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It is a somewhat difficult matter to sum up with accuracy the past football season. At times our eleven played as well as we have ever seen a school side from Westminster play—and at times the reverse must be said. Coupled with a win over Charterhouse at Godalming—the outstanding event of the season—a hard-earned victory over Bradfield at Vincent Square, two wins against the Old Westminsters, and very creditable draws with the Casuals and the Old Malvernians, we have also to record smashing defeats at the hands of Malvern, Highgate and Winchester, in which three matches we conceded 29 goals to our opponents! Such astonishing vagaries of form are frankly quite unaccountable, and prevent us from being able to hail our eleven as a really great side; and yet when we did play well, and that was very often, the football shown was of a very high standard, and entitles Gardiner's eleven to be regarded as very little inferior to R. G. H. Lowe's side of 1923-24; and this is high praise.

The victory at Charterhouse may be regarded as largely a victory gained over the evil spell that has always seemed to dog the footsteps of our players for so many years in this particular match. By going on to the field with a determination for once to play up to their proper form, and to refuse to be dominated by the attack of nerves which has been so usual in this great match, we gained a great *temperamental* victory, and this being so, our total failure—due largely to temperament—in our other School matches, apart from Bradfield and Aldenham, is so much the more surprising and inexplicable. We grant that in all these three matches the better side well deserved the victory they gained, but nothing except a total shattering of morale can explain away the overwhelming margin by which those victories were gained at the expense of a side possessed with the splendid defence with which we undeniably were blessed. We repeat that these three sad lapses rob us of the privilege of hailing this side of ours as a great one, much as we are tempted so to do.

In the matter of injuries, on the whole we were fortunate, and we were generally able to put our best

side in the field, though one notable exception to this was the Malvern match, when we were without our centre-half, Symington, and Aitken, our outside left. This disorganised us considerably, but does not, of course, excuse our 10-0 defeat. We should like to pass a word of praise to the Malvern side, who gave an exhibition of football rarely excelled by a school side at Vincent Square.

Passing to a more detailed account of our players, we think the outstanding feature was the startling improvement of *the tackling*. The lesson which Mr. Taylor so assiduously taught of the sliding tackle—and that, too, executed whole-heartedly—bore splendid fruit, not only among the eleven, but among the School football as a whole. Right through the School; from the highest to the lowest games, we enjoyed the exhilarating sight of the halves and the backs going whole-heartedly for the ball at the foot of the opposing forward. Moreover, our defence worked on a pre-conceived and concerted plan—the halves and the backs dovetailed into each other, and each of the five realised that he was a link—but a vital one—in the scheme of defence, rather than, as heretofore, but a separate isolated unit. It cannot be too fully realised that the two backs and the three halves are as much a concerted whole as regards defence as the five forwards are as regards attack. The constructive ability of the halves still left something to be desired, but even so, the forwards were plied with the ball by them to a very much greater extent than we have been wont to see during the past four or five seasons. The passes to the forwards were workmanlike, but one would so like to see more often the *brilliant* and *goal-scoring* opening created for the forwards by the halves.

What shall we say of our forward line? In cleverness and finesse we vote them as excellent. They were essentially a 'pretty' line, and the ball control was at times delightful to watch. But speaking generally, they had not enough thrust and finish in front of goal, although they showed great improvement in this respect upon previous years, as our goal average shows. Moreover, *as a line* they were slow moving, especially towards the end of the season. Except for our two right wing forwards, the sudden electrifying dash—so productive of goals if often indulged in—was not in evidence. The shooting we must label as weak, except for the captain; one wonders if we shall ever live to see a Westminster forward fire in an 'unstoppable' shot from 20 yards to 30 yards range. And we want some goals too from our centre-half. He always gets plenty of chances for a long, raking shot, but very rarely do we see a goal scored by these means. We must shoot harder, lower, and more often, with a swift jab-like stab action

delivered from the knee, instead of the whole leg being swung at the ball from the hip; the latter course of action is useless in shooting at goal.

In goal we have been well served, and the large number of goals scored against us cannot be laid to the charge of our last line of defence. Mistakes have been made, of course, but they have been comparatively few, and are inevitable when taking into consideration our very long programme of matches.

In connection with this we would urge strongly that 'staleness' must be strenuously fought and guarded against. During the last month we have been on occasions a tired and worn out side, too lazy to move hand or foot. This can be only conquered by determination not to succumb to the 'fed up' feeling, but, on the other hand, by the fostering of a strong resolve *at all costs* to go through our long season with energy unimpaired.

We cannot close without a word of tribute to the Colts and to their coach and inspirer, Mr. Murray-Rust. In the match at Aldenham they produced some really brilliant junior football and set themselves and all the young players in the School a standard which they should always strive to attain.

We note too a welcome revival in Day Boy football. We look to the Day Boys to supply four or five members of the eleven, as they did in the old days. We do not want the Boarding Houses to compose practically the whole of the eleven year after year, although from the necessities of the case they will nearly always form the main nucleus of our representative elevens. And lastly, much as we commend and applaud the House spirit, we plead for a more sympathetic working together of *all Houses* and College in order to discover and provide players to represent the *School as a whole*. This year, owing in large measure to the Captain and the other House Captains, there has been great improvement in this respect.

It has been a good season, made memorable too by our long deferred victory over our friends at Godalming.

D. J. K.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN, 1927-1928.

K. J. GARDINER (CAPT.) (*inside right*).

A forward with an excellent control of the ball when dribbling; he is possessed of a very neat side-stepping swerve, and is very quick over a short dash of 20 yards when he sees his opportunity of going right through the defence on his own. A very fair shot, easily the best of the forwards in this respect. Understands the principle of passing suddenly in a direction oblique to that which he may be running. As a captain has shown himself

an excellent and conscientious organiser of the School games as a whole, and on the field of play has continually exhorted his team to further efforts with considerable success.

J. B. STURDY (*outside right*).

In conjunction with his captain has helped to form the most dangerous attacking wing the School has had for a long time. Very fast, and possessed of the happy knack of being able to rob a dilatory full back, by a determined sliding tackle. Very neat and clever with his feet and full of tricks. Should make a first-class player. A shade more determination wanted when opposed by a really 'class' half-back.

L. J. D. WAKELY (*left-half*).

Has done yeoman service, and has spared no efforts to improve his tackling, which was weak at the start of the season. Has better ball control than the other two half-backs, and has occasionally created beautiful openings for the forwards in front of him. Lacks pace, but understands well the principle of the *mobile* defence.

K. H. L. COOPER (*centre-forward*).

Has a sound knowledge of the close passing game, and also much improved in plying his wings with long passes when in mid-field. His shooting is not very good, and he is at present deficient in pace, and often lacks determination. Has the happy knack of stationing himself in a favourable goal-scoring position, close up on the goal line, when waiting to receive a centre from the wing. Should indulge more in the short desperate run through, and needs to shoot at goal more frequently when on the run.

A. C. BIRD (*right-back*).

Has shown more consistent good form than any other member of the team. We have scarcely seen him play a poor game. A relentless tackler, and a beautiful kick with either foot. He is always in the right place, and he should, we think, develop into a great player. The side owes to him a very great deal of any success they may have had.

C. E. LONSDALE (*right-half*).

The best half-back we have had for some time. He is a mass of energy, never gives up, and uses his fine physique to the best possible advantage. Has made the sliding tackle his own speciality. Needs a little more daintiness and finesse in coming through with the ball before parting with it to his forwards. His attacking passes are a little too

obvious and straightforward. The only member of the team who might—and indeed can—shoot a goal from 30 yards range.

I. W. A. SYMINGTON (*centre-half*).

A clever and much improved player. He tackles with determination, and has a finely developed sense of positional play. Very clever with his head in intercepting opponents' passes which are intended to pass over him. Needs a little more pace, greater shooting power and a more highly developed power of carving out goal-scoring openings for his forwards.

D. A. BOMPAS (*goalkeeper*).

A young and inexperienced goalkeeper, who has rendered his side yeoman service. He has a safe pair of hands (a natural legacy from his wicket-keeping) and has the requisite cool and unruffled temperament. He is not exactly active or 'cat-like' as yet, and his kicking, though better than it was, still leaves something to be desired. But with greater experience and, above all, a general quickening up of alert and agile movement, should make a splendid keeper.

N. L. FOSTER (*inside-left*).

What he lacked in physical assets he amply atoned for in heroic energy and determination. Got through a tremendous amount of work, and kept his wing man well plied with the ball. A very weak marksman, and his shots nearly always lacked sting.

J. W. M. AITKEN (*outside-left*).

A much improved player, with plenty of dash, who goes 'all out' down the touch-line. A little too apt to stop and turn and centre with his right foot, thus allowing the defence an extra second in which to fall back and consolidate in front of goal. Should indulge more often in the little pass back to his own inside when on the goal-line midway between the opponents' goal-post and the corner flag.

H. L. JONES (*left-back*).

Considering that he was scarcely a natural football player at the start of the season, he deserves every credit for the many good games he has played. Has taken tremendous pains to improve his game in all departments, and that too when he had other onerous administrative duties to perform. His tackling is still his weakest point, but inspired no doubt by the example of his splendid partner, he has worthily played his part.

H. B. GRAHAM (*inside-left*).

Filled Foster's position during the first term with ability. He is undeniably very slow, both in getting off the mark and in getting under way, but he has very good ball control, and passes with intelligence. Needs more dash and pace, and if he succeeds in this, he should develop into a sound and workmanlike player. D. J. K.

School Notes.

THE Pancake Grease on Shrove Tuesday was won by D. E. Barker, of Ashburnham. Four throws were necessary before the pancake cleared the bar.

The Vincent Prize (senior) was won by J. W. P. Bourke, (junior) by A. C. Johnson.

The Stebbing Prize was divided between A. C. Johnson and N. C. Masterman.

On Monday, April 2, there is to be a triangular athletic match up fields between the Achilles Club, Westminster, and Aldenham.

The usual cheque for £10 from the Henderson Bequest, towards providing the prizes at the Sports, has been received from the Treasurer of the Elizabethan Club.

