 'Phormio' in 1887, and also acted in the 'Adephi' and 'Trinummus.' He went to Christ Church in 1889, and after coming down from Oxford entered the Bank of England. He died on November 2.

CHETWYND GEORGE GROSVENOR was a son of Dr. George Fox Grosvenor, and one of the three brothers who were at Westminster in the eighties. He was a Homeboarder from 1882 to 1884. He subsequently emigrated to Mexico, where he died on November 10.

EVAN WILLIAMS POLE was the youngest son of William Pole, Mus.Doc., F.R.S., and was admitted in 1870. He became a Queen's Scholar in 1874, and was elected to Christ Church in 1878. He was subsequently ordained and was an Assistant Master at Bradfield (1885-1895) and Dulwich (1897-1898). He inherited his father's musical ability, and was a violinist of note. He died recently aged 72.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

THE RECTORY,
LAUGHTON-BY-HORNCASTLE,
LINCS.

SIR,—I have religiously preserved my copies of THE ELIZABETHAN from 1881 to the present time, and find that my shelves can no longer make room for them. I am reluctant to scrap them as waste paper, if any of your readers would care to have the 'run' for the cost of carriage only. There may be a few missing, but as your predecessor informed me he had no need of this set to replenish the official store of back numbers, which THE ELIZABETHAN states are on sale, I should hope that any applicant for my set will be able to complete it, so far as necessary, from that source.

Yours, etc.,
F. M. YGLESIAS.

26, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE, W.C. 1.
October 24, 1931.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB GAMES COMMITTEE.

DEAR SIR,—I have been instructed by my Committee to call attention to the fact that according to the Football Fixture Card for 1931-32 some of the regular Saturday matches at Vincent Square have been abandoned in favour of mid-week games.

As there are numerous Old Westminsterers who are only able to attend the matches on Saturdays, it is hoped that the present arrangement is not to become permanent.

Yours truly,
P. H. WYATT,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.

WELLINGTON CLUB,
GROSVENOR PLACE, S.W. 1.
November 8, 1931.

DEAR SIR,—With regard to the list of Old Westminsterers published by Messrs. Beynon, of Cheltenham, I would like to offer a few comments. These well-known publications of the Public Schools and 'Varsity Colleges are representative of the distinguished men who have been educated at the different seats of learning. There is none that will even compare with Westminster, as a glance at the engraving will show (and I trust that it adorns the walls of every O.W.).

But there are omissions so glaring as to pass belief. To name a few :

(1) Matthew Prior, (2) George Herbert, (3) Abraham Cowley, (4) Charles Churchill, (5) Richard Cumberland, and (6) I believe Robert Lloyd to have been at Westminster as a pupil. He certainly was a master there. Cowley, Dr. Johnson described as the greatest meta-physical poet. My friend, the late H. B. Irving, would most certainly have found a place for Judge Jefferies (and so have spelt his name), but that is controversial. But what is not controversial is that George Jeffreys should have been included, and that a number of those who figure in the engraving convey nothing to the ordinary being, although one has no doubt by their extreme worthiness. But whether in future impressions these same gentlemen make way for those whom I have mentioned, or not, there is no question that these should be included. I do not know who is responsible for the selection, but it says much for the eminence of Old Westminsterers that even with its defects the list is immeasurably superior to that of any other Public School or University College.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR LAMBTON.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :

Corian, *Wykehamist* (2), *Cheltonian* (2), *Clavinian*, *Eton College Chronicle* (8), *Haileyburian* (2), *Radleian* (2), *R.M.A. Magazine*, *Boy Scout's Weekly News Bulletin* (6), *The Brigade*, *Choate News*, *Meteor* (2), *Royal Air Force College Magazine*, *Harrovian*, *Marlburian* (2), *Alleynian*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *Felstedian*, *Salopian* (2), *Reptonian* (2), *Stonyhurst Magazine*, *Wellingtonian*, *The Blue* (2), *Cliftonian*, *Malvernian*, *Tonbridgian*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *Shirburnian*, *Sedberghian*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Blundellian*, *Brighton College Magazine*, *Tabor Log*, *Carthusian*, *Fettesian*, *Rossalian*, *Boy's Magazine* (2).

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 Westminsterers 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, G. L. Barber, Esq, Westminster School. Offers of service and of gifts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 7, Park Gate Gardens, East Sheen, S.W. 14.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE, No. 2233.

THIS Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminsterers. 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 Westminsterers desiring to join the Lodge should communicate with the Secretary, W. J. ARMITAGE, Esq., Longholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

NOTICES.

ALL contributions to the February number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Westminster, S.W. 1, before January 25, 1932.

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The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

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DECEMBER, MCMXXXI

ODE TO AN ÆSTHETE.

