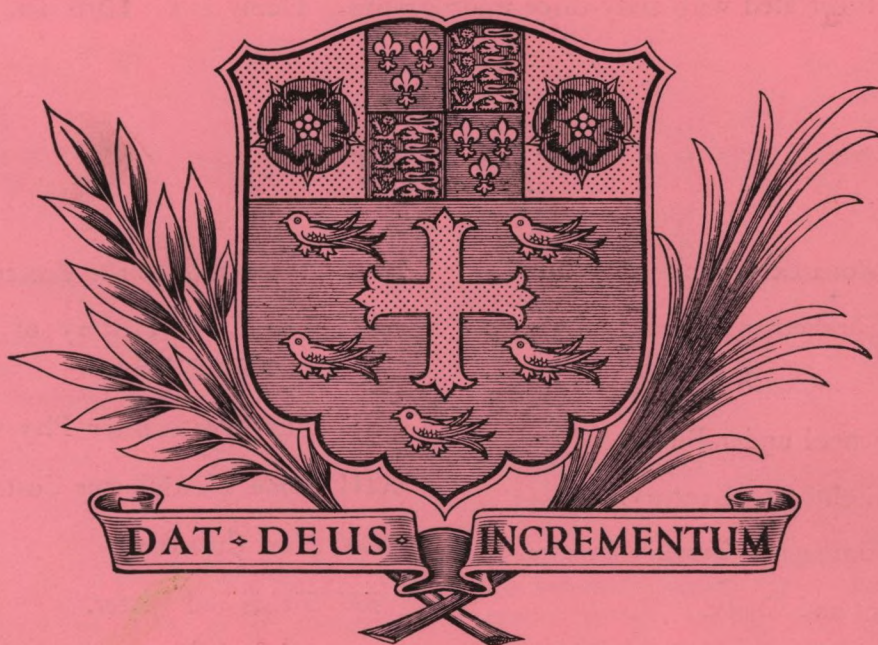


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VALE

It is not without a feeling of deep regret that I have to add a 'Vale' to the volumes of the ELIZABETHAN. A far abler pen than mine has expressed the gratitude that Westminster owes to Dr. Costley-White and the sorrow with which we see the end of his reign at the School. Even those among us who have been at Westminster longer than any others have only seen a small part of the untiring work and ceaseless energy that the Head Master has spent on Westminster and on the happiness of Westminsters. Thus, while I cannot enlarge upon the many advantages that we have reaped from the Head Master's reign here, I can reflect with sorrow on the personal attributes we will be losing now that that reign is at an end. The dignity and stateliness with which the Head Master carried out all the numerous duties of the School

were enhanced by our knowledge of his kind and generous nature. We shall always be grateful to him for the tact and sympathy with which he ruled; he would not refuse a reasonable request and would refuse an unreasonable one with equal charm. In every way he has upheld the traditions of Westminster and has been jealous of our rights. It is, perhaps, a fitting end to a difficult reign that the Head Master should now be victorious, through his marvellous energy and persistence, in winning once more the full rights for the King's Scholars in the Abbey at the Coronation.

Finally we must console ourselves on this very sad occasion with the thought that Dr. and Mrs. Costley-White will still be living in the precincts, and so we may hope that his long-standing connection with the School will not end for many years to come.

Advice is sporting while infection breeds

It would be unoriginal to say that the time of life is short, but it is regrettable that it is even shorter under the shadow of Big Ben. So fast, indeed, do the hours travel here, that we quite forget to count them: but while counting is set aside, it is still possible to waste them. In the present world with its strong Socialist, even Communist, trend, when Mr. Herbert Morrison has once again won the control of London, it is pleasant to compare the school-boy to the working man. But while his employer has carefully divided the working man's day into three periods of eight hours each for work, recreation and sleep, the Westminster finds his day composed of short shifts of work interspersed by periods of leisure of varying length. The boarder finds that, after breakfast, when his brain is at its best, he is called on for no more energetic activity than the firing of a gun or the termination of his previous day's work. He wishes fervently that he might use it for some more advantageous endeavour and curses his brother, lumbering in a train with a detective novel on his lap, the cause of this delay. For the boarder knows that when the evening comes his brain, tired by physical and mental exercise, must be exerted to two hours' dreary labour, which, had he started earlier, might have resolved itself into some quiet reading (perhaps, even, of his brother's detective novel).

In these days when physical training is so important, when, perhaps at this very moment, two stuffy members of Parliament, shortly to go home to a large dinner in a taxi, are urging on each other the importance of keeping the average body fit, we, within a stone's throw of them, must take our share in the National Campaign. So three days in each week we give a space of four hours to our sports, while on a further two days we stand for an hour and a half in the cold wind learning to serve our country in her hour of need. Thus fifteen hours every week are devoted to the fitness of our bodies. (The members of Parliament have stopped their taxi to applaud.) But it is with grief that they learn that of these only some four

are spent profitably on exercise. (The taxi has driven on and we are left to consider.)

Those of us who are so cowardly as to do physical training of a non-military nature manage to occupy only half the time allotted to them. For them it is considered sufficient, yet we must carry our guns round for nearly another hour. The reason for this is that their exertions are better fitted to working off the lethargy caused by their excellent meal in College Hall, a square meal, such as would touch the Home Secretary to the heart, but, alas, on a singularly round plate. We wish that the exertions of every member of the School might be better adapted to the clock and the belly, more energetic and of less duration, that we might use the time thus saved to turn our attentions to those other studies and pastimes of which there are so many, those studies which have made Westminster what she is and worthy of that Empire in whose very heart she stands.

Irrelephants

A man who can yodel or dance a jig in the middle of a steel foundry is a man to be reckoned with. Politically his action is utterly futile, economically it is merely crazy, but psychologically what an admirable thing to do. Materially he is achieving nothing (except, perhaps, a certain amount of chaos) and for this many of his fellows will no doubt condemn him without further consideration. "His action is wantonly irrelevant," they will say. "We are engaged in casting a sixteen-inch gun, yet all he can do is to yodel and dance among the sparks, and it is a well-known fact none of the best sixteen-inch-gun-makers of the past have either been yodellers or jig merchants." But is his action so irrelevant? Here is a man whose spirit is unbroken by years of specialisation in the manufacture of sixteen-inch guns. He can still enjoy himself and relieve his feelings in a general creative way. This sort of irrelevance is really important and far more profitable than the conventional distractions of cinemas or football pools. No doubt his fellows will in time appreciate his antics and even join in, in which case it will be a brighter and better foundry, and its produce will have a certain élan and dash about it.

In endeavouring always to squeeze some material advantage out of everything we neglect the importance of irrelevance far too much. It is surprising that we should so often fail to be irrelevant with the example of the March Hare and the White Knight, or of the Marx Bros. continually in front of us. The world would be a brighter place if more people kept everlasting bananas with zip-fasteners about them or had oxy-acetylene flares laid on in all their pockets to light their cigarettes with. As it is, people tend to look down on these amiable eccentrics. "Dashed feller's a curse," they say, or "Mad dog, sir; ought to be shot." Uncharitable, to say the least of it, and so practical and hard-boiled as to be wildly unpractical. Crazy irrelevance is one of the supreme ways of taking people out of themselves and promoting a feeling of general solidarity. It comes fairly easily after a bit of practice.

Mass irrelevance demonstrations, instead of political ones, might have an enormous effect and hurt far fewer people's feelings. They might even affect international relations if they were studied scientifically. There can be no doubts that crazy irrelephants have a future and are now only in their infancy (thank goodness).

DR. COSTLEY-WHITE

It is now almost eight months since the Head Master announced his impending retirement. His decision, regretted by all, was reported briefly in these columns last October, but it is only now, when the decision is about to take effect, that it is possible to escape his censorship and say something of his work at Westminster.

Eighteen eventful years have elapsed since his appointment. His Head Mastership has covered the post-war period, and with it the whole life-time of nearly every boy in the school. Three, almost four, School generations have passed through his hands, and since he became Head Master more than fifteen hundred boys have become Westminsters and more than fifteen hundred Westminsters have gone out into the world.

