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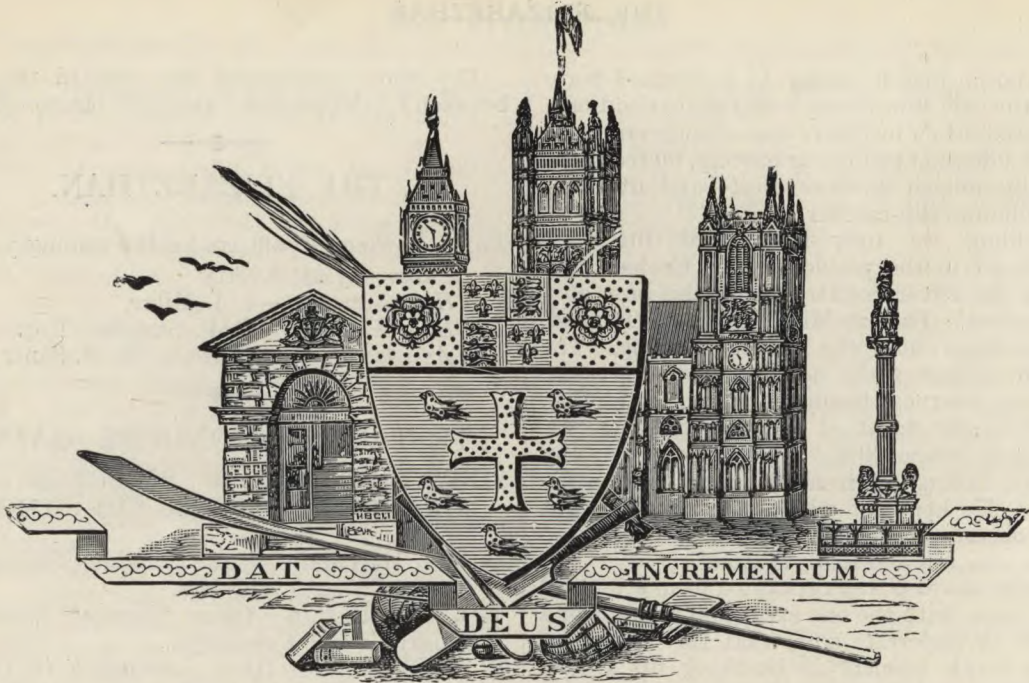
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CRICKET SEASON, 1929.

A RETROSPECT.

THE record of 13 matches played, 3 won, 5 lost and 5 drawn, is not on the face of it a very brilliant one, and yet there were several features of the cricket which were gratifying and which augured well for the future. Noteworthy amongst these was our batting; we cannot remember so many runs being scored by the School for many years, and the reason of this was that we did not rely, as so often has been the case, on one outstanding player, but we were the happy possessors of three batsmen of very great merit, all of whom scored over 430 runs, and these were backed up still again by 4 more batsmen, all of whom scored more than 200 runs during the season. This splendid consistency is brought home to us by the averages, the top six of which range between 42 and 26, eloquent testimony to the School's run-getting capabilities.

Bompas, Symington and Evetts were the outstanding trio, the former two being not only reliable, but very quick scoring batsmen, while

Evetts was an ideal opening batsman, whose mission it was to tame the bowling by sound defensive methods—a born No. 1 player. Yet it must not be thought that Evetts played a purely passive and defensive rôle—at times he showed us stroke production of a very high standard—and he was a model of consistency, rarely failing to score over 40 runs in an innings. Graham, though not quite the class of these three, yet played some quite dazzling innings, while Aitken suddenly blossomed out—surprisingly and unexpectedly—into a very attractive forcing player. Lonsdale and Cooper also played some hearty yokel cricket, while Wakely, going in late, showed stubborn defence (if nothing else) on one or two valuable occasions.

Our bowling till we tragically lost the services of Cooper was quite adequate, though never really strong enough to force many victories. Cooper—improved out of all knowledge from the previous season—was really fast and tolerably accurate; he acted as a foil to the other bowlers, and his mere presence on the side rendered the others doubly effective owing to the contrast in pace. Robbed of his presence during

the Sherborne match owing to a strained body muscle, the side from being a distinctly good one, degenerated into a mediocre one—his absence also disclosed a distinct tail in our batting, moreover he was badly missed as our safest—and at times most brilliant—slip-catcher.

In fielding we fully maintained the high standard set in the previous year, Graham and Milne in the cover country being the best of a very good lot. The catching was distinctly good, better perhaps than the ground fielding. The whole out-cricketer of the side gave the impression of accuracy, neatness, finish and polish, and for this, the enthusiastic spirit of the Captain, Bompas, was largely responsible—quick to detect any individual falling off from the standard he demanded. He kept the whole side screwed right up to concert pitch all the time, and that too during a very hot and tiring season.

The side was also well captained from a tactical point of view, with the one exception perhaps of a tendency to underrate somewhat the efficacy of tosh leg-break bowlers in breaking up a long partnership.

In a word we had some real bright cricket from the eleven, and though it was not a great side in any shape or form—we lacked the requisite variety in attack to merit truly such an appellation—yet it produced cricket which at times both delighted the onlookers and also reflected great credit on the players.

We played bright and merry cricket—surely the spirit in which it was always meant to be played—and in this respect the 1929 side should serve as a model to be followed by future Westminster elevens. D. J. K.

School Notes.

THERE are 58 new boys this term, making a total number of 372.

The dates of the Play—the 'Phormio of Terence'—are Saturday, December 15; Monday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 18.

We welcome this term as Assistant Masters Mr. P. S. Snow, Mr. G. L. Barber, Mr. S. Cunliffe-Owen, and Mr. L. H. Burd, who replace Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Hardy and Rev. H. K. Luce, and Mr. Laurie, who is away for a year as one of the Biologists on Sir Douglas Mawson's Antarctic Expedition in 'The Discovery.'

There is no concert this term, but the Madrigal and Orchestral Societies will perform selections from Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio' on Friday, November 29.

The Mure Scholarship was divided this year between I. I. Milne (K.S.) and R. N. Heaton (K.S.).

THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE following are officers for the coming year:—

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- C. M. Harrison.—*Open Classical Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge.*
 J. C. P. Elliston.—*Open Classical Exhibition, Trinity College, Cambridge.*
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PRINCIPAL SCHOOL PRIZES AWARDED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR ENDING ELECTION, 1929.

- Phillimore I.*—*Essay:* Not awarded. *Translation* (2nd prize), C. M. Harrison.
Mure Scholarship.—D. A. G. Hinks.
Ireland Prizes.—*Latin Verse:* T. H. S. Wyllie.
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Gumbleton Prize for English Verse.—M. Mackenzie.
Waterfield Latin Prose Prize.—A. F. L. Beeston.
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Henry Troutbeck Prizes for Orations.—Senior : J. G. H. Baker. Junior : J. M. H. Browne.

Stebbing Prize.—F. Fulton.

O.W.W. Masonic Lodge Prizes for Science.—Essay : J. Levison. Practical : J. H. Lee.

Phillimore II.—For Greek and Latin Compositions : A. F. L. Beeston and E. D. Phillips. For English Compositions : C. M. Harrison and R. M. Saner.

Toplady Prizes for Scripture.—Senior : H. N. G. Allen. Junior : P. B. Williamson.

Clifton Gordon Reading Prizes.—Senior : G. A. Ellison. Junior : J. M. H. Browne.

Goodenough Medal for French.—G. B. Parker.

Marshall Memorial Prizes.—VII : J. A. Evetts. H. VII : F. M. Hardie. Mod. VII : J. M. Lee.

Marshall Prizes.—VI : P. Hacker. Mod. VI : E. C. Bagnan.

Cheyne Prizes for Arithmetic.—Senior : P. G. A. Diack. Junior : A. F. Stephenson.

Rev. A. Jones' Prize for Geometry.—W. R. S. Doll.

Eastlake Prizes for Drawing.—First Prize : Not awarded. Second Prizes : L. E. de St. Pæer and A. C. Baines.

Sir Henry Lucy Prizes for Art.—T. W. Plaistowe, R. W. Smith, J. G. Jamieson, P. H. Chalk, G. B. Aris.

Knapp Fisher Prize for Music.—A. M. Spurgin.

P. G. L. Webb Prize for Music.—F. I. H. Lewis.

Rouse Ball Prizes for Mathematics.—Senior : W. R. S. Doll. Junior : E. R. Smith.

Mitchell "Empire" Prize Essay.—F. M. Hardie.

Digniora.—T. H. S. Wyllie, P. M. Turquet, P. B. Williamson.

School Certificate Prizes.—History : T. C. N. Gibbens. French : G. B. N. Hartog.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

THE following are officers for the coming year :—

Captain.—J. A. Evetts.

Monitors.—R. M. Saner, W. H. D. Wakely, I. I. Milne, H. P. Straker, H. J. Thomson, G. B. Aris.

Captain of K.S.S.—J. A. Evetts.

Prin. Opp.—R. M. Saner.

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Head of Rigaud's.—H. P. Straker.

Head of Homeboarders.—R. M. Saner.

Head of Ashburnham.—G. B. Aris.

Head of Busby's.—H. J. Thomson.

Captain of Football.—H. J. Thomson.

Captain of Cricket.—J. A. Evetts.

Head of the Water.—L. D. S. ten Doesschate.

Other Members of the Monitorial Council.—

J. W. S. Sprigge, P. R. Aitken, J. H. F. Norbury, D. A. G. Hinks, A. J. Page.

ELECTION, 1929.

Elected to Scholarships at Christ Church.—A. F. L. Beeston (Classics), F. M. Hardie (History), D. K. C. O'Malley (Hinchliffe), E. D. Phillips (Classics), T. H. S. Wyllie (Classics).

Elected to Trinity Exhibitions (together with Samwaies Exhibitions).—H. A. R. Philby (History), J. W. Grigg (Classics), H. A. Burt (Science).

Elected to Exhibitions of £75 at Christ Church.—J. G. H. Baker (History), M. Mackenzie (Classics).