O pallid vision of Helicon's great cult,
Thou, from whose well-kempt locks perfumes arise
From myriad heavy-scented flowers culled,
Black is thy garb and vivid green thy ties,
Green as the beauteous bay tree, as it blows
On Ida's lowest slopes, and gently sighs ;
The stately arum lily, spotless white
That from thy pendulous pink-tipped fingers
curves,
Is thy close bosom counsellor, day and night.
Thy mien is saddened, shattered are thy nerves,
For stupid mortals, earth bound, dull of wit,
Yield not the homage that thy art deserves.

This love of beauty's but a passing fit,
When you are older you'll get out of it.

B. A.

ON THE FLOOD LIGHTING AT WESTMINSTER.

See how the tow'rs, amid the dark of night,
Stand out and shine, the same yet not the same ;
The gardens and the palaces of fame,
The lawns, and trees, and flowers are clad in light,
The domes and columns all illumined bright,
As ne'er before, by this strange new-found flame.
No movement breaks the stillness, and the
name
Of Peace is writ o'er all, and plain to sight.

So is the First enlightened by the Last,
And given a new meaning ; what has been,
The same continues yet, and changes still,
The new transforms the old, but does not
kill.

And Nelson, like a phantom of the past,
From high above, looks down upon the scene.

G. B. N. H.

YOUTH AND AGE.

(THE TALE OF TWO BROTHERS.)
(From *The Granite Review*.)

I take my pen to write upon
Two brothers, schoolboys Jack and John.
John was as bad as bad could be ;
He had no single quality.
But all that John was seen to lack
Was in his virtuous brother Jack.
For Jack was such a virtuous lad
He was unable to be bad.

The moment that he heard the bell
He'd jump from bed, then washing well,
So spruce and neatly would he dress,
All marked his glowing tidiness.

And if a monitor should 'Hall,'
Jack first would reach the summoning call ;
Then in a modest eager way
Would take in what they had to say,
Honoured to do any task
That any monitor should ask,
So monitors would much enjoy
To often thank the virtuous boy.

His work was always clear and neat,
He never smudged a single sheet.
He understood the mysteries
Of Zeugmas and Hendiadys.

Yet when his work was put away
Jack worked just quite as hard at play ;
Or, if he watched, those standing near
Heard his enthusiastic cheer.

Whenever he was spoken to,
He always said, 'How wise, how true !'
A man said to his proud papa,
'Your son, sir, will I'm sure go far.'

And his reports were very good :
His beaming father kindly would
Give a congratulating pat,
Saying, 'I feel great pleasure at
The 'Good,' the 'Works well,' the 'nice boy.'
An asset to his house.' What joy

To me these honours won !
 Your father's proud of such a son.
 You know we have seen better days,
 Your ancestors in diverse ways
 Won honour, admiration, fame :
 My son, restore our fallen name.'

But at John's name was clearly shown
 A frightening paternal frown.
 For, lazy John was always late,
 Which made the monitors irate.
 His clothes were dirty and his hair
 Contained no parting anywhere.
 He cursed at all he had to do.
 When reprimanded, ' Same to you '
 Was always what he rudely said.
 His work was smudgy, and instead
 Of learning from his history book,
 He chanced it that a random look
 At Jack's neat work would soon reveal
 The foreign policy of Peel.

He played some very shocking tricks
 That would have shamed a child of six.
 He moved Jack's chair, with laughing roar,
 Watched him sit down upon the floor.
 In vain they said with weighty word
 ' It might have hurt Jack's spinal chord.'
 John did not seem to care a bit,
 Continuing to laugh at it.

He drove his housemaster quite wild :
 ' More difficult than any child
 I've had for ages,' he declared.
 ' I never have before despaired
 Of any boy, but John is so
 Extremely bad, he'll have to go.'

His father begged to let him stay,
 But had to take his son away.
 ' Is this my son,' he wailing cried,
 ' His crimes come from his mother's side.
 We must hush up all deeds like these.
 We'll send him to the Colonies.'

But readers listen to this, all.
 John was to rise, and Jack to fall.
 John tried finance, so well did fare
 That now he is a millionaire.
 Respected now he drinks champagne
 In the smartest buildings in Park Lane.
 When old boys' dinners come John's there
 And all give a respectful cheer.
 The school is tense with eager joys
 When John comes to address the boys ;
 And says he doesn't like to preach,
 But says he has a word for each,
 For masters, boys—it's all the same,
 ' Learn here for life to play the game.'
 These words for life are best they'll find
 ' In healthy body, healthy mind.'

But Jack went down the evil road,
 How different is his abode !