If the record of his rule is to be measured by material changes it will not suffer by comparison with its predecessors. A new house, Busby's, has been added to the School, and has been recently re-housed in a building worthy of the honoured name it bears. The face of yard has been transformed by the alterations to College, by the gateway into College Garden, and by the addition of the new wing to Ashburnham House. The roof of School has been saved from decay and preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. In College Hall and its kitchens the present has been blended harmoniously and effectively with the past. Fittingly enough, the first Head Master to become a Canon of Westminster for over a century and the second since Vincent has added a new ground at Grove Park to relieve the burden which increased numbers have thrown on Vincent Square. And finally—it is not the least of his achievements—he leaves Westminster once more a rowing school. The acquisition of the present boat-house in 1921 made possible a great expansion of Water, already revived in a small way under Dr. Gow. In that year a Westminster eight made its first appearance at Henley, and now again the familiar pink blades are seen on the river from Kew to Westminster and beyond. Few know how much Westminster rowing owes to his sympathetic encouragement and help.

These outward changes and improvements will remain as a lasting record of his work here, and will commend his name to those who come after. But while for them it will be but a name, for us it will bring back memories of the man. Commem., perhaps, and the Head Master reading the long list of benefactors with supreme dignity and faultless diction, the sonorous Latin rolling out into every corner of the Abbey—the Play, and the same dignified figure, resplendent in scarlet and black, settling his guests in their places before the bell announces the Prologue and he settles himself to listen to his own polished verse. Or, again, a familiar sight, Yard, when Latin Prayers are over, and the little crowd of boys besieging him like autograph hunters to present their digniora. The Busby Library on a Wednesday afternoon; verses with the H.M., or perhaps some other form room on which he has suddenly

descended, where half-scared, half-amused junior boys are being breezily put through their paces. And then the mind travels back to a bright March afternoon of fifteen years ago, and sees him in the open fives courts, an active figure in a masters' four; and then forward again to last term to watch him lying on a sofa in his study dictating letters after his long illness.

What individual Westminster owes to Dr. Costley-White most of us already know. His kindly and ready advice has been always available for those who chose to ask for it, and his hospitable doors have been ever open to us from the time when we were first summoned to tea with him as new boys. What Westminster as a whole owes to him is not for us to judge. But of one thing we may be certain—he leaves the School the richer for his ceaseless devotion to its interests. He has spent his strength in its service, and though he has always been ready, and more than ready, to spare others, he has never spared himself. The force of mind which he carries away with him must await his complete recovery of health. It has been good to see how rapid that recovery has lately been. It is good, too, to know that the interests which will henceforth claim him are not far removed from our own. When, last November, he was led into the Choir of the Abbey to take his Canon's stall, the soft and moving notes of the *Carmen*, heard perhaps for the first time in such surroundings, seemed to bridge the gap between his old office and his new. The path between Dean's Yard and the Little Cloister is happily no long one, and we may still hope to see him with us on many future occasions. But since before next term begins he will have trodden it and the Abbey will have claimed him, it is well that we should tell him now how firm a place he has won in the affections of the School.

MR. HILARY.

We profoundly regret to have to record the death of Robert Jephson Hilary, which befell on the morning of Monday, March 15th. He died of his war wounds, and his name will ever be held honoured in the Roll of those who gave their lives for their country. After being invalided home in the middle of the war with a piece of shrapnel in his lung, which could not be extracted without immediate risk to his life, he recovered sufficiently to return to France, and with high-hearted gallantry he resumed his part in the struggle to its end. On demobilisation he accepted a business appointment. But his heart was in the more intimate human associations of school life, and in teaching, particularly in the teaching of the classics; for, though he made no pretensions to be more than a moderate scholar himself, as a boy at Tonbridge he had come under the inspiration of a brilliant teacher of the sixth form, and had continued that study at Cambridge. Accordingly, in April, 1923, he came to Westminster as a classical Form Master. Here he proved himself an enthusiastic, patient and understanding teacher of Fifth Form boys and an effective master. His cheery, sociable temperament and his lively interest in all the activities of the School won for him a large circle of friends among both his colleagues and the boys. A love of cricket, though his disabled lung prevented him from playing any longer himself, made his support and advice valuable to the elevens; and as for his devotion to Rugby football—nothing could keep him away from Twickenham on the day of an International match; indeed, the legend—whatever its foundation—will undoubtedly persist that it was the intensity of his vocal excitement on one of these occasions that caused a hæmorrhage of his wound which brought him into grave danger some few years ago.

In August, 1923, Robert Hilary had married Miss Nita Mahon, and in September, 1925, with Mrs. Hilary's help, he began what was to prove his most important contribution to the history of the School. He became the first house master of Busby's. For some time the pressure of applications for boarding vacancies had been greater than the existing boarding houses could meet. It was determined to open a small waiting

house. Number 7 Dean's Yard, which belonged to the School, was converted for this purpose. Its success was so great that in a very short time it became necessary to add Number 6 as well, and Busby's, from a waiting house, became a fully-equipped permanent boarding house, parallel with its older counterparts. In 1936 the Church House Corporation, which had long been wanting this site for its rebuilding scheme, built a new Busby's at the corner of Dean's Yard and Great College Street, and to this home—beautifully designed by Sir Herbert Baker—at the beginning of the Play term, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary transferred their boys and the traditions which the eleven-year old house had already established.

Hilary was a really good house master, as the prosperity of his house attests: he had the qualities of head and heart that made him so. It was not that he cared for the business routine of its administration—indeed he was wont to leave much of this to others with an almost embarrassing unconcern—but he loved his boys and knew them well; he was deeply interested in the individuality of each one of them, he watched over them—their character, their studies, their health—with paternal solicitude, and he was unshakably loyal to them and to their good. Apart from the recurring anxieties about his health, which were felt much by others and little, if at all, by himself, though he knew that his life could not be a long one, he was a happy man in his work and his friendships, and supremely happy in his family life. Our deep sympathy is offered to his wife and his two young children.

The Abbey, being temporarily closed, a Memorial Service was held up School on Wednesday, March 17th, which was attended by all the boys and by many Old Westminsters and friends from the Abbey and the School. The lesson was read by the Dean. The funeral was taken by Mr. Franklin at Golder's Green.

FITTER WESTMINSTER

"You are old," said the youth, "as I mentioned before,

And have grown most uncommonly fat,

*Yet you turned a back somersault in at the door,
Pray, what is the reason of that?"*

Two months ago the Government made public its proposals for improving the physical condition of the people. The principle that the State is responsible for the bodily education of the nation, no less than the intellectual, has at last been recognised, and the methods of giving everyone a chance to attain a measure of physical fitness, so long familiar to the Scandinavian countries and latterly in Italy and Germany, are to be adopted in England also. The tortoise has done a sprint. A National Council of Physical Training has been established and an initial grant of two million pounds has been made. Two millions might well seem a small sum to start a nation-wide campaign if the Government were imposing a system of its own on barren or uncultivated ground, but fortunately the way has been to some extent prepared. There already exist such institutions as the British Association of Physical Training, the Lucas-Tooth Institute and the Ling Association of Swedish Gymnastics. A Physical Training College is in existence at Leeds, and up and down the country, in elementary schools, in secondary schools, in private and in public schools, some sort of physical training is included in the general curriculum. Private enterprise, the characteristically British way of doing things, has been fighting a hard battle for physical fitness, and now it is to reap its reward. Imported into voluntary associations, the two millions will provide a stimulus which, it is hoped, will make England an A.I. nation without sacrificing the Englishman's traditional right of working out his salvation in his own way.

How do the public schools fit into this scheme? Financially, it may be presumed, they hardly come into the picture, for the claims of thousands of less favoured institutions naturally come first. But, money apart, there will no doubt be some who will say that the Government's proposals, so far as they concern organised physical training, may be ignored by schools

such as ourselves. What, they will ask, is the use of Physical Training to places that already have all the facilities for exercise they require? Are not football, cricket and rowing, to say nothing of fives and lawn tennis, sufficient for anyone? Has it really come to this, that, not content with running about or progressing backwards up the river in a boat all the afternoon, we must fling our arms and legs about all the morning?