Elected to Triplet Exhibitions for Three Years.—J. G. H. Baker (£50), M. Mackenzie (£50), J. H. Lee (£50), E. F. F. White (£50), J. C. P. Elliston (£30), K. H. L. Cooper (£20).

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* WELLINGTON.

(Won.)

Played June 29. This was the only School match Westminster won outright this summer, nor could a more exciting and unexpected finish be imagined.

Westminster won the toss and batted first on a really fast pitch. Bompas and Evetts scored quickly from the very first ball and, when Bompas was out, 45 had been put on in just over half an hour. Symington then came in and the score was soon taken along to 90. There then, however, came a remarkable collapse ; 3 wickets fell quickly and Westminster were on the defensive. It was only through some masterly batting by Aitken and some quick scoring by Lonsdale and Cooper that our score was brought up to a respectable total. Indeed an innings of between 200 and 250 is ideal for getting a definite result in a one-day match.

In the first flush of victory a great deal of bad play can naturally be pardoned, but if we had lost, or if we look at the game afterwards in cold blood, it can be seen that our batting was not what it might have been. It was only a very moderate score against some very moderate bowling, whose mediocrity was made especially clear by the ease and speed of Aitken's batting. Our failure, if it can be called failure, was due to very careless play, almost everybody getting himself out by feeble or slack strokes. However, all can be pardoned in this respect, when the determination of our bowling and fielding is considered, which never lost heart even when Cooper had to stop bowling and the match seemed well-nigh lost.

Wellington started disastrously, two good wickets falling for 4 runs. They then bravely rallied ; Dashwood and Freeland both played

delightfully free cricket to bring the score up to 107. It still seemed an open game, but Westminster's hopes appeared irrevocably lost when only one more wicket fell before the score reached 173. The fielding was listless, and those who were watching apathetic. A sudden change then came over the whole ground, players again took heart and excitement was restored. In a brilliant spell of bowling Symington took 3 of their wickets, and in a few moments the whole state of the game was changed. Wellington now had their backs to the wall, who so short a time ago seemed certain of victory and their innings was soon finished off, the last 6 wickets falling for 21 runs. Their Captain remained undefeated to the end and made a magnificent effort to save the game, though the way in which his last man was run out seemed unnecessarily rash.

A good example of the glorious uncertainty of cricket was provided by this match. Its changes were most unexpected and victory rightly fell to the side with the greater staying powers and determination.

WESTMINSTER.

D. A. Bompas, c Hughes, b Cowey	22
J. A. Evetts, c Dashwood, b Cowey	45
I. W. A. Symington, c Prichard, b Luard	20
H. B. Graham, c Prichard, b Cowey	4
J. K. Luard, c James, b Prichard	6
P. R. Aitken, not out	67
C. E. Lonsdale, b Hughes	19
K. H. L. Cooper, c and b Prichard	18
W. H. D. Wakely, c and b Freeland	1
D. E. Ryland, lbw b Luard	1
I. I. Milne, b Cowey	0
Extras	17
Total	220

Bowling.—Hughes 1 for 33, Freeland 1 for 29, Luard 2 for 38, Cowey 4 for 65, Prichard 2 for 83.

WELLINGTON.

T. J. R. Dashwood, not out	94
B. W. Finnigan, c Lonsdale, b Symington	2
W. G. Tailyour, b Symington	0
I. H. Freeland, c Luard, b Wakely	51
J. W. H. James, b Graham	24
R. B. R. Todd, c Wakely, b Milne	16
D. H. Dumbell, lbw Symington	0
P. M. Hughes, b Symington	0
B. D. V. Cowey, b Graham	0
B. E. Luard, c Evetts, b Symington	1
D. M. C. Prichard, run out	0
Extras	7
Total	195

Bowling.—Symington 5 for 66, Wakely 1 for 24, Graham 2 for 46, Milne 1 for 5.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

(*Drawn.*)

Played on July 6. This match, which at one time looked as though it might provide an interesting game, was eventually spoilt by rain. There

was still a chance of obtaining a result up to the declaration of our innings, but intermittent showers deprived us of all such hope, and the Charterhouse innings petered out in a complete farce, neither side, not unnaturally, trying its best.

Though Charterhouse won the toss we were put in to bat, a decision which at first seemed justified, for an enormous amount of rain had fallen the previous night, making the pitch somewhat tricky. We started off in uncertain manner. Bompas and Evetts spent a very uncomfortable first quarter of an hour trying to adapt themselves to the difficulties of a strange ground and especially light. After this scratchy beginning, however, they soon got going and the score was taken to 92 before Bompas was out for a very valuable innings. Though our subsequent score seemed to show that the bowling was easy to play, a very different complexion might have been put on the game if Charterhouse had gained an early wicket. As it was, all went well, and there followed a succession of the most delightful innings on the part of Symington, Aitken and Lonsdale. Despite a few intervals of rain, they had scored so quickly as to enable Bompas to declare before tea.

Charterhouse were left two hours and a half in which to get the runs, and at one time it looked as though a definite and interesting result might be achieved, so quickly did their opening pair set about some rather moderate bowling. Heavy showers, however, then fell, which deprived both sides of a chance of victory. Charterhouse gave us a pleasing display of light-hearted batting, but the game was growing more and more farcical when the two captains decided to draw stumps a quarter of an hour before time.

WESTMINSTER.

D. A. Bompas, b Greening	46
J. A. Evetts, c Pole, b Jeavons	59
I. W. A. Symington, b Dyson	43
P. R. Aitken, b Hunt	27
H. B. Graham, b Greening	3
J. K. Luard, not out	3
C. E. Lonsdale, not out	32
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wickets dec.)	221

W. H. D. Wakely, D. E. Ryland, J. D. Argyle, and I. I. Milne did not bat.

Bowling.—Dyson 1 for 38, Hunt 1 for 31, Greening 2 for 65, Jeavons 1 for 55.

CHARTERHOUSE.

G. B. Eccles, c Argyle, b Wakely	22
T. W. B. Coulson, c and b Symington	2
I. T. McGaw, c Lonsdale, b Milne	37
C. Middleton, not out	54
G. L. Hartley, c Aitken, b Lonsdale	18
Extras	2
Total (for 4 wickets)	135

A. J. Wreford-Brown, F. R. S. Jeavons, J. W. R. Hunt, P. M. Dyson, J. S. Greening, and A. G. Pole did not bat.

Bowling.—Symington 1 for 31, Wakely 1 for 24, Milne 1 for 15, Lonsdale 1 for 15.

WESTMINSTER *v.* SHERBORNE.

(*Lost.*)

Played at Vincent Square on July 10 and 11. Westminster won the toss and sent in her usual pair, Bompas and Evetts. They soon found themselves in difficulty, however, against the bowling of Glover, who bowled quite fast for a schoolboy; fast enough at any rate to discomfort our batsmen, both of whom were soon sent back with only a very few runs scored. Aitken was also defeated by the pace of his bowling, and it remained to Symington, who played an absolutely magnificent innings, Graham and Luard to build up a respectable total. Only Wakely of the tail batsmen was able to do much scoring and his innings was conspicuous more for its luck than its style. The other three, then, must be congratulated on some very plucky and timely batting.

245 seemed by no means a bad score, and its value appeared even greater when Sherborne lost their opening wickets very cheaply. From then onwards, however, we seemed to go entirely to pieces, and their batsmen, aided by their fair share of luck, did whatever they liked to our bowling, which was badly handicapped by the absence of Cooper. Even so the game at the end of play was still quite open. The next morning, however, our attack lost even what little sting it had kept the day before. In terrific heat—for over two hours it was 126° in the sun—our bowling was flogged all over the field by their tail men, who curiously enough had hardly made a run before that season. When they were at last all out their total had reached 419; our only policy therefore was to try to make the game a draw. Even this, though, we were unable to achieve, so demoralized had we become after a long and tiring morning. After the first few wickets had fallen, it was obvious that we could not keep off defeat, and we petered out ingloriously, the only resistance offered to their bowling coming from Symington, Luard and Lonsdale.

So Sherborne won a truly wonderful victory. Rarely has a side stuck to its task with such grim determination as they showed after their first wickets had gone down so cheaply. They all earned praise, more especially Simmons, Mermagen, and Seddon for their batting and Glover and Hopcraft for their bowling.

WESTMINSTER—1ST INNINGS.

D. A. Bompas, c Carey, b Glover	...	...	...	4
J. A. Evetts, b Glover	...	...	...	15
I. W. A. Symington, c Simmons, b Glover	...	...	...	115
P. R. Aitken, b Glover	...	...	...	2
H. B. Graham, c Carey, b Glover	...	...	...	20
J. K. Luard, c Eglington, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	45
C. E. Lonsdale, c Simmons, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	3
W. H. D. Wakely, c Brown, b Glover	...	...	...	22
D. E. Ryland, b Glover	...	...	...	3
J. D. Argyle, lbw Glover	...	...	...	0
I. I. Milne, not out	...	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	...	11
Total	...	...	...	245

Bowling.—Glover 8 for 77, Hopcraft 2 for 65, Mermagen 0 for 41, Seddon 0 for 41, Eglington 0 for 10.

SHERBORNE—1ST INNINGS.

R. C. Eglington, b Graham	...	...	...	2
K. F. Ferguson, c Luard, b Symington	...	...	...	18
D. H. D. Alexander, run out	...	...	...	0
F. A. Simmons, c Bompas, b Graham	...	...	...	165
J. A. Tallent, b Ryland	...	...	...	11
P. H. F. Mermagen, b Wakely	...	...	...	49
R. J. Brown, c Aitken, b Symington	...	...	...	5
E. R. K. Glover, b Symington	...	...	...	8
A. W. Hopcraft, c Argyle, b Graham	...	...	...	20
N. R. Seddon, not out	...	...	...	78
J. E. B. Carey, st. Bompas, b Symington	...	...	...	29
Extras	...	...	...	34
Total	...	...	...	419

Bowling.—Symington 4 for 111, Graham 3 for 69, Wakely 1 for 37, Ryland 1 for 39.

WESTMINSTER—2ND INNINGS.