Across his crimes let's draw a veil :
 He's resting now in Reading gaol.
 They tried to hush it up, but no,
 Now all have heard the tale of woe.
 His name, now scandal, was about,
 From old boys' clubs was blotted out
 And everyone remarked upon
 The difference 'twixt Jack and John.

THE MORAL.

{ I now confess to readers, who
 Have bravely read this story through,
 That not a word of it is true.
 And all the Good who read will rage
 At th' evil morals of this age.
 At how this most immoral song
 Dispraises Right, and praises Wrong.
 How all to-day, that's penn'd or sung,
 Is only to corrupt the young ;
 So this reflection close upon
 Be young like Jack, and old like John.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Some years ago I perfected a new system of education, and as publicity has never yet been afforded it, I welcome this chance of propagating my theory. It is based upon machinery, and necessitates, of course, a few trifling staff changes. The Headmaster is abolished, and replaced by a Chief Mechanical Engineer ; all the undermasters are abolished, and replaced by stokers and mechanics. Otherwise the staff remains the same. I have discarded the word form, substituting ' Progression,' as implying that many of the Fourth Form, or gamma progression, are potentially as clever as those of the epsilon progression. Each progression is taken by a machine, the elements of which are as follows : Teaching is by means of a gramophone fed with records every two hours by the literary stoker. (This machine automatically breaks any dance records offered it.) Exercises are delivered into a slot, and automatically compared with a fair copy, mistakes being marked in red type. Upon detecting any marked resemblance between two copies, a loud bell is rung and the names of the owners appear on an illuminated screen.

The punitive side of the machine is electrical, consisting of a shocking apparatus, the dials for number and voltage being set according to Government rules by the shocking mechanic.

Questions with regard to lessons are written on a form, with reference to machine, as Lesson B13A, Machine 3, Stoker Jones up. These forms are collected and sat on by the Board of Education.

Games are easily dealt with, the eleven being chosen by 'Guts per cubic foot.' Each boy kicks a ball as far as possible, and multiplies by the reciprocal of his cubic capacity. Those with the highest answer compose the team. I mentioned my system to Professor Kopfhead, and he expressed his approval in concise terms. 'I have always,' he said, 'regarded the Public School system as fundamentally bogus, and liable to induce inferiority complex, hypochondriacism, hyperorthodoxy, hypotyposis and hiccups. I therefore welcome your invention. With such a testimonial, no system could fail.'



OBSESSION.

(From *The Rigaudite*.)

I have been to Hiawatha
 (That is why I write this metre)
 At the Hall named after Albert,
 Noble Prince thus nobly honoured
 Honoured with a hall of splendour.
 There the gentlemen and ladies
 Of the Royal Choir belonging
 To the Hall, the Hall aforesaid
 Clad in blankets paint and feathers
 Sang to me with suited gestures,
 Sang of mighty Hiawatha.
 I'd an Aunt behind the wigwam,
 Aunt who gave to me my ticket,
 Ticket for a back row stall seat ;
 Aunt in private life quite gentle
 Now turned into savage Indian
 With the aid of two false eyebrows
 Plaited hair of bast, and blanket,
 Strings of beads and paint of saffron.
 Sweet they sang and well they acted
 Sweeter than I've time to tell you.
 There was too a charming ballet,
 Nimble maidens lightly tripping,
 Agile youths who floated over,
 Hardly touched, the ground beneath them
 Fair a sight it was and comely.
 When at last it all was over,
 Gathering up my hat and programme
 I made my way towards the Exit
 Gleaming brightly in my shirt front,
 Homeward turned my happy footsteps
 Caring not the least for homework,
 Homework left undone behind me
 When I set out on my venture.
 Thus it is now in my writing
 When I mar the snow-white paper
 My words flow forth despite my efforts
 In this irritating metre.

P. B. W.

IDYLL.

(From *The Rigaudite*.)

'Twas Monday, and the morning's work
 Had only just begun
 (Smith had not yet with stealthy care
 Unwrapped his chewing gum)
 When on a sudden round the door
 Appeared a bright red head,
 —A moment's deathly silence,—then :
 'You're late,' the Master said.

The boy approached uneasily.

He said : 'But, sir, you know,
 My breakfast was ten minutes late,
 My watch is very slow ;
 And that is why I overslept
 And got up late from bed—'
 A moment's deathly silence—then :
 'I see,' the Master said.

The schoolboy gave a little sniff,
 An apprehensive cough,
 There didn't seem to him to be
 Much chance of getting off :
 But he remembered 'If at first . . .'
 So he resumed 'In spite,
 Moreover, of the time
 There was no bus in sight.'

He broke off, for it seemed to him
 That he had not been heard
 The Master seemed preoccupied
 With something else instead.
 The Master in reality,
 Was working at a scheme.
 For getting boys to learn their rep.
 By giving them ice-cream.