The four new covered Fives Courts are now nearing completion and will be ready before next term.

HALL EPIGRAMS.

It is the annual duty of the Master of the King's Scholars to set two 'Theses for Epigrams,' and to collect a budget of Epigrams for recitation on Election Monday before the Governors, Examiners and guests at Election dinner. For many years now the budget has been printed and a copy presented to each guest at the dinner. Originally the Epigrams were actually composed during dinner by the guests themselves, and the Theses are still formally announced by the Captain at the fish course in order to give the impromptu epigrammatist his opportunity.

Epigrams are written by O.W.W., Masters, present K.S.S. and others; but of late years the circle of composers has become narrower, and the task of collecting the thirty odd Epigrams—without lowering the standard—correspondingly harder. It has, therefore, been decided to give

notice of the Theses in THE ELIZABETHAN some months in advance; and the Master of K.S.S. will be most grateful for any Epigrams which may be submitted to him. They should be sent to him at 3, Little Dean's Yard, before June 30, and may be in any language or metre.

The Theses for 1928 are:

1. Ex uno disce omnes.
2. τί τυφλῶ καὶ κατόπτρῳ;

TWO-PIANO RECITAL.

ON January 23 two former Directors of Music at Westminster, Mr. Heward and Mr. Goldsbrough, gave a two-piano recital up School, which was well attended. Both of these are excellent performers on the piano, and the performance, as we had expected, was a brilliant one. Mozart's Sonata in G was well done, both the players being well balanced, neither one overpowering the other. This striking equality in tone was not quite so well maintained in the other works, though its absence was not sufficiently marked to mar the general excellence of the execution. The last piece, a suite of Debussy, though, of course, after Mozart, Schumann and Brahms a little jarring, was well mastered, and we thank the players for a most excellent performance.

TWO-VIOLIN RECITAL.

THIS took place on February 27, and was a most enjoyable performance. Miss Gertrude Newsham and Miss Dorothy Lofthouse were very well together, and evidently understood one another. The latter plays better every time she appears, while Miss Newsham was a stranger to us. Mr. Lofthouse accompanied.

The Golden Sonata, which was the opening item on the programme, is a beautiful work, perhaps the best of the violin trios of that period. The great simplicity and directness that characterises these compositions was very well brought out by the performers, and left a very favourable impression.

The Sonata in G Minor, by Handel, though perhaps it was intellectually the least interesting number on the programme, was an exciting work, and all three, violins and piano, worked up to the grand climax in a rhythmical and convincing way.

The Concerto in C Minor was as characteristic of Bach as the Golden Sonata was of Purcell. A fine trumpet tune, beautifully worked out, was the subject of the Allegro. The performers, who took a

rest before setting to work on the Bach, which must have been a tiring performance, did not lag or allow themselves to be overpowered by the piano, and the work concluded the programme.

Mr. Lofthouse gave us 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' during the interval, and he played it well, giving due emphasis to the vocal arts, and maintaining the rhythm and tone of the oboe tune absolutely uniform. We would thank the performers for a very interesting and vigorous recital.

SONG RECITAL.

ON Friday, February 17, Mr. Steuart Wilson gave a recital up School, with Miss Phyllis Arnott at the piano. Mr. Steuart Wilson is an excellent singer; however, whether School was strange to him, or for some other reason, his opening song, 'Five Knacks for Ladies,' was rather a doubtful performance, and he did not give us much indication of the power and skill that he was to display later. But to those who knew the song this was a most enjoyable performance, since it is a song that is always fresh. Mr. Wilson was not so easy to hear in the songs that came new, and especially to those at the back of School.

As he went on his tone improved, and the performance was excellent. Those who cavil at the fact that it was not always easy to hear the words of the songs should reflect that most of the programme consisted of songs which had to be sung with the utmost speed. There were remarkably few ill-treated lovers on the programme, but the victim in 'Phillida Flouts Me' was splendidly represented. We greatly enjoyed 'Hey Boys, up go we,' a ballad of the singer's own arrangement, very effectively written about nothing at all. The remaining three sixteenth and seventeenth century works were all in a more serious vein. They were excellently enunciated, and the voice and piano were very well blended together. The most interesting of them, Purcell's 'Evening Hymn on a Ground Bass,' was remarkable for the excellent playing on the piano, and the due emphasis given to the bass. This is one of the most beautiful compositions that have been written on a ground bass.

'The Song of the Fela' stands alone in the programme. It was the only foreign composition included, and afforded a delightful contrast to the charming and rollicking songs that surrounded it on the programme. Mr. Wilson gave it very well, and offered us a magnificent example of how to express what you are singing, in facial expression.

Two songs of Somervell, and one of Quilter,

made up the remainder of the compositions. These were all very good, though, as was to be expected, they did not appeal to the audience as much as the last items did. From the point of view of execution they were done very well indeed, and we admired them.

To wind up his programme, Mr. Wilson indulged in a succession of six irresistibly jolly folk songs. It is only in England that such songs are found at all. No other country has ever produced anything quite like this:—

'There was an old man, and he had three sons;
Three sons to him were born;
And he came home tight in the middle of the night,
And he kicked them out of doors.'

The words were splendidly brought out in the descriptive songs, 'The Crocodile' and 'The Derby Ram,' where everything depends on a proper understanding of the animals' characteristics. The last item was a few sea shanties, including 'Rio Grande' and 'Spanish Ladies,' both of which are well known to all of us.

We have to thank Mr. Steuart Wilson for a most jolly and beautiful recital, in which he improved steadily from first to last, and Miss Phyllis Arnott for her excellent playing of the many trying accompaniments.

Programme.—'Five Knacks for Ladies,' 'His Golden Locks,' *Dowland*. 'Phillida Flouts Me,' 'Hey Boys, Up We Go,' *7th Century*. 'Evening Hymn on a Ground Bass,' 'Hornpipe Song,' *Purcell*. 'The Song of the Flea,' *Moussorgsky*. 'Loveliest of Trees the Cherry Now,' 'There am I Thy Faithful Fair,' *Somervell*. 'Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal,' *Quilter*. 'The Derby Ram,' 'Whistle, Daughter, Whistle,' 'Come, My Own One,' 'The Three Sons,' 'The Crocodile,' 'Sea Shanties,' *Traditional*.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION (JUNIOR BRANCH).

THE society met on January 30 and was honoured by the presence of the Headmaster and of several other masters. F. M. Hardie read a paper on 'Disarmament.'

He said that the Battle of Jutland could not have occurred had there not been two large navies existing in readiness to fight. The race for armaments between England and Germany did more to cause the war than anything else. Everyone in 1914 was preparing to be in readiness for war, although they said 'we doubt war,' but this it was that caused such terrible results. Armaments

mean enormous taxation. The building of a modern battleship costs £7,000,000. It has been estimated that 15s. out of every pound of revenue goes for the expenses of past and future wars; for past in the form of national debt, etc., for future wars in the form of estimates for the Army and Navy. This has caused such a staggering burden to our trade. What has the League done to help?

In 1921 a League Committee drew up a Treaty of Mutual Guarantees. This treaty was rejected by England during Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's ministry. Then followed the Protocol, also turned down by Italy and Great Britain, during Mr. Baldwin's ministry. A fresh start was made by setting up a preparatory Commission for a general Disarmament Conference. Then came the Russian bombshell proposals, which, if impracticable, at any rate serve to shew that Russia is taking an interest in the League.

England has set a splendid example in disarmament. Before the war we had 80 battleships, now we have 20.

After the breakdown of the last Geneva Conference, England, a member of the League, made the economic and pacific gesture of scrapping two of her proposed cruisers, while the Americans decided to build more. The reduction of our cruisers (and the proposals to reduce the American fleet, since this was written) was due to the larger international outlook of public opinion caused by the League of Nations Union and by its senior and junior branches.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* BRADFIELD.

(*Won, 3-1.*)

Played at Vincent Square, February 18. A very equal and exciting game ended in a victory for Westminster. Bradfield scored first from a corner, but Westminster made repeated attacks and succeeded in equalising through Sturdy. The game continued to be very equal, and there was no further score at half-time. In the second half Westminster were more together and had most of the game, though the Bradfield forwards made several dangerous attacks, which were successfully repelled, chiefly owing to Bird, who played a great game throughout the match. Soon after half-time Sturdy ran right down the wing, beating at least three defenders, and passed back to Graham, who was unmarked and scored easily. Inspired by this, Bradfield made a series of attacks, their right wing being particularly dangerous. However, these were repelled, Bompas on one occasion

punching clear from a corner. From now onwards it was a ding-dong struggle, but just before the end Graham scored again, making the final score 3-1 in Westminster's favour. Westminster deserved to win, being slightly the better side. The game was very fast and exciting and one of the best seen up fields this season.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; A. C. Bird, H. L. Jones; C. E. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, J. W. M. Aitken.

Bradfield.—Rollo; F. Evans, Stephens; Thornton, Gilbert, Weston; White, Horlock, Groves, Watson-Smyth, D. Evans.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

(*Drawn 0-0.*)

Played at Vincent Square on Tuesday, February 21. In this match the standard of football never rose high and the game was played at a slow pace throughout. In the circumstances a draw was the fairest result.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; A. C. Bird, H. L. Jones; C. E. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, J. W. M. Aitken.

Christ Church.—D. E. Page; J. S. Phillimore, H. S. Stephenson; G. E. Johnstone, D. J. C. Hill-Wood, A. N. T. Rankin; J. P. Ashworth, R. G. Chetwode, J. M. Carnegie, R. Salmon, C. Marshall.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CARTHUSIANS.

(*Lost, 2-3.*)

Played on February 25. Westminster were not at full strength for this match, both Bird and Symington being away. The Old Carthusians had the best of the game to begin with and scored the first two goals. However, Westminster soon improved and, as the result of two corners, two goals were scored. Both these corner kicks were very well placed by Gardiner, the first bouncing in off the goalkeeper and the second being headed in by Aitken; the second goal was a particularly good one. After half-time the game was very even, but just before the end Bompas was beaten by a very good long shot, which swerved away from him and went into the corner of the net.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; R. G. A. Colt-Williams, H. L. Jones; C. E. Lonsdale, P. Wingate, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, J. W. M. Aitken.