It is a plausible but unsound argument—as unsound as the reasoning of the small boy who, when asked if he would like a book as a present, replied, “No thanks; I’ve got a book.” To refuse to accept one good thing simply because we have another is not usually a sound principle, and we shall be doing less than justice to the question if we assume blandly that games will provide all the essentials of physical recreation in schools; for though the major games are the specialised ends of physical education, to play a game with a system of physical culture is essential, and to none more essential than to those who play games badly or not at all. The boy who is the worst at games is the one in need of proper physical education; and the non-player needs it most of all.

It may be urged that games are not mere exercise; they require skill, and stimulate interest and friendly competition; in other words, that games are fun and P.T. is not. It is a common criticism. If it were true half the existing physical training centres in the country would have already put up their shutters. There is no compulsory system of Physical Training in England, except in schools when it is done as part of the curriculum, and the Government has wisely decided that there shall not be any. But go any evening to the Lucas-Tooth Institute (it is well worth a visit) and you will see forty or fifty men who have come to avail themselves of the facilities offered for strenuous exercise—daily workers, all of them, recruited from as far afield as Maidenhead and Southend, after a hard day’s work in office or shop. Compulsion? Ask Major Garnier, who runs the place. “If they didn’t enjoy

it,” he will tell you, “they wouldn’t come. That’s all. No fun, no class. It’s perfectly simple.”

Physical Training at its best is truly re-creative; that is, it is the harmonious and efficient development of the body as the servant of the higher powers of the mind. Any failure to recognise this unity of body and mind is thoroughly unsound. “’Tis not a soul, ’tis not a body,” wrote Montaigne in the sixteenth century, “but a man, and we ought not to divide him into two parts.”

How much remains to be done at Westminster to bring this ideal any nearer must be obvious to the most casual observer. But some small amount has been already attempted. Last term the old system of P.T. up Fields, with all its attendant disadvantages, was abandoned, and the Gym. and School were utilised for classes. The results exceeded expectations. A hard surface and clearly defined floor markings have enabled the work to be taken at a much higher speed, and speed is the criterion of good P.T. Apparatus and agility work can now be included in the tables. Front and back somersaults, vaulting, neck-rolls and running dives stimulate judgment and flexibility, and there has been an all-round increase in efficiency, for which our instructor, Peasnell, may take full credit.

The problem of accommodation remains partly unsolved. There are far too many at present for the space and time available; sixty would be a reasonable number, and if the present system of afternoon parades continues it is to be hoped that the O.T.C. and the Scouts will be able to absorb some of the surplus and allow the numbers to be reduced to this figure. But it must be admitted that the present system is far from satisfactory. If a boy wishes to join the O.T.C. or the Scouts he gets no opportunity of doing Physical Training; if he does Physical Training he cannot be a Scout or a member of the O.T.C. All are good institutions; all are properly complementary; all at present are competitive. It should not be impossible to devise some means of getting round the difficulty.

THE PLAY TERM CONCERT

Man proposes—but he does not always fulfil.

This article is about the Westminster Christmas Concert which took place on December 19th, 1936. Thanks to a series of accidents, among which influenza played a more than normal part, it is being written twelve weeks later.

How *can* a man write anything of interest about a concert which he heard three months ago, and on which he made no notes while it was going on? Of most concerts he would have only a vague and fading memory in which little of importance would stand out. No doubt my memory of the Christmas Concert *has* faded in many ways.

But there stand out in it some things which I have not forgotten and shall not forget: the singing of the soloists, and perhaps particularly of the trebles, in the Carol "Fantasy," the superb fire which all concerned put into their singing of the charming nonsense of "The Swazi Warrior," and that final "Hi!" which might well have wakened the illustrious dead from their Abbey graves; Mr. C. H. Taylor's exquisite performance on the oboe in the Brandenburg Concerto; the lyric beauty of "The Dance" and "On the alm."

Yet dominating these memories there are two pictures in my mind.

The first is of Dr. Lofthouse, in supreme control of every one of his performers, drawing from each of them the best that he could give, master of the evening, inspired, inspiring to choir, orchestra and audience alike.

The second is one of Dr. Lofthouse's performers, so moved by the beauty of the programme that, oblivious of all human circumstance, he carolled through the evening in a seventh heaven of his own which the music made for him. I see him still, swaying with the rhythm of the song, a cherub's wings making a framework for his glowing face.

That is what School-music ought to be, and with Dr. Lofthouse it always is. The music not only gives the audience pleasure; it leaves a lasting thrill in the hearts of those who make it and those who only hear it.

Yet Dr. Lofthouse has perhaps advantages which other men may lack. How could the music be otherwise than good when every concert ends with Carmen Feriale Westmonasteriense. That not only seems to me, of all the school songs that I have ever heard, by far the best, but every time I hear it, it leaves me waiting impatiently for the occasion when I shall hear it next. It is in a real sense the climax of the whole performance. I would make a considerable journey and stand an evening of empty boredom for the sake of going home with its noble cadence ringing in my ears.

Thanks, then, to Dr. Lofthouse, thanks to the present generation of Westminster musicians, thanks to Frederick Bridge, for the Christmas Concert of 1936.

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER

SCHOOL NOTES

The New London Trio gave a Recital up School on February 17th. An account is given elsewhere.

Mr. L. E. Tanner (O.W.) lectured up School on February 19th on "The Coronation."

Mr. Stuart-Baker spoke up School on March 5th on "Natural History."

The O.T.C. was inspected on March 17th by Lt.-Colonel the Viscount Bridgeman, M.C.

The House Squad Competition was won by Rigaud's.

The Silver Bugle Competition was won by G. L. Lilly, K.S. The winner of the Silver Drumsticks was E. F. Fryzer.

The P.T. House Competition was won by Homeboarders.

Confirmation was held in St. Margaret's by the Bishop of London on March 23rd.

G. L. Y. Radcliffe has been elected to an Exhibition in Natural Science at New College, Oxford.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

On Wednesday, March 10th, the School Branch was addressed by the Chief Secretary of the League of Nations Union, Dr. Maxwell Garnett, C.B.E.

Dr. Garnett began his talk by referring to the great work that the Union was doing. He explained how they were preparing the minds of the public to think in terms of the League of Nations and the great attempt to stop war by Collective Security. The success of this system he considered to be the only hope of World Peace.

He then gave an interesting account of his proposals for Peace, one of the most important features of which was the solution of the colonial problem. He suggested that all colonies and mandated territories should be handed over to the League on trust until they were in a strong enough position to be self-governing. Until then they should be administered by every country in the League. In this way those countries in need of colonies, such as Germany, would have an equal share with others materially and psychologically. The economic field would then be unrestricted and there would be far greater scope for all countries.

He quoted the Foreign Secretary in support of the League. One failure did not constitute defeat; the League must remedy its deficiencies and it would yet become an effective form of preserving Peace.

Dr. Garnett spoke clearly and interestingly, and at the close of his speech answered several very interesting questions.

The room was full to overflowing, with a very large attendance.

On Monday, March 15th, the League of Nations Union Branch was honoured by the presence up School of Mr. Emanuel Abrahams, secretary to the Imperial Ethiopian Legation in London, who gave a lantern lecture on the Italian invasion,

The meeting was very well attended, and would certainly have been still larger had not some people unfortunately been competing in Athletic Heats at the same time.

Mr. Abrahams had only left Ethiopia just before the start of the war, where his parents and brother are at present. In the course of his extremely moving lecture he explained how the Ethiopian Government, trusting in the protection of the League, had concentrated all its resources on the civil development of the country, and consequently after the great betrayal Ethiopia was totally unprepared for a war which she had believed impossible. He showed slides of the terrible effects of Italian poison gases on Ethiopian women and children and of the pathetically primitive weapons with which the Ethiopian soldiers attempted, and still now attempt, to repel the invaders. Ethiopian century-old independence is not yet quite lost, as only the larger towns in the country are effectively occupied, and guerilla warfare still continues everywhere. With the approach of the rains and lack of food even the Italian garrison in Addis is in danger.

Finally he appealed to Great Britain to remember that as the greatest Christian empire in the world, she had great obligations to weaker and less fortunate states, and not to disregard the sufferings of betrayed Ethiopia, who has a civilization far older than her own.

Only a strong League supported by Britain could ensure the welfare and independence of the smaller nations of the world to-day.

THE INFORMAL CONCERT

Wednesday, March 3rd, 5.5 p.m.

