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## EDITORIAL.

THE Old Year is passing: it will be 1926 when THE ELIZABETHAN makes its next appearance. It cannot be inappropriate, therefore, at such a moment to cast our eyes back over the past—not yet distant, it is true, but nevertheless rapidly becoming blurred and hazy.

It has been an eventful year in many respects, and it will be a long time before the memory of it passes. It will be remembered above all for the toll it has taken from the ranks of the illustrious. Truly may it be said that the Angel of Death has been abroad through the world, and there is many a gap which he has left in his trail of havoc and devastation. There is hardly a single sphere of human action which cannot point to many famous figures who have been snatched away. Church and State, Law and Scholarship, all point to gaps which have been made in their ranks in the course of the year. Many men who had a name the world over, politicians like Lord Curzon and Mr. Massey, have passed away, and we still

mourn the late Queen Alexandra, whose popularity is too well known to call for any mention here. Many, too, whose names and work were well known in the smaller sphere of our own country are no more. Nor has our own little world of Westminster remained untouched by disaster and its consequent sorrow. First and foremost we have lost our Dean, whose lovable personality won the affection of all who met him. The admirable articles in the Press and the memoir published in the last number give a full and appreciative account of his career. Yet another member of our governing body has been taken away from us in the person of W. W. Rouse Ball, who represented the Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, on that body, and who, though not himself an Old Westminster, took such a lively interest in the School and all its efforts. Two boys, Shirley and Kindersley, have been taken from our very midst by tragic and unforeseen deaths. Lastly, as we go to press, we have to record the passing of a very old friend of the School, Rev. H. F. Westlake, Minor Canon of Westminster Abbey, who was carried off by a heart attack on Friday, November 27, the very

day on which he had been assisting at Queen Alexandra's funeral. It was a calamity which took everyone by surprise by its tragic suddenness at a time when he looked a very picture of health. We publish on another page a memoir of his life and work.

These are mournful thoughts with which to bid adieu to the old year. But the blackness of the past serves some purpose, if only to show up in stronger hues the bright light of the future. 1925 is a year that will long take its place in men's hearts as a black one in the world's history. But after the storm comes sunshine, so let us hope that 1926 will be a year radiant with joy and hopefulness, alike for the School, the country and the world at large.

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### School Notes.

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OWING to the sudden death of Queen Alexandra, there will be no Play this year. The performance of the *Rudens* is therefore postponed.

The offertory for the School Mission on the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude was £4 10s.

It is with great sorrow that we have to record the serious illness of Mr. Liddell, who contracted pneumonia, complicated by bronchitis, in the Exeat. We are glad to learn that he is now again on the road to recovery.

The New King's Scholars will be admitted by the Dean, Dr. Foxley-Norris, on Tuesday, December 22.

On Armistice Day the School assembled up School, where the Lamp of Remembrance was lit and placed on the War Memorial.

The General Meeting of the School Mission took place on Friday, November 13, in the Old Library, Mr. Staveley Oldham taking the chair.

Examination for the Westminster Scholarships to Christ Church is this year being held in December. Candidates go up and take the Christ Church Open Scholarship group, and provisional Election is made on that examination. The full Election ceremonies, next July, will, of course, be held as usual.

The King's Scholars attended the Funeral Service of Queen Alexandra, held in the Abbey on Friday, November 27. Some of the Senior Town Boys also attended as Stewards.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Goldsbrough on the birth of a son.

### COMMÉM.

'ONCE in three years, the Royal College of St. Peter's, Westminster, formally and religiously remembers, in a unique Latin Service in the Abbey, those who by their benefactions founded it and added to its lustre.'

Three years have passed since those words, quoted from a contemporary copy of *The Times*, were printed in the Elizabethan (Vol. XVII, No. 6), and once more we have held our triennial Commemoration Service with all its usual pomp and magnificence. The Abbey was full to overflowing, and presented a spectacle of exceptional splendour. 'Surely,' continues the writer quoted above, 'exceptional as is this service for the Abbey, there is no other such congregation as fills the Abbey at 'Commém.' On no other night does an Abbey congregation appear in evening dress. The white shirt fronts of the men and the open surplices of the King's Scholars (thrown back so as to disclose their gay pink and white button holes), and the scarlet cassocks of the Abbey clergy and choir, contrasted with the dark shadows of the great Abbey Church in the background.' Full evening dress was the order of the day, and the flash of numerous orders and decorations added colour to the black and white clothes of the men, already enhanced by the gay dresses of the women.

To turn to the actual proceedings, the service started with the 'Pater noster' and Responses, followed by the 148th and 150th Psalms, which set the keynote to the whole Service, that of thanksgiving. They were sung in the original plain song, the basses and trebles taking alternate verses. The lesson, the 44th Chapter of Ecclesiasticus, was read by the Sub-Dean, Canon Carnegie, and nothing could be more appropriate to the occasion. *Laudemus viros gloriosos, et parentes nostros in generatione sua: sapientiam ipsorum narrent populi et laudem eorum nuntiet ecclesia*: such were the first and last verses of this famous chapter reciting the fame of the great men of the past—verses which might almost have been written specially for the occasion. The hymn of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine—*Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur*, sung in 'tonus simplex,' came next, followed by the long Commendatio prayer. This prayer, telling of the long line of benefactors, from King Henry VIII and Elizabeth to the present day, is, very properly, the climax of the whole proceedings: on its reading the whole service stands or falls, and it is therefore a difficult and responsible task to perform. The Headmaster read it perfectly, without a falter from beginning to end, in a strong clear voice that could be plainly heard all over the Abbey.

The Hymn *Gloriosi Salvatoris*, sung in Unison. Harmony and with Descant in alternate verses, was followed by the Latin Prayers with which we are so familiar up School, after which the second hymn, *Salvator Mundi Domine* was sung to Tallis's Canon. The Service concluded with the blessing given by the Sub-Dean.

The congregation then filed through Ashburnham, up our grand old staircase, at the top of which they were received by the Headmaster and Mrs. Costley-White, and so up School. The crowd was enormous, and it took over an hour before everyone had ascended, the long queue spreading far out into the yard, and advancing very, very slowly through Ashburnham Under and Upper to the staircase. Up School it was absolutely dense and it was well nigh impossible to find friends, much less get refreshments for them. Those who were patient reaped their reward at about a quarter to eleven, when a large number had gone and School was just comfortably full.

We were extremely pleased to see in one of the Stalls at the Abbey Service the Prime Minister, who had found time from his arduous duties to honour us with his presence.

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### HERBERT FRANCIS WESTLAKE.

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VERY many Old Westminsters will have heard with the deepest regret of the death of the Rev. Herbert Francis Westlake. He came to Westminster as a Minor Canon in 1911 and two years later married Edith, younger daughter of the Rev. A. G. S. Raynor, Master of the K.S.S. During the War he combined with his duties at the Abbey a Mastership at the School<sup>1</sup>.

By his death the School has lost a very good friend and one who had endeared himself personally to many Westminsters both present and past. He was himself deeply interested in the early history of the School and to his researches we owe much new light on its earliest days. His sense of history made him specially sympathetic to an institution which not only existed as a part of the Monastery but inherited so many of its best traditions. It was his constant aim to keep the Abbey and School in close touch with each other and to strengthen those ties which have existed for centuries between them.

He always felt strongly that the School should continue to be represented officially at all state functions in the Abbey and it was his idea to make the boys take an active part by inviting them to act as Stewards. It was an innovation but, as he always felt, one which was entirely justified by results and it enabled him to admit many boys for

whom room might not otherwise have been found. Only a day or so before the Funeral of Queen Alexandra he said to me, 'There can be no doubt about the King's Scholars' right to attend and as soon as I told the Lord Chamberlain that I proposed to reserve a block for them he authorised it at once. As you know I wish to get in as many of the upper Town Boys as Stewards as I can.' The last time he spoke to me was immediately after the Service, when he thanked me for the efficient and admirable way in which they had carried out their duties.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Westlake in her great loss and can assure her how deeply it is felt by all of us at the School. Those who had the privilege of his friendship and admired his character and personality know best how irreparable is his loss, not only to themselves but to the School and to the Abbey which he loved and was proud to serve for the last fifteen years of his life.

L. E. T.

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### THE 'RUDENS.'

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THE Editor is indebted to Mr. G. F. Russell Barker for some corrections of and additions to the article on the Play in the last number of THE ELIZABETHAN. The Play Bill mentioned is a bill of expenses of the *Rudens* as presented before the Council on February 6, 1566-7, not, as might be thought, a caste of the Play. Secondly, the *Trinummus* was last performed in 1903, not in 1907 as stated. In addition he called attention to the fact that, besides the plays of Plautus mentioned, the *Miles Gloriosus*, the *Menaechmi* and the *Mostellaria* were all produced in the sixth decade of the sixteenth century.

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### LECTURES.

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A LECTURE was given up School on Wednesday, November 11, on the 'Air League,' by Admiral Mark Kerr. His address was amusing and interesting, and contained many facts of importance. In the early part he dealt with the notion—the mistaken notion—that flying was dangerous. He told us that he himself had never had a dangerous accident while flying, and went on to quote some statistics which he had taken relative to flying accidents. These showed that 80 per cent. of the accidents which occurred in his district were due to folly on the part of the pilots, while 15 per cent. might have been avoided if greater care had been taken, leaving a bare 5 per cent. absolutely unavoidable. This figure elicited a

very just censure of all kinds of swank and showing off in the air, swooping at crowds and looping when only a hundred feet up, and other pranks in which young pilots sometimes indulged. He then went on to describe the spitsmanship that pervaded flying, and told us several war stories to illustrate it, such as the sending of a wreath by the R.F.C. to Immelmann's funeral. This spirit the lecturer attributed to the exhilaration produced by the rapid movement through space, and suggested that sitting on the funnel of an express would have the same result. This led him on to a few remarks on alcohol. No flyer, he said, could ever go up after having a drink. Its effects were absolutely disastrous, and fatal to all judgment and presence of mind, two primary essentials for flying.