Old Carthusians.—A. H. Williams; H. C. Crawford; J. H. Gilliat; A. T. Pritchard, F. H. Pritchard, W. Whiting; M. Porterfield (sub.), E. Glynn, H. E. Wetherall, J. C. Connell, R. D. Crump.

WESTMINSTER v. WINCHESTER.

(Lost, 0-7.)

Played on February 28. In this match Westminster touched their very worst form. From start to finish the eleven played like tired men, and their play seemed to lack all spirit. Westminster improved after half-time, but never looked like making a fight of it. In the first half Winchester were, on the day's play, immeasurably the better side. They were far quicker on the ball, man for man, than Westminster, and their whole team played as one man, with a good understanding of each other. By way of contrast Westminster never got together, and we did not see one good combined attack by the forwards. This may have been due partly to the fact that our half-backs played their worst game of the season and never managed to co-operate with their forwards. Be that as it may, Westminster rarely got to within shooting distance of the Winchester goal, and by half-time six goals were scored against us. In the second half our defence improved to a certain extent, and only one more goal was scored; still, nearly all the play was in our half, and our forwards showed little improvement. Though they not infrequently got near to the Winchester goal, they were never able to put the finishing touches to their movements. Altogether a most disappointing match in which the eleven never did itself anything like justice.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; A. C. Bird, H. L. Jones; C. E. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, L. J. D. Wakely; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, J. W. M. Aitken.

Winchester.—Jenkins; Sheffield, Goulding; Guise, Mansell, Gorrow; Knight, Salmon, Walker, Milligan, Fellows.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

(Won, 2-0.)

Played on March 3. Westminster deserved to win their last match, being the better side throughout the game. In the first half, although we were round the Old Westminsters' goal most of the time, we failed to score, but in the second half Gardiner scored twice, and we continued to press up to the end. On the run of the play Westminster should have scored more goals, several shots from very close range going over the top. However, K. H. Hill played a very good game in goal for the Old Westminsters, and saved several shots which seemed certain to score. C. A. Harvey and N. P. Andrews proved a dangerous wing in the first half, but good marking by the defence managed to prevent them from scoring.

Westminster.—D. A. Bompas; A. C. Bird, H. L. Jones; C. E. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, P. Wingate; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, J. W. N. Aitken.

O.W.W.—K. H. Hill; G. B. Keily, Wyatt; E. N. Hansen, D. A. Radermacher, C. J. Pinder; A. L. Leighton, C. F. Bull, A. C. Feasey, C. A. Harvey, N. P. Andrews.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. OLD WESTMINSTERS 'A.'

(Lost, 2-4.)

Played on March 3. This proved an equal and interesting game, with the Old Westminsters always slightly the better side. Our goals were scored by Mills and Barker.

Westminster 2nd XI.—P. Aitken; R. G. A. Colt-Williams, D. Ryland; D. Jones, M. Mackenzie, C. A. Bird; M. Porterfield, C. Mills, H. Thompson, D. E. Barker, J. D. Argyle.

O.W.W. 'A.'—Amos; Salvi, Grover; Rice-Oxley, Radermacher, Cahn; Attwood, Mackintosh, Brown, Moore, Burford.

KING'S SCHOLARS v. TOWN BOYS.

Played on March 6. Though resulting in a win for the Town Boys by eight goals to one, this game was not nearly so unequal as the score would suggest. The King's Scholars put up a good fight and had a very fair share of the game territorially. Their failure was chiefly due to the weakness in marking on the part of the wing halves; this caused too great a burden to fall on the shoulders of the backs, and as the marking was chiefly at fault in front of goal, it may be said to explain in some part the scoring of eight goals. Sturdy played a valiant game for the losers and came near to scoring on many occasions, but Bird and Lonsdale always provided a formidable barrier to the King's Scholars' attacks. Heaton defended well, his kicking being very safe, and Mackenzie got through a lot of work at centre-half, though he was inclined to muddle. The King's Scholars' goal was a good one, obtained as the result of good combination between the inside forwards, ending in a shot by Cooper.

King's Scholars.—H. A. R. Philby; R. N. Heaton, H. L. Jones; G. G. Simpson, M. Mackenzie, D. J. Jones; R. S. Hunt, J. B. Sturdy, K. H. L. Cooper, J. D. Argyle, I. I. Milne.

Town Boys.—D. A. Bompas; A. C. Bird, J. K. Luard; C. E. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, P. Wingate; M. Porterfield, H. Thomson, K. J. Gardiner, H. B. Graham, J. W. M. Aitken.

The summary of 1st XI matches is as follows:—
Played, 20; Won, 7; Lost, 7; Drawn, 6; Goals for, 68; Goals against, 70.

THE WATER.

A MISUNDERSTANDING unfortunately caused the omission of the account of 'The Water' from the last issue of THE ELIZABETHAN, so that the reader must prepare to be taken back to the dim antiquity of the Play Term. After the Trial Eights and Maundy Fours, which revealed no oarsman of even a distant approach to perfection, but plenty of material that promised better things, the Heads of the Town Boy Houses got out their crews for the Town Boys' Rudder, and for the Novices' Fours, a new event that will be described below.

THE TOWN BOYS' RUDDER.

The preliminary heats were rowed on November 29, 1927, on the flood tide from the University Stone to the Mile Post, the usual course of one mile. The day was horrible—very cold, with drenching rain, and a strong head wind against the crews.

HOMEBOARDERS *v.* GRANT'S.

In the first heat, Homeboarders, the holders, with three members of the winning crew of the previous year, rowed against Grant's. H.BB. won the toss and chose the Surrey station, which offered more of the tide but less shelter from the wind than the Middlesex station. Both coxes skilfully brought their boats to the Stone, drifting together exactly abreast on to the starting-point—a feat appreciated by all umpires who have to give flying starts. H.BB. got away well, and led by nearly half a length after the first ten strokes; this lead they still had at the Boathouse. Here Grant's, rowing the faster stroke but with length and cohesion, gave an excellent ten, and took the lead by half a length. At Beverley they were still leading, but only by half a canvas. Along the fence H.BB. lost for a time their steadiness, and Grant's, who were now rowing very well indeed, increased their lead to three-quarters of a length. Both crews were now encountering unpleasantly rough water. Two minutes from the finish H.BB. rallied and crept up, but were still being led by two feet. In an exciting finish H.BB. just won by two feet, taking the lead in the last five strokes. Time: 6 mins. 15 secs.

ASHBURNHAM *v.* RIGAUD'S.

In the second heat Ashburnham (Surrey station) rowed against Rigaud's (Middlesex station). Ashburnham made a poor start, and at the Boathouse Rigaud's were leading by a length and a quarter. They were better together than their practises promised, and went steadily away from the Ash-

burnham crew, and won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 6 mins. 27 secs.

THE FINAL: RIGAUD'S *v.* HOMEBOARDERS.

The race was rowed on Thursday, December 1, from the University Stone to the Mile Post, on a flood tide, which failed to give the crews any assistance against the heavy land water that was still coming down. The water was very smooth.

Both crews started well, and H.BB. led slightly for half a minute. Then Rigaud's began to gain, and at the Boathouse were leading by just over a length. At Beverley Rigaud's were leading by a length and three-quarters, when H.BB. spurted and regained half a length. Then Rigaud's rowing 34 strokes a minute, to H.BB.'s 33 strokes, drew ahead steadily to win the Rudder decisively by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. The time, 6 mins. 40 secs., in view of the heavy stream, was fast.

In this race H.BB. failed to make use of the excellent style they had developed both in their paddling and owing. Against Grant's their steadiness and length enabled them to achieve the spurt which gave them the race. In the final they were completely taken out of their stride by the decisive stroking of Northcott and the sustained rowing of a crew who on the eve of the races had learnt the secret of an easy swing and a prompt drive with the legs.

Rigaud's.—Eaton (*bow*), Buckney (2), Ball (3), Northcott (*stroke*), Allen (*cox*).

Homeboarders.—Ellison (*bow*), Freeman (2), Dulanty (3), Weigall (*stroke*), Young (*cox*).

Grant's.—O'Malley (*bow*), Fouracre (2), Halahan (3), Salvi (*stroke*), Watson (*cox*).

Ashburnham.—Spurgin (*bow*), Aris (2), Roberts (3), Smith (*stroke*), Dams (*cox*).

THE NOVICES' FOURS.

The Novices' Fours Competition was instituted in the Play Term, 1927, with the object of improving the standard of watermanship of junior watermen, and was so successful that it has been decided to make it an annual event, to be rowed for in the Play Term. It is hoped that a cup will eventually be presented to the House winning this useful event; and this event would count towards that 'Head of the River' Cup which is now being suggested, and which would be awarded to the House winning the largest number of contests on the Water.

The competition consisted of three parts. In the first part the crews were judged for general watermanship, i.e., for getting in the boat correctly, fixing their work, position for paddling, getting

away smartly, and for style in paddling. In the second part the crews were ordered to drift accurately on to a starting-post, and then to row for one minute. Marks were given for both style and pace, and allowance was made for lighter crews. Part three consisted of questions relating to boats and oars, and the coxswains were tested as to their knowledge of the art of steering. The competition was abundantly justified by the keenness of the crews and by the care with which they had evidently been coached, which resulted in a surprisingly good standard. It took place on the last Monday of term, on a dry but bitterly cold afternoon; but the arrangements worked well, and no crew was out for more than fifteen minutes. The judges were Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Franklin.

The result of the competition was as follows:—

	Part I.	Part II.	Part III.	Total.
<i>Maximum.</i>	15	25	20	50 pts.
Ashburnham ...	8½	17	17	42½
Homeboarders ...	11	13	18	42
Rigaud's... ..	10½	14½	15	40
College	7½	10	17	34½
Grant's	5½	12	12	29½

CREWS.