A critic at an informal concert has in past years been confronted with two difficulties, by what standard individual events should be judged, and by what standard the whole. I have therefore divided performers into three classes, primary, intermediate and advanced, comparing and contrasting them with boys of their standards on other occasions.

The concert opened with a brass band playing Equale No. 1 by Beethoven. It was a brave effort, but perhaps a little ambitious. The attacks and phrasing were good; A. V. Adams, K.S., playing the French horn, had a pleasing tone, but the tonal balance as a whole

was not what one might have expected. We look forward to the reappearance of these pioneers in future concerts.

Next J. K. Morland, K.S., played a piano solo, *Musette en Rondo* by Rameau. He failed to grasp the intricate character of the *Musette*, though he seemed quite at home in the *Rondo*.

G. C. Garner, K.S., a 'cellist of promise, then gave a creditable performance. He was nervous, nevertheless he kept his phrasing and expression at a consistently high standard.

In the first of the two piano duets of J. E. Hare and D. L. Farley a simple work was rendered interesting and was very well balanced. In the second, however, a piece that could have proved very pleasing, Farley seemed unable to control his tone.

Following this came a string ensemble playing variations from the *Empire Quartet* by Haydn. It was a poor choice of piece, as it was the piece chosen for the Music Competitions last Summer. The first variation was tolerable, but the second seemed outside the scope of any save Garner, who maintained perfect pitch throughout. Had they chosen a shorter work and concentrated on accuracy, they would have given us, no doubt, a very pleasant performance.

N. J. P. Brown, K.S., then played the C sharp Minor Prelude of Rachmaninoff. He played this very difficult piece from memory, but he should remember that extreme accuracy is necessary in a piece so well known as this. Nevertheless, for his age he was remarkably good.

We now had a contrast to the general trend of the concert. A. O. Wheeler played "*Allegro*" by Fiocco on the violin with a complete absence of self-consciousness. He is a promising violinist, and should work hard at his instrument.

The original composition, *Minuet and Trio* for piano, played by its composer, D. I. Swann, K.S., was certainly a surprise; the two themes were of a well founded nature and proved his musical abilities. We hope to hear more of him in the future.

M. Bullock then played as horn solo the last movement from *Concerto in E flat No. 4* by Mozart. It was a more than tricky piece, and proved that he had a definite control over

his instrument. His technique was good, and he had a good eye to the expression. Dr. Lofthouse played the accompaniment.

B. C. Forsdick, I feel, rather spoilt his piano solo, *Nocturne in E flat* by Chopin, by the use of music. In one or two places there were minor mishaps which I am sure he would have avoided had he trusted his memory.

The last item in the concert was an oboe solo by B. E. Urquhart, K.S., *Adagio and Allegro* from *Sonata in B flat Minor* by Handel. I was looking forward to this item, and I was not disappointed. His rendering was of a first-class standard, though the *Allegro* was, if anything, a little on the fast side. Dr. Lofthouse was once again at the piano, which added considerably to the performance.

In conclusion let me draw attention to the absence of vocal solos—I feel that out of all those who have sung at end of term concerts one at least should have been included. I feel that, though I may have seemed hard in my criticism, in comparison with the informal concerts of three or four years ago there has been a very gradual up-grade in the quality and spirit with which they are performed.

Contributions for the June number of the *ELIZABETHAN* should reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1, by May 21st, 1937.

GERMAN SCHOOLBOYS' VISIT

The German schoolboys' football team which has been touring some of the schools of this country visited us on March 5th and 6th. Unfortunately our own football season had ended. We therefore challenged them to an athletic contest instead, the details of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Our plans for the Friday were slightly spoiled by their late arrival, but there was time for them to attend an interesting lantern lecture and to have a brief glimpse of the School before dinner was served in College Hall at six o'clock. They had come prepared to give a concert during the evening, but it was generally felt that they should not be allowed to remain

indoors on this their maiden visit to the capital. Accordingly a large double-decked omnibus was hired to take our guests and some thirty of their hosts through the main thoroughfares of London. It was a dark and soaking night when at a quarter to seven we set off on the first part of our journey past Big Ben, and over Westminster Bridge to Lambeth Palace. It was disappointing that we should miss what on a fine night is one of the most beautiful sights of London—the river sparkling with reflected light, the Houses of Parliament with their clear-cut outline silhouetted against the starlit sky, guarded on the left by Victoria Tower, rising majestically above the surrounding buildings, and on the right by the friendly face of Big Ben, speaking of hearth and home to all who watch him. But it was now too late to change our course. The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin; no more, once it has been planned for him at headquarters, can the London busman change his route. Re-crossing the river by Vauxhall Bridge we drove to the gates of Buckingham Palace. From here, after a short walk, we continued our journey past Hyde Park Corner to Marble Arch; thence down Oxford Street and Regent Street to Piccadilly Circus, and from there via Trafalgar Square and the Strand through the City to the Tower, where we made our second stop. The homeward journey took us past the Bank and along the Victoria Embankment to Whitehall and thence to school. Having set down some of the party, the rest of us continued the drive to Vincent Square, where we paid a brief visit to the School Mission. The initial shyness was soon broken down by some exceptionally rowdy progressive ping-pong, a game hitherto unknown to our guests. After a lively half-hour we returned to school and bed.

On the morrow, after attending morning prayers and a history lesson, our visitors went to see the changing of the guard and the Houses of Parliament. In the afternoon there followed the athletic contest. With high tea in hall, the exchange of souvenirs, "good-byes" and mutual good wishes, there ended a most interesting and enjoyable visit.

SPORTS *v.* ORANIENSTEIN

The friendly connection with Oranienstein was once more renewed. This year a joint team of footballers from Oranienstein and Stühm are playing against Public School sides, but as the School season had already come to a close, they chose to run against the School rather than miss visiting us.

The Germans arrived on Friday evening; after Hall they were taken round London on a double-decker bus; very little could be seen of the "sights" because of the pouring rain, which lasted till late in the evening.

Saturday dawned cloudy and damp, and although it kept fine throughout the day, the ground was still very wet and heavy.

The contest was opened with the Mile. Mechnig, their first string, set the pace throughout the four laps, followed by Stewart and Neal third, their second string followed a hundred and fifty yards behind. In the last lap, with two hundred yards to go, Stewart sprinted past Mechnig, the latter also sprinted but it was too early, both slowed up and Neal, running up, won with a clear lead of ten yards from Mechnig who was second.

The School came in first and second in the 100 yards; this gave us the lead of seven points to one.

The Germans showed their supremacy in the Field events; in the Long Jump, Bartlau won with a jump of 19 feet 0.5 inch, Woodbridge came in second and Long third. In the Weight Riecke and Preugschat were first and second, while von Ribbentrop gained third place for the School. The points were now eight all, with the two Medleys to be run.

The Junior Medley was won through the efforts of Fursdon, who gained a good lead in the first quarter. Hunt won the Relay with a clear lead of a hundred yards.

In the Senior Relay the Germans were unfortunate in that Mechnig had already run the mile and now was confronted with the first 880 yards. Long gained a lead of fifty yards, which was never made up. Woodbridge crossed the line with a lead of a hundred and fifty yards. Westminster eventually won by 14 points to 8.

MILE.—1, K. G. Neal (Westminster); 2, Mechnig (Oranienstein); 3, I. B. Stewart (Westminster)—Time, 5 minutes 10 seconds.

100 YARDS.—1, J. W. Woodbridge (Westminster); 2, H. A. Budgett (Westminster); 3, Bartlau (Oranienstein)—Time, $11\frac{3}{10}$ seconds.

LONG JUMP.—1, Bartlau (Oranienstein), 19 feet 0.5 inch; 2, J. W. Woodbridge (Westminster), 18 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; 3, A. E. F. C. Long (Westminster), 18 feet 3 inches.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.—1, Riecke (Oranienstein), 38 feet; 2, Preugschat (Oranienstein), 34 feet 8 inches; 3, R. von Ribbentrop (Westminster), 32 feet 3 inches.

SENIOR RELAY.—880 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards. 1st, Westminster (A. E. F. C. Long, M. G. S. Harston, H. A. Budgett, J. W. Woodbridge); 2nd, Oranienstein (Mechnig, Preugschat, Przevosnik, Thom).—Time, 4 minutes $45\frac{3}{4}$ seconds.