He ended by a plea for the extension of air service. Napoleon said war was an affair of communications; and as the air gave command of communications, it was, whether in war or peace, essential to give it the utmost attention.

The third lecture of the term was given on Monday, November 16, by Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., on 'Exploring in the Himalayas.' The lecturer described to us the culmination of a journey he made in 1887 from Peking, right across the desert of Gobi and through Chinese Turkestan to India. He arrived at the northern slopes of the Himalayas penniless and without provisions, and still had the barrier of mountains between him and the station of his regiment. He consulted the merchants of a small town in Turkestan, and told them that he had been ordered if possible to take a direct route across the trackless mountains, instead of going round by the ordinary caravan route through Kashmir. The merchants were very kind to him and took him under their wing, financing him and provisioning him and supplying him with ponies, porters and a guide. Across two ranges the route was known, but beyond it was all unmapped and had never been trodden by a white man before. The last man to go over had made the journey a quarter of a century before, and he now came forward and offered to guide the expedition. It is impossible to relate here the manifold difficulties and dangers of the task: the sheer ice slopes, and perpendicular rocky gorges: the glaciers three miles wide and forty long: all crowned by the bare peaks ranging from 24,000 to 28,000 feet in height, which Sir Francis was the first white man to set eyes on. Anyone who wants to form an impression of the nature of the country must go to Sir Francis's numerous and authoritative books on the subject. The result of this, the lecturer's first great

journey of exploration, which he carried out as a young officer of 24, was the revelation to the world of a new way across the Himalayas from Turkestan to India and the mapping of much country unknown before.

## O.T.C. FIELD DAY.

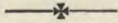
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WE went on parade at 8.40—at least some of us did; others continued to slouch along for the next quarter of an hour—and after the usual rigmarole, marched off to Waterloo. We were fortunate enough to find plenty of room in the train, which took us in leisurely 'Southern' fashion, with the usual shunting in order to fill out the prescribed time, to Aldershot Station. Thence we marched through the town, much to the annoyance of all the guards, which had to turn out, and so to the familiar Laffan's Plain, where we had lunch—or rather started a meal which continued throughout operations. For the rest I can speak of 'B' Company only. Mr. Watkins with 'A' Company was marched off to a certain death on the other side of the plain, across which he beat an orderly retreat an hour later, hotly pursued by enraged Etonians. In the meanwhile we in 'B' Company had taken up a well-nigh impregnable position guarding Eelmoor Bridge. Sergeant Matthews commanded the bridge, while the rest of the Company was organised—in depth—round a re-entrant into which the headstrong Etonians rushed in a manner worthy of Balaklava. Sergeant Matthews finally had to abandon the bridge under heavy artillery fire, which was devastating, but quite inaudible. He then followed after Mr. Watkins in the direction of the prescribed Public House, covered by the other three platoons. The Etonians then pushed up the Valley aided by innumerable umpires and, doubtless, some artillery, and though held up by furious rifle fire for a little while, finally gained the heights, while we retreated—again in a very orderly manner—across a miniature Sahara. We took up a position in the woods beyond, but still there was no sign of the Etonians—who had allowed us to retreat unmolested—on the distant skyline. Perhaps they were taken in by the same argument about Cannon as we had been. Whatever was the cause, they refused to show themselves, and we took the opportunity, at least those fortunate ones among us who still had some provisions remaining, of embarking on a third lunch and filling our waterbottles at the water jump on the racecourse—so called. The first sign of any movement on the part of the enemy was an orderly

advance of two Morris cars. These were followed shortly after by the Etonians, and—this time galled by machine gun fire, we retired to our final position by the Public House, where we found 'A' Company well dug in.

Meanwhile we had seen nothing of Winchester, who were away on our left. One solitary man on a horse, that was all. Everything points to there having been a break of about three hundred yards between us and them. However that may be, we suddenly found that we were hopelessly outflanked on the left wing by the Beaumont Platoons, which unexpectedly debouched from behind the Public House. Certainly it was the first time we had been really put on our mettle; we never had any fear for the Etonians, whose leisurely advance did not ever look terribly dangerous. They were still strolling along on their left wing over a quarter of a mile away at the 'Cease fire,' as if they had lost their way.

On the whole it was a very jolly 'outing,' but from the military point of view, it was, as a distinguished officer once said, 'the usual farce.' It all comes from fighting according to plan. The umpires plan a retreat, so at various intervals they just go and tell the people to retreat. It completely leaves out of account the personal element, be it the valour of the troops, or the genius of the officers. The only thing that counted was imaginary artillery somewhere near Farnborough. Now if some imaginary sappers had blown up the bridges there would have been some point—if only to elicit the time honoured joke about imaginary swimming.



## THE WATER.

THE races for the Rouse Ball Cup, for Senior House Fours on fixed seats, were rowed over a course from the University Stone to the Mile Post on October 22, 24 and 27.

Preliminary Round K.SS. (Surrey) *v.* Rigauds. A good race, rowed under very fast conditions.

Both crews got away well, but Rigauds soon drew ahead and were nearly two lengths up at the Boathouse. At Beverley K.SS. had come up a little and there was only half a length of clear water between the boats, but still it looked as though Rigauds must win. At this point No. 3 in the Rigauds crew caught a crab, and College, from being over a length down, found themselves half a length up. This put new life into their rowing, while Rigauds never recovered from their disaster, and in spite of all Filson's efforts, College drew away, and finally won by two lengths in 5 mins. 16 secs.

It was unfortunate for Rigauds that their stroke had to be away for a week before the races; had they had more practice the result might have been different.

K.SS.—F. W. Allen (bow), C. M. Harrison (2), A. B. L. Murison (3), A. J. D. Winniffrith (stroke), G. O. Lace (cox).

RR.—J. F. Hodgson (bow), E. C. Blakstad (2), G. S. M. Birch (3), J. W. Filson (stroke), A. B. Allen (cox).

Ante-Final. Heat I. Grants (Middlesex Station) *v.* K.SS.—Grants got an excellent start, and rowing a very fast stroke, soon drew away from their opponents. At the Boathouse they were half a length clear and at Beverley a length. Here for the first time they faltered and K.SS. came up slightly, but Grants soon went away again, by three lengths in 6 mins. 16 secs. K.SS. looked well together but rowed far too slow a stroke throughout.

GRANTS.—A. E. K. Salvi (bow), G. R. D. Bangay (2), R. P. Adler (3), C. P. Wykeham-Martin (stroke), G. F. Watson (cox).

K.SS.—F. W. Allen (bow), C. M. Harrison (2), A. B. L. Murison (3), A. J. D. Winniffrith (stroke), G. O. Lace (cox).

Heat II. Ashburnham (Middlesex) *v.* Homeboarders.—This race was very like that between Grants and K.SS. Ashburnham went off very fast and soon got a good lead, which Homeboarders, rowing rather a slow stroke, never looked like decreasing. In the end Ashburnham won easily in 6 mins. 11 secs.

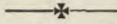
The conditions on this day were considerably slower than on Thursday, there being only a light breeze, across the course for most of the way.

A.HH.—P. S. Peak (bow), A. Cunningham (2), J. S. H. Shattock (3), D. Cragg-Hamilton (stroke), G. P. Young (cox).

H.BB.—G. B. Knight (bow), K. Christie (2), D. F. A. R. Freeman (3), T. M. Tyrrel (stroke), J. L. Edwards (cox).

Final. Grants (Surrey) *v.* Ashburnham.—Rowed on the last of the ebb against a slight head wind. Ashburnham got rather the better of the start, and, with both crews rowing 44 strokes in the first minute, they got threequarters of a length by the top of the football ground. Grants made two spurts between the football ground and Beverley, but failed to make any impression on Ashburnham, who were rowing well together. At the Boathouse Ashburnham were still nearly threequarters of a length to the good, but Grants had been hanging on to them gamely. At this point Wykeham-Martin made a magnificent spurt, and, well backed up by the rest of the crew, began to go up fast. Ashburnham, who had been

rowing very hard to keep their lead, wavered for the first time at this critical moment. Passing the London Boathouse, Grants were just beginning to show ahead and from here they went away fast until there was daylight between the boats. Ashburnham were not yet done with, and Cragg-Hamilton made a great effort to get up again, but Grants never faltered and passed the winning post just a length ahead, in the creditable time of 5 mins. 23 secs. This was an excellent race, and both crews are to be congratulated on their plucky rowing. The fastest time recorded in 1923 was 5 mins. 22 secs. done by Ashburnham, stroked by E. C. T. Edwards.



## THE FIELDS.

### FOOTBALL.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CARTHUSIANS.

(*Lost, 2-6.*)

Played on Saturday, October 17, at Vincent Square. The School started well and the first goal of the match was scored for us by Gardiner. The Old Carthusians, however, soon got going, and scored two goals before half-time. After the interval things went rather badly for us, and before four o'clock we found ourselves four goals in arrears, the Old Carthusians having scored three more times, while we could not get moving at all. Just before time, however, Cook scored our second goal, but they managed to keep their lead of four by a fine goal just on time.