D. A. Bompas, lbw Hopcraft	...	...	...	9
J. A. Evetts, c Mermagen, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	2
I. W. A. Symington, c Hopcraft, b Glover	...	...	...	30
H. B. Graham, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	6
J. K. Luard, lbw Seddon	...	...	...	23
P. R. Aitken, c Simmons, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	3
C. E. Lonsdale, c Hopcraft b Eglington	...	...	...	37
W. H. D. Wakely, c Carey, b Glover	...	...	...	3
D. E. Ryland, c Brown, b Glover	...	...	...	2
J. D. Argyle, c Brown, b Hopcraft	...	...	...	1
I. I. Milne, not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	121

Bowling.—Glover 3 for 39, Hopcraft 5 for 59, Mermagen 0 for 9, Seddon 1 for 1, Eglington 1 for 8.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

(*Lost.*)

Played July 27.

WESTMINSTER.

D. A. Bompas, c Eland, b Feasey	...	...	...	3
J. A. Evetts, not out	...	...	...	118
I. W. A. Symington, b Feasey	...	...	...	12
J. K. Luard, b Kann	...	...	...	14
H. B. Graham, not out	...	...	...	108
Extras	...	...	...	5

Total (for 3 wickets dec.) ... 260

Bowling.—Feasey 2 for 56, Kann 1 for 33, Gerrish 0 for 36, Lonsdale 0 for 35, Frampton 0 for 34, Stratford 0 for 10, Gardiner 0 for 26, Salvi 0 for 24.

O.W.W.

W. E. Gerrish, run out	85
V. F. Ealand, c Wakely, b Lonsdale	47
L. Clare, c Graham, b Wakely	39
K. J. Gardiner, not out	52
A. C. Feasey, c Graham, b Argyle	16
M. G. Stratford, not out	10
Extras	15

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 264

Bowling.—Symington 0 for 63, Graham 0 for 26, Lonsdale 1 for 39, Wakely 1 for 59, Argyle 1 for 30, Ryland 0 for 31.

WESTMINSTER *v.* LORDS AND COMMONS
C.C.

(Lost.)

Played July 18.

LORDS AND COMMONS.

Major G. H. M. Cartwright, c Symington	10
C. F. Bray, b Ryland	80
G. W. Hickox, b Argyle	10
Capt. A. Hope, c Argyle, b Symington	4
Earl of Dalkeith, c Broadhurst, b Symington	0
Capt. A. W. Nicholson, b Symington	5
Lord Ebbisham, c and b Symington	7
Earl Howe, b Graham	10
H. C. Hogbin, b Symington	4
G. H. Shakespeare, b Graham	0
E. T. Campbell, not out	1
Extras	14

Total ... 145

Bowling.—Symington 6 for 32, Graham 2 for 21, Ryland 1 for 29, Argyle 1 for 13.

WESTMINSTER.

D. A. Bompas, c Hickox, b Campbell	1
J. G. Byrne, lbw b Cartwright	14
I. W. A. Symington, b Bray	21
J. K. Luard, b Bray	27
H. B. Graham, c Bray, b Campbell	37
P. Aitken, b Campbell	8
C. E. Lonsdale, not out	7
D. E. Ryland, b Cartwright	2
J. D. Argyle, lbw b Cartwright	0
M. Broadhurst, b Cartwright	0
J. D. Evans, b Cartwright	0
Extras	15

Total ... 142

Bowling.—Bray 2 for 35, Campbell 3 for 34, Cartwright 5 for 32.

K.S.S. *v.* T.B.B.

As now seems customary in this match, rain fell during the day and made the wicket rather uncertain. It was T.B.B.'s turn to bat, but considering the strength of their side the Scholars did well to get them all out under 200. Many of the

T.B.B. batsmen, especially Graham, appeared to find no difficulty in the bowling, but wickets seemed to fall regularly, owing perhaps to some really good catching and fielding. The K.S.S. bowling was accurate if not inspired, Cooper and Heaton doing the best work.

College began slowly and it was soon evident that their only hope was a draw. Nevertheless almost everyone got himself out through his own fault, a policy that, if sporting, certainly did not pay. In a rather dull innings the big hitting of Mackenzie provided the only real interest. Curiously enough the scores of this match were almost identically the same as two years ago.

T.B.B.

D. A. Bompas, c Cooper, b Argyle	7
J. K. Luard, c Cooper, b Heaton	23
I. W. A. Symington, c Evetts, b Cooper	20
H. B. Graham, c Pagan, b Cooper	33
J. G. Byrne, c Pagan, b Heaton	14
P. R. Aitken, c Mackenzie, b Cooper	17
C. E. Lonsdale, b Heaton	24
W. D. Wakely, run out	14
D. E. Ryland, c Cooper, b Heaton	0
J. D. Evans, not out	8
M. Broadhurst, b Heaton	4
Extras	15

Total ... 179

Bowling.—Cooper 3 for 57, Argyle 1 for 50, Heaton 5 for 36, Milne 0 for 20.

K.S.S.

J. A. Evetts, c Luard, b Lonsdale	18
I. I. Milne, c and b Wakely	7
J. D. Argyle, c Aitken, b Wakely	1
M. Mackenzie, c and b Wakely	23
K. H. L. Cooper, c Bompas, b Wakely	1
H. A. R. Philby, c Lonsdale, b Wakely	3
F. E. Pagan, lbw Symington	11
W. R. S. Doll, c Bompas, b Aitken	3
R. N. Heaton, st Bompas, b Symington	6
J. Alderson, not out	1
J. R. C. Engleheart, st Bompas, b Symington	0
Extras	2

Total ... 76

Bowling.—Symington 3 for 29, Wakely 5 for 16, Lonsdale 1 for 2, Aitken 1 for 5.

COLTS' MATCHES.

June 18.—*v.* Lancing, at Vincent Square. Westminster, 150 for 8 wickets (innings declared closed). Lancing, 119 for 4 wickets. *Draw.*

June 20.—*v.* Eastbourne, at Eastbourne. Eastbourne, 145. Westminster, 87 for 4 wickets. *Draw.*

July 13.—*v.* Aldenham, at Vincent Square. Westminster, 155 for 6 (innings declared closed). Aldenham, 106. *Won* by 49 runs.

CRICKET COLOURS, 1929.

Pinks :—*D. A. Bompas, *I. W. A. Symington, *J. K. Luard, *H. B. Graham, J. A. Evetts, P. R. Aitken, *C. E. Lonsdale, *K. H. L. Cooper, W. H. D. Wakely.

Pink-and-Whites :—I. I. Milne, J. G. Byrne, J. D. Argyle, *R. W. Parkyn, A. C. Johnson.

Thirds :—*J. D. Evans, M. Broadhurst.

Colts' Caps :—M. Matthews, W. T. Wells, I. K. Munro, P. D. Woodall, J. Alderson, J. F. Turner, R. W. Snelling, A. R. Marshall.

* Will have left by next season.

CHARACTERS OF THE CRICKET ELEVEN,
1929.D. A. BOMPAS (*Captain*).

Improved greatly as a batsman, and in scoring over five hundred runs for the School accomplished a very fine performance. An elegant upstanding player, with all the shots—still somewhat prone to nibble at the off-ball, especially at the start of his innings. A wicket-keeper well above the average. As captain he showed a sound knowledge of the game, and his enthusiasm not only inspired the eleven, but also permeated the School cricket as a whole. His selection to play in the Public Schools matches at Lords was amply justified. Should make a first-class cricketer.

I. W. A. SYMINGTON.

Has gained added confidence and power in his batting, and he played some delightful innings. His quick footwork in converting the good length ball into a half-volley is to be commended. As a bowler his slow in-swingers proved once again most effective (though his eccentric run up to the wicket should not be copied), and in taking over thirty wickets he proved himself our best and most clever bowler. A most promising all-round cricketer, who should go far.

J. A. EVETTS.

His beautiful correct style enabled him to obtain more runs for the School than anyone else. He is full of cricket, and a batsman, such as he, modelled on such sound lines, was bound to prove successful with the accession of that added power which he showed this year. A batsman of the highest promise. Still a little slow in the field, but even so much improved, and a beautiful thrower from the deep. Lost his bowling, but we think that does not really matter. Should have a great batting future before him.

H. B. GRAHAM.

A most useful all-round member of the team. Not a great batsman, but withal a very useful one. His style is very much more free than it was before, and occasionally he indulged in most dazzling—and unexpected—strokes. As a bowler, proved himself possessed of accuracy, if not deadliness (except upon one occasion, when he suddenly unearthed a series of devastating “off-turners”). An ideal bowler to keep an end going. A really beautiful fieldsman whose work at extra cover was an inspiration to the whole side. A brilliant catch.

J. K. LUARD.

It cannot be denied that he had a disappointing season. He should make more use of his splendid physique and strength—at present he is very cramped, and there is no free swing of the bat, the elbows being kept too close to the sides. Notwithstanding he often hit (or rather punched) the ball exceedingly hard, especially in the direction of long-on. His fielding at mid-off deteriorated, as he failed to keep his eye glued on the ball till the moment of entry into the hand—a golden rule. He also generally stood too near in and close to the batsman.

C. E. LONSDALE.

A rough and rugged hitter, who quite rightly (except on one or two woeful occasions) realised that his best chance to score runs was to smite hard and often. But though he achieved several tremendous “carries,” which will live long in the memory, he was a *firm-footed* hitter, and never used his feet to move out and create his own half-volleys. Hitting wildly at the pitch of the good length ball must of necessity soon end in disaster. Could bowl a leg-break with such inaccuracy that when the good one did come along it nearly always caught the batsmen by surprise, and brought about his downfall. A safe catch, and a very cheerful cricketer.

P. R. AITKEN.

A batsman improved out of all knowledge. Has a lovely off-drive, and played some most attractive innings. He still has Luard's fault of the cramped elbows, but in this respect he was improving every day, and next year should blossom out into the free and attractive batsman which we all know him capable of becoming. His bowling deteriorated, but we still think it has great possibilities, if based on that extreme accuracy of length which manifested itself so clearly the season before last. Should develop into a really good cricketer, as we know that he is a born ball game player—a fact which

he has already amply demonstrated in another great summer game.