JUNIOR RELAY.—440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards. 1st, Westminster (G. H. J. Fursdon, D. Pefley, G. M. Somper, J. Hunt); 2nd, Oranienstein (Anglevitz, Henche, Kettutz, Schmidt).—Time, 2 minutes 51 seconds.

H. A. B.

OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

SIR,

For several reasons not equally creditable Oxford has this term attracted more than its usual share of attention, if we may trust the daily papers. Your readers will know better by now than to expect sensational revelations in this correspondence; for those they should know where to look. All that it is fit to record of Westminsters now in residence will, I have no doubt, be found in another part of THE ELIZABETHAN; this letter will restrict itself to less exciting affairs.

The Parliamentary election to the seat resigned by Lord Hugh Cecil was conducted by three resident professors, all proclaiming independence of political parties, though each of the two defeated candidates protested with warmth that his was the only true Conservatism. Sir Arthur Salter's victory, by a clear, if small, majority over all the votes cast against him, demonstrated (what few of us here had doubted) that in their present temper the University electors, now including every graduate, look

rather for truly independent than respectable principles in their representatives.

The University, more than ever impressed by the difficult conditions which hamper research work at Oxford, has issued an appeal for funds to increase available space and to carry out necessary improvement of apparatus; some of the places where scientific experiment has to be conducted are very dingy, and the whole research activities of the University, as important as the teaching, are held back. The first and most spectacular innovation will be the new Bodleian, whose site is now laid bare as an ugly gash which reveals unexpected glimpses of familiar buildings, some charming and others not.

As well as the regular attractions (too, too many), Oxford has been entertained this term by the O.U.D.S. presenting *Macbeth* in a Celtic twilight, by the Opera Club giving Blow's *Venus and Adonis* and Holst's *Savitri* at the Playhouse, and by a concert in the New Theatre conducted by Dr. Felix Weingartner. The traffic at Carfax continues to increase; aeroplanes above disturb academic quiet; and a long-suffering generation of Oxonians continues to allow architectural enormities to slash the looks of the Corn, and to tolerate the station, which defies repeated threats of destruction, whispering to the returning traveller the last enchantments of the Middle Age. However, floodlighting is promised for the Coronation; if only Magdalen Tower, the spire of St. Mary's, and Tom Tower are chosen for display, there will be three *coups d'oeil* worth travelling many miles to see.

Your readers will have been informed with a wealth of detail by others better qualified how nearly Oxford is to win the Boat Race, and sportsmen of all kinds will have vaticinated on all kinds of sport. An excursion into those debatable lands, prolonging a letter already unpardonably long, must be denied to

Your obedient servant,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

Oxford, *March 12th*, 1937.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

DEAR SIR,

All quiet on the Cambridge Front about sums up this term. O.W.W. seem content with the common round, the daily task. Mr. David Hinks may be seen off to his daily game of fives. Mr. Liddiard has a nice moustache and sticks to the old school shag. Mr. Fisher (senior) fences for the University. Mr. K. de K. Bury has retired to take the waters at Bath. Mr. Huxley's piano may be heard a long way off. Mr. Preston has charming manners at parties—and so on.

What of greater Cambridge, now spreading to cover the Gogs? Mr. J. A. Baldwin is, by the way, just starting a society to interest people in preserving its beauties. Apart from beauty—das Cambridgestudentenleben continues to excel itself. In politics the Union has refused to be recruited or conscripted for any other purpose than the defence of the collective peace system, and has deplored His Majesty's Government's policy of non-intervention in Spain. It has also decided that the public school system is a disgrace to twentieth century England. Someone suggested that the motion ought to have been that twentieth century England is a disgrace to the public school system.

The Socialists have been very active this term. Four weeks ago about seventy members of the Socialist Club "made history," as the newspapers put it, by invading the lobbies of the House of Commons and demanding to see their M.P.s. in regard to the Government's Spanish policy. The House of Commons police were wonderful, but most of the members turned out to be away on holiday. Numerous bus loads of enthusiastic undergraduate canvassers also helped "Red" Morrison to hold London.

Attempts have been made this term to start what, for the lack of a better name, must be called a Students' Representative Council. It has been felt in many quarters that undergraduate opinion, particularly on the way in which the faculties are run, ought to be canalised and given some official representation.

Each faculty society has drawn up a report showing where it considers its own faculty to be lacking, and these reports are being forwarded to the University authorities. How far the scheme will go cannot yet be known, but, if necessary, of course, the undergraduates can always enforce their demands by a stay-in strike in the lecture rooms, or a sit-down strike in the main streets of Cambridge.

The Cambridge dramatic world has been very much alive this term. Tourners' *Revenge's Tragedy* is now being played for the first time since 1607, and, earlier in the term, Handel's *Saul* was performed as half pageant, half opera. Only the Cambridge University Musical Society could have made the resulting mixture into a very fine performance.

I am, Sir,

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

THE WATER

This year we have tried to carry on the same fundamental idea in the coaching and outlook of the Boat Club as last year, with certain fresh methods added on which have occurred to us in the light of experience. The true foundation of every Boat Club must be the youngest members. But because we cannot through impatience wait some three years to see the result, and also because we want to enjoy better rowing ourselves, we are thinking hard to improve the eights. In this way, also, the coaches will be improved themselves, and so the members of the first eight will be slightly better qualified to teach the less experienced oars.

The coaching in sculling by Ted Phelps has undoubtedly done a lot of good, and that gave the happy idea of coaching everyone possible in sculling.

In the Play Term we started everyone in Tub Pairs and Tub Fours, in order to remind people both how to row and how not to row. We then started two Senior Trial eights on short slides, 6 inches, in Clinker boats. These slides were lengthened slightly during the course of the term. Later we started two more Junior Trial eights on short slides in Clinker boats. At the end of term we had a

most successful handicap race between these four eights from Putney to Chiswick Steps. "D" eight started first, then "C," then "A" and "B" equal. "A" just managed to scrape home in front of "D," and "B" and "C" also had a good race a few lengths behind, "B" winning this.

Ted Phelps took up his task early in the term, and his coaching soon had some effect. Everyone found that their conception of sculling needed considerable revision. Soon after two of the Pinks started coaching the Junior members. It will be interesting to see how much faster the times recorded in the sculling races in the Regatta are, but times are so fickle on the tideway that they may all be much slower. At the end of term there was a handicap sculling race, which was most dangerous at times as nine boats raced together.

This term the Senior Trial eights were transferred to shell boats, and the slides lengthened to twelve inches. We aimed at putting out two more fixed seat eights, but we only managed to make up one owing to the number of people temporarily not available.

The proper Trial eights race was rowed just before Sports Training started, and an account of this is given below. Just before this there was a handicap race for the two Junior trial eights and the fixed seat eight. The fixed seat eight won this, followed by "D" and then "C" eight, the last two being, by hypothesis, of equal strength.

The system of sculling coaching was carried on, Ted Phelps turning his attention a little lower down the ranks of the Boat Club, and the Pinks theirs still lower.

When Sports Training started we found that enough watermen were still training to make up six eights, a first and second in shell boats with sixteen inch slides, a third and fourth with ten inch slides and two fixed seat eights.

The first four eights went up to Kew on Thursday, March 9th, and the first and second to Isleworth on Saturday, March 13th.

The first eight had the honour of sharing an outing with Cambridge on Thursday, March 11th, and were asked to pace them over a part of their full Course Trial on the Saturday following. Unfortunately Cambridge cancelled this trial owing to bad conditions.

W.S.B.G.

THE TRIAL EIGHTS

The two senior Trial Eights were made up at the beginning of term and considerable progress was made during the five weeks of practice, very few changes in the order being called for. "A" crew had the advantage of a strong combination at stroke and seven and were able from the start to set a rather easier rhythm with a correspondingly longer and more balanced stroke. "B" crew with less experience in the stern were not so well balanced and rowed a hard but rougher stroke.