Their goals were scored by Kemp-Welch (2), Stock (1), Hoskyns-Abrahall (1), Jale (1), Williams (1).

*Westminster.*—A. Clare ; T. G. Hardy, J. H. Bird ; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, P. May ; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

*Old Carthusians.*—R. W. P. Shackleton ; S. Cannon, H. C. Crawford ; F. W. K. Huth, A. L. Stock, I. O. McIlwraith ; W. A. K. Faldo, A. J. Hoskyns-Abrahall, G. O. Kemp-Welch, J. G. Williams, A. E. Jago.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.

(*Won, 2-1.*)

Played on Saturday, October 24, at Vincent Square and resulted in a very creditable win for the School. We started off in fine form, and Cook scored after two minutes' play, the only goal, as it happened, which was scored in the first half. Both sides had pressed with equal vigour, but neither succeeded in scoring, A. Clare doing very good work in goal for the School. After the interval we started pressing very hard, and our second goal was scored by Cook, after quarter of

an hour's play. Shortly after Blundell scored a goal for our opponents. But no further scoring ensuing, we were left victors by 2 goals to 1.

This was the first match in which the School was really together, and once they started they never looked like losing. After the match Wingate, Haymes and Bird received their pinks.

*Westminsters.*—A. Clare ; J. H. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes ; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy ; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

*Old Bradfield Boys.*—C. K. Benda ; B. A. Shaw, C. A. Ramsden ; O. L. D. Fawcus, M. G. Herrick, G. E. Baxter ; R. A. Smith, G. D. Browne, R. S. Blundell, A. L. Stephenson, G. P. Summerscales.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

(*Lost, 3-4.*)

Played on Thursday, October 29, at Vincent Square. This match might well be called a disaster. During the first half we had most of the play and were leading at half-time by 3-1. After the interval, however, we watched this lead gradually dwindling away, until finally just on time they took the lead and we were beaten.

The best thing in the match was Cook's second goal—one of those long low shots which go for the goal-keeper like a cannon-ball. If only our other forwards would learn to kick like Cook, we would have more goals to our credit.

The scorers were, for the School: Cook (2), Mordaunt (1). For our opponents: Runge (2), Cock (1), Aitkin (1).

*Westminster.*—A. Clare ; J. H. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes ; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy ; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

*Trinity College.*—F. K. Butler ; B. M. McGowan, R. Leigh Wood ; G. T. Fitzadam Primston, R. G. Bruce Pearson, A. W. Thomson ; W. Olivier, C. H. Runge, R. H. Cock, A. P. H. Aitkin, A. D. Morris.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* TOC H.

(*Drawn, 4-4.*)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, November 7. It was raining on and off most of the time and the ground was very slippery, making it very difficult for the backs and goals. The School started well, and Gardiner scored the first goal of the match off a corner. After that Toc H pulled up a lot, and, playing really well, rapidly scored three goals before half-time.

The second half went more in our favour, and the team was much more together than before. In the first few minutes Cook scored a goal off a good centre by Jeremy, and twenty minutes later we managed to push one through in a *mélée*. Toc H, however, pulled away again five minutes

afterwards, and it looked as if we were going to be defeated. However, just on time we scored our last goal, off a fine shot by Hardy from thirty yards out.

Their scorers were: Wilson (2), Cornelius and Goodall.

*Westminster.*—A. Clare; J. H. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardine, M. F. Wingate.

*Tot H.*—S. W. Shepherd; H. Cook, S. Anderson; D. Knight, A. C. Frank, F. G. Causey; S. Tomlinson, A. Tomlinson, T. Cornelius, G. Goodall, H. W. Wilson.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* MALVERN.

(*Drawn 1-1.*)

This match, played at Malvern, ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

In the first five minutes Malvern swarmed round our goal, but we soon settled down to our usual game, and gradually our forward line got under way, while our backs became surer in their kicking. Stratford slipped a beautiful ground pass through to Wingate, who running strongly and cleverly, put across a perfect centre, to which Mordaunt got his foot, and with a shot that passed just inside the upright, recorded our first—and only—goal. We held on to our narrow lead till half-time. In the second half, we played beautifully together, and it seemed that we had our opponents well beaten, when suddenly the Malvern left back was hurt and had to retire for the rest of the game. This had the effect of spurring Malvern on to heroic efforts, and we correspondingly—but unconsciously—slackened off a little. But not for long, and again and again we swept up the field with beautiful passing movements, only to fail at the critical moment owing to bad shooting, and a most unfortunate weakness in front of goal. The Malvern keeper effected two or three beautiful saves, and we also struck the bar once or twice, but we have only ourselves to blame in that we threw our chances of victory away to the winds. Then as so often happens in a break away of the Malvern forwards, the ball travelled quickly down the left wing, and was centred along the ground. Clare stooped to gather the ball, but failed to do so cleanly, was knocked over headlong, and the ball was scrambled into the net by a medley of Malvern forwards and Westminster defenders. This happened fifteen minutes from the end, and we now realised that perhaps victory would not be ours after all. We bombarded the Malvern goal, to no purpose—in the last second almost, Wingate sent the ball to Jeremy, who struck the bar, with the goal-keeper well beaten; back came the ball to Jeremy's head, from which it rebounded on to the bottom edge of the cross-bar and from thence on

to the goal-keeper's hand, and thence back again on to the bar! But no goal was scored and the whistle went with the match left drawn. We proved ourselves on the day's play a slightly superior side to Malvern, being more accurate in our passing and cleverer with the ball, at the same time Malvern showed slightly more dash and quickness, and the honours of the match in one way went to them because they showed the true fighting spirit, when with one defender off the field, and one goal behind, they succeeded in pulling the match out of the fire. All credit to them for that, although we think that on the day's play we were full value for a victory. But a side who cannot ram home a successful attack does not deserve to win its matches. It is hard to single out individual players when all performed so well, but we must mention Wingate, who stood out as the best footballer on the field. The Malvern keeper was good, and the rest of their side played a plucky uphill game.

At all events to draw with Malvern on their own ground was a satisfactory and heartening performance.

D. J. K.

*Westminster.*—A. Clare; J. H. Bird, M. F. L. Haymes; T. G. Hardy, M. D. Doulton, M. G. Stratford; W. J. R. Jeremy, R. G. Mordaunt, J. A. Cook, K. J. Gardiner, M. F. Wingate.

*Malvern.*—L. D. Wardle; H. Knill-Jones, C. H. J. Hill; J. P. Hunt, S. S. Fielden, C. G. Parkhouse; J. Patchett, F. E. Blackstone, J. M. Pyne, G. L. W. Crane, C. R. Acheson-Gray.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(*Lost, 0-3.*)

Played at Godalming on Saturday, November 21. The following article, culled from the columns of *The Times* of Monday, November 23rd, is an excellent account which it would be folly to try to better:—

Charterhouse are a really good side this year. They are fortunate in having two good backs in J. H. G. Gilliat and A. Head, of whom Gilliat is a player who should become absolutely first-class in time. T. C. Johnson, the Charterhouse captain, and centre half-back, is fast, strong, can kick with either foot, and knows the game of Association football extremely well for a player of his age. D. I. Deakin is a centre-forward who can both dribble and shoot hard on the run, and who passes well forward both to his inside forwards and his wings. J. E. F. Vogel had too little to do in goal on Saturday to prove anything, except that he is cool and can kick the ball a long way. As a side Charterhouse played well together and were fast. At different times R. J. Seligman and Deakin were injured, and, though they made remarkably little fuss, the forward line was slowed down in the last

twenty minutes of play. Even so, but for some really brilliant goal-keeping by A. Clare, Westminster would have been far more easily beaten than was actually the case.

The ground was in the most beautiful condition, as is almost always the case; indeed, it has been claimed, with no little reason, that the Charterhouse ground is the best all-weather ground in England. It was very fast on Saturday, without being dangerous in any way, and for a long time the Westminster players found it most difficult to judge the pace of the ball or the height of its bound. From the start Charterhouse had nearly all the play, for they were much quicker on to the ball, and took and gave their passes better than their opponents. M. D. Doulton, the Westminster centre-half-back, a tall, thin player, got through a great deal of work, and J. H. B. Bird, the left full back, kicked well, but for nearly the whole of the first half the Westminster forwards did little to relieve the overworked defence. J. A. Cook, the Westminster centre forward, is big and strong, but centre forward does not appear to be his best position. His inside forwards were a little too light for the lusty Charterhouse defence, though K. J. Gardiner showed some neat football on occasions.

Charterhouse forced a corner in the first two minutes' play, and soon afterwards Clare fisted away a shot from B. G. M. Palmer. J. C. Connell shot hard over the bar, and Seligman shot wide after a good run. A minute later Clare rushed out and fly-kicked to clear, but almost before he had got back Palmer put in a high dropping shot, which shaved the cross-bar and dropped into the net. Clare saved a hard shot from Deakin, fisting away with one hand, a strong piece of goal-keeping. A long pass out by Johnson to Seligman was well given and well taken, Seligman passed in to Delaforce, who centred across the goal-mouth, and Deakin finished a fine piece of football by driving the ball into the goal without hesitation. Westminster improved a trifle, but Vogel had a quiet, not to say dull, time in the Charterhouse goal, although Cook broke through once before half-time and put in a hard shot which went over the cross-bar.