L. H. L. COOPER.

Suddenly developed into a really fast and accurate bowler—could make the ball fly, and bowled comparatively few on the leg-side. This sudden improvement was due almost entirely to body swing and follow through. He certainly was our most deadly bowler, and the side never really recovered from his loss, due to an unexpected and sudden body strain. He acted as a foil to all our many other medium-paced bowlers, and the latter were all reduced to comparative mediocrity without the contrast which Cooper afforded. Could make a few runs at times in his own peculiar style. A very fine slip-fieldsman and above all a wonderful "trier."

W. H. D. WAKELY.

Not yet a batsman—must learn to stand up to fast bumping bowling, and not to withdraw the right foot in the direction of the square leg umpire. He watches the ball well, but must cultivate a much greater freedom of swing. Should make some runs next year. His bowling is distinctly promising—as it has life and "devil" from the pitch, and the ball rises awkwardly. Should concentrate especially on his bowling. A clumsy fieldsman.

I. I. MILNE.

A splendid cover-point, especially as regards the actual gathering of the ball—he is a model in this respect. His throw in is not quite up to the same high standard, as it slightly lacks quickness and power, but this can be remedied with practice. Batting most disappointing—he lacks confidence, and plays with a crooked and "shut-faced bat. Can trundle up a weird and wonderful leg-break.

D. E. RYLAND.

Can bowl a tolerably accurate and fast medium ball—needs to get more body swing into it though. A fair field, and a negligible batsman.

D. J. K.

AVERAGES, 1928.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	H.S.	Not Out.	Av.
J. A. Evetts ...	14	558	118*	1	42.89
I. W. A. Symington ...	12	433	124*	1	39.36
D. A. Bompas ...	15	530	131*	1	37.86
H. B. Graham ...	14	395	108*	2	32.75
P. R. Aitken ...	11	208	67*	4	29.71
C. E. Lonsdale ...	11	213	48*	3	26.63
J. K. Luard ...	15	253	58*	2	19.46
K. H. L. Cooper ...	8	90	34*	2	15.00
W. H. D. Wakely ...	9	99	33	1	12.28
D. E. Ryland ...	6	35	15	0	5.83
I. I. Milne ...	8	19	8*	4	4.75

Also batted.—A. C. Johnson, 0, 0*, 2*, 0; J. D. Argyle, 0, 1, 0; J. G. Byrne, 14; M. Broadhurst, 0; J. D. Evans, 0.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
K. H. L. Cooper ...	129.3	33	346	22	15.77
I. W. A. Symington ...	176.5	34	585	32	18.28
I. I. Milne ...	21	3	75	4	18.75
H. B. Graham ...	149.4	24	485	20	24.25
A. C. Johnson ...	51	1	255	7	36.14
C. E. Lonsdale ...	44.3	3	277	7	39.57
W. H. D. Wakely ...	51	11	168	4	42.00

Also bowled.—J. K. Luard 2 for 10, J. D. Argyle 2 for 83, D. E. Ryland 2 for 115, P. R. Aitken 3 for 205.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD MALVERNIAN.

(Lost, 2-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on October 5. The game started off at a tremendous pace on a ground still hard, though rain had fallen in torrents during the night. Their forwards were wonderfully quick, which, together with a light ball, made conditions very difficult for our defence. However, we opened the scoring through Argyle, but they soon reduced the lead and scored three goals before half-time. In the second half we stuck to our task bravely and were so successful that we only let them score once, while Milne got another goal for us. The score thus ended 4-2, Abrams (3) and Walker getting their goals, Argyle and Milne ours. It was altogether a very fine performance. Our side was light, comparatively slow and had only played together a very few times before this term; theirs was heavy, very fast, experienced and, moreover, fairly well accustomed to each other from former years.

Westminster.—P. R. Aitken; R. N. Heaton, I. Ivanovic; P. N. Labertouche, E. H. Lonsdale, W. H. D. Wakely; J. G. Byrne, J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, I. I. Milne, H. J. Thomson.

Old Malvernians.—J. Mears; K. T. James, T. C. Mann; C. F. Mouce, W. H. Bradshaw, C. Thisleton-Smith; C. R. Acheson-Gray, E. L. Walker, C. G. Toppin, H. C. D. Abrams, E. B. Hoefield.

FIVES.

In order to invigorate the game as a whole throughout the School and also to provide more interest for younger players, an under 16 inter-House competition has been started, for which Mr. Murray-Rust has very kindly presented a cup. It will be played off during this term, so that it may not clash with the open handicap competition.

THE WATER.

THE activities of the Water have not been chronicled beyond Henley, and as most of the interesting events of the rowing year crowd in after Henley, there has accumulated much to be told. All our races with other schools and colleges have been described except one, which was rowed after Henley, on July 13, when a Westminster four again enjoyed the hospitality of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, after a race which we won by three lengths.

Watermen much appreciate a gift from Mrs. Halahan of £50 and a Challenge Cup of delightful workmanship. The Cup is to be given every year to the House that excels at Water, and was won for the year 1928-29 by H.BB. with K.SS. a close second. The Cup has already shown its benefit to School rowing by the far greater interest taken in the minor events of water. The Junior Fours also now have a Cup to race for, through the kindness of Mrs. E. F. Knight, who has given it in memory of Mr. E. F. Knight.

The Senior Fours are now practising for the Rouse Ball Cup, which will be rowed for the first time in boats of light carvel, instead of clinker build. Immediately after the Rouse Ball Cup the T.BB. will race for the Rudder; the two events being placed together that more time may be given to eight-oared rowing. No wise man, we are told, ever prophesies, and THE ELIZABETHAN prophet often has the added disadvantage of seeing his utterances published after the event. It may, however, be said that the crews are good, and likely to enjoy some close races. A week before the races, A.HH. College and H.BB. appear the fastest. Mr. H. R. A. Edwards, O.U.B.C., has been assiduously coaching Ashburnham, but *not* in the synopated style, in which he is a pioneer, and which has been hailed as the latest wonder in the rowing world, although it might be followed by some Westminster crews without any sense of novelty.

Helped by a gift we have already mentioned, and a grant from the Games Fund, but mostly by subscriptions from Watermen, we have been able to order from Sims Bros. two new clinker eights, boats which have long been needed for senior trial eights, and for outside races. The older clinker eights will now be available for some of those who have been kept hitherto on tub and clinker fours.

Most watermen are throughout the Play Term undergoing a course of fixed-seat rowing, which is ensuring straighter backs, longer swings, and a deeper appreciation of a seat that slides. Beside the six House fours, there are two fixed seat eights,

a number of tub fours, while very young victims are confined to the tank and to tub pairs; after the Exeat, six eights will be launched, and will make their way through a fleet of fours. All crews will race on Thursday, December 12, and Saturday, December 14, and in addition there will be a Novices' Fours Competition.

ELECTION TERM RACES.
SCHOOL PAIRS. Course One Mile.

Beeston, bow Sammell, str. Humphries, bow Ellison, str.	} } Beeston Sammell 1½ lengths 5.52	} } Beeston Sammell	}	}
Harrison, bow Lee, str.	} } R.O. Harrison 5.42 Lee	} } Easily 5.14		
ten Doesschate, b'w Fouracre, str. Lea, bow Somerset, str.	} } Lea Somerset 4 lengths 5.46	} } Titcomb Buckney	}	}
Titcomb, bow Buckney, str.	} } R.O. Titcomb Buckney	} } Easily 6.19		
				3½ lengths 4.48

First Round.—Rowed down from Mile Post. Fair tide, rather rough. Beeston and Sammell led all the way; Humphries and Ellison spurted too late, and steered badly. Lea and Somerset were upset by rough water at start, but overtook their opponents at the Football Ground.

Second Round.—Buckney and Titcomb rowed and steered well: Lea and Somerset badly together, and steered erratically. Beeston and Sammell led all the way, steering better than their rivals. Both races rowed from Mile Post; better water and faster tide for the second heat.

Final.—Fair tide, roughish water; rowed up from U.B.R. Stone. Titcomb slipped button at start, and lost two lengths. They went up rapidly and won fairly comfortably. Both pairs rowed and steered well.

SENIOR SCULLS. Course One Mile.

Fouracre } Buckney } Easily 6.20	} } Buckney Easily 5.25	}	}	
Scott				
Allen } Titcomb } Easily 7.13½	} } Titcomb 5 lengths 6.8	}	}	
ten Doesschate				
Ellison } Somerset } Easily 6.40	} } Lee Easily 5.44½	}	}	
Lee } Humphries } Easily 6.51	} } Lee 5.46			
Lea } Beeston } 4 lgths. 6.22	} } Lee Harrison 5 lengths 5.49	}	}	
Harrison				
				Buckney Easily 5.13
				Easily 5.10

Semi-Finals.—From Mile Post down. Calm water. Buckney and Titcomb with good tide, Lee and Harrison with very little. Harrison led Lee by four lengths at Beverley; Lee came up to one length, and Harrison steered badly, and hit a boat a few yards from the finish and fell in.

Final.—Raced down from Mile Post. Good conditions, moderate tide. Lee led at start but was soon overhauled; Buckney sculled very well.

JUNIOR-SENIOR SCULLS.

Sliding-Seat Rum-Tums. Course One Mile.

Open to all, except Pinks and Pink-and-Whites.

Fulton 1	Fulton 3	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Crook 2	Easily							
McNeil 3	5.47							
Sprigge 1	Sprigge 1	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Gimson 3	Easily							
Walker 2	5.25							
Edwards 2		}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Acton-Bond 2	Howlett 2							
Baker 3	5 lengths							
Howlett 1	6.39	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Epstein 2	Bramhall 3							
Albert 3	Easily							
Bramhall 1	5.56	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Bingham 3	Elliston 3							
Dobrée 2	Easily							
Elliston 1	6.1	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Norris 3	Hunt 2							
Hunt 1	Easily							
Browne 2	5.43	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Phillips 2	Aris 1							
Osborne 3	3½ lengths							
Aris 1	5.25	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Hinks 1	Hinks 1							
Cherry (Ill)	Easily							
Allen I. C. 2	5.55	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Smith 3	Dams 2							
Dams 1	½ foot							
Hawthorne 2	7.15	}	}	}	}	}	}	}

First Round.—Rowed up from Varsity Stone. Good tide and following wind early in afternoon; no tide or wind towards end of races. Sprigge rowed under best conditions.