At length, however, he looked up.
 'I see,' the Master said
 (In fact, the schoolboy's business had
 Gone clean out of his head).
 The Master thought a little while
 On what he might have said.
 'I don't know what your trouble is,
 But take a drill,' he said.

But 'penal drill' in this boy's fate
 Was only one small step ;
 He later failed a greater test
 —the dread 'ordeal by prep.'
 The Master went a darker hue
 ('Twas plain the boy was doomed)
 'Although a thrashing's what you need
 Up school you go,' he boomed.

In the last Literary Supplement an Oxford letter was inserted, giving an account of the various and often exciting activities of Oxford Old Westminsters. In order that there might be no grounds for the complaint that we had neglected Cambridge Old Westminsters, we wrote to them and have received the following reply :

ALUMNI IN CANTABRIDGIA VAGANTES.

Mr. J. B. Sturdy is a young bachelor living at Ridley Hall. He is seen playing football for Trinity, and foul play is suspected. Some suggest that

Mr. G. G. Simpson of Trinity has something to do with it. He, however, indignantly denies it. He is a man of theories, and holds that when one is kicking a football the weight should be carried on the other leg. His spare time is taken up with the study of the sun, the moon and the stars.

The only other fourth year man is

Mr. E. W. R. Guymer, who is rumoured to be still lurking at Queen's, but has no connection with the outside world or Mr. G. G. Simpson.

Mr. I. C. Allen is one of the most successful hosts of the season at Trinity. He has 'Monday evenings,' when any of his friends are cordially invited to drop in and dissect a dog with him. Here you may meet

Mr. J. C. P. Elliston, well nourished in body and soul,

Mr. J. W. Grigg, who could still make himself understood in America, and if you are very lucky

Mr. H. A. R. Philby, who has been left a broken man by this disgusting National Government propaganda, and if even luckier

Mr. C. S. Humphries, as this is quite the only place where he sees the daylight.

Here threats are heard to deprive

Mr. C. M. Harrison of his newly acquired moustache.

Messrs. F. H. W. Bedford, R. de Bunsen and H. A. Burt all begin with the same letter, but Mr. Burt is good at squash racquets. We saw

Mr. R. W. Parkyn watching the South African Rucker Fifteen, and

Mr. S. J. R. Reynolds, also of Trinity, has learnt how to steer a pretty ship.

Mr. K. H. L. Cooper is far away at Pembroke, getting blues and things, where

Mr. H. J. Thomson is sometimes allowed to play for the Second Eleven, and

Mr. J. H. Lee may be seen in check flannel trousers. Emmanuel contributes two old gentlemen from Homeboarders,

Messrs. W. H. R. Jeremy and J. E. Tabor : Jesus, the valiant

Mr. C. McNeil, who contrives to play soccer in spite of

Mr. Steve Fairbairn.

At Trinity Hall is

Mr. J. C. R. Gutteridge, who won the 300 yards handicap in the sports of 1929, and

Mr. F. I. H. Lewis, who still plays the French horn.

Mr. H. O. Johnson, we suspect, is at Christ's, and

Mr. W. E. P. Moon, we fear, is at Selwyn.

In their second year are

Messrs. H. J. Thomson (vide supra) and the *Hon. P. R. Aitken*, of Pembroke, but neither is yet a Hawk. At Jesus

Mr. G. B. Parker also plays football, but

Mr. S. W. Eaion conforms to custom.

We feel sure that

Messrs. H. Boggis-Rolfe and T. A. Frazer are members of some secret society at Trinity, where

Messrs. D. A. G. Hinks, F. E. Lord and R. C. Plaistowe (of Queen's) are deeply interested in the construction of meerschaum pipes (with or without drainage sumps), and the price of tobacco, while

Mr. H. N. G. Allen is occasionally admitted to their orgies.

Mr. J. S. Joly has been proposed as the recipient of a gold medal for the bravest deed of the year. He asked a question at a lecture.

Mr. J. W. S. Sprigge lives in the same road as

Mr. G. F. A. Somerset (of Gonville and Caius).

But Mr. Sprigge does not hunt.

At Peterhouse is

Mr. I. S. Ivanovic, who treats all kinds of obstacles with contempt, at Trinity Hall

Mr. G. H. C. Lander, and at Christ's

Mr. J. L. Hackforth, who hides (feet and all) under the shadow of his illustrious uncle.

Then we come to the grandfather of all C.O.W.W.,

Mr. A. H. W. J. Cocks, who is recorded as having entered Westminster in 1918. We suppose he has come up here for a last fling before senile decay creeps in.

There are, in addition, *fourteen freshmen* who are not yet memorable, and A. N. Y. Others whom we may have forgotten.

floreat.