Early in the second half Deakin went through with a fine dribble, but his shot, a strong one, was just pushed over the bar by Clare, who managed to get his left hand to the ball and knock it upwards. Another hard shot from Deakin went over the cross-bar. A very quick dribble by Deakin took him past the two backs, and with a well-placed left-footed shot he beat Clare from close in. A little later Clare pushed a good shot from Connell outside the right upright for a corner,

and soon afterwards saved an almost certain goal by dashing out and practically charging down a shot from Connell, the ball bouncing away off the goal-keeper for a corner. Westminster had more of the game in the last twenty minutes' play, but anywhere near goal there always seemed to be an extra Charterhouse player on or near the ball, and Westminster were never really dangerously near a scoring position.

The public school side to beat Charterhouse—particularly on their own ground—this year would have to be a strong one indeed.

*Westminster.*—A. Clare; M. L. F. Haymes, J. H. B. Bird; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy; M. F. Wingate, K. J. Gardiner, J. A. Cook, R. G. A. Mor-daunt, W. J. R. Jeremy.

*Charterhouse.*—J. E. F. Vogel; A. H. Head, J. H. G. Gilliat; R. B. Beare, T. C. Johnson, A. T. D. Pritchard; R. J. Seligman, M. W. Delaforce, D. I. Deakin, J. C. Connell, B. C. M. Palmer.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* CORINTHIANS.

(*Lost, 0-6.*)

Played at Vincent Square on Thursday, November 26. The visitors brought down a very powerful side; in fact, they were stretching their legs before their battle on Saturday against Cambridge. We had our backs to the wall from the outset, and it was a real good test to see what stuff our defence was made of. Our forwards never really had a look in, and did not get moving at all. The Army goal-keeper had practically nothing to do and looked cold. The backs diverted themselves every now and again with a dribble up the field to show how it was done. They, too, were not thoroughly extended as the halves were for the best part sufficient to keep our forwards suppressed. The game resulted, therefore, in a battle royal between their forwards and our backs, out of which the School emerged very creditably. Clare in goal was brilliant—when is he anything else? I venture to think that he is on a par with any goal-keeper Westminster has ever produced. Bird, at left-back, was doing a terrific amount of work. He is still the only player on the side who makes use of his head—not as a thinking-box, for several others do that—but as an impediment. Haymes was tackling well, and the halves, though not outstanding, did good work.

To come to the details of the play, the Corinthians started scoring soon after the start, and getting goals on the average at ten-minute intervals, reached half-time with the score at 4-0. In the second half the battle was sterner, and although they scored a fifth in the first ten minutes, they failed to get through again till a short while before time. Bird was hurt half-way through the second half when charging down an opposing forward, and



had to leave the field, Cook taking his place at left-back. Our opponents' footwork was throughout a pleasure to behold, while their passing and combination in general was masterful. In spite of much manœuvring for favourable positions, they failed to get past us more than six times, and we can accordingly congratulate ourselves on a very creditable defeat. Their goals were scored by Hartley (3), Hegan, Nicholas and Stevenson.

*Westminster.*—A. Clare; M. F. L. Haymes, J. H. B. Bird; M. G. Stratford, M. D. Doulton, T. G. Hardy; M. F. Wingate, K. J. Gardiner, J. A. Cook, R. G. A. Mordaunt, W. R. Jeremy.

*Corinthians.*—H. Murray; F. W. Wilkinson, A. V. Hurley; \*M. Howell, F. H. Ewer, \*J. G. Stevenson; \*R. G. Jenkins, \*A. G. Doggart, \*F. W. H. Nicholas, \*F. Hartley, \*K. E. Hegan.

\*International players.

#### WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. R.M.A. 2ND XI.

(Lost, 4-5.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, October 9. The School started with a disaster, Shepley-Smith crocking himself in the first few minutes. Mills then went in goal, but the eleventh man was greatly missed. Our opponents were the first to score, and soon ran up to 2-0. We rallied, however, and at half-time the score was 3-1 against us. After the interval the high scoring was kept up, but though often level we could never draw ahead, and finally lost on the point of time.

*Westminster.*—A. M. Shepley-Smith; C. H. V. Sutherland, R. J. Wormell; R. B. Orange, D. R. P. Mills, G. M. Paulson; R. W. D. Carr, L. R. Moore, L. E. Barker, N. L. Foster, A. D. Broadie Griffith.

*R.M.A.*—A. Sinclair, B. Wostferstan, C. Gameser; D. Hill, E. Hudson, F. Tollinton; G. L.-Grant, H. Elliott, I. Hunter, J. Mead, K. Whitehead.

#### WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. SCHOOL MISSION.

(Won, 8-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, November 14, and resulted in a creditable win for the School against all 2nd XI traditions. The Mission scored the first goal of the match in the first minute, but we equalised soon after. The Mission thereupon scored another goal, for which we exacted two goals in revenge, and so reached half-time with the score 3-2 in our favour.

Soon after the interval the Mission again drew level, quite unabashed by our previous vengeance for their taking the lead. Struck by the importance of the occasion, the School promptly increased that vengeance by a hundred per cent., and secured a commanding lead at 8-3. The Mission even so were not entirely submissive, and scored another goal before time; but they never looked like coming near us again.

The scorers were: for the School, Barker (3), Moore (2), Sturdy, Thomas and Porter; for the Mission, Church, Clipsley (2) and Adolph.

*Westminster.*—A. J. Ropes; C. H. V. Sutherland, P. R. Mills; R. B. Orange, J. H. K. Thomas, G. M. Paulson; R. W. D. Carr, C. R. D. Porter, L. E. Barker, L. R. Moore, J. R. Sturdy.

*School Mission.*—A. White; R. Turner, J. Bayes; F. Park, R. Kipps, H. Mitchell; C. Tennymore, C. Church, J. Stewart, R. Clipsley, C. Adolph.

#### WESTMINSTER COLTS v. HIGHGATE COLTS.

(Lost, 2-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, October 17. Highgate won by 4-2.

*Westminster.*—W. E. P. Moon; C. E. Lonsdale, D. A. Bompas; G. H. Radermacher, G. O. Sahler, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, H. B. Graham; K. H. L. Cooper, M. A. Smith, W. B. J. Sheldon.

*Highgate.*—W. M. Webster; A. M. Saltmarshe, A. S. Rose; M. E. Corge, A. B. Kyd, J. H. Morgan; K. M. Stevens, C. F. Sumner, E. Porter, L. R. Thornton, D. F. Allcroft.

#### WESTMINSTER COLTS v. LANCING COLTS

(Lost, 3-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on Tuesday, November 10. Lancing won by 4-3.

The scorers were: for Lancing, Godfray (2), Causton and Taylor; for Westminster, Radermacher, Smith and Sturdy.

*Westminster.*—W. E. P. Moon; C. E. Lonsdale, A. A. Bompas; E. H. Radermacher, G. O. Sahler, A. C. Bird, J. B. Sturdy, H. B. Graham, H. A. Smith, P. Wingate, J. A. Evetts.

*Lancing.*—A. S. N. Quill; E. C. W. Jesser-Coope, P. H. P. Simons; J. W. Forsyth, F. H. Christian, G. Dyas; T. W. Godfrey, G. G. Elliott, E. Canston, G. R. Taylor, A. W. Coppin.

#### FIVES.

##### WESTMINSTER v. OLD CITIZENS.

Played at Westminster on Saturday, October 24. This match was spoilt by rain, which came on in a heavy shower about half an hour before play was to begin. With the help of a bag of sawdust the courts were made reasonably dry, but the balls did not last for long, and after a few minutes' play were apt to come off the walls at uncertain angles, which no doubt affected the play. The School 1st pair playing the visitors' 1st pair in College made the best of their opponents' ignorance of the court, and won in two games 15.9, 15.2.

Against the 2nd pair they were not so successful, being unable to stand up to J. B. Bailey's redoubtable smiting. However, they managed to win 2 out of 3 games, the scores being 15.12, 10.15, 15.10.

The 2nd pair, who were playing for the first time for the School, found the wet court rather disconcerting, and succumbed to their opponents, after a good fight in the first game. The scores were 14.17, 3.15 (against 2nd pair); 10.15, 5.15 (against 1st pair).

*Westminster*.—A. A. G. Black and S. Chapman, 1st pair.  
J. R. Homfray and H. Pagan, 2nd pair.  
*Old Citizens*.—A. G. Coulson and A. J. Bristow, 1st pair.  
R. N. Hewitt and J. B. Bailey, 2nd pair.

#### WESTMINSTER v. OLD REPTONIANS.

Played at Westminster on Tuesday, October 27. This was a fairly satisfactory match, although our opponents suffered somewhat from lack of practice. The School pair were not at their best form, but ran away in the first game, thanks largely to some excellent smiting by the second string. In the second game the visitors somewhat regained their form, but still showed signs of finding the court rather faster than they were used to. The third game was the best of the three, as both pairs had by now settled down. The score was 15.9.

*Westminster*.—A. A. G. Black, M. F. L. Haymes.  
*Old Reptonians*.—L. S. Crook, X. Y. Franham.  
Scores.—15.3, 15.8, 15.9.

### ✱ FENCING.

#### WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

July, 1925.

(Lost, 6-3 in Foil, *Epée* and *Sabre*.)

A good match took place in the Gym. against the O.W.W., in which the School was greatly at a disadvantage owing to size, two of the three O.W.W. being over six feet. The fighting was unquestionably energetic, though not always as scientific as it should have been.

The teams were as follows:—

*Westminster*.—Foil: Holmes, Beard, Lloyd. *Epée*: Holmes, Beard, Lloyd. *Sabre*: Holmes, Beard, Gibbs-Smith.