Semi-Finals.—Aris' and Hink's heats on different day to Sprigge's. All rowed from Mile Post. Aris and Hunt were close till Beverley, when Hunt broke slide.

Final.—Conditions fair; slight following wind, little tide. Raced from Mile Post. Hinks and Sprigge level for two minutes; Aris overtook Hinks at boathouses.

JUNIOR SCULLS. Under 15½.

Fixed Seat Rum-Tums.

Course U.B.R. Stone to Beverley.

Marreco 3	}	Sammell 2	}	}	}	}	}
Sammell 1							
Bramhall 2							
Browne 1	}	Browne 3	}	}	}	}	}
Acton-Bond 2							
Myer 3							
Cherry 1	}	Cherry 1	}	}	}	}	}
Quixley 3							
Guymer 2							
Howlett 1	}	Howlett 1	}	}	}	}	}
Stoother-Stuart 3							
Titcomb 2							
Scott 2	}	Freeman 3	}	}	}	}	}
Freeman 1							
Panting 3							
Harris 2	}	Cruft 2	}	}	}	}	}
Cruft 1							

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS. DIVISION I.

Light Coxed Fours. Course One Mile.

Grant's (Surrey):	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Napier, bow, 9.0							
Gedye, 2, 8.5							
Masterman, 3, 9.10							
Kennedy, str. 9.1							
Rivaz, 6.2							
A.HH. (Middlesex):	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Hardie, bow, 8.12							
Sheaman, 2, 8.4							
Procter, 3, 8.10							
Edwards, str., 8.13							
Bailey, cox, 7.4							
College:	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
Lea, bow, 9.8							
Elliston, 2, 9.0							
Hinks, 3, 10.13							
Somerset, str., 9.0							
Panting, Cox, 6.9							
Busby's: Scratched	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
H.BB.:							
Kiralfy, Bow, 7.0							
Young, 2, 9.1							
Howlett, 3, 8.5							
Hawthorne, str., 8.5							
Acton-Bond, Cox, 7.2							
RR.: Scratched	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
H.B.B. R. O. 5.5							

Preliminary Round.—Rowed down, from Mile Post. Fair conditions. A.HH. and G.G. were level at Football Ground, when A.HH.'s stroke jammed his slide. They did not finish.

First Round.—College and Grant's rowed up from Stone against tide. College won very easily.

Final.—Owing to collisions at the start, the boats were started just below end of fence, and rowed through Putney Bridge. College seemed fairly at ease and were steered well. H.BB. also rowed well. Water rather rough, windy; tide moderate.

JUNIOR-SENIOR FOURS. DIVISION II.
Sliding Seat Clinker Fours.

Course: End of Fence to Stone.

Harrison, Bow, 8.2	} A.HH.	} A.HH. Easily	} College Easily
Dams, 2, 9.7			
Vincent-Clark, 8.12			
Gardiner, str., 10.4			
Russell, cox, 6.7		4.55	
Milne, bow, 6.10	} H.BB.	}	
Marreco, 2, 8.9			
Ball, 3, 7.12			
Norris, str., 8.0			
Rough, cox, 8.4½			
Baines, bow, 9.0	} College	} College (RR. disqualified)	
Hunt, 2, 9.4			
Phillips, 3, 11.9			
Sprigge, str., 10.0			
Crook, cox, 8.5			
Chalk, bow	} RR.	}	
Allan, 2			
Walker, 3			
Boggis-Rolfe, str.			
Gimson, cox			

First Round.—Rowed down from end of fence; good conditions. RR. fouled College against a barge and were disqualified.

Final.—Rowed down from end of fence. College got lead easily, A.HH. went to pieces early, Dams alone retaining his form. Nasty water and windy.

JUNIOR FOURS.
Fixed Seat Clinker Fours.

Age limit, under 15½. Course: Stone to end of Fence.

Allan, bow, 8.0	} RR.	} H.BB. ½ length	} H.BB. 5 lgths. 4.30½
Bingham, 2, 9.7			
Osborne, 3, 10.1			
Baker-Cresswell, str. 10.11			
Titcomb, cox, 6.12			
Browne, bow, 7.7	} H.BB.	}	
Cruft, 2, 9.3			
Cherry, 3, 10.12			
Bramhall, str., 10.7			
Scott, cox, 7.3			
Chill, bow, 10.7	} BB.	} BB. R.O. 5.6	
Freeman, 2, 10.4			
Epstein, 3, 10.1			
Sammell, str., 10.13			
Giordani, cox, 6.10			

Scratched: A.H.H.

First Round.—RR. led over most of the course, but steered too far over to Middlesex. H.BB. spurted well and just won.

Final.—Started from U.B.R. Stone. Tugs delayed start; Bushy's too far over to Surrey shore when started. H.BB. rapidly gained a length and won comfortably, rowing well; Busby's rather went to pieces. Roughish and windy. Not much tide.

TOWN BOYS v. KING'S SCHOLARS.

The College Ledger may record earlier races between T.BB. and K.SS., but the first race mentioned in *Rowing at Westminster* took place in 1820, when 'the Town Boys' six-oar was given a hundred yards start and was passed by the King's Scholars at the Penitentiary.' Although there had been four- and six-oared races, eight-oared racing did not take place apparently between K.SS. and T.BB. till 1859, when a cup was given by John Hankshaw, Esq., the race for which ended in a dead heat. Thereafter eight-oared races were rowed nearly every year till 1883, when Westminster were banished from the river. During that time Q.SS. won ten races and T.BB. seven. It is pleasant to find, after some years of four-oared races, the eight-oared race revived in 1929. And the crews that went down to the start were not scratch crews as in previous years, but had practised keenly, and were possibly faster than the School eights.

The race was rowed in sliding seat clinker eights from the Stone to the Mile Post on a high rising tide, and fairly good water. The K.SS. got away more quickly from the mark, and rowing a faster stroke led by ¼ length. There was a disconcerting amount of flotsam on the river, and four and five of the K.SS. missed several strokes after hitting some wreckage. At Beverley the crews were level, K.SS. rowing 38 to the minute, and T.B.B. much steadier and longer at 34. Rounding the bend, K.SS. steered too wide over to Surrey and quickly lost a length. They failed to steady down, and dropped still further behind the T.BB., who, rowing a longer, steadier, and slower stroke, won by three lengths. The time was good, 4 minutes 34 seconds.

K.SS.—J. G. Lea (bow), 9 st. 8 lbs.; G. F. A. Somerset (2), 9 st. 0 lbs.; I. C. Allen (3), 11 st. 3 lbs.; J. C. P. Elliston (4), 11 st. 12 lbs.; F. A. G. Hinks (5), 10 st. 13 lbs.; C. M. Harrison (6), 12 st. 0 lbs.; L. D. S. ten Doesschate (7), 10 st. 2 lbs.; J. H. Lee (stroke), 10 st. 8 lbs.; A. V. Panting (cox), 6 st. 9 lbs.

T.BB.—T. A. B. Murray (bow), 11 st. 7 lbs.; J. L. Fouracre (2), 12 st. 0 lbs.; C. S. Humphries (3), 10 st. 9 lbs.; J. F. Titcomb (4), 9 st. 12 lbs.; A. F. L. Beeston (5), 11 st. 7 lbs.; D. K. C. O'Malley (6), 10 st. 7 lbs.; G. A. Ellison (7), 10 st. 7 lbs.; L. F. A. Buckley (stroke), 10 st. 2 lbs.; G. W. Scott (cox), 7 st. 0 lbs.

THE HALAHAN CUP.

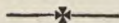
Homeboarders won Rouse Ball Cup, 7 points; Junior Fours (Knight Cup), 3 points; Junior Sculls, 1 point. Total, 11 points.

King's Scholars won Junior-Senior Fours (Michell Cup), Division I, 5 points; Junior-Senior Fours, Division II, 3 points; Junior-Senior Sculls, 2 points. Total, 10 points.

Rigaud's won Senior Pairs, 4 points; Burton and Colquhoun Sculls, 3 points. Total, 7 points.

Thus the Halahan Cup was won by H.BB.

The dates of water events for the coming year, excluding races with other Schools, will be published in the next ELIZABETHAN.



THE MADRIGAL AND ORCHESTRAL SOCIETIES' CONCERT.

JULY 26, 1929.

SEVERAL features of special distinction marked the Concert which the two School Musical Societies gave to us at the end of Election Term. First, perhaps, it should be noted that, more than hitherto, the Director of Music had been able to dispense with professional assistance. It was a Concert provided almost entirely by the School, that is, by boys, masters and musical instructors, together with those Old Westminsters and those ladies associated with the School who so generously contribute the gift of their musical talents to our service, and are regular members of the Orchestra. There are critics of the music in this and in other schools who contend that in no circumstances should a school concert enlist additional and professional aid; if it does, the result may, perhaps, be musically superior, but it is not strictly a school concert. Such criticism deserves respect. It legitimately suggests that there are limits to be observed. There are, however, two things to be remembered. One is that the real value of school music lies not so much in the concerts that the rest of us hear, as in all the previous work which has been going on for weeks with nobody to hear. It is there that the boys are getting their musical education and growing familiar with the great composers, independently of any adventitious aids which a future concert performance may demand. In the second place, the music, whether vocal or instrumental, at which boys are working, should be comprehensive in its range; it should embrace representative selections from the great works of the classical composers. If it were limited to works of which a concert performance can be given by