Ashburnham.—Haynes, H. W. (*bow*), 9 st. ½ lb.; Dallas-Edwards, G. (2), 8 st. 13 lbs.; Procter, J. (3), 8 st. 7½ lbs.; Smith R. W. (*stroke*), 8 st. 13 lbs.; Bailey, F. R. (*cox*), 6 st. 12 lbs.

Homeboarders.—Kiralffy, D. G. M. (*bow*), 6 st. 1½ lbs.; Lowden, J. (2), 8 st. 11 lbs.; Seward, C. (3), 11 st. 1 lb.; Kendall, D. (*stroke*), 9 st. 11 lbs.; Griffith, L. (*cox*), 6 st. 5 lbs.

Rigaud's.—Osborne, E. N. (*bow*), 8 st. 6 lbs.; Lewis, G. A. (2), 7 st. 3 lbs.; Chalk, P. H. (3), 9 st. 3 lbs.; Tilcomb, J. A. (*stroke*), 8 st. 12 lbs.; Fulton, F. (*cox*), 6 st. 12 lbs.

College.—Lea, J. G. (*bow*), 8 st.; Hinks, D. A. G. (2), 9 st. 6 lbs.; Sprigge, J. W. (3), 8 st. 7 lbs.; ten Doesschate, L. D. S. (*stroke*) 9 st. 12 lbs.; Baines, A. C. (*cox*), 7 st. 9 lbs.

Grant's.—Colman (*bow*), 8 st. 10 lbs.; Kennedy (2), 7 st. 6 lbs.; Radcliffe (3), 7 st. 3 lbs.; Plummer (*stroke*), 8 st. 13 lbs.; Gedye (*cox*), 6 st. 5 lbs.

THE BURTON AND COLQUHOUN SCULLS, PRESENTED 1843.

Only six entries were received for the Senior Sculls, the final of which was rowed off on December 21 over the usual course from the Mile Post to the V.B.R. Stone between G. E. D. Halahan (GG.) and D. F. A. Freeman (H.BB.). Seldom has a race been rowed with the mercury so low. By the time the two boats had paddled to the start both scullers were feeling the cold badly, and the sculls were encrusted with ice.

The race was even to the lower end of Craven Cottage Football Ground; here Halahan spurted, and Freeman, answering, gained one length. Opposite Beverley Brook the wash from a police launch separated the two boats, and Freeman kept close down the Middlesex shore. Between the London Rowing Club Boathouse and Sims, Halahan's left wrist gave out and he was forced to stop, Freeman paddling on past the V.B.R. Stone.

COL. G. C. BOURNE'S LECTURE.

Towards the end of the Play Term watermen had the great pleasure of a lecture from one who is acknowledged by all rowing men as a successor to the great classical coaches of the art, and as the most learned exponent of the science of oarsmanship. Col. Bourne has many antagonists to his doctrines of rowing, antagonists who are almost bitter in their opposition. For rowing men debate the questions of the theory and the practice of their sport with a keenness of dispute that is unequalled except in the realms of politics and religion. Yet most of the controversies in rowing are due to misunderstanding—the same truth is expressed in different terms by two people; the two who know the truth know also that they are in agreement, but ignorant followers who get no farther than the terms, and who in practice consequently run into queer extremes, argue violently and will argue long after their rowing days are over; and so the battle of styles will never languish. But the earnest advice of the writer is, to subscribe blindly to no doctrine, but to prove all things by assiduous practice, being ready to learn at all times and from any source.

As an oarsman, Col. Bourne rowed with distinction for Eton, New College and Oxford; as a coach he has trained crews innumerable, but especially those of his own College and University (and not least the four victorious Oxford crews stroked by his son); as an exponent of the theory, he has produced a book, which is the most exhaustive attempt ever made to work out the principles of rowing.

Col. Bourne's lecture, as might be expected, was stimulating—it was enlivened by practical demonstrations on a rowing stool, with a portion of an oar, and with diagrams and photos thrown on the screen. Especially helpful were such illustrations as that of a clumsy grip with the oar grasped too much in the palm of the hand, contrasted with the oar correctly held *with the fingers*. Many apparently insoluble problems solve themselves as soon as the oarsman has the courage to hold the oar *lightly*. For then the oar soon begins to

appear in its true light, as a delicately balanced instrument capable of marvellous precision in use.

In the sidelights on anatomy it was encouraging to see what strength we have in our backs and thighs—those great black masses of muscles possessed by the diagrammatic skeletons should be a comforting thought in moments of fatigue. The main part of the lecture was practical, and dealt with that easy swing forward of the body at its very lowest hinge, which leads up to the spring back with the legs at the beginning of the stroke.

Col. Bourne's lecture was an interesting link with the rowing past of Westminster. His grandfather rowed at Westminster a hundred and fifteen years ago, in 1813-1814; he and his schoolfellow and intimate friend, Lord de Ros and Mayow Short were a trio of Westminster men who carried their enthusiasm for rowing to Oxford. They rowed in the Christ Church crew which went head of the river at Oxford in 1817, and remained head in the two following years, when they were stroked by Mayow Short; while Col. Bourne's father was Princeps Oppidanorum and a member of the Second Eight in 1849, which beat a crew of cricketers in a memorable race, in which the Second Eight reached the winning-post while the cricketers were still out of sight.

We very much hope that Col. Bourne will before long come again up School to speak to what will then be another generation of watermen.

LENT TERM, 1928.

THE ROUSE BALL CUP.

The Rouse Ball Cup was fixed for Saturday, February 11, in the fourth week of term, the preliminary heats being rowed on the Tuesday and Thursday of that week; but owing to a report from Phelps' that the river was swept by a gale at Putney the final was put off till the following Tuesday.

The racing was disappointing. In the race between Rigaud's and Ashburnham the latter caught a crab in the tenth stroke, which was caused by a stuck slide. Rigaud's were leading by two lengths at the Boathouse and by five at Beverley; Ashburnham, catching another crab and finding the seat unmanageable, gave up and did not finish.

Rigaud's.—Titcomb (*bow*), Youatt (2), Eaton (3), Buckney (*stroke*), Allen (*cox*).

Ashburnham.—Spurgin (*bow*), Edwards (2), Ans (3), Roberts (*stroke*), Hardie (*cox*).

The best race for the cup was that between H.B.B. and G.G. This was expected from their

close contest in the Town Boys' Rudder. Unfortunately, the former were handicapped by the loss of their stroke, through quarantine, and by missing their last practice outing through the illness of their '3,' who, however, rowed in the race. H.B.B. put up an excellent race; Dunn, who was untrained and stroking the crew for the first time, showed unexpected steadiness; they were led by three-quarters of a length at the Boathouse, but were still hanging on by the same distance at Beverley; there Grant's increased their lead to a length and a quarter, and taking their opponents' water had to row hard to avoid being bumped, but won by that distance in 5 mins. 37 secs.

Grant's.—O'Malley (*bow*), Fouracre (2), Halahan (3), Salvi (*stroke*), Kennedy (*cox*).

Homeboarders.—Weigall (*bow*), Dulanty (2), Freeman (3), Dunn (*stroke*), Young (*cox*).

Rigaud's in the next heat beat College with surprising ease. The latter by no means kept their practice form; they lost the time, and got very short; Rigaud's went over the course fast, to win by 5 lengths in 5 mins. 17 secs.

In the final on Tuesday, February 14, Mr. E. C. T. Edwards, O.U.B.C., acted as starter and umpire. The race was rowed downstream from the Mile Post to the V.B.R. Stone. The stroke oar of Grant's caught a crab and slipped his button in getting off the mark; after this mishap Grant's failed to get going together as a crew, and Rigaud's passed the Boathouse some lengths ahead. Salvi spurted well, and Grant's went better from the Boathouse to the Bridge, but the verdict was given against them by five lengths. The time of the winners was 4 mins. 47½ secs.

A launch was kindly provided by Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C.

After the race the First Eight went out on its first journey, a short paddle to Beverley Brook and back; the crew was: Weigall (*bow*), Eaton (2), Dulanty (3), Harrison (4), Freeman (5), Salvi (6), Halahan (7), Buckney (*stroke*), Allen (*cox*).

REORGANISATION OF THE WATER.

It is hoped to improve the efficiency of the Boat Club during the Lent Term by dividing Watermen into three divisions.

I.—The Three School Eights.

II.—The Middle Watermen. Composed of the three next Eights, under the supervision of the Captain of the Middle Water.

III.—The Lower Watermen. Composed of Watermen below the Eights, under the supervision of the Captain of the Lower Watermen.

B. H. Dulanty has been appointed Secretary of the Water, and A. J. K. Salvi Captain of the Middle Watermen, and G. A. Ellison Captain of the Lower Watermen.

A Rowing Council has been formed to secure co-ordination of coaching, and to discuss means of improving the standard of oarsmanship. The members of it are the Master in Charge of Water, the Head of the Water, the House Heads of Water, the Secretary, and the Captains of the Middle and Lower Watermen, all *ex officio*, with Mr. C. H. Fisher as a co-opted member. The Council will welcome suggestions from Watermen.

It is hoped to hold a Rowing Festival at Putney on the last Thursday of the Election Term, and to arrange that a number of final races should be rowed off on that afternoon.

NEW EVENTS.

It has been decided to institute the following new events:—

THE SCHOOL PAIR-OARS.

To be rowed in light coxswainless pairs, in the Election Term.

Course.—Hammersmith Bridge to Putney Bridge.

Qualification.—Open to members of the First and Second Eights.

THE SCHOOL SCULLING HANDICAP.

To be rowed in fixed and sliding seat rum-tums and light sculling boats in the Election Term.

Course.—A handicap course, the longest distance being from Harrods to the Stone.

Qualification.—Open to all Watermen.

THE COXSWAIN'S SCULLS.

To be rowed in sliding seat rum-tums in the Election Term.

Course.—Half a mile, the Mile Post to Beverley Brook.

Qualification.—Open to all coxes of the School Eights, of the School Fours, of all House Fours, of the Middle Watermen's Eights, and Lower Watermen's crews.