O.W.W.—Foil, *Epée* and *Sabre*: M. Holmes, P. Doulton, Zanardi Landi.

#### WESTMINSTER v. OXFORD.

October 20, 1925.

(Foil, *drew* 2-2; *Sabre*, *won* 5-4; *Epée*, *lost* 7-2.)

On October 20 a team was sent down from Oxford to fight in all three weapons. Unfortunately one of their foil men was unable to be present, and so the teams had to be reduced to two aside in foil. The *sabre* was the most exciting of the three weapons, a wonderful display of activity and grace being shown by C. Simey of the Oxford team.

The teams were as follows:—

*Oxford*.—Foil: G. Toyne, M. Holmes. *Epée*: C. Simey, G. Toyne, M. Holmes. *Sabre*: M. Holmes, S. Garrod, C. Simey.

*Westminster*.—Foil: Holmes, Petitpierre. *Epée*: Holmes, Charles, Meyer. *Sabre*: Holmes, Charles, Cole.

#### WESTMINSTER v. STOWE.

November 14.

(Lost, Foil 12-4; *Epée* 9-5.)

In this match, which Stowe kindly arranged at the beginning of the term, the chief feature was their distinct superiority in size, strength and skill. Their style was remarkably good, and was well kept up throughout the match. I can do no better than reproduce an extract from *The Times* of Tuesday, November 17:—

A match with two weapons, foil and *épée*, was fought at Westminster on Saturday between Stowe School and Westminster School, which was won by the former by 21 victories to 9, the margin with the foils being 12-4 in their favour and with the *épée* 9-5.

The youngest of our public schools has taken very keenly to fencing, and bids fair to rival, if not to excel, the rest in this form of sport. Professor Gravé, their instructor, has implanted a good style in his young pupils. On Saturday the Westminster team, with the exception of Holmes, was quite outclassed in the foils event. Howarth, for Stowe, fought brilliantly, and the orthodox style of all the members of the Stowe team was a real pleasure to watch. Holmes, for Westminster, is a rapidly improving fencer, and is very quick.

The *épée* match was closer, though the visitors were still considerably the superior side. Curiously enough, the swordplay erred on the side of over-caution throughout, a most unusual fault with young fencers. Riess, of Stowe, was the outstanding fencer, and won all his encounters; there was not much to choose between the rest. There were only two double hits in 16 fights, a small proportion when one considers the age of the competitors.

The results were:—

#### FOILS.

*Stowe*.—Howarth, 4 wins; de Amodio and Brooks, 3 wins each; Creed, 2 wins. Total, 12.

*Westminster*.—Holmes, 3 wins; Petitpierre, 1 win; Lloyd and Cole, no wins. Total, 4.

#### EPÉE.

*Stowe*.—Riess, 4 wins; Montagu-Scott and de Amodio, 2 wins each; Howarth, 1 win. Total, 9.

*Westminster*.—Holmes and Charles, 2 wins each; Gibbs-Smith, 1 win; Lloyd, no win. Total, 5.

It is only by defeats such as this that we can learn and hence correct our faults and weaknesses.

Not one of us yet uses his brain in fencing as he should, and we shall not improve in our matches until we have learnt to study instinctively our opponent's game.

We also have a lot to learn as far as style and speed are concerned—enough to keep us busy for many weeks. It is a pity that sabre was not included in this match, as it is really our strongest weapon, but next term we hope to have some School matches in all three weapons.

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### CHESS.

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A MATCH was played between Westminster and Charterhouse on October 17. Charterhouse won by 5 games to 1.

WESTMINSTER.	Result.	CHARTERHOUSE.	
R. M. Mere ...	½	E. H. M. Badger ...	½
H. H. Elliot ...	o	C. P. Hierneiss ...	1
C. N. Popper ...	o	J. L. S. Hale ...	1
J. P. Winckworth ...	½	H. A. Hale ...	½
H. A. Burt ...	o	L. E. Hale ...	1
D. K. C. O'Malley ...	o	W. Blackbourne ...	1
	1		5

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### DEBATING SOCIETY.

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I HAVE very kindly been lent the minute book of the Society with a view to scribbling a short account of one of the meetings, but must admit before starting that I find it very difficult to cope with such a gross travesty of the facts. However, I will do my best, and no one can find fault with me for beginning in the customary manner:—

On October 12 a meeting was held to discuss the motion that 'This House has no confidence in the League of Nations.' The Society was honoured on this occasion by the presence of the Rev. H. K. Luce and D. Jerrold, Esq., O.W., who came to speak.

H. B. MAGNUS (*The Proposer*), in his best confidential manner, opened the attack on the League, which he described as a product of post-war idealism, and would result in making Ministers of the British Crown responsible to foreigners. He claimed that the League had been badly snubbed at Corfu, but would doubtless get better as it got older. Mr. Magnus adopted a pose of supreme condescension, both to the infant League and to the Society which he deigned to honour by speaking.

REV. H. K. LUCE (*Opposer*) said that it was with diffidence that he addressed the august assembly for the first time. He could not hope to rival the Proposer's humour, but would entertain the Society

with hard facts. After a concise history of the League he proceeded to describe in detail the organisation, its numerous committees and sub-committees dealing with every conceivable subject, from opium and white lead in paint to international law and high finance. He pointed to the extraordinary success of the League's measures to restore the Austrian currency, which was now stabilised and secure. He combated Mr. Magnus's remarks about Corfu, which he claimed as a decided victory for the League, inasmuch as Italy retired and offered an apology. It was on these positive grounds and with these positive proofs of success in matters not of war, but of supreme international importance, in mind that he asked the House to reject the motion. Not but what he offered a few suggestions on the subject of war, offering us for the future a choice between Hell or the League, which was the only force which could hope to change the world from a bear-garden to an inhabitable place.

The speech was well delivered and highly interesting, and gave us the feeling that the speaker had taken a good deal of trouble to master the numerous intricacies and difficulties which are involved in a serious consideration of the League.

MR. JERROLD (*Seconder*) complained that the Opposer had drawn such a trail of red herrings as he had never seen before. He certainly gave the impression of being struck by them, because he proceeded to paint his herrings the deepest crimson. He argued that the League had failed hopelessly to prevent wars, and gave a list of wars since 1918. Moreover, wars were the result of nationalism, and the League was, therefore, doing its best to foster them by supporting the principle of self-determination, and setting free the down-trodden races of Central Europe. In continuance he deprecated the proposer's patience with the League on account of its youth, when in reality it was composed of diplomatists and statesmen whose experience went as far back as the days of Cavour and Bismark.

Mr. Jerrold is the first we have heard to advocate the use of novices and amateurs for settling international disputes.

F. M. OPPENHEIMER (*4th Speaker*) was also diffident before the august assembly, and asked that, just as we put up with a referee in a game of football, so we might submit to the arbitration and decision of the League in the game of diplomacy. He was overcome by his brilliant parallel, and mesmerised the Society by a two-minute grin. He tried to say more, but was obviously prostrated, and sank, still grinning, into his seat.

J. S. H. SHATTOCK attacked Mr. Jerrold's list of wars. Half took place before the League came into existence; in most of the others the League's

assistance had never been called for. He then claimed that wars had previously been fought because of the oppression of minor nationalities, and that therefore their release was beneficial. Nothing else was saved from the deluge of Mr. Shattock's remarks.

W. A. MACFARLANE deplored the besetting sins of the age. What it had to do with the motion it is hard to see, but it is always pleasant to hear Mr. MacFarlane's voice.

A. R. W. HARRISON, Esq., told us we were a timid nation. 'Safety first' was our motto, and a very bad one too. He suggested 'Live Dangerously' as a much better one. We never liked anything new, and our only claim to fame was our animal courage. In fact, we compared ourselves with pride to the most ugly, uncouth and unintelligent creature in the animal world, the bulldog. The extreme Labourites' attitude to the League was like that of men standing round a fire engine and blaming it for not working instead of turning the water on.

H. B. MAGNUS pleaded that they wanted to see if the engine contained water or petrol before applying it.

THE PRESIDENT maintained that Mr. Jerrold's remarks about old diplomatists did not detract from the youth of the institution. An institution could be young although composed individually solely of nonagenarians. He then elaborated a parallel between the substitution of arbitration in individual and private matters and the attempt to set up an authority to decide on international disputes.

The motion, when put to the vote, was lost by 11 votes to 15.

### House Notes.

K.SS.—As announced elsewhere, the Play has unfortunately had to be abandoned, and our one function of the year is cancelled. However, we look forward to a successful performance of the *Rudens* at a later date.

Only one thing of international importance has occurred since our last effusion under this heading. And that one thing was not happy. There is no need to be sentimental or verbose on the subject. Let us put it down in plain black and white and have done with it—we were knocked out by Grants in the semi-final of the Rouse Ball Cup.

The rest is in the future. First of all comes the iniquitous Drill Competition. If ever there was an awful show, it is that. It is idle to speculate on the subject, especially as our speculations will be revealed to the world after all is over. Suffice it to say that we have hopes of dazzling the examining officer by our imposing array of stripes—twenty-

two in all, distributed among eleven N.C.O.s, exclusive of the Commander, who has not got any.

Football goes on apace, and we must congratulate Haymes on regaining his Pinks, while commiserating with May on having the misfortune to be an 'also ran.' Sutherland and Sturdy have played for the 2nd XI and Cooper and Evetts for Colts.

The Literary Society has had many successful readings, and has done so far 'Twelfth Night,' 'The School for Scandal,' 'King Richard II,' and 'What Every Woman Knows.'