boys unaided, the range would be drastically curtailed, and the value of school music would therefore be impaired. A community consisting of boys aged from 14 to 19 does not normally possess a contralto voice or a soprano voice capable of singing the solos of 'The Messiah.' Is a school, therefore, to be deprived of the opportunity of performing a continuous selection from 'The Messiah'? It can only be done by importing the aid of professional solo singers. Similarly, it is right that the instrumentalists should have the opportunity of learning, and subsequently performing, movements from the major orchestral symphonies. But, though the number of boys playing wind instruments is in these days large and increasing, it cannot be expected that every instrument necessitated by the score can be fully supplied by boys alone, even with the ingenuity which Directors of School Music exercise in transferring one or more lines of the score from instruments which have no players among the boys to allied instruments for which players are forthcoming. There are orchestral works which boys can manage by themselves, as is attested by the present programme, in which (No. 8) the combined House Orchestra gave, unaided, an admirable rendering of a March and Adagio from Handel. But to limit the School Orchestra to the simpler works would be like compelling a seventh form to an exclusive diet of Cæsar's Gallic Wars. A school concert, therefore, is not to be depreciated because it employs professional aid. Yet the greater the independence it can achieve, the better. Hence, in the present case, Mr. Lofthouse clearly showed his rightness of judgment when, being disappointed at the eleventh hour of his soloist for Stanford's 'Songs of the Fleet' (Mr. F. Ranalow, most popular of Old Westminster singers), he determined not to invite a professional baritone in his place, but to rely on our home resources. G. A. Ellison, J. H. Lee, and Mr. Troutbeck, O.W., responded to his appeal, distributed the solo part between them, and quickly mastered it. And how well they sang this music, as exacting as it is beautiful! Particularly, the pathos of the last song ('Mother, with unbowed head') and the energy of 'The Little Admiral' were conveyed in a spirit which Mr. Ranalow himself would have approved. For chorus and orchestra work like this of Stanford's is difficult to do at all; and to do it well, how much is demanded! Yet, whether eventually it were ill done or well, in the doing and the learning each member must have felt something of the thrill of Meredith's Lover 'in the Valley':—

'She whom I love is hard to catch and conquer;
Hard, but oh the glory of the winning, were she won!'

In fact the audience felt that the pursuers had won their quest; they were enjoying their victory and made us enjoy it too. Sometimes, perhaps, the chorus forgot to tell us quite as distinctly as they might all that they knew. Was it really a 'chep,' and not a ship that the middies were studying down below? And was it 'thur' life rather than their life that the dead gave? Sometimes, again, the orchestra might have been a good deal more subdued in order to give the choir behind it a better chance to come through. But these were small faults. It was a fine, and at times a moving performance.

A second distinguishing mark of this Concert was that it included two original compositions by members of the School, and also an original arrangement of a Bach Fugue. A. M. Spurgin's 'Piece for Small Orchestra' gives in musical colours a charming picture of the Sussex woods. There is a refreshingly English atmosphere about this work. The delighted audience insisted on hearing it twice. It is full of pretty melodies cleverly interwoven. Its form and technique have been warmly praised by those who are competent to judge such things. The composer is to be congratulated on what is, surely, a remarkable achievement for an amateur while still at school. J. R. C. Engleheart, who inherits a talent for music, himself played with feeling and vivacity the piano part of the Trio which he had composed for piano, violin and violoncello. His colleagues were E. R. Smith, who handles his violin with an ease and produces a fullness and exactness of tone which some older players may well envy, and P. G. Harrison, who gallantly refused to be daunted by the difficulty of his part, a difficulty not diminished when it had to be read from manuscript in none too clear a light. Engleheart's composition merits the encomiums bestowed on it by musical scholars. The uninitiated perhaps cannot appreciate fully at a first hearing a work written in so very modern an idiom. A wealth of ideas, each one seeming to suggest itself for a moment in a wide chord or two, but no more, or in the suppressed introduction of a melody, and then restlessly turning aside to pursue its neighbour or to chase some further stranger that has intruded on the field—this is the kind of impression which music of this character makes on the uninstructed mind. But, doubtless, the uninstructed mind is wrong and will one day learn better. In any case such work can be admired even if it does not satisfy the soul. That Engleheart can be equally at home with musical composition in a more regular form is shown by his arrangement of a Bach Fugue in G Minor. This was played with delicacy and precision by E. R.

Smith and J. H. Lee (violins) and B. C. Bridge-water and Engleheart at the pianos.

Another feature of exceptional merit was the rendering of the First Movement of Beethoven's Concerto in C Major by F. I. H. Lewis at the piano, and the orchestra. This was a sheer delight from beginning to end. Lewis, playing by heart with an altogether simple and unaffected mastery of his piece, not only executed all the passages with refinement and accuracy, but throughout the whole movement expressed to the audience his fine artistic sense as an interpreter of Beethoven. No wonder that the orchestra, feeling itself in concert with a player of this calibre, was at its very best.

The combined House choirs sang 'The bold Princess Royal' with spirit, in good tone, and with a finish which shows what progress is being made in chorus singing in the various Houses. Their conductor had contrived to put much variety of light and shade into the song. Naturally, the bass and tenor voices tend to predominate in singing of this kind, but with a little more confidence the trebles might have responded with fuller voices to the openings specially provided for them. For the rest, it was gratifying to hear no less than three vocal quartets—a form of singing in which it is a joy to share and which always repays practice. Two little piano pieces for four hands and two solo songs, all gracefully done, completed a programme for which we offer our thanks and congratulations to Mr. Lofthouse and the Musical Societies.

AN O.W. OF 1818.

THE first two of a series of letters written from Yorkshire by his mother were published in last term's ELIZABETHAN. The third appears below.

Busby Monday April 6th 1818.

My dearest Hassard,

Of course you must have all the same indulgences your brother had at your age, for I am sure you richly deserve everything of the kind; therefore when the season begins for going on the Water you may join with others in that amusement, but I hope you will always select steady companions & not go out with any daring fool-hardy Boys, because you know we are constantly hearing of shocking accidents & I should wish you to go as seldom as possible with a sail, for there is not half the danger in rowing that there is in sailing.

I don't wonder at you being nervous, my dearest creature, as the conclusion of this long contest draws near—you will receive this letter the day before the

last challenge & I hope you will attend to what I say and keep up your *spunk*—there is nothing like it. I sh^d say after having kept y^r place seven weeks there is not much to fear—therefore you sh^d be as bold as brass when it comes to the last & not be dash'd by trifles—but always remember that if unfortunately you sh^d lose your place—that we shall all be equally well pleased with you & no one will blame you in the least—little Mary is so impudent about you getting into College she always pretends that she hopes you have lost your place on purpose to provoke me & she bids me say that she hopes you may make all the Boys in your room sick with the treat you are to give them—now I don't hope that—but I beg of you to give them a very good treat of some kind or other—how I shall pray that Friday next may be a fine day that you may all enjoy yourselves & be as jolly as possible—I believe it is an uncommon jovial time after the election is over—Aunt Menella I know means to be at Kennington ready for the chairing if you should prove victorious—oh how I envy her! It has been very unlucky for me to be at this great distance at both your elections. If I had been at Chichester I do think I sh^d have treated myself with a trip to Wandsworth when it came near the last—if it is possible one of you write to me on Thursday—I don't know what I shall do with myself on Saturday morning before the post comes in. I am glad we always get our letters so early—Mr. M. is quite as bad about it as I am—I must watch him that he don't hang or drown himself if you lose your place—I have promised the *Hildyards* to despatch a note to them as soon as I hear of your success & I am to do the same by the Travells, in short your name is oftener mention'd than any other when we see any of our neighbours. 'Till it is over I cannot attempt to write upon any other subject; therefore I will not detain you any longer now upon this—courage my dear Boy! No nervous feelings on Thursday.

Your anxious and doating Mother L. M.—

HISTORICAL NOTE.

WE reprint the following extracts from the *Daily Post* of Monday, August 11, 1729, quoted in *Notes and Queries* (August 10, 1929):—

'On Friday last part of the Chambers belonging to St. Peter's College, Westminster, fell down to the great surprize of the Gentlemen that lay there: which being represented to Dr. Friend, the Head Master, leave was given them to remove to private Lodgings. That part of the buildings having, it seems, been long propt, and is supposed to be as old as the Abbey.'

This, of course, refers to the Old Dormitory in Dean's Yard, and we may hope that the catastrophe helped to accelerate the completion of the New Dormitory.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We said good-bye last term to Rev. H. K. Luce, who had been Housemaster since 1922. He has now gone on to King Edward VI School, Southampton, as Headmaster, where we wish him the best of success. Mr. Harrison has succeeded him for the all too short time of one term.

There also left us C. M. Harrison (Trinity), J. W. Grigg (Trinity), M. Mackenzie (Christ Church), I. C. Allen (Trinity), E. F. F. White (Corpus Christi), J. C. P. Elliston (Trinity), J. H. Lee (Pembroke), K. H. L. Cooper (Pembroke), H. A. R. Philby (Trinity) and E. D. Phillips (Christ Church). We wish them all success. In their place we welcome eight juniors: I. D. Mcfarlane, J. O. Powell-Jones, R. M. Robbins, S. J. B. Boycott, R. D. Barlas, J. Simmons (from Grant's), A. R. Liddiard, J. D. Anido. In an attempt to equal up the numbers of the Elections, there are now only 37 boys in College, ten seniors and R. S. Hunt having left, while only eight juniors came in their place.

In cricket we reached the final of Juniors under the captaincy of Argyle, while in Seniors, in which we took part for the first time, we were knocked out in the semi-final by Grant's, after beating Busby's in the first round. We congratulate Evetts on regaining his Pinks, Milne and Argyle on their Pink-and-Whites, and Alderson on his Colts' Cap. Heaton, Pagan and Doll won their House Colours, while Junior House Caps were awarded to Milne, Alderson and Smith.

On the water we won the Jeffrey's Cup for the second year in succession, and were bold enough to produce an eight for the T.BB. race in which we put up a gallant, though unavailing fight.

Lastly, in football we have Milne, Argyle and Heaton to represent us in the First Eleven, to whom we wish the best of luck.

GG.—There left us last term H. A. Burt (Head of House), D. K. C. O'Malley, D. A. Bompas, C. E. Lonsdale, J. Levison, S. J. R. Reynolds, E. G. E. Rayner, C. K. Radcliffe, J. S. Kennedy, B. H. Napier and lastly J. Simmons, who is to be congratulated on gaining a resident scholarship as a consequence of which he is leaving us for College. We wish them all the best of luck in their new spheres of life.