THE JUNIOR TRIAL EIGHTS.

To be rowed in sliding seat clinker Eights in the Lent Term.

Course.—The Stone to Beverley Brook.

The race will be between the three crews of the Middle Watermen; and the object will be to discover talent, to inculcate the spirit of racing, and to provide excitement for the competitors and for those unfortunate enough to get in their way.

FORTHCOMING WATER FIXTURES.

THE JUNIOR SCULLS.

Heats.—May 29, 31, June 5.

Final.—Thursday, June 7.

Qualification.—Watermen under 15½ years old on May 1. The race will be rowed in fixed seat rum-tums.

Course.—Half a mile with the tide from Beverley Brook to the Stone.

THE JUNIOR-SENIOR SCULLS.

Final.—Thursday, July 27.

Qualification.—Watermen over 15½ years old, and not members of the First or Second Eights.

The races will be rowed in sliding seat rum-tums.

Course.—Three-quarters of a mile, the Mile Post to the Boathouse.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE FOUR DASHES.

Final.—Thursday, July 27.

To be rowed in fixed seat clinker fours. The course to be two minutes from Beverley Brook to the Boathouse.

Qualification.—Watermen under 15½ years old.

THE JUNIOR-SENIOR HOUSE FOURS.

Final.—Thursday, July 27.

To be rowed in sliding seat clinker fours, over the Mile Course from the Stone to the Mile Post.

Qualification.—The oarsmen may not have rowed, and the coxswains may not have steered for the Rouse Ball Cup.

THE RACE BETWEEN THE TOWN BOYS AND THE KING'S SCHOLARS.

Date.—Thursday, July 27; to be, if possible, the last race of the Election Term, over the Mile Course, and to be rowed in sliding seat carvel-built fours with coxswains.

The finals of the School Pair Oars are provisionally fixed for July 20, and the finals of the School Sculling Handicap and the Coxswains' Sculls for July 27, the afternoon of the proposed Rowing Festival.

During the last two terms useful acquisitions have been made in two light pair-oared boats, bought from Eton College Boat Club, and three new sliding seat rum-tums, built by Bowers and Phelps. The latter are being paid for by Watermen. They are of somewhat lighter build than the earlier rum-tums, and are faster through the water.

The Pinks' room has been distempered, painted, floored with linoleum, hung with curtains, furnished

with a table and chairs and cushions by some public-spirited members. The Pinks wish to thank the Elizabethan Club for the loan of another picture, a print of 'Searle's Boathouse, Westminster Bridge, Surry (*sic*) Shore,' where in the early years of the last century the King's Scholars were shaping the beginnings of modern rowing by manning their six-oar, 'The Fly' (*vide* Westminster Water Ledger, 1813-1814).

Mr. Franklin and Mr. Fisher are coaching and rowing in the First and Second Eights respectively, and Mr. McDonnell is coaching the Third Eight. Mr. Harvey is a fresh recruit to the water, and is at present gaining experience in the Second Eight.

The following record of races for the past year will be of interest to past and present Watermen:—

Rowed in.	Holder.	Previous Holder.
Town Boys' v. King's Scholars— Election, 1927.	T.B.B.	K.S.S. and T.B.B.

HOUSE FOUR-OARED RACES;

1. Rouse Ball Cup— Lent, 1928.	Rigaud's.	Homeboarders.
2. Town Boys' Rudder— Play, 1927.	Rigaud's.	Homeboarders.
3. Junior-Senior Fours— Election, 1927.	Ashburnham.	Ashburnham.
4. Junior Dashes— Election, 1927.	Ashburnham.	Ashburnham.
5. Novices' Fours— Play, 1927.	Ashburnham.	None.

SCULLING RACES.

1. Colquhoun & Burton Sculls (presented 1839)— Play, 1927.	D. F. R. Freeman (H.B.B.).	A. J. D. Winterfrith (C.C.).
2. Junior-Senior Sculls— Election, 1927.	D. Youatt (R.R.).	A. C. Bird (A.HH.).
3. Junior Sculls— Lent, 1927.	N. Woodward (G.G.).	D. Youatt (R.R.).

House Notes.

K.S.S.—Our efforts in the football world have not been crowned this term with the success for which we had hoped. Nevertheless, both in Juniors and Junior-Juniors we put up a good fight, though on both occasions we were sadly handicapped by our lack of numbers. Against the Town Boys, though beaten by a large margin, we do not think that the defeat was really so bad. At all events, the game was quite an equal one and always interesting. Congratulations to Heaton and Philby on their House Colours. In the many other branches of sporting encounter in which this term abounds we are hopeful, and feel confident that we shall give a good account of ourselves.

We have had a most interesting number of readings in Lit. Soc. and have read 'As You Like It,' 'Julius Cæsar,' 'Loyalties' and 'Quality Street.' We are looking forward to our visit to the Old Vic., where we are going to see the 'School for Scandal.' A new system has been started this term whereby we read a whole play on one night, with a short interval half-way through. This greatly enhances the interest and dramatic qualities of all plays.

To return to sport, Water flourishes, and we have a large proportion of upper Watermen. King's Scholars have represented the School in Fives, Fencing, Boxing and Chess, and our artistic strength finds a happy outlet amid the ranks of the lately resuscitated Band. All our candidates passed the practical examination for Certificate 'A,' and are busily preparing for the coming field-day on paper.

GG.—House Notes are always disheartening; either they bristle with congratulations or they droop with condolence, or they are an inflation of verbal ὄβρις. There must be a combination of all three strains, with an unfortunate preponderance of the second.

We lost the Seniors' Shield to Ashburnham after a good game, in which the score (2-0) probably represented the run of the play. We had previously defeated Rigaud's by 1-0, after which victory R. G. A. Colt-Williams was awarded his House Colours.

Congratulations are due to our Junior-Juniors' side on their victory after many hard struggles.

In the Rouse Ball Bowl, after Fortune had smiled on us at the expense of Homeboarders, she deserted us in the final, and although our crew fought on well, the handicap of a bad start was too great, and we were easily beaten by Rigaud's. J. S. Kennedy was awarded his House Colours after this race.

Congratulations to all our 'A' Certificate candidates on passing the practical part of the examination.

Best of all, we can claim a definite superiority over Ashburnham and all the other Houses in the propagation of crocuses.

A.HH.—There left us at the end of last term from the Upper, K. J. H. Smith, the Head of House Water, and F. W. P. Corbould; from the Middle, S. W. McG. Greer, who has gone to Woolwich, and H. W. L. Haynes; and from the Under, R. D. Gilbey. Three new boys have come: K. A. Rhodes, A. G. Strain, and H. P. B. Taylor. We started the term well by winning Juniors, which had been postponed from last term, and so retain-

ing the cup for another year. Junior-Juniors we had the bad luck to lose to Grant's, in spite of the fact that we had no goal scored against us and remained an unbeaten side. In Seniors we beat Homeboarders in the first round by 3-0, and followed up with a 2-0 victory over Grant's in the final. Our three teams—Junior-Juniors, Juniors, and Seniors—have the fine record of eighteen goals scored for and one against us in eight matches. At Water our success has not been conspicuous. The winner of the Dean's Guinea on Shrove Tuesday was D. E. Barker, who thus repeated his brother's success of two years ago.

So much for our achievements; there remain our hopes. Before the end of the term there comes the Drill Competition, the P.T. Competition, the Art Competition, the Tug, the Sports Cup and the Gym. Competition; we have hopes of all of these.

RR.—Much was the feeling of regret when, on the resumption of a new term, we no longer found with us one who, though Head of House for only a term, did so much for Rigaud's, namely, N. L. Foster. The Army has taken him, and in this new sphere of life we wish him the best of luck. Sadly have our ranks been thinned by the absence also of Coulborn, Northcott, Ball and Freeman, to each of whom also we wish the best of luck. With regard to football, though unsuccessful in Seniors, we appeared to have the better of the game *v.* Grant's, and this shows great promise for the future. At Water we have again enjoyed success, for we beat Grant's easily in the final of the Rouse Ball Cup. We hear also there is a Jeffrey's Cup being contested next term.

Congratulations to those who passed the first part of their Certificate A examination; good luck to them in the theoretical (for there is a lack of successful A Certificate candidates up Rigaud's).

Wingate and P. Aitken have gained their Soccer Thirds; McNeil, Parkyn and Byrne their House Colours, while Titcomb and Eaton this distinction down at Water. Congratulations to them all.

H.BB.—Last term we said good-bye to two of our monitors, Tate and Harrison, both bound, sooner or later, for the Army; the former, however, failed to take the hint, and is now with us again at the head of No. 1 Platoon, so that our chances for the Drill Cup are much enhanced.

Fortune has been somewhat hard on us this term. On the first day of term we had to play the final of Juniors with two men, Atkins (who has now returned to America) and D. Eager, away, and one, B. Eager, out of his proper place. Consequently Ashburnham just managed to upset our chances.

In Junior-Juniors, also, we only suffered one

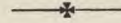
defeat, in spite of the absence of our regular goalkeeper, Abrahams.

But our greatest misfortune was in the Rouse Ball Cup, in which our captain, Freeman, was indisposed until the race, and Ellison, stroke, was out of School; even so, we were only narrowly beaten by Grant's.

In Seniors we put up a good fight against the ultimate winners, Ashburnham. Congratulations to Watt, Gibson and Mills on their House Colours.

However, as hinted above, our military prestige, increased by the numbers of our ranks who have passed the first part of A Certificate, is even more radiant than of yore.

It is never wise to be too confident about the future, but we cannot help feeling that it is about time the Boxing and Tug Cups found their way up Homeboarders. With regard to the Sports, we refrain from comment, as we are sending in a team of dark horses.



A NEW BOOK.

‘A Detective Unawares,’ by G. F. Percivale Lea
(*Hurst and Blackett*).