The race was rowed on February 23rd, on a fast ebb tide from the Stork to the Stone, "B" crew winning the toss and choosing the Surrey station. Dr. McEldowney got the crews away very level, and though "A" crew with a fast start gained a few feet at once, both crews were level again at Hammersmith. Here "A" crew had dropped to 28, and rowing a long stroke with a good finish were almost keeping up with their rivals, who were still doing 32. At the Mile Post "A" crew were half a length down, but with the station now in his favour, Lines put in a well-timed spurt and took his crew a canvas ahead. "B" crew were now looking tired and had got rather short, but McNeil kept them going hard and at Beverley the position was unchanged. Lines now began to take his crew home, and though McNeil tried to answer, the longer stroke of "A" crew could not be challenged and they went away to win a very good race by 1½ lengths, in 9 mins. 17 secs.

The crews were :—

"A" Crew.

Bow	R. D. Knowles	.....	.....	.....	9st.	0lbs.
2	C. A. Argyle	.....	.....	.....	11st.	5lbs.
3	W. P. W. Barnes	.....	.....	.....	11st.	2lbs.
4	G. C. Castellain	.....	.....	.....	10st.	7lbs.
5	P. M. Shearman	.....	.....	.....	10st.	8lbs.
6	R. G. Evans	.....	.....	.....	11st.	8lbs.
7	G. L. Y. Radcliffe	.....	.....	.....	10st.	0lbs.
Str.	D. H. Lines	.....	.....	.....	11st.	3lbs.
Cox	E. N. Skrender	.....	.....	.....	8st.	5lbs.

"B" Crew.

Bow	E. J. Townroe	.....	.....	.....	9st.	11lbs.
2	M. Knowles	.....	.....	.....	11st.	0lbs.
3	J. P. Hart	.....	.....	.....	9st.	0lbs.
4	C. R. Strother-Stewart	.....	.....	.....	11st.	13lbs.
5	A. M. Bell	.....	.....	.....	10st.	7lbs.
6	H. H. E. Batten	.....	.....	.....	10st.	7lbs.
7	D. V. L. Odhams	.....	.....	.....	11st.	0lbs.
Str.	I. McNeil	.....	.....	.....	10st.	0lbs.
Cox	J. K. Morland	.....	.....	.....	8st.	7lbs.

The two Junior Trial Eights (on short slides) were not so fortunate as the Senior, as owing to absences the crews were seldom the same two days running; progress accordingly was not so marked. "D" crew were definitely the stronger and rowed a longer and more effective stroke.

The race took place just before the Senior eights' race, the course being from Hammersmith to the Stone; "C" crew on Surrey rowing 32 gained a few feet at the start, but "D" at 28 began steadily to go up and were just clear at the Mile Post, Wagstaff setting a long and steady stroke. "C" struggled hard to keep on terms, but they were no match for their rivals, who continued to go away, winning by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 8 mins. 30 secs.

In addition to the four sliding seat eights, there should have been two on fixed seats, but colds and 'flu prevented the second from materialising. The order of the other varied considerably, and crews were only together for about a week. They raced in front of the Junior Trials, but at the start the tide had carried them too far down (to the lower end of Harrods Wharf) and they completed their course to the Stone without being challenged by "D" crew, who finished some $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths behind them.

"C" Crew.

Bow M. J. Wedgwood-Benn
 2 R. H. F. Carlyle
 3 F. E. Noel-Baker
 4 R. Wakeford
 5 F. G. Pulman
 6 R. Namias
 7 R. H. Henderson
 Str. J. A. P. Bowen
 Cox P. K. P. Sheldon

"D" Crew.

Bow S. R. I. Knox
 2 R. D. Rich
 3 R. L. Batten
 4 A. F. Cruft
 5 W. H. Allchin
 6 S. F. Raleigh
 7 E. P. Hawthorne
 Str. S. L. Wagstaff
 Cox P. J. D. Lofting

"F" Crew.

Bow A. T. P. Harrison
 2 B. A. Bernacchi
 3 J. L. Mason
 4 D. H. R. Archer
 5 J. Wilson
 6 R. A. H. Arnold
 7 M. Kinchin-Smith
 Str. P. P. Brittlebank
 Cox A. J. Henderson

THE FIELDS

WESTMINSTER v. WINCHESTER AT WINCHESTER

The ground at Winchester was heavier than at Vincent Square, but fortunately, as on the day of the Highgate match, the day was fine. Westminster played up the slope in the first half and appeared to settle down quickly. They were faster on the ball and started some good movements, but the Winchester defence covered well and with strong kicks cleared the ball well up the field. From one of these kicks the Winchester centre-forward broke away, tried to put the ball past Patterson, who was able to push it for a corner. It had been a sudden and most dangerous raid and others like it were to follow.

But it was the Winchester centre-half who scored the first goal. Playing as an attacking centre-half, he collected the ball on the edge of the penalty area, and put in a left-footer shot through a crowd of players which beat Patterson. So far the play had been very even. But now Winchester attacked strongly and several corners resulted. Then a movement developed on the Winchester left wing; the ball suddenly came right across the ground to the Winchester right half, who, taking a first time shot from several yards outside the penalty area, scored a magnificent goal. It was slightly demoralising for the Westminster defence, who had been holding the forwards quite adequately, to be defeated by this long range attack of the Winchester half back line. And then the one time that Upsdell did get the wrong side of their centre-forward, Winchester scored their third goal, to be three up at half time.

The Winchester side were now playing with confidence, and in the second half their forwards were constantly on the attack. Only one more goal was conceded, the right wing heading in the ball from a perfect corner kick, but the number of times the ball was in the Westminster area increased as the game went on. Long was trying hard to get the forward line going, but it was not working smoothly. Neal was trying desperately hard, but his recent illness made him both short of breath and inaccurate. Cunliffe and Woodbridge were both rather

slow, and there was not that determination to go for goal and to move quickly which was so noticeable in the Winchester forwards.

The passing of the wing halves was again weak, but Budgett was as usual getting through a great amount of work. The backs played well and Patterson had no chance of saving any of the goals. The Winchester forwards combined well, moved quickly and seemed to be thinking in terms of goals, which is the right attitude. Their defence had little trouble with our attacks, and only once were really defeated when a shot hit the cross bar only to rebound just over Woodbridge's head—a foot lower and he had the goal at his mercy.

But the game was to end without Westminster scoring even the goal which often robs defeat of some of its bitterness. It was, however, a just result, for Winchester are a strong side who can kick the ball in a manner which must be the envy of Westminster and of all other schools.

W. F. M.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HIGHGATE

Played at Vincent Square, February 13th, 1937

The game between Westminster and Highgate, which ended in a 2-1 victory for the visitors, produced some of the best football seen at Vincent Square this season. Conditions underfoot, though a trifle soft, were good enough to allow both sides to play a fast open game in which defences predominated. At the start the exchanges were very even, Highgate relying on the "five-in-a-line" attack and Westminster attacking mainly through their wing men, especially on the right, where Neal seemed to have the measure of his full back. Gradually, however, Highgate gained the ascendancy, and it came as no real surprise when they broke through on the right to score a good goal and take the lead. Just before that Westminster had had an ideal chance of going ahead; Neal, who had cut in from the wing, was put right through by Cunliffe, but from about ten yards, and with only the goalkeeper to beat, he shot deplorably wide. The equaliser, when it came, was rather a tame affair, one of the Highgate backs putting the ball past his own goalkeeper in an attempted clearance.

A few minutes before half-time a clever combined movement took the ball right into the Westminster goalmouth, where Patterson saved from a point blank drive. The interval came with the score at 1-1, at which point Westminster were rather lucky to be on terms. The second half found both sides fighting hard for the lead, with Westminster producing that form which gave them such a convincing win over Lancing earlier in the season, but their chances were distinctly dimmed when Neal was injured in a tackle and became virtually a passenger. Highgate took the lead again when an unexpected hook shot, after a scramble in the Westminster goalmouth, took the defence by surprise. Patterson unhappily watched the ball cross the line from the other end of the goal. Westminster made desperate efforts to equalise, but they found the handicap too great, and by now the pace was beginning to tell. It became obvious towards the end that Westminster had shot their bolt, and Highgate finished much the fresher side.

D. A. A. D.

FIVES

Since the last issue three School matches have been played. Of these, Westminster won one and lost two.

Against Charterhouse (D. D. Croft and C. E. P. Gower), O'Brien and Wilkinson won quite easily by three games to one. It was more the carelessness on Westminster's part than good play of Charterhouse which won one game for Charterhouse. The School pair still suffered from bad spells, but they usually occurred for only one of the pair, and did not last long. Wilkinson was rather apt to put the ball into the middle of the court, and O'Brien was not smiting as well as he can.