GG.—We congratulate very heartily T. G. Hardy, M. G. Stratford, R. G. A. Mordaunt and K. J. Gardiner on their football Pinks, which they were awarded before the Charterhouse match.

We also congratulate the members of the House four who won the Rouse Ball Cup at Water. This is the first big event Grants have won at Water of late years, and we sincerely hope that now the spell has been broken we shall obtain still further successes.

Fives Ties and Yard Ties have been progressing surprisingly well and it really looks as if both will be finished this term.

The Literary Society has read 'The Rivals' and 'The School for Scandal,' and has had one reading of Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer.'

Grants III are top of the Leagues and the other two teams are well placed, and considering that many players are prevented from playing for their League teams by being in Big Game or Colts the positions of our sides speak very well for the keenness and enthusiasm of the House.

RR.—Very little worthy of mention has occurred since the last House Notes were published. Wingate has regained his well-deserved Pinks and Paulson has been awarded his House Colours. Birch and Allen received their Water House Colours after the race in which we were unfortunate enough to be beaten by College.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the numerous literary evenings with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy. Having just finished an extraordinarily merry and spirited reading of 'She Stoops to Conquer,' we are looking forward with keen anticipation to starting 'The Rivals.'

Since our last notes there have been certain promotions in the Corps, and we are now possessed of four more N.C.O.s. As a result we have high hopes of winning the Drill Competition this term.

Up Fields this term our leagues have been really very successful, and we shall no doubt give a good account of ourselves in the three Inter-House Football Competitions.

We have to mourn the loss of one of our half-boarders, Hallam Kindersley, who died on Sunday,

November 22, after a short illness. He came to Rigauds at the beginning of the year, and though handicapped by ill-health, he was a keen member of the House and the School, both of which are the poorer for his loss.

A.HH.—It is customary to begin House Notes at this time of the year with the time-honoured and delightful words—'There are none'—and this year is no exception; there are none, but here they are.

The most important event that has taken place among us this term is the awarding of Pinks to J. H. B. Bird and M. D. Doulton, the former early in the term and the latter before the Charterhouse match. We heartily congratulate them both on a well-deserved success.

L. E. Barker, J. H. K. Thomas and C. R. D. Porter play for the Second Eleven and A. C. Bird and Sahler have twice represented Colts. We made a fair show in the Rouse Ball Challenge Fours, beating H.BB. in good style, but succumbing to Grants in the final. D. Cragg-Hamilton, J. S. H. Shattock and P. S. Peak received their House Colours and A. Cunningham Junior Colours, all of whom merit our sincere congratulations.

Commemoration has come and gone and so has a solid and unmoving phalanx of visitors who thronged the House for some hours. The better that they might do this the whole House was put in a state of pleasing but unwonted tidiness. We hope this was duly appreciated, although it was rather obscured at the time.

Fives Ties have attracted forty-four entries, but, as usual, are making somewhat heavy-footed progress. The House Squad is undergoing rigorous training for the Drill Comp. and optimism beams on every face, also as usual. A.HH. League Teams are not outstanding, but our prospects for Seniors while stationary are at the same time undeniably sound.

H.BB.—Our first duty is to congratulate W. H. R. Jeremy upon his Pinks and A. Clare upon his especially brilliant performance at Charterhouse. They have both regularly represented us this term in the First Eleven, and we look to them to lead us to success in Seniors.

Since our last Notes many members of the House have received their first promotions in the O.T.C. Our congratulations are due to them, as also to R. R. Holmes upon his position of C.Q.M.S. The Drill Squad has started its labours early, and if our talent and industry in this direction are rightly rewarded, the Drill Cup will soon be back again in H.BB.

We condole with our House Four upon their failure to achieve success at Water.

Such keenness has been shown in the House Fives Ties this term that four weeks before the end of term we have already played the finals. The number of entries has, however, been comparatively small, and we look forward to an improvement in this respect next term.

A glance at the article on Fencing will suffice to show the distinguished part H.BB. are playing in this flourishing branch of the School games. Nevertheless, despite the fact that every House but one is represented at Fencing, our efforts do not seem likely to receive their rightful recognition, as there is no inter-house fencing cup in existence. We believe Fencing to be the only branch of the School games so handicapped.

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### CONCERT.

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AN impromptu Concert was held up School on Monday, October 26, when the following programme was given.

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| 1  | 1st Movement from Sonata in C for 'Cello and Piano ... .. | <i>Brevai</i>      |
|    | MAKOWER AND ADLER.                                        |                    |
| 2  | Piano Trio, Andante from Trio in G ...                    | <i>Mozart</i>      |
|    | NEGUS, MAKOWER AND ADLER.                                 |                    |
| 3  | Piano Solo, Allegro from Sonata in C minor ...            | <i>Mozart</i>      |
|    | LEWIS.                                                    |                    |
| 4  | Vocal Solo, (a) 'Bid Me to live' ...                      | <i>Lawes</i>       |
|    | (b) 'I am confirmed'                                      |                    |
|    | ELLISON.                                                  |                    |
| 5  | Duet, 'The Angler's Song' ... ..                          | <i>Lawes</i>       |
|    | ELLISON AND REA.                                          |                    |
| 6  | Flute Solo, Larghetto ... ..                              | <i>Handel</i>      |
|    | WINNIFRITH.                                               |                    |
| 7  | 'Cello Solo, Bourrée and Minuet ...                       | <i>Hasse</i>       |
|    | HARRISON.                                                 |                    |
| 8  | Piano Solo, No. 9, Song Without Words ...                 | <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
|    | CARTER.                                                   |                    |
| 9  | Vocal Solo, 'The Lass with the delicate air' ...          | <i>Arne</i>        |
|    | CLARKE.                                                   |                    |
| 10 | Violin Solo, Meditation ... ..                            | <i>Bach-Gounod</i> |
|    | HOLMES.                                                   |                    |

The whole performance was delightful from beginning to end, and gave us a large variety of musical accomplishment. If I might be permitted to express my own opinion, I thought the last item, the violin solo by Holmes, to be the best. But let us take them singly.

The first piece did not strike me greatly. It was quite a pleasing air, but not very well executed. The 'cello was squeaky and the piano insignificant. The same applies to the second piece, when Negus joined the other two with his violin. The piece was dull and lifeless. Lewis's piano solo was, as

usual, a remarkable performance. His memory for music seems to be boundless and should stand him in good stead in the future. If I might criticise a very fine performance, I would suggest that he loses a little in touch by playing so much at a time from memory. It is, of course, very good practice to play from heart, but if he were not troubled about remembering how it goes next, he would, I feel sure, have more scope for polishing the technique.

Ellison's singing was again very pleasant. He had chosen two charming songs by Lawes, and sang them very well. The tone was, if anything, a little woolly, but we hope he will continue to sing treble for some time to come. He was then joined by Rea in a duet by the same composer. The song was a fine example of Lawes's work, and the performers were well together, which after all is the first essential in duet singing. Winniffrith's flute solo was a very beautiful piece of Handel, stately and rich, and quite well executed. Our next performer, Harrison, was nervous at the start and could not stop his implement squeaking. However, he got into his swing later on, and played quite well. It was courageous of such a young performer to try what was by no means an easy piece. Carter was walking on a well-trodden road when he chose Mendelssohn's 9th 'Song without Words.' But it is one of Mendelssohn's charms that he will stand a lot of repetition, and never seems to grow dull. Clarke was the next performer, with a song of Arne's, 'The lass with the delicate air.' He manages to get to a prodigious height, but at the expense of all that makes music pleasant. His tone was harsh in the extreme, and from the front it was hard to appreciate it. The last item, Holmes's violin solo, I have already said, I thought was on the whole the best performance. Holmes, of course, is more of a professional than the others, and he displayed much more confidence in his playing. His piece, 'Meditation,' by Bach-Gounod, was beautiful and eminently suitable, and it was played faultlessly and artistically. Holmes seemed to have more sympathy with his author than most of the others.

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### POETRY.

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It may not be generally known that this ingenious poem first appeared in the *Trifler* of May 7, 1817. The *Trifler* was a Magazine published by Gingers and written and edited by boys then in the School. In Anthologies the poem is usually stated to be by an anonymous writer, and in the *Trifler* it is headed 'The following curious specimen of Poetry presented to us by a friend is dedicated to the

Lovers of Alliteration.' We believe, however, that it was written by Theodore Hook and sent by him in reply to a request for a contribution :

An Austrian army, awfully array'd,  
boldly by battery besieg'd Belgrade ;  
Cossack commanders cannonading come,  
dealing destruction's devastating doom.  
Every endeavour engineers essay—  
for fame, for fortune fighting—furious fray !  
Generals 'gainst generals grapple—Gracious God !  
How honours Heaven heroic hardihood—  
infuriate—indiscriminate in ill,  
Kinsmen kill kindred, kindred kinsmen kill.  
Labour low levels longest, loftiest lines—  
men march 'mid mounds, 'mid moles, 'mid  
murderous mines.  
Now noisy noxious numbers notice nought,  
of outward obstacles opposing ought ;  
Poor Patriots ! partly purchas'd, partly press'd,  
quite quaking quickly, ' quarter, quarter, ' quest.  
Reason returns, religious right redounds,  
Suwarrow stops such sanguinary sounds.  
Truce to thee, Turkey, triumph to thy train,  
unjust, unwise, unmerciful Ukraine,  
Vanish vain Victory, vanish Victory vain.—  
Why wish we warfare ? Wherefore welcome were  
Xerxes, Ximenes, Xanthus, Xaviere ?  
Yield, yield ye youths, ye yeomen yield your yell ;  
Zeno's, Zarpater's, Zoroaster's, zeal  
attracting all, arms against acts appear.