MR. LEA (Homeboarders, 1914-1918) has made his entry into the field of authorship, and hence into the worshipful company of Westminster literary men, with a very pleasing book. We give him a deserved and hearty welcome. He has written an entertaining story; the tricks and subtleties of the detective yarn are well under his command, and he has the psychological insight which gives reality to the creatures of his imagination. But more than this, what is attractive and, indeed, in these days refreshing about his story is that his characters are all nice, clean, wholesome people, whom one would be glad to meet at home—a wayward, humorous, human crowd. Of the dull, tiresome preoccupation with things unpleasant there is not an atom in this book. There is a vein of gentle satire which will amuse but never hurt. It is a well written book. Perhaps the ladies are too prone to ‘drift’ from room to room when we would rather see them walk, and it may jar some nerves to light on an ugly modern revival like ‘happenings’—‘thou zed, thou unnecessary letter.’ But these are rare and trivial specks, and the air of to-day is too heavily charged with the bacillus of diseased diction for either an author or his critics to enjoy complete immunity. A chapter called ‘An Interlude’ shows Mr. Lea's promise as a future writer of the novel proper in larger form. We shall look forward to his next work with confidence.

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FOOTBALL.

2nd Round Arthur Dunn Cup.

OLD WESTMINSTERS *v.* OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

Played at Crystal Palace on Saturday, February 11.

(*Lost, 2-3.*)

Once again we have to record defeat by the Old Wykehamists, this time by the narrow margin of the odd goal in five.

The game was very keenly contested, but a terrific wind made good football practically impossible.

We reprint the following account of the match from the 'Times' of Monday, February 13, which fully describes the conditions:—

In spite of heavy rain that fell almost to the time of the kick-off, the playing pitch, though on the soft side, was never treacherous; but there was a very high wind blowing down the field of play, and all the players, whether they had it at their backs or in their faces, found it a severe handicap. Indeed, the wind was so erratic and so fierce that the game developed into a sort of three-cornered affair. So long as they kept the ball on the ground the players had the wind well beaten, but once a foot got really under the ball the wind had the better of the argument. In these circumstances scientific football, except when the wind weakened, as occasionally it did, was out of the question. The thing to do was to keep the ball low and cheat the wind; this the Old Wykehamists did more successfully than their opponents, and for that reason they won, or at least they beat the Old Westminsters, though they themselves, so far as actual football tactics go, were generally beaten by the wind.

A single goal was the margin between the sides at the end of the game, and it was an entirely satisfactory indication of the run of the play. Aided by an occasional lapse from impartiality on the part of the wind, the Old Wykehamists were two goals to the good fairly early in the game, though the lead was reduced as the result of a

thrustful movement by the Old Westminsters' right-wing that carried the ball in the teeth of the gale right down the field and was completed by a hard shot at close range. The game had been played at a good pace up to this point, but thereafter it became faster and still more furious and was maintained at a great speed until the last kick. The Old Westminsters developed as far as they could a close-passing game among their inside forwards, but the Old Wykehamists' half-backs broke up one promising movement after another. Play on the Old Westminster wings was rather ragged—the wind saw to that—and their backs were inclined to get flustered, though Cook played up valiantly, and, in so far as one man may be, was certainly the principal reason for the score against his side not being heavier than it was. His tackling all through the match was merciless, and even when heavily hampered by the Old Wykehamist forwards, who showed great speed and thrustfulness, he contrived to kick the ball clear with unflagging power. The Old Wykehamist backs lacked his finish and never gave quite the same impression of safety as he, though they covered Bonham-Carter well. It was at half-back that the winners established an unmitigable ascendancy, Guise in the centre proving a terrible stumbling block to Brodie, Lowe, and Harvey. There was not much to choose between the goalkeepers, though Bonham-Carter in the last ten minutes of the match gave a fine display of safe handling and sound judgment in running out at a time when the Old Wykehamists were hard put to it to keep their lead. The goal scorers were Jerrome, C. Ashton, and Sim for the winners, and Harvey and Newall for the Old Westminsters.

Old Wykehamists.—Bonham-Carter; Dicker, Bower; Sim, Guise, Marris; Jerrome, G. Ashton, C. Ashton, Snell, Barker.

Old Westminsters.—K. Hill; J. A. Cook, G. B. Keily; E. N. Hansen, D. A. Radermacher, E. R. Munt; W. E. Newall, K. Brodie, R. G. H. Lowe, A. Harvey, N. P. Andrews.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Monday, February 6, to discuss the motion that 'In the opinion of this House the best Education is a Classical one.'

D. C. SIMPSON, Esq. (*Proposer*), said that education did its work indirectly and not directly. This should dismiss the ideas that the individual should choose his own studies, or study only what would be of actual use to him afterwards. Education is the development of the personality on the intellectual, moral and spiritual sides. The three

alternatives of the Classics correspond to these three sides, while the Classics are all three together. The intellectualists are the mathematicians. The typical mathematician, Mr. Simpson thought, was the poor Bishop of Birmingham, and a mathematical class-room was like Ezekiel in the valley of Dry Bones. The moralists are the scientists, but the clayeyness of their feet suggests the image of Nebuchadnezzar in Israel. The spiritualists are the modern linguists, who claim to seek touch with modern thinkers, but forget that all modern thinkers have been anticipated by Homer, Virgil, Plato and countless others. The reason for the large number of great Scotsmen in comparison with their numbers as a nation is simply the highly developed Classical education existent in Scotland.

A. H. FRANKLIN, Esq. (*Opposer*), compared Mr. Simpson to Rip Van Winkle. He then divided the victims of a Classical education into those that are great and those that fall by the wayside. The former were those who read Classical writings, and he could quote from these very writings to convict themselves; which he proceeded to do, except in cases where he felt bound to 'bowdlerise.' He suggested the unclassical Burns as a poet of purer speech; and Keats, who in his Sonnet *On first looking into Chapman's Homer* shows that the real way to read Greek is in a translation. As for those who are stuck on βαίνω, βήσομαι, ἔβην, βέβηκα, it was wrong to call that a beneficent exercise. In fact Mr. Franklin considered no exercise beneficent, and asked if Goliath was a disciple of Mr. Sandow, or David of Mr. Fairbairn.

Mr. Franklin then went on to describe the ideal education, which, being not strictly relevant to the motion, was, we fear, but little heeded.

THE PRESIDENT (*Seconder*) said that he could not be expected to change the motion to suit Mr. Franklin. He took it as a proof of the excellence of the Classics that to attempt to refute them the Opposer had to turn to other Classical writers. That the Classics inspired Milton, and Keats too, even if he did not read Greek, as is shown by his *Ode on a Grecian Urn*, surely is a strong point in their favour. Burns needs expurgation as much as Catullus, and has not his freshness. Mr. Franklin's alternatives were irrelevant and negligible.

G. B. HOLLINGS (*4th Speaker*), speaking from the point of view of the modern linguist, urged the Society in a very brief oration to consider the living languages before the dead, as the dead did not develop the individuality of the student.

J. G. H. BAKER said that Classical people were envious of the idleness of the history side. Shakespeare is as good as the Greek dramatists. He agreed with the Opposer that an ideal education

should be made consisting largely of history and English.

THE SECRETARY spoke aimlessly of a fat and greasy historian.

J. W. P. BOURKE said that drudgery always precedes harvest, and the drudgery was in Classics less than elsewhere. The life of the Classics bears witness to their art.

THE REV. THE HEADMASTER wished to apply the Opposer's argument that an inconsistency in the Classics showed them futile, to medicine, where the reversion of the process of bleeding showed that medicine was played out; to history, where the conflicting opinions held of Queen Elizabeth showed that history was played out; to astronomy and to everything else. By this method there is evidently no sound education at all.

At which conclusion the motion was very properly put to the vote and *won* by eight votes to three.

The Society met on Monday, February 27,¹ to discuss the motion that 'This House deplores the representation of Shakespeare's plays in modern dress.'

J. W. P. BOURKE (*Proposer*) conceded the Opposition only two possible lines of argument, with which he dealt very briefly—one, indeed, without mentioning it. The burden of his song was 'You cannot modernise Shakespeare and keep Shakespeare.' He evidently knew a great deal, and was desirous of showing that he knew a great deal about the historical side of Shakespearean drama.

W. P. MALLINSON (*Opposer*) pointed out that the question was an academic one, and could not be judged on results up to date, especially as *Macbeth* was a bad production with a bad caste. It was ridiculous to suppose that Garrick's choice of dress should remain the same for all time. What Mr. Mallinson wanted was a system of cloaks played upon by electric lights, e.g., *Macbeth* would appear at first in a scarlet cloak, which as the action proceeded would be infused with darker and more sinister tints. Modern dress was a half-way house to this.

J. W. GRIGG (*Seconder*) said that this implied that in a short time we should play golf in cloaks played on by electric lights. He said that G.B.S would sue anyone who tried to produce *St. Joan* in modern dress; it was therefore a low dodge to take advantage of the deceased Shakespeare.

J. C. P. ELLISTON (*4th Speaker*) said that any play which was not historical if it was a great play could be acted in the dress of any period. *Hamlet* and *Macbeth* were not strictly historical, so they could be modernised. One either appreciated

the modern or appreciated the ancient more by seeing the modern, which was therefore a good move from both points of view.

F. M. HARDIE said that the ideal dress was that which distracted you least. This was obviously the modern, which was strange for the first few minutes, but soon became natural, whereas one could never wholly forget the costumes of another age.

J. G. HARRISON thought the actors in *Macbeth* excellent, but the production a failure, because it had nothing in common with Shakespeare.

J. W. P. BOURKE objected to Mr. Hardie using the first personal pronoun.

W. P. MALLINSON said that incongruities in modern dress were less glaring than in traditional dress.

W. E. HEARD (*in the Chair*) wanted actors to wear any clothes that they happened to be in without reference to the part they were playing. He was sick of the Old Vic.

THE SECRETARY advised the Chairman to buy a wireless.

A. M. SPURGIN recalled the recitations of Mr. Blascheck (ELIZABETHAN, Vol. XVIII, p. 154—*Advt.*).

J. W. P. BOURKE wanted to know why the Chairman wanted modern dress if he preferred none at all.

THE CHAIRMAN explained.