Against Highgate, O'Brien and Wilkinson lost their only School match of the season. They were beaten by J. K. G. Webb and J. A. Morton in five games. Highgate won the first game before the School woke up to their opponents' fast volleying. Westminster let the fourth game go quite easily, saving themselves for the fifth game. In this the fives was very good, and the score crept along slowly to 12-12. Then a Westminster smite hit the ledge and

bounced out of court, and a shot along the side wall hit the ledge and bounced off behind the end of the court to give Highgate a 14-12 lead; they soon won a game-ball point to give them the match 15-8, 8-15, 15-8, 6-15, 15-12. In this match the second pair lost badly, and two colts pairs were also overwhelmed.

Against Lancing, O'Brien and Wilkinson had an almost negligible opposition, and conceded 12 points in three games. Unfortunately the next two pairs lost, the second pair 2-3 and the third pair 0-3, so Lancing won the match 2-1.

Another very good match was played by O'Brien and Wilkinson against the Old Carthusian pair, T. R. Garnett (Master i/c Fives) and E. C. Walker. The latter are a very good pair, and the School did very well to lose by two games to three after a game lasting over two hours. The final score was 15-12, 12-15, 5-15, 18-15, 10-15.

This season has been marked by a very important event in the appointment of T. R. Garnett, Esq., as Master i/c Fives. He was captain of the Cambridge team for the last two years, and so has a great deal of practical experience of first-class fives, which he has used to good purpose in coaching the School.

In conclusion, this season the School has, on the whole, done quite well. The first pair was very good indeed, and should have a good chance of winning the Public Schools Competition. But after the first pair the standard of play sank rather quickly, and the second pair was barely up to the standard.

C. M. O'Brien and Wilkinson have entered for the Public Schools Competition, as also have J. F. Reid Dick and M. F. Dowding.

The following have played for the School during the season: C. M. O'Brien, D. L. Wilkinson, W. J. A. Boyle, J. F. Reid Dick, M. F. Dowding, K. S. Andrews, E. S. Meyer, D. F. Cunliffe and E. M. H. Wilkinson.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

REMINISCENCES OF THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII.

Dear Sir,

The article by "The Sacrist" in your February Number will have recalled memories to all O.W.W. who were privileged to be present on that historic occasion. I finished up eight years at the School in that way, it being literally my last act as a Westminster, since I had, strictly speaking, left in the July, but we came back for the Coronation.

We were much amused watching from the Dormitory up Grants the arrivals of the guests who had to be in the Abbey at a very early hour. I can see now one gentleman, resplendent in bright blue knee-breeches, who dropped his cane in the middle of Yard, and had no little task to possess himself of it again. There was some tight lacing somewhere.

The Sacrist speaks of the "poetry of motion" of the Processions, due to the careful rehearsals. I have never forgotten the Procession of Ladies, behind the Queen, *after* the Service: two lines of them with dresses trailing behind, exactly spaced out, the dresses glittering in the rather subdued light in the Abbey. We up in the Triforium had the best view, I think. I was just above the Organ and could see the whole length of the Church. I remember how clearly I heard nearly every word from old Archbishop Temple,

But does anyone remember the Westminster "treason"? We had established our ancient right to acclaim the Sovereigns on their entrance to the Abbey. This was incorporated by Sir Hubert Parry in his anthem "I was glad when they said unto me." Queen Alexandra had been duly acclaimed in raucous tones and Latin words [our noise was in some sharp contrast to the exquisite voices of the picked choristers!] and we were awaiting the signal to bellow "Vivat Rex Edwardus," which Sir Hubert had unkindly pitched high [I have my old copy of the service and music before me as I write].

A bearded figure appeared from the West Door, wearing some kind of Coronet, and escorted by two Lords with Coronets, and advanced down the Nave. In the dim light there was certainly a resemblance to King Edward. Anyway, we received the signal from Sir Hubert and duly uplifted our "Vivats." Only to discover that we had acclaimed some innocent peer of the realm as our own Sovereign, and to rectify our mistake when the true King arrived. I have often wondered who was proclaimed King by us!

We made amends, because at the end of the service when their Majesties appeared from the Confessor's Chapel for the Procession to the West Door, Gow called for three cheers from us. And the great Congregation was startled to hear some 40 scholars and the privileged

few Town Boys (of which I was one) let rip in a much more convincing manner than when we were trying to sing Sir Hubert's top F sharps!

It was a very great day and a proper wind up to eight wonderful years under the shadow of the Abbey.

Yours sincerely,

CECIL B. HOWARD KNIGHT.

Feering Vicarage, Kelvedon, Essex.

THE CORONATION OF GEORGE V.

Dear Sir,

The following excerpt is taken from the Memoir of Dr. Gow by R. M. Barrington-Ward (Selected Addresses of James Gow, pp. XXVII-XXIX).

"The first action which Dr. Gow was called upon to fight in the School's behalf was in defence of a historic privilege. He had hardly settled to his new responsibilities when the question arose of the procedure to be followed at King Edward's approaching Coronation. The right of the King's Scholars of the Royal College of St. Peter to participate in the ceremony and, in particular, their right to hail the Sovereign with a loyal greeting, the first from his subjects after the crowning, is vindicated by numerous precedents. But . . . it looked as if it would go hardly with the School in the Court of Claims before which claimants had to establish their case. The Head Master threw himself into his cause with a determination to succeed . . . It was the conviction at the time that, but for the infinite pains he had taken and his unconquerable perseverance, Westminster would certainly have lost a unique possession. His success more than saved it. The Court of Claims confirmed the ancient privilege of the King's Scholars . . . and Dr. Gow extended his triumph by obtaining the admission of a certain number of Townboys to the triforium. That was not all. The School had gone near exclusion from its place in the Abbey. Dr. Gow was determined to make its victory unassailable in the future. Towards the close of the ceremony, at the moment when King Edward reappeared from the Chapel of the Confessor, he called on his Westminsters for three cheers for the King. A mighty burst of acclamation rolled round the Abbey. In the words of an eye-witness: 'The effect was electrifying.' This unrehearsed scene was not in the programme and was entirely unauthorised. Fortunately it was highly approved by the King.' . . . The Coronation regulations are understood now to include the provision that the Head Master of Westminster leads the cheers for the King on his return procession."

I should be interested to know, Sir, whether this precedent was followed at the Coronation of King George V and also whether provision has been made for the Head Master to lead the cheers for King George VI on the 12th of May.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. H. CHISHOLM.

5, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

March 9th, 1937.

OLD CUSTOMS.

Sir,

There are many who will regret as I do the disappearance of some of the old School customs, etc.

First—On March 1st, S. David's Day, I called to mind how on that day every year one of the family of Sir Watkins William Wynn used to come and ask for an early Play and give a sovereign to each Welsh boy and also to Monos. This is I fear a thing of the past.

Second—Then, in my time, those who were elected to Oxford on going into residence sent to College brawn and sausage meat, and those elected to Cambridge sent four Stilton cheeses, and in the year that I went up I was deputed to choose them, which I did at Marshalls' in Peas Hill (I think that was the shop), but I have not heard of these acceptable presents being sent now.

There have been various other changes in School and College, but not all, to my mind, with advantage.

Rev. R. BRUCE DICKSON (O.W., 1857-61).

P.S.—If I am mistaken in anything I have said, will you kindly amend it? R.B.D.

Speen Lodge, Wendover, Bucks.

March 2nd, 1927.

THE COVER.

Dear Sir,

Now that Volume XXI of THE ELIZABETHAN is completed may I too (with Mr. J. H. Peck in the issue of June, 1936) express the hope that in future reading matter will not be printed on the pink cover, a thing which happened twice in Volume XXI—on pages 211 and 273? It also seems a pity that School advertisements should sometimes appear elsewhere than on the cover—as on page 96—as one does not want a page of advertisements in the middle of a bound volume. Surely there would be no difficulty in reserving the cover for advertisements and printing reading matter on the white pages, even if this meant the appearance of two or three blank pages at the end of some numbers?

Yours faithfully,

SPENCER G. MAURICE.