In their places we welcome D. F. Hubback, E. A. Bompas, M. V. Argyle, A. E. R. Hadden, W. N. C. Cleveland-Stevens, R. M. Mills and A. G. T. James (boarders) and H. B. Ball, U. K. Bury, E. V. Notcutt and M. U. Beasley (half-boarders). W. H. D. Wakely is Head of House and a School Monitor, and H. S. V. Gardner and W. S. D. Munro are House Monitors.

We had the distinction of providing all three halves in the First Eleven match and P. N. Labertouche was awarded his Thirds before the match. We were also represented in the Second Eleven and, therefore, our prospects for this football season seem quite bright.

In the O.T.C. W. H. D. Wakely is an under-officer and W. S. D. Munro and C. H. Hunter are lance-corporals.

The House is not particularly conspicuous in the rowing world, chiefly because less than ten people do water, but in any case it is certain that the House Four will do as well as it possibly can under rather depressing circumstances.

RR.—At the end of last term we said good-bye to Mr. Hardy, who had been Housemaster of Rigaud's since 1923. Mr. Rudwick has come from Home Boarders to take his place, and we feel that we must take this opportunity of thanking him and Mrs. Rudwick for the great amount of time and trouble which they have expended on our behalf.

There also left us at the end of last term H. B. Graham, who had been Head of House for five terms, and thirteen others, all of whom in their different ways will be remembered by us for a long time. We wish each one of them success in their future careers.

As we do not claim to possess the talent of Old Moore, it is useless so early in the term to give any reasonable forecast of our chances of success in the various inter-House events to be competed for during the course of the term. Old Rigaudites and others may rest assured, however, that we will do our best to gain the laurels of success.

In conclusion, mention should be made of the performance of 'Tons of Money' by the Rigaud's Dramatic Society at Napier Hall on July 27. Rogers, the stage manager, is to be congratulated on a really excellent performance, and on having provided the audience with a most entertaining evening. It may be of interest to those who were present to know that the Society's treasurer, even after deducting the naturally rather heavy expenses, was able to send a cheque for £15 to the School Mission.

H.BB.—We might have known that the demand for these notes would come at last, even after the

lapse of a term. It finds us beginning a new year with Mr. Knight installed as Housemaster in the place of Mr. Rudwick, who has left us for Rigaud's. We have also lost a most excellent Head of House and Under-Officer in J. G. H. Baker.

We have to congratulate J. R. Squire and R. D. B. Clark on their election to Non-Resident Scholarships and W. H. Studt on his Exhibition.

In the sphere of Water we mourn the loss of G. A. Ellison, who did so much to gain us the magnificent Halahan Cup. Nevertheless, under the guidance of J. C. Cherry, who is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Sculls, we are looking forward to retaining the Rouse Ball Cup for another year.

H.BB. are determined to make a successful counter-attack on the Drill Cup in spite of the fact that we have no one of higher rank than a sergeant to lead it. We congratulate those of our number who have been promoted this term.

House Football will suffer from the loss of J. D. Evans, but C. Tyrwhitt is playing regularly in Big Game and we have some promising juniors, so we look forward with hope if not with certainty to success in the coming season.

A.HH.—Last term we said good-bye to F. W. H. Bedford, who is now up at Cambridge, T. H. S. Wyllie, A. F. L. Beeston, A. M. Spurgin, F. M. Hardie, now up at Oxford, as well as E. H. V. McDougall, D. E. Ryland, F. S. Hoppé, C. A. Bird, L. C. Armstrong, T. H. M. Edwards, R. S. Gunn, and C. F. Macrae. In their place we welcome as new boys A. M. Armstrong, E. A. Bramall, M. C. Brooke, A. C. W. Crane, J. C. Fisher, D. B. Huxley, J. C. L. Iredell, J. Ormiston, P. E. Reid, G. J. E. Rhodes, and A. R. H. W. Treffgarne.

Turning to this term, G. B. Aris is Head of House and a School Monitor. We must first of all congratulate G. A. Marsden and G. A. Jennings on being made Monitors, also I. S. Ivanovic on his Football Thirds, W. N. McCaw on being made Captain of Shooting, and D. M. Paterson on being made Captain of Fencing. In the Corps G. B. Aris is an under-officer and C.S.M. 'A' Coy., whilst J. R. Procter and W. N. McCaw are both sergeants. We have also a fair sprinkling of N.C.O.s, and despite the lamentable popularity of P.T. our prospects for the House Drill Cup are distinctly bright.

At Football we hope to be well represented in the School elevens, and though we have not made a too auspicious start in the leagues we hope to improve steadily.

Down at Water, under the persevering eye of H. R. A. Edwards, Esq. (O.A.H.), we are training hard for the Rouse Ball Cup and the T.BB. Rudder, both of which we hope to win.

BB.—Busby's has again been in the hands of the builders, and has emerged from the ordeal with a new wing facing on to Great Smith Street, which contains a sick room and another dormitory. We understand we owe this much needed addition to an O.W., and to him we give all our grateful thanks.

Last term we lost our Head of House, J. K. Luard, who will be missed as much in the School as he is here; we wish him, and those who left at the same time, the best of luck in the future. With five new boys our numbers have soared to forty, thus depriving us of the distinction of being the smallest House at Westminster—a distinction we hand back, with every confidence that it will be well cherished, to College.

This term H. J. Thomson, our Head of House, is Captain of Football and Boxing, and a School Monitor; A. J. Page and J. L. Fouracre are House Monitors and Thomson and Fouracre under-officers in the Corps. Congratulations to Sammell on gaining his Pinks at Water last term, and our best wishes to him and his crew in the forthcoming Rouse Ball Cup.

On the Football field our league has not been very successful so far, but this is partly atoned for by the number of boys from the House who play in Second game and Colts. We look forward to these players putting up a really good show in Juniors and Junior-Juniors, and have no doubt but that they will be one or both of these cups into the House.

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Tues., Nov. 12—General Committee.

Sat., Dec. 14—First Play.

Tues., Dec. 17—Westminster Dinner.

THE WESTMINSTER DINNER.

The Westminster Dinner will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel on Tuesday, December 17.

Mr. H. F. Manisty, who was recently elected President of the Elizabethan Club in the place of the late Lord Phillimore, has kindly consented to take the chair.

The price of the tickets has been settled at 12s. 6d (guests 15s. 6d.) and can be obtained

from the Hon. Secretaries, 222, Strand, W.C. 2, or from any member of the Executive Committee.

Music will be provided by the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, by kind permission of Colonel C. P. Heywood, C.M.G., D.S.O., under the direction of Captain R. G. Evans.

The Executive Committee consists of R. T. Squire (*Chairman*), Sir George Sutherland (*Vice-Chairman*), Sir Ernest Goodhart, Bt. (*Hon. Treasurer*), A. R. C. Fleming, A. L. Leighton, W. N. McBride, C. J. Pinder, D. C. Simpson; and W. P. Mallinson (*Hon. Secretary for Oxford*), D. F. A. R. Freeman (*Asst. Hon. Sec. for Oxford*), J. A. Cook (*Hon. Sec. for Cambridge*), G. M. E. Paulson (*Asst. Hon. Sec. for Cambridge*). *Hon. Secretaries*: E. R. B. Graham and A. C. Grover.

CRICKET.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS TOUR.

Ten Old Westminsters and Elson set sail from Weymouth on Wednesday, August 14, and following a calm and uneventful passage entered Jersey harbour about 8 p.m., and after the usual hunt for cricket bags proceeded to the Grand Hotel, where we met the victorious Authentics, who raised in our breasts hopes which were destined to be rudely shattered.

The next morning the ten, reinforced with Mr. Austin Keune, of Clifton, made a somewhat hazardous journey to the College Field in an antiquated charabanc which had discarded its original pair of horses for an engine of equal horse-power. Arriving at the ground, we were greeted by Col. Carey, D.S.O., who with the welcoming smile still upon his lips won the toss and sent us into the field under a broiling sun, where we remained for the best part of the day, while Jersey scored 393 for the loss of 7 wickets (dec.). Turland, the local professional (121), and G. L. Walker (96), who had all the Malvern strokes on the off, putting on 115 for the third wicket. McBride, with 4 wickets for 83, was the most successful of the bowlers, who were not very well supported in the field. We opened our innings after tea with Gerrish and Ealand, but with the total at 13 Gerrish was bowled by Swan. Kann and Ealand remained together until 71 was on the board, but Kann was dismissed early next morning for an excellent 65, and 9 wickets were down for 172 when Oliver-Watts and Simpson added 50 in a meritorious last wicket stand and the innings closed for 222.

We were not unexpectedly invited to follow on, but could only muster 200 at the second attempt (McBride 51, Ealand 37), and Jersey secured the necessary runs for the loss of 3 wickets.

On the Saturday a one-day match was played against an Island eleven. Kann won the toss on

this occasion and declared our innings closed at 245 for 9 wickets, Ealand 83 and McBride 51 not out. The Jersey side, thanks to Turland, who, going in No. 10, cleverly captured the bowling and saved the game with 209 for 9 wickets.

Sunday was spent with a drive round the Island, with lunch and bathes at Plemont Caves, and in the afternoon we were the guests of the Surf-bathing Club at St. Owen's, where some of us found how hard a surf-board is both to feel and control.

Early Monday morning we crossed over to Guernsey, arriving just in time to change and go up to the ground, which to one or two swayed ever so slightly from port to starboard, only to be put into the field for a repetition of the Jersey match, and Guernsey stayed in to amass 335 all out. We went in and out for 152. Frampton 36, Gerrish 25, Rea 23 not out, and Oliver-Watts 16 alone showed any resistance, the last-named batting for over one and a half hours for his 16. A complete collapse in the second innings frustrated any hope of a draw, made possible by Oliver-Watts' stubborn display, and in two hours we were dismissed for 84, J. H. Alderson batting well for 24 not out.