L. J. D. WAKELY (*called*) doubted if Mr. Mallinson's theory of sinister spots was really an advance on modern dress.

W. P. MALLINSON said that his ideal would come in less than 20 years.

L. J. D. WAKELY said that he had seen more people in modern dress than in Elizabethan dress.

E. F. F. WHITE said that Garrick and Mrs. Siddons had approved of modern dress, so why shouldn't we?

The motion was *lost* by acclamation.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

WE are indebted to J. H. Reynolds, Esq. (O.W.), for these two extracts, which have interest for Westminsters:—

The following extracts from *A Tour Thro' the Whole Island of Great Britain*, by Daniel Defoe, Gent., originally published in 1724-5-6 and recently reprinted, show that the Abbey authorities had much the same problems two centuries ago as they have nowadays:

'The Abbey, or Collegiate Church of *Westminster*, stands next to this; a venerable old Pile of Building, it is indeed, but so old and weak, that had it not been taken in Hand some Years ago,

and great Cost bestowed in upholding and repairing it, we might, by this Time, have called it a Heap, not a Pile, and not a Church, but the Ruins of a Church. But it begins to stand upon new Legs now, and as they continue to Work upon the Repairs of it, the Face of the whole Building will, in a short while, be intirely New.

'It is become such a Piece of Honour to be buried in *Westminster Abbey*, that the Body of the Church begins to be crowded with the Bodies of Citizens, Poets, Seamen and Parsons, nay, even with very mean Persons, if they have but any way made themselves known in the World; so that in Time, the Royal Ashes will be thus mingled with common Dust, that it will leave no Room either for King or common People, or at least not for their Monuments, some of which also are rather pompously Foolish, than Solid and to the Purpose.'

Defoe goes on: 'Near to this Church is the Royal Free-School, the best of its kind in *England*, not out-done either by *Winchester* or *Eaton*, for a Number of eminent Scholars.' And of Christ Church College (*sic*), Oxford, he says: 'The Royal School at *Westminster*, is the Nursery of this College, sending as some say, 25 Scholars hither every 3 Months.'

From Speculum Britanniae: An Historical and Chorographical Description of Middlesex and Hartfordshire. By the Travaile and View of John Norden. 1723.

Lastly our most gracious Queene ELIZABETH made it a collegiate Church: instituting a Deane, twelue Prebends, twelue well deseruing soldiers, and fortie schollers: who are thereby termed *The Queen's schollers*, who, as they become woorthie, are preferred to the Vniuersities. All which pupils, as long as they continue in this colledge, are vnder the Deane, now D. *Goodman*.

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Cheswicke belonging to a prebend of Paules now in the handes of Doctor *Goodman* Deane of *Westminster*, where he hath a faire house, whereunto (in the time of any common plague or sickness) as also to take the aire, he withdraweth the schollers of the colledge of *Westminster*.

The following description of life up Grant's in 1852 comes to us from the Rev. F. Waterfield:—

How I Learned to Grin and Bear.

Up Grant's; February or March, 1852; the Sixth, the Shells, the Fifths spent the evening in the Chiswicks, or the Library; all under the Fifth, in the Hall. The House Master had no sympathy

with boys as boys; he left the discipline of the House entirely to the Head. What was likely to happen with 16 or 20 boys left to themselves during a winter evening? Rowdy noise; on one such occasion, the door opened, and a voice proclaimed, 'Southey says, the noise in the Hall is disgraceful; the Hall is to draw lots for 4 to be tanned!' Silence; papers prepared, on 4, 'tanned'; senior to junior drew; I drew a fatal lot; I had not been mixed up in the row. The 4 went to the Sixth Chiswick; a slanging; and to the senior, 'hold out.' I was the lowest in rank, and when my turn came, I said, 'I shan't, I wasn't making a row.' Southey was small for his years, I tall; in a 'mill in green' I could have held my own; but all he said was, 'You'll have to come when you'll take your tanning.' I went back to the Hall, rather a hero; but in the night the heroism vanished; so next day I went to a Senior Election I knew at home, and who had promised to look after me; he said, 'Don't be a fool, take your tanning, and have done with it.' I followed his advice. During a long life I have had to grin and bear frequently; but I look back on my first lesson with grateful admiration. The true English Public School spirit which governed by itself; and which threw responsibility on the entire community.

F. W.

Old Westminsters.

ADMIRAL Sir Richard F. Phillimore, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., has been appointed First and Principal Naval A.D.C. to the King.

Mr. Frederick T. Barrington-Ward, K.C., has been appointed Recorder of Chichester.

The Rev. S. W. Key, Rector of Great Blakenham, Ipswich, has been appointed the Vicar of Fulford, Yorks.

Mr. S. L. Holmes, M.C., has been appointed Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs and for the Colonies.

Mr. Aubrey Herbert (University) has been elected President of the Oxford Union. His brother, Mr. Basil Herbert, was President a few years ago.

At Cambridge, Mr. S. Chapman has been awarded Sir William Browne's Medal for a Greek Ode.

Marriage.

CHIDSON-WILKINSON.—On December 14, 1927, at Penang, Lowthian Hume Chidson, M.B.E., Major (last East Surrey Regiment), Barrister-at-Law, son of C. R. Chidson, of Cowes, I.O.W., to Joyce Mary, daughter of the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson, M.A., of Yorkshire and Tasmania.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

ARTHUR KITCHIN, Vicar of Hardingstone, Northants, and formerly Archdeacon of Calcutta, was the third son of Joseph Kitchin, of Westerham, Kent, and was up Grant's from 1866 to 1871. From Westminster he went to Christ Church, where he graduated in 1877. He was ordained the next year, and for over twenty years held clerical appointments in India. In 1903 he was appointed Archdeacon of Calcutta, and was a popular and influential member of the diocese. He returned to England in 1905, and after holding the benefice of Rushden was appointed Vicar of Hardingstone in 1913. He married Edith Ann, daughter of Thomas Everard, of New Hall Park, Thurlaston, Leicestershire.

HENRY EDWARD TREVOR was the fifth son of the Rev. George Trevor, by Elizabeth Louisa, daughter of Christopher Garrick (O.W.), and was admitted in 1858. He was elected into College in 1860, and as Captain spoke the Prologue to the 'Adelphi' in 1863. The following year he was elected head to Christ Church. In 1876 he was called to the Bar, and was for some years Judge of the Suburban Court at Hyderabad. He was a fine and tasteful scholar and a man of much charm and modesty. An old Etonian friend of his, who knew him intimately for fifty years, writes of his great love for the School, and he adds, 'He held, as strongly as I do, to the historic friendship between Eton, Westminster and Winchester, now somewhat overlaid—popularly—by the phrase "Eton and Harrow."'

THOMAS WHATELY ROSE, M.B.E., M.C., died at Sydney, Australia, on December 20, as the result of his long and arduous services in the War. The son of Frederick Rose, of

Streatham, he became a Homeboarder in 1889. He was intended at first for medicine, but subsequently studied law, and became a solicitor in Western Australia. He served with the 5th Royal Sussex during the War, and was wounded and gassed in France. Later he served on the Italian Front, when he led the advance guard of the British Army in the final advance against the Austrians with great courage and efficiency. For this he was awarded the Italian Silver Medal for Valour, a rare decoration, equivalent to our V.C. After the War he returned to Australia, but his health was undermined, and for the last two years of his life he was practically helpless. He is mourned by a large circle of friends, who admired the rare courage and cheerfulness with which he faced his last illness.

All who have the interests of music at heart and are interested in the struggling cause of British Opera will deplore the tragic death of PAGET JOHN MERRIMAN BOWMAN, advisory business director of the B.N. Opera Company, which took place on February 23 as the result of a motor accident. A man of great personal charm, he was known and loved by a large circle of friends, who admired the enthusiasm with which he threw himself into the causes which he had at heart. He was always a keen lover of the arts and an amateur actor of great distinction (he had the reputation of being the greatest 'amateur' Hamlet of our time), but music was his real interest, and to this he devoted a large portion of his time. As legal adviser and business director of the B.N.O.C. his services were invaluable, for he united artistic interests to considerable business capacity, and to Sir Thomas Beecham and the Imperial League of Opera his loss is a severe blow. He was a son of George Cyril Bowman, of Haslemere, and was a Homeboarder from 1886 to 1892. He was admitted a solicitor in 1899 and was a member of the firm of Bridgman & Co., of College Hill, Cannon Street. He married, in 1905, Sybil Mary, younger daughter of Captain Norcliffe Gilpin, late 84th Regiment.

To those whom the War still claims indirectly as its victims must be added the name of HUMPHREY WALTER EYRE. He was a son of Layton Eyre, of Hampstead, and a brother of Gerard Layton Phipps Eyre, whose name appears on the War Memorial. He was a

member of a very ancient and distinguished Wiltshire family which from time to time has sent its sons to Westminster. He was up Grant's (of which his uncle was Master) from 1908 to 1912. He was badly wounded in the War, and although he appeared to have recovered and became a stockbroker, his health was impaired, and he died, after a short illness, on January 9.

Correspondence.

February 27, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

THE RECORD OF OLD WESTMINSTERS.

DEAR SIR,—As I have been appointed by the Elizabethan Club to act as temporary salesman for the *Record of Old Westminsters*, now passing through the Press, I wish to appeal to those readers of THE ELIZABETHAN who have not already ordered their copies to do so without further delay. Present Westminsters are included in this appeal, because at the express wish of the Headmaster an appendix has been added containing the names of all boys who have entered the School during the period, 1921-1927. There must be few, I think, who would not be proud to find their names in the same list as those of Ben Jonson, John Dryden, Christopher Wren, John Locke, Edward Gibbon and Warren Hastings—to mention only a few of Westminster's illustrious *alumni*.

The *Record* will consist of two large volumes, each containing some five or six hundred pages and several illustrations, and will be sold (I had almost said given away) to those who subscribe before April 1 next for the very moderate price of £1. It will undoubtedly be one of the best books of its kind. We wish it to be also one of the best sellers.