6, St. Mark's Square, Regent's Park.

February 27th, 1937.

UP COLLEGE?

Dear Sir,

My father, who is an O.W., and I have been having an argument in our respective correspondence to the effect:—

He says that when he was here everyone said "Up College." Nowadays, I think I am right in saying that we say "In College."

I wonder whether any of your readers can tell me why this changed or if people ever said "Up College."

Yours Sincerely,

A. J. HENDERSON.

2, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1.

March 3rd, 1937.

OLD WESTMINSTERS

Lord Justice Greene has been appointed chairman of the tribunal to determine the compensation payable by the Government for the nationalisation of mineral royalties.

Sir Henry Tizard has been appointed a Trustee of the British Museum.

Sir Edward Marsh has been appointed a Trustee of the Tate Gallery.

Mr. Justice Alan Gerald Russell Henderson has been appointed a Puisne Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Calcutta.

The Revd. G. E. A. Whitworth has been appointed Vicar of Gainsborough, Rural Dean

of Corringham, and Prebendary and Canon in Lincoln Cathedral.

Mr. L. Beaumont Tansley has been appointed Assistant Director of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Testing House and Laboratory.

Mr. J. E. Chard has been appointed to the Department of Scientific Research and Experiment, Admiralty, London.

Mr. C. F. Byers was awarded his Full Blue for Athletics and represented Oxford against Cambridge in the 220 yards low hurdles.

In the New Year Honours Mr. Edward Marsh was made K.C.V.O., and not K.C.B., as was stated in our February number.

BIRTHS

WALTERS.—On February 9th, the wife of R. C. S. Walters, a daughter.

WELCH.—On March 1st, the wife of J. R. Welch, a son.

MARRIAGES

FORD—WINSTANLEY.—On November 9th, 1936, John Ford to Jean, daughter of Sydney Adams Winstanley, of Urmston, Manchester.

PRICE—SACKETT.—On February 26th, Edward Raymond Lecky Price to Olive Mona, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Sackett, of Genesta Road, Plumstead.

OBITUARY

We regret to announce the deaths of two Old Westminsters.

ALFRED JOHN WILSON CHAMINGS, who died on February 21st, at the early age of 33 years, had already made a reputation as a brilliant laryngologist. The son of Mr. A. G. Chamings, formerly Chief Officer of the Public Control Department of the London County Council, he came to Westminster in 1917, and in the fol-

lowing year was elected to a non-resident King's Scholarship. In 1921 he gained an open scholarship at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and on leaving Cambridge he obtained an entrance science scholarship at St. George's Hospital. Thus he had a distinguished career, winning the Thompson medal, the Brodie prize, and the Allingham scholarship. He took his M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. examinations in 1927, the M.B. and B.Ch. (Cambridge) in 1929, and in 1931 he became F.R.C.S. Eng. After he had qualified he was first Casualty Officer, then House Surgeon to Mr. Ivor Bach, House Physician to Mr. Bellingham Smith, and afterwards Clinical Assistant to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department at St. George's. He subsequently held appointments at many London hospitals, including the Golden Square Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital and the Paddington Green Children's Hospital.

His untimely death is a great blow to surgery, in which he seemed destined to attain high distinction. To his skill as a surgeon and to his insatiable thirst for knowledge he added great natural charm, and his loss will be felt by his many friends, not least by those who had known him here at school.

JOHN HENRY JANSON, who died at East Meon, Crowborough, on November 25th, 1936, aged 72 years, was the younger son of John William Janson, of Sidcup, Kent. He followed his brother, Francis William Janson, to Westminster in 1878, and was elected Q.S. in the following year. On leaving, he went out to Canada, where he had lived until recently. He married, in 1893, Susie, eldest daughter of William Holditch, of South River, Ontario.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB

The Annual Dinner of the Club will take place on Thursday, July 8th, at the Langham Hotel, when it is hoped the new Head Master will be the guest. As the seating accommodation is limited and a large number of members will probably attend, members should make early application for their tickets to G. E. Tunnicliffe, Esq., Hon. Secretary, 15, Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.2.

THE OLD WESTMINSTER DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society will hold a special General Meeting on Tuesday, May 25th, 1937, at 6 p.m., at the School, when the acting Committee will present a set of rules for the Society's approval.

MISSION NOTES

The Boys' Club has been carrying on in a most flourishing condition since the last appearance of these notes. The Football XI. is third in the league, and has had a most successful season, one member being chosen to play for the London Federation of Boys' Clubs XI. against Liverpool, and another against Sandhurst.

Table Tennis has been taken up with vigour and skill, swimming also has had its enthusiasts, and Fencing has been successfully introduced.

Several young O.W.W. have been giving their assistance in the Club, and there are two new O.W.W. Officers with the cadet company at Lammas Hall. This is a most welcome reversion to the times when Westminster had no difficulty in finding a steady stream of old boys, who had recently left the School, and were keen enough to help with the Club or the Cadets.

STUART HORNER.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st,

1936.

	£	s.	d.
To Printing 6 numbers	174	11	9
„ Editor's expenses, wrappers, etc.	8	11	9
„ Postage	27	5	2
„ Addressing and banding	7	19	4
„ Editor's salary	6	0	0
„ Balance	2	0	4
	<u>£226</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions—			
„ O.W.W. and others	6	18	4
„ School	109	10	0
„ Elizabethan Club	100	0	0
„ Dividends	10	10	0
	<u>£226</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

BALANCE SHEET. DECEMBER 31st, 1936.

	£	s.	d.
To Reserve Fund	240	7	3
„ Balance (I.I.36).....	50	9	6
„ Profit for the year	2	0	4
		<u>52</u>	<u>9 10</u>
	<u>£292</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Investment £300, 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan at Cost	240	7	3
„ Cash at Bank	52	9	10
	<u>£292</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct,

C. H. FISHER.

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THE SCHOOL STORE

The Store is situated in the Ground Floor of Ashburnham.
It was founded in 1931 to assist the School Games, for
which the profits are used.

The Store is open during term time from
9.0 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. except on Saturdays
when it closes at 2.0 p.m.

The Telephone Number is ABBEY 1873

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB

President—MR. R. T. SQUIRE.

Hon. Treasurer—SIR ERNEST GOODHART,
Bart., 122, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park,
W.2.

Hon. Secretary—MR. G. E. TUNNICLIFFE, 15,
Arundel Street, W.C.2.

Hon. Secretary (Games)—MR. W. E. GERRISH,
Ashburnham, Sandown Road, Esher.

The Elizabethan Club was founded in 1861 and is confined to Old Westminsters. In 1923 it was amalgamated with the Old Westminsters' Football and Cricket Club. Parents of boys in the School are given the opportunity of securing the eligibility of their sons for life membership of the Club by a system of termly payments. This is rapidly identifying the Elizabethan Club with the body of Old Westminsters. Its objects are to preserve the associations and to further the interests and prosperity of the School, to promote the intercourse of Old Westminsters, and to encourage games, sports and athletics amongst Old Westminsters. The Hon Secretary, G. E. Tunnicliffe, Esq., 15, Arundel Street, W.C.2, will be pleased to give any further information.

THE SCHOOL MISSION

The Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a Boys' Club in Soho. In 1891 it moved to Westminster.

It maintains a Club at Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Square, for working boys of the Westminster district. The Club is managed by a Superintendent who will welcome visits from present or past Westminsters on the nights when the Club is open (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except from July to September, when the Club opens only one night a week). The Mission also assists in the maintenance of the Westminster Company, 1st Cadet Batt. London Regiment, "The Queen's," at Lamma Hall, Battersea, where Westminster visitors are also welcome.

Regular help from young O.W.W. in the Boys' Club and as officers of the Cadet Company is much needed. Further information will be given by the Hon. Secretary, Captain B. Stuart Horner, 3, Harcourt Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.

Contributions towards the expenses of the Mission may be sent to the Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Findlay Rea, Esq., 20, Smith Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE, No. 2233

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

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

THE ELIZABETHAN

Contributions must be written on one side of the paper only. Subscribers are requested to notify any change of address to the Secretary of the Elizabethan Club, G. E. Tunnicliffe, Esq., 15, Arundel Street, W.C.2.

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All contributions to the March issue of THE ELIZABETHAN must reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.1, by May 21st, 1937