However, the early finish enabled some of the side to hire a speed boat and make an enjoyable trip to H. rm, where McBride spent his time writing post-cards to all his acquaintances in order that his correspondence might bear the Herm post-mark, whilst the others bathed in the wonderfully clear water and searched for the elusive cowry shells.

The tour was concluded on August 21 with a most pleasant game against the 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment who, entertained us at the Fort Field in a manner worthy of the traditions of the British Army. This game was won by the comfortable margin of 127. In the evening Kann selected five of the team to accompany him to Sansmarez Manor to dine with Sir Havilland de Sansmarez, O.W., the Bailiff of Guernsey, who as usual displayed the keenest interest in the fortunes of the tourists, and our host did much to remove the false illusions we had formed with regard to our cricket capabilities. The next day we returned to England ready to complete our holidays with a week's rest cure.

THE BOOK SHOP is anxious to dispose of the following books which might be of interest to some O.W.W.:

Lusus (3 vols.), 7s. 6d.; *Lusus* (1823), 2s. 6d.; *The Old Register* (1764-1883), 5s.; *School Prayer Book* (de Luxe Edition), 5s.; *Alumni*, 5s.; *Acting Edition of the Phormio* (1878), 5s.; *Terence's Andria construed with the text*, 1s.; *Extracts from Acts of Chapter, 1546-1868*, 2s. 6d.; *Particulars relating to Westminster School, 1879*, 1s.; *Lex-Rex (Relations between Latin-Greek and Anglo-Saxon words)*, 1s.

THE OLD WESTMINSTER BOAT CLUB.

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The Head of the Water.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Elizabethan Club it was decided to grant the Boat Club £100, to be given on receipt from the Committee of a scheme to be approved by the Elizabethan Club Committee. A scheme is now being drawn up.

A number of Old Westminsters have already promised their support, and the Secretary will be pleased to hear from any members of the Elizabethan Club who will support the Club as either rowing or non-rowing members. At present the subscription is one guinea for rowing and non-rowing members, but no payment is yet required.

Anyone wishing for a copy of the circular letter, which was sent out in April explaining the position with regard to the Club, should apply to the Secretary.

Old Westminsters.

Major-General Sir A. Reginald Hoskins, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed Principal of the Bonar Law College at Ashridge Park.

Mr. S. F. Waterson has been elected a member of the South African Parliament for the South Peninsula Division.

Mr. W. H. Allen Whitworth, House Master at Lancing College, has been appointed Headmaster of Framlingham College, Suffolk.

Mr. C. W. Baty, Classical Master at Bedford, has been appointed Headmaster of the King's School, Chester.

Mr. R. E. Ball and Mr. E. C. Robbins have been awarded studentships by the Council of the Law Society.

Mr. R. J. E. Dix has been ordained Deacon.

Birth.

CARLESS.—On August 19, Gwen, the wife of H.A. Carless, Imperial Indian Police, of a son.

Marriages.

WHITMORE-BOTHAM.—On July 6, Major John Beach Whitmore, J.D., only son of William Beach Whitmore, M.D., of Thurloe Square, London, to Edith Diana, youngest daughter of Dr. Richard Henry Botham, of Skelton, Yorkshire.

HEADLEY-BASHFORD.—On July 28, Rowland George Allanson Allanson-Winn, fifth Baron Headley, to Catharine, widow of Major L. Bashford, O.B.E., and daughter of the late Joseph Williams Loribond, of Lake House, Wilts.

COBBOLD-LINDNER.—On August 31, Reginald Chevallier Cobbold, eldest son of the late Christian Chevallier Cobbold, to Betty Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindner, of the Manor House, Upper Wick, Worcester.

LUTYENS-HARBEN.—On August 31, Ernest Francis Lutyens, younger son of the late Frederick Mansfield Lutyens (O.W.), to Naomi, second daughter of H. D. Harben, of Seaford Lodge, Fellows Road, N.W. 3.

VERNON-DOPAGNE.—On August 5, at Brussels, Frank Allardyce Vernon, eldest son of the late John N. Vernon, to Valentine, daughter of Madame Veuve Charles Dopagne.

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, L. F. Harvey, 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.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the deaths of several Old Westminsters:

Brigadier-General ARTHUR ELLERSHAW, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was the second son of the Rev. John Ellershaw, of Clifton, and was up Grant's from 1880 to 1885. He joined the Royal Artillery from Woolwich in 1888. He served with the Malakand Field Force on the North-West Frontier of India in 1897-98 and in the South African War, where he was severely wounded. He also saw active service in the Aden Expedition in 1903-04. He served throughout the Great War, where he commanded a Brigade of Heavy Artillery. He was five times mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished service in the field. He retired in 1925. In November, 1926, he married Nora Mary, daughter of the late J. T. Middleton, of Woking. He died at Churt on July 16.

FREDERICK FOORD CAIGER was the only son of Frederick Henry Caiger, and was at Westminster 1873-77. He became a student at St. Thomas's Hospital, and graduated M.B. and B.S. at London University, obtaining honours in medicine and a gold medal for surgery. He became an authority on fevers and eventually was Chief Medical Officer, Infectious Hospitals Service, Metropolitan Asylums Board. He was physician emeritus at St. Thomas's Hospital, and contributed many articles on his special subject to medical periodicals and standard works. He died suddenly in Scotland on September 5, aged 67.

SIDNEY ARTHUR BIRD was a son of Henry Bird, of Uxbridge. He was admitted up Grant's in 1877, and elected into College in 1878. He left in 1881. He married on June 6, 1904, Norah Agnes Sarah Jane, daughter of Alexander Patrick McClory, and had three sons at the School. He died on September 6, aged 65.

FRANK VANLOUVE PONDER was a son of Frank Milton Ponder, of Shortlands, Kent, and was a half-boarder up Rigaud's from 1910 to 1912. During the Great War he served in France and Flanders with the Oxford and Bucks L.I. and with the M.G.C. He married, in 1925, Mary, daughter of John Paterson, of Beckenham. He died on June 6.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

CHURCH END,
BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

October 1, 1929.

DEAR SIR,—I am sending you press notices regarding my son's success at Water in Rangoon.

I am delighted that he keeps up his rowing in the Old Westminster style, and perhaps the information may be of interest to THE ELIZABETHAN.

From the *Burma Exchange Gazette* :—

RANGOON BOAT CLUB.

SENIOR SCULLS.—The Regatta opened with the Senior Sculls over the 1,000 yards course, the finalists being A. L. Wakelin-Sharp and J. P. Anderson. Anderson rowed faster than Sharp at the start, but did not keep a straight course and getting near the Scandal Point shore struck a patch of rough water. Sharp kept up a steady pace, and the two rowers were level when passing the club. Both settled down, and a keen struggle ensued, but Sharp had a little in reserve for the last half-dozen strokes, and so gained the verdict by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length. Time, 3 minutes 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

LIGHT PAIRS.—This was a race over 1,000 yards between C. Gardner and O. H. Mootham and A. L. Wakelin-Sharp and S. L. Burgess.

This proved easily the best race of the day, first one boat and then the other held a slight advantage, and the issue was still in doubt 25 yards from the winning post; but, as in the Senior Sculls, Wakelin-Sharp again had a little in reserve and ably backed up by Burgess, they were just a shade the quicker in the last few yards and gained the verdict by 2 feet. Time, 3 minutes 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

From the *Rangoon Times*.

Hats off to Wakelin-Sharp on his brilliant double. His style and cult with the oars have already won for him distinction in Rangoon, and if the many enthusiasts of the R.B.C. could only adopt his methods, we will in a short space of time have a good many crack oarsmen in Rangoon.

Yours faithfully,
CECIL A. SHARP.

34, GLOUCESTER STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

September 30, 1929.

DEAR SIR,—I should be grateful if you would kindly insert the enclosed in the next number of THE ELIZABETHAN :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

Saturday, September 28, was a red letter day, as the Headmaster kindly invited sixty members of the School Mission to supper in the College Hall.

The Headmaster kindly conducted the party round the School, and explained the many scenes and pictures of historic interest in the annals of the School, not omitting the events of Shrove Tuesday. After visiting the School Library, where naturally the technical rather than the classical works attracted attention, the party sat down to an excellent supper in the College Hall.

After a small prize-giving ceremony to the winners of the Mission's Billiard and Ping Pong Competitions, the whole party joined in a 'sing-song' and wandered from 'John Peel' to the 'Swanee River.'

The Mission Secretary, W. Smith, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Headmaster and those responsible

for making provision for such an enjoyable evening, and this was carried by acclamation. A small youth, however, was so carried away by enthusiasm that he spontaneously stood upon a form and cried 'Three cheers for the Headmaster.' Needless to say he met with hearty response.

Amongst the past and present Westminsters present we were glad to see a very old friend of the School Mission in the person of Sir Arthur Knapp.

Yours faithfully,

C. S. MORTON,

Hon. Treas., Westminster School Mission.

46, CAMPDEN HILL SQUARE, W. 8.

September 30, 1929.

SIR,—In the Marwood Letters of 1818, printed in your July number, occurred the blessed word 'muzz,' signifying 'work, more or less hard.' I am informed this word has dropped out entirely, though it was in very common use in my time (the 'nineties), e.g. 'He is muzzing up Library.' 'Have you muzzed up your rep.?'

Another word we were always using was 'blick,' meaning a ball of any kind, e.g. footer-blick, fives-blick, even eye-blick. This word is not in Markham's Glossary, and it would be interesting to know when it was born and died.

It is curious that words in such universal use in the School should entirely disappear. 'Blicks' must still be used at Westminster, and judging by results, I presume that some people still 'muzz.'

I am, Sir, etc.,

J. H. REYNOLDS.

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Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :—

The Tonbridgian, The Trinity University Review, The Cheltonian (2), *The Salopian, The Boy's Magazine* (2), *The Wellingtonian, The Rossalian, The Wykehamist* (2), *The Haileyburian, The Malvernian, The Dovorian, The Blue, The Fettesian, The Blundellian, The Aldenhamian, The Alleynian, The Shirburnian, The Radleian, The Portcullis, The Christ's College Register, The Eton College Chronicle* (3), *The Carthusian, The Limit, The Corian*.

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

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