Like *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, by our distinguished schoolfellow, which Silas Wegg had read, but 'hadn't been not to say slap through him very lately,' the *Record* is a book which few or none (except Mr. Stenning, the indefatigable editor, and the proof reader of the Chiswick Press) will care to read from cover to cover; but it is eminently a book which no (O.W.) gentleman's library should be without, and I can vouch for its containing a vast mass of varied, interesting and entertaining matter. It is not (we hope) a work of fiction, but, nevertheless, novel readers will find in it the life adventures of some 16,000 characters, most of them of unimpeachable probity, but among them (to vary the monotony and to give the book an additional zest) a small sprinkling of thorough-paced villains. Again, to guessers of acrostics and cross-word puzzles the *Record* can offer intriguing material upon which to exercise and test their ingenuity. Take, for instance, the first entry in the book—'Abacruma.' Who was Abacruma? and was his name (pace Mr. Stenning) really Abacruma? I offer a prize for the best solution of this riddle. Then turn to letter D, and you will find that a boy entered the school *circa* 1660 with the ingratiating and disarming name of Dunce. In the next line you apparently discover that another boy entered the School *circa* 1660 bearing the same engaging name: Now is it possible, is it conceivable that there were two Dunces together at Westminster? or were these two

one? Again I offer a prize (value unspecified) to anyone who can clear up this mystery.

In case I should ever be called upon to set an examination paper on the contents of the *Record* (and sillier things have been done), I venture to submit for your approval a few specimens of the questions which I shall propose to ask:

1. What do you know of 'Foul-weather Jack,' 'the wicked Lord Byron,' 'Dog Jennings,' 'the Psalm-Singer,' and 'the jolly old Archbishop of York'?

2. What very distinguished O.W. called what Westminster boy 'a little odd cur,' and 'by an unexampled generosity tipped him with a crown and his father with a coal of fire'?

3. What headmaster of Westminster called what Archbishop 'the little meddling hokus-pokus,' and what were the sad consequences?

4. Whose alarming illness was said to have been cured by drinking some small beer after 750 guineas had been wasted in medical advice?

5. What O.W. cherished the possession of the lower jaw-bone of King Richard II, which his schoolfellow had fished out of the royal tomb?

6. What O.W. poisoned his brother-in-law with a dose of laurel water, and when and where was he hanged?

7. What O.W. played soccer football for England against Scotland in 10 consecutive years?

8. What O.W. at Oxford hit a cricket ball 175 yards in the air?

9. Who murdered Isaac Jermy and Isaac Jermy Jermy?

10. Who was said 'to have the best bass voice in England but wanted skill,' and yet so charmed Cromwell by his singing that the Protector restored him to the Christ Church Studentship which he had previously forfeited?

11. What O.W. at Oxford was ordered as a punishment to translate the whole of Cicero's 'De Oratore'? Was this exercise, in your opinion, calculated (a) to have enhanced his enthusiasm for Cicero's mellifluousness, and (b) to have increased materially his proficiency in public speaking?

12. What eminent O.W.'s skeleton, clothed in his (the O.W.'s, not the skeleton's) usual attire, is still to be seen in London, and where? Would you like your own skeleton, arrayed (let us say) in a tail-coat and a topper, to be exhibited in London after your death, and, if not, why not?

These questions, lying perhaps a little outside the usual school curriculum and addressed rather to frivolous age than to serious youth, will give a slight foretaste of the rich banquet of incident and humour which will shortly be spread before the eyes of subscribers in the pages of the *Record*. Wherefore I would again urge your readers to hurry up and subscribe.

Yours expectantly,
P. G. L. WEBB.

BUENOS AYRES,
January 17, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I, too, am inspired to tell of O.W.W. who wander in my regions of the world, but first I must strongly object to 'Salitrero' using the word 'pampa.' There is only one place where the 'pampas' live, and that is in the Argentine, with her great rolling plains. 'Viva la Argentina y al diablo con Chile!'

Having thus relieved myself I will proceed. First, Tony Hobson (A.H.H. about 1918) has but lately morally died. I refer, alas, to his recent engagement. In addition to this he has had mumps, but nevertheless manages to vice-captain the crack cricket club of the Argentine—

Hurlingham. I may here mention that he acts in a similar capacity for the Buenos Aires Rugger Club, and yours truly as secretary—not so bad for two Soccerites! Next, R. H. S. Campbell (A.H.H. 1913-17) continues to coin money in a bank, while J. L. Willoughby (K.S.S. 1915-18) builds railways and complains that he never receives the ELIZA. Thomas (A.H.H. about 1912) breeds bull-terriers, which are far famed for their biting powers, while A. Warwick (H.B.B. about 1921) wanders from place to place writing books most dreadful.

Going farther afield, my brother, B. N. R. (A.H.H. about 1916) continues to grow fruit in sunny California, ably assisted by Mrs. R. and Billy Pickering (R.R. about 1917), who spares a little gasoline for the orange trees whenever he can escape from his filling station, sold to him, so I'm told, by Francis de Kay (G.G. 1920-21), who has managed to escape being shot, though he still sells 'real' estate near Hollywood.

I can't think of anybody else for the moment, but cannot end without earnestly requesting all O.W.W. who stagger around this way to look me up—I handle anything from finding a job or a wife to conducting duels 'al criollo,' and besides we are hopelessly outnumbered by old Carthusians and need strengthening.

Yours truly,
R. S. RANDOLPH.

Note.—Please correct spelling and grammar—if you don't, I know Capt. Willett will give me a drill.

THE UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
CALCUTTA.

February 8, 1928.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Once more I write to give you some news about Old Westminsters in Calcutta. We were all delighted when Mr. Justice Cuming had a Knighthood conferred upon him in the New Year's Honours List. Mr. W. S. Hopkyns instead of retiring has returned to Calcutta again, and is engaged in some mysterious work in connection with the Simon Commission. Mr. G. H. Hodgson has lately migrated from Madras to Calcutta. Mr. Packenham-Walsh, Major Gardner, Mr. Stones and Mr. Thacker were our representatives in the competition for Public Schools at the Tollygunge Golf Club; they succeeded in inflicting a defeat on Marlborough, the holders, in the second round, but unfortunately lost to Rugby after a very close match in the final.

Lady Cuming gave an At Home to Old Westminsters on December 21, when a replica of the Warren Hastings Cup was presented to His Excellency, Sir Hugh Stephenson, Governor of Bahar and Orissa. The presentation was made by our senior member, the Reverend T. E. T. Shore, of the Oxford Mission, who made a neat speech.

The annual dinner was held at Government House, Patna, on February 4, when we were the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stephenson. The following Old Westminsters attended:

H.E. Sir H. L. Stephenson, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E. (H.B. and Q.S.), 1883-1890.

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. H. Cuming, Kt., I.C.S. (Q.S.), 1884-1888.

Mr. W. S. Hopkyns, I.C.S. (H.B.), 1890-1897.

Major W. E. Perry, R.E. (H.B.), 1897-1900.

A. G. R. Henderson, I.C.S. (K.S.), 1899-1904.

M. H. B. Lethbridge, I.C.S. (K.S.), 1902-1907.

A. E. F. Wood (K.S.), 1903-1908.

G. H. Hodgson (H.B.), 1905-1908.

M. Moses (R.), 1913-1915.

G. Packenham-Walsh (K.S.), 1913-1918.

C. E. Stones (H.B.), 1913-1918.

J. Dulley (G.), 1916-1920.
 G. A. Cooper (R.), 1917-1921.
 R. Dutton (R.), 1917-1920.
 A. J. Verdier (R.), 1918-1923.
 Hon. Oliver Farrer (A.H.), 1919-1922.

Unfortunately Father Shore, Dr. Martin Leake, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Thacker and Mr. Binney were unable to get away. Mr. Colvin made admirable arrangements to enable us to travel in comfort on his railway. Lady Stephenson is well known as the best of hostesses, and on this occasion she fairly excelled herself. Mr. Hopkyns proposed the toast of 'Floreat' as the senior O.W. present who had never done it, and Mr. Justice Cuming then proposed the health of His Excellency. After dinner Lady Stephenson and those members of the house party who were not fortunate enough to be Old Westminsters did a charade in three scenes, the word being 'Costley-White.' As we were told that the word consisted of two syllables, the only person who guessed it was Major Perry. On Sunday morning we fielded the only available eleven, as we had been challenged by Patna to play them at cricket. We were beaten by 40 runs, and badly missed the services of Mr. Thacker.

I must once more convey to you, sir, the best of wishes from all Calcutta Old Westminsters for the continued prosperity of the School, and beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. G. R. HENDERSON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DALE'S HOUSE.

DEAR SIR,—I think, perhaps, I am the most competent person to answer Mr. Howlett's question in your February number, as I was the first 'Head of the House' in June, 1878, being then a new boy. In those days Election was held at Whitsuntide and the summer term began after the Whitsun holidays. No boy was admitted into College unless he had been a year in the School as a Town Boy. Candidates from outside were awarded Exhibitions for a year and entered for the Challenge again the following year.

Dale's house was started originally for such boys. Exhibitions were gained in that year by W. C. Dale, myself, O. Scoones, R. H. Williams, R. P. Warren and Jansen (the younger); I forget his initials, but I think the others are right). Dale went up Rigaud's, I believe, but the rest of us were the first members of Dale's House, together with a boy named Bonus.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. WATERFIELD.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DALE'S HOUSE.

SIR,—In your February number Mr. R. R. Howlett enquires as to the origin of Dale's House.

In 1878 the Boarding Houses were full and were rejecting or postponing applicants for admission. The house, No. 14, Barton Street, which was then being repaired and altered, was adapted to receive a few boarders; and Mr. Dale and one of his sisters took charge of it in June of the same year. The accommodation was very limited, and I do not think that there were ever more than about half a dozen boys in the house. On the death of Archdeacon Jennings in 1883 Mr. Dale moved to No. 18, Dean's Yard, which had then become the property of the School.

It is a pity that the name of the House has not survived. The School always had a good friend in the Rev. Reginald Francis Dale.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. PECK.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

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