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### A LITTLE TROUBLE AT CHRIST CHURCH.

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WHEN war stopped the Play in 1914, it was long since such a thing had happened. The Play went on, year by year, throughout the wars with France ; the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, and the South African War did not touch it. But there was no Play in 1745. Highlanders were swarming along the streets of Derby, and the Guards had marched to Finchley. As the Prologue to 'Eunuchus' in 1746 said :

Nil festum fuit aut laetum, quo longa Decembris  
Taedia, quo tristis deciperetur hiems.  
Continuo trepidare omnes, discurrere passim,  
Et rapere a patriis arma vetusta tholis.

This Prologue, which concludes with a compliment to the Victor of Culloden, was spoken by William Sealy—probably with his tongue in his cheek. Or else his opinions changed in the course of the next few years. For in June, 1750, he was in trouble over a Jacobite outrage at Christ Church. It was a popular form of amusement in those days to vex the righteous souls of Whig dons by professing anti-Hanoverian sentiments. Only a year or two previously Dr. King, Principal of St. Mary Hall, had made his celebrated Latin speech in the Sheldonian Theatre on the occasion of the dedica-

tion of the Radcliffe Library; an oration in which, as Mr. Godley has pointed out, there is a good deal about Dr. Radcliffe, but a good deal more about the corruption of manners and the decay of Universities under the domination of the House of Brunswick. It concluded with a series of paragraphs each beginning with the word 'Redeat'; which like the word 'Restoration' in Shippen's celebrated toast was interpreted as having political significance.

Sealy's trouble at Christ Church was on this wise. He had a friend, Richard James, who had acted in the Play of 1746, and had been elected from Westminster in 1748. Mr. James on June 10, 1750, entertained his friends both at dinner and supper to celebrate the Pretender's birthday. In the course of these festivities the Pretender's health was drunk not once nor twice to the scandal of the House; and finally the host got out through the gate at a very late hour by threatening to kill the porter. When cited to appear in Hall before the Dean and Chapter he contumaciously defied their authority by not appearing. And in some, if not all, of these excesses he was aided and abetted by Sealy and another Westminster student, Ralph Barnes.

The Dean and Chapter were not amused. They were austere men, and they shut the gates of mercy as well as those of Christ Church upon Richard James. Like the Scholar Gipsy he came to Oxford and his friends no more; but he managed to become a country parson in Wiltshire. Sealy and Barnes got off more easily; they do not seem to have erred outside the walls of the House. Sealy—again perhaps with his tongue in his cheek—wrote a copy of Latin verses on the death of Frederick Prince of Wales in 1751; possibly, a counter-blast to the more famous poem beginning 'Here lies Fred.' Barnes did still better; he became a Canon of Exeter and Archdeacon of Totnes and survived till 1820. He was the father of Frederick Barnes elected to Christ Church from Westminster in 1790, who lived in the House as student and Canon for nearly seventy years, during many of which he was Sub-Dean. It was he who put to a helpless victim in Collections the kindly leading question, 'Come, come, Mr. —! Who dragged whose body how many times round the walls of what?' He would have appreciated a late Master of Trinity's definition of a poll examination as an attempt, often unsuccessful, to fathom the depths of an undergraduate's ignorance.

### HISTORICAL NOTE.

WE reprint the following from *The Times* of a hundred years ago:—

MONDAY, NOV. 7, 1825.

In consequence of the serious accident which happened to a young gentleman two years ago, from the letting-off fireworks in Dean's Yard, the present Master of Westminster School (Dr. Goodenough) summoned the scholars to his presence on Friday, when he informed them of his determination not to suffer the letting-off fireworks on the 5th of November; but, he added, at the same time, that if the scholars would promise to forego so mischievous an amusement, they should enjoy two holydays instead of one. This arrangement was assented to. Orders were then given that the Dean's Yard gate should be closed at 5 o'clock on Saturday, and so remain. Two officers were directed to attend in Dean's Yard, in order to prevent the intrusion of strangers, if attempted, and thus preserve the public peace.

### Old Westminsters.

THE Bishop of Oxford (Dr. T. B. Strong) has been appointed Clerk of the Closet in Ordinary to the King.

The Rev. W. Cyril Mayne, Rector of Poplar, has been appointed Rural Dean of Poplar, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of London.

The Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Bethnal Green, has been appointed Rector of Radwinter, Essex.

Mr. D. S. Robertson, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed a Governor of the School by the Master and Fellows of Trinity College.

Mr. F. R. R. Burford has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

There were two Westminsters, Mr. E. C. T. and Mr. H. R. A. Edwards, in the Christ Church boat which won the Coxswainless Fours at Oxford.

Mr. H. R. A. Edwards won the Oxford University Challenge Sculls.

Mr. R. Hartley is Captain of the Cambridge University Golf Team.

Captain Alan Borrodaile Johnson, of Wreay Hall, Wreay, Cumberland, has been made a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. L. R. Barnett-Smith is going out to the Federated Malay States as a Government Customs Officer.

### Births.

FEASEY.—On September 20, at Norwood, to Ida, wife of A. Clifford Feasey, a son.

JAQUET.—On October 22, the wife of the Rev. E. G. Jaquet, of a son.

REA.—On November 9, the wife of Philip Russell Rea, of a son.

### Marriage.

KITCHEN-LARDER.—On August 12, Derek Harcourt, elder son of Frederick Harcourt Kitchin, to Mary Kathleen Forsaith Larder, M.Sc., M.B., B.S., only daughter of the Right Rev. R. Brook Larder, D.D., Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England.

### Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of KENNETH BELBER ANDERSON, younger surviving son of the late Kenneth Anderson, of Swanage. He was admitted to the School in January, 1895, as a Home Boarder. He was subsequently up Rigauds and kept goal for the School in his last year.

He was afterwards well-known in the City, and was a Director of the Exchange Telegraph Company, of which his grandfather, Sir James Anderson, had been Managing Director, and a member of Lloyds. He died on November 13 at Camberley.

We also regret to have to record the death of one of our own number. HALLAM NASSAU KINDERSLEY was admitted up Rigauds in January, 1925. He was the second son of Major Guy Molesworth Kindersley, O.B.E., M.P., by Kathleen, daughter of the late Sir Edmund H. Elton, Bart. He died after a short illness on November 22. We take this opportunity of expressing our deep sympathy with his parents.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

It was recently stated on good authority that ELIZA was suffering from a poor circulation. We are pleased to report that she has taken a turn for the better, and is now feeling quite robust. Let us explain the allusion, as they say in places where they teach. Through the good offices of

the Elizabethan Club we have recently enrolled about fifty new subscribers, and there are more in prospect. Having recorded these agreeable facts we should like first to thank our subscribers, one and all, for their kind support, and secondly, to show our gratitude in the approved style by asking them to contribute more frequently to our columns. We want COPY—prose, verse, articles, reminiscences, letters. Many O.WW. are pursuing their vocations in distant parts of the world. We should like to hear of their doings, and if they can tell us of any openings for public school boys that there may be in their several localities they will be conferring a favour on the younger generation of Westminsters.

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Subscribers! If you do not receive your ELIZABETHAN regularly, please let us know; also please inform us of any CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

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The Hon. Treasurer proposes to print in our next issue, as an appendix to the annual accounts, an alphabetical list of Life Subscribers. He takes a pride in the length of this list, which he regards as a tribute, not only to ELIZA's financial stability, but also to her perennial charm. Thus, in what may be to others a mere list of names, he finds a symbol charged with inner significance, an ensign of chivalrous devotion. Such a feeling craves due expression, nor does this fail him, for as he scans the enchanted page he is often touched by the spirit of song, his lips move and he murmurs a soft refrain—

LIZA, with all thy faults we love thee still.

### Correspondence.

CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—I am not going to indulge in platitudes concerning the over-frequent necessity of writing this letter, which always finds us unprepared, but I will register an expression of disgust at the extraordinary slackness of our present secretary, whoever he may be. Although we are already more than half-way through the term there has been no notice or whisper of any sort about a meeting, or the issue of a card with the names of O.WW. up here. As a result it will be impossible to write this letter without offending some one, who may think he is entitled to the glory of having his name written in this scroll of fame. Luckily, I remain anonymous, so instead of searching me out, I suggest that the disappointed ones write letters all about themselves to the next number.

Of our 'Blues' last year, Mr. P. E. M. Mellor has gone down, but we are still represented in this year's Soccer Team by Mr. R. G. H. Lowe, the secretary, and if he stays up, we hope, next year's Captain. He also got a Cricket Blue last term, despite his unfortunate accident the year before. Mr. R. W. Hartley, although only in his second



year, is this year's Cambridge Golf Captain, and probably the best golfer at either university. Under his leadership the Golf Team is so far unbeaten, and seems to be exceptionally strong. Mr. M. F. Young was unfortunate in not being able to run in the Seniors' Sports owing to a damaged foot, but he ran well for St. Catharine's in the Inter-Collegiate Relays, and it is hoped that he will run in the Relays against Oxford this term. In the Rowing world Mr. A. C. E. Devereux, who was one of the stalwarts of last year's very good Selwyn boats, has rowed several times in the Trials, and Mr. J. M. H. Hoare and Mr. C. E. Wool-Lewis both rowed in the Third Trinity, 2nd Light IV, which did very well in the races. It is pleasant to see more Westminsters in the 'Third' boats, as Mr. Mercer, who coxed the 2nd May boat, was the only one last year. Third Trinity, although very few in numbers, holds a very high position in Cambridge rowing, and it is hoped that this will herald a long overdue Westminster revival in the Club.

In the Freshmen's Sports Mr. C. R. Lane did very well in the Hundred Yards and Quarter Mile, and Mr. G. L. Oliver-Watts ran well in the Three Miles. Yet again in these Sports the lack of Pole Jumpers was very apparent, and it would be a good idea to make the Pole Jump one of the contests in the School Sports, superseding, if necessary, Throwing the Hammer, which does not occur in the 'Varsity Sports.

In the realms of learning Mr. A. G. N. Cross is to be congratulated on his brilliant success in winning a very highly-prized scholarship for archaeological research, while Mr. Elliston continues to write witty and clever articles in the *Granta*, of which Mr. A. R. MacPhail was one of the moving spirits last year.

I must conclude in an unusual way by congratulating Mr. H. R. A. Edwards on his fine victory in the Oxford Sculls, and by hoping, in the name of all O.W.W. up here, to see the two brothers rowing against us for Oxford. We all also wish the School the best of luck for the ensuing year.

Yours,  
C. O. W.

OXFORD.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—When first you asked me to write you a letter from Oxford, a novel idea occurred to me. I set myself to compose a Horatian epistle in Latin Hexameters. And, sir, after spending many hours in the company of midnight oil and graduses (or should it be gradūs?) I produced this line—the free scansion and accidence of which you will admire—

Infandum, o mi editore, eubes renovare dolorem.

But then I re-read it, and it seemed an unhappy and unoriginal beginning, so I sat down with a sorrowful and disillusioned mind to write in plain English prose.

First, I must record our athletic achievements. Mr. H. R. A. Edwards won the Challenge Sculls, and has since been rowing regularly in Trials, which Mr. E. C. T. Edwards has been helping to coach. Mr. Peck also rowed in Trials earlier in the term. Mr. Gates, of Christ Church, and Mr. Osgood, of New College, were in their respective Fresher's Fours. Mr. McBride has played several times in goal for the University Soccer team; while Mr. Blair was included in a recent Trial Match. And I must not omit to mention Mr. Leishman, who represented Univ. in the Inter-Collegiate Relay Hurdle Race.

But to descend to less exalted, though not less distinguished, activities. Mr. Dix continues to provide Keble with entertainment and instruction; and a dreadful rumour is going about that a recent decision of the City Council, by which the name of Alfred Street has been changed to Pusey Street, was not entirely unconnected

with Mr. Dix's influence. Mr. Taylor lives in Raymond Asquith's old rooms; he is said to be waiting and seeing if the mantle of his illustrious predecessor will descend upon him. Mr. Curtis's rooms at the House were recently up To Let, but no tenant was forthcoming, and Mr. Curtis has been compelled with much reluctance to occupy them himself. Mr. de Selincourt, now a venerable Bachelor of Arts, is one of those people who spend the night in revelry, and the day in bed. Mr. Lloyd-Jones is usually to be found in the library at the Union.

Mr. Binyon has grown tired of Buddha and turned Anglo-Catholic; we hear that he is contemplating celebrating the tenth anniversary of Tolstoy's death in the proper manner by doing a day's manual labour; what form it will take is not yet known, but the choice lies between grave-digging and the simpler process of changing places with his scout.

Mr. Rankine wears a resplendent O.W.W. shag, and will talk to you brightly of his experiences at Boating. Mr. Tabor and Company, the well-known Morris-dancers, are now going on tour through the villages of Oxfordshire. Mr. Tabor is said to have a pretty taste in partners. Mr. Binney lives at the top of an evil-smelling, ill-lighted, interminable spiral staircase, and in this seclusion he entertains his innumerable friends.

But not everyone at the House enjoys such inviolable security as Mr. Binney; which is unfortunate, especially on the evenings when Mr. McBride and Mr. McQuown, often accompanied by Mr. Johnstone (who is sometimes serious) and Mr. Stavridi (who is sometimes not), like the troops of Midian, prowl and prowl around. Mr. J. R. H. Chisholm, who is now wrestling with Honour Mods., occasionally emerges to join them on their prowls.

Mr. Herbert is the last hope of Liberalism and wears a hat. Mr. Allen has been travelling in Bohemia, a country with which he has certain natural affinities; he is now steeping himself in that most priceless of all our local amenities, the spirit of North Oxford. Mr. Ruddock caused unseemly and unaccountable mirth by reading the grace at St. John's in the Westminster pronunciation. He was seen to call on the President the next morning at 9.30.

People who see Mr. Pereira about in the streets get the impression that he owns Oxford and finds it rather a burden. Mr. Magnus came up on a tour of inspection on the last day of the vac., and was promptly seized by the Vice-Chancellor and induced to settle at Wadham. He took rooms in St. John Street, and has for neighbours the Messrs. Stonier, one of whom is now a learned contributor to the *Isis*, while the other is still an important figure in the world of chess.

Mr. Popplewell has taken to pillion-riding on Mr. Gorman's bicycle. The latter's dual personality has been much in evidence lately: for his strong religious sensibility finds expression in the private chapel which he has fitted up in his bedder, and it must have been the raciness of his temperament which, on a recent Sunday morning, made him ride through the town of Maidenhead at the terrific speed of twenty-five miles an hour—an exploit which cost him £2 os. 1½d., exclusive of costs.

Mr. Chalk is industrious, but not, like Mr. May and Mr. Madden, invisible. Mr. Lester lives behind a pediment; he is collecting a very recherché library; but as only the elect are allowed to see it and the writer is not one of them, it is impossible to give further details. Mr. Watherston lives behind another pediment and looks militant.

Mr. Parke spends his leisure hours driving other people's motor cars. Mr. Miller is said to be at Merton, and Mr. Woodhams at Worcester, but little has been seen and less heard of them.

And now, sir, I will weary you no longer with this chronicle of perversities. Some there are who have no

record in it. But I hasten to assure them that this is due, not to any lack of notoriety on their part, but to the culpable ignorance of your correspondent; and to sign myself

Yours truly,  
Βαπτιστής.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The letter you published in your last number on the subject of Lectures was very welcome, and hits the nail on the head absolutely. I would go further and maintain that not only is a good lecture of first-rate educational value, but that a bad lecture is a positive danger.

Might I make a suggestion? At Eton there is, or certainly was, a lecture committee formed of senior boys in the School, in whose hands rest the whole business of inviting lecturers down. Would not the institution of some such committee at Westminster be beneficial? Of necessity they would have to be given a fairly free hand, and the School would have to undergo to discharge any expenses involved, but I sincerely believe that the result would be a rise in the standard of the lectures.

I am, sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
BORED MINOR.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—At the Elizabethan Club dinner on November 16, an appeal was made to O.W.W. to subscribe a sum of money towards the purchase of new oars for Water.

The present oars have become so old and so few that it was becoming almost impossible to carry on with them.

As a result of this appeal £26 were collected; a sum of money which, with a grant of £6 from the School Games Fund, will provide two new sets of oars, and satisfy our present needs.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking, in the name of all watermen, those O.W.W. who made so generous a response to this appeal.

Yours faithfully,  
A. J. D. WINNIFRITH,  
Head of the Water.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In the October issue of THE ELIZABETHAN a correspondent, 'Squash Rackets,' makes the suggestion that the racket court should be divided into two or three squash courts, and I write in the hope that this proposal may not be carried out.

I remember the appeal for subscriptions for the Memorial to Mr. Rutherford being circulated. I was in India at the time, and a Public Schools Racket Tournament had just taken place in the station where I was quartered. One of the few important schools which was *not* represented was Westminster. There were two O.W.W. in the station, but although we both knew something of rackets, owing to lack of early training we were quite incapable of competing with officers from such schools as Eton, Winchester, etc. This was not a happy state of affairs, and neither is the fact that a Westminster pair seldom, if ever, seems to compete in the Public Schools Racket Championship.

If money is required to develop Rackets at Westminster surely the sum could be raised by subscription. If everyone interested would subscribe even half-a-crown it would provide sufficient money to make a start.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
H. D.

## COMMEMORATION AND THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—By an oversight mention of the Elizabethan Club was omitted at this year's Commemoration Service. A clause was added before the war at the end of the 'Forma Commendationis,' and ran as follows:—

'Nec praetermittendum est hodie honoratum nomen Sodalitatis Elizabethanae, quae almae Matris et antiqui domicilii memor, quidquid unquam vel ad domum ornandam vel ad instruendos ludos deerat, indefessa liberalitate suggestit.'

And see the Club Report dated June 20, 1906.

November 18, 1925. Yours faithfully,  
O. W.

## Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

*The Corian, Harrovian (2), Radleian (2), Meteor (3), Eton College Chronicle (8), Malburian (3), St. Edward's College Chronicle, Ousel (2), Blue, Wykamist (2), Pauline, Felstedian, Blundellian, Shirburnian, Haileyburian, Tonbridgian, Stonyhurst Magazine, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Salopian, Rossallian, Johnian, Mohonk Sentinel, Wellingtonian, Brighton College Magazine, Reptonian.*

## THE SCHOOL MISSION.

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

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

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

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

## OLD WESTMINSTERS LODGE, No. 2233.

THIS Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminsters. It meets at Westminster School four times a year—in March, June, October, and December. It is the senior Public School Lodge belonging to the Public Schools Union, which holds an Annual Festival at each school in turn.

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

## NOTICES.

ALL contributions to the February number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1, before January 25, 1926.

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

**Floreat.**