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EDITORIAL.

ONE of the earliest school stories, *Tom Brown's School Days*, was published in 1857. One of the latest, published only last month, is reviewed on another page. During the ninety years which have elapsed since the coach set Tom Brown down outside the gates of Rugby most English institutions have undergone many changes, but the continued popularity of Thomas Hughes' story is a remarkable proof how little the public schools have altered since his time. Life at Rugby in the 1830's is, in essentials, very much the same as life in any public school in the 1930's, and even now *Tom Brown* cannot be regarded wholly as a period piece. It is true that occasionally the sonorous sentences have an archaic ring about them. That is mainly because recreation is now confined to narrower channels, and heavy drinking and indiscriminate boot-shying at boys who dare to say their prayers are no longer legitimate sports. The epic football match, fifty on one

side and a hundred and fifty on the other, finds a parallel in our own Water Ledgers of the period, with their accounts of five-mile races, 'the Etonians refusing to row back,' but it leaves the modern reader with a sense of his own futility.

Perhaps it is *Tom Brown's* very robustness which has endeared it to succeeding generations. In Canon Farrar's *Eric* we are away at once in a world of unreality and sentimentality, of cheats and bullies, tears and death-bed repentances, a nineteenth century Narkover in which the hero wages an uphill battle against the forces of evil. In its day it achieved success, and it has been the prototype of a mass of stories which, shorn of sentiment, are entertaining if highly-coloured pictures of school life. *The Hill* is in a class by itself, and its copious footnotes explaining Harrovian terms are superfluous for those who have been to Harrow and irritating to those who have not. But *The Fifth Form of St. Dominic's*, *Tom, Dick and Harry*, *Captain of the School*, *The Lag Prefect*, all command a public, and

such titles could be multiplied indefinitely. Their authors are perhaps inclined to overwork the stolen exam. papers discovered in the hero's desk, and rely too much for humour on drawing-pins on masters' chairs, but they must not be harshly judged. School routine is necessarily dull, and it is not every author who can enliven without distorting it. In *Stalky and Co.* Mr. Rudyard Kipling has succeeded in doing so, and has created characters who will live as long as the public schools themselves endure. The immortal trio, Stalky, M'Turk and Beetle, and their implacable enemies, the housemasters Prout and King, are (indeed were) genuine people; and if, too often, it seems to be taken for granted that a schoolmaster is that sort of person, this, after all, is only what many a boy has permitted himself to believe in his bad moments.

With Slane Leslie's 'The Oppidian,' a new type of school story began, of which there have been many recent examples. It is a curious reflection on the present age that children's books are often written for grown-ups. Christopher Robin, who took England by storm a few years ago, is a mixture of just the right proportions of ingenuousness and sophistication, and his elder brother, the hero of the present-day school story, is created not merely for the enjoyment of readers in their 'teens. A fierce light now blazes upon the public schools, and publishers are not lacking for a novel which professes to throw light on the psychology of the public school boy. During the last three years there has been a flood of such books, following hard upon the earlier flood of books about the war. Some of them are first novels of distinction; more often they have few literary graces. Almost all are cynical and defeatist in outlook, and are the work of people who have watched the market, and have had the wit to realise that *Almamatricide* is often profitable.

The latest type of school story is a welcome change. It is just over a year since murder stalked into the public schools under the auspices of the Crime Club. 'Murder at School' and 'The Public School Murder' are frankly thrillers with an unusual background, but they are both very plausible stories, and the latter has, in addition, some subtle characterisation.

In 'Big Ben Looks On' the author has placed his murder in a familiar setting, and it will be interesting to see whether there is general agreement with our Reviewer's estimate of the book.

School Notes.

THE Neale Prize for History was won by D. F. Hubback; J. D. Mair was second.

The Vincent Prize was won by R. E. Pattle.

The result of the second trial of Orations were: Seniors, R. D. Barlas; Juniors, M. R. Turner.

On Friday, May 12, Dr. K. Saunders gave a very interesting and entertaining lecture entitled 'Whither Asia?'

On Wednesday, May 17, Mrs. O'Brien, with Mr. Lofthouse at the piano, gave a delightful violin recital up School.

Old Westminster will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Green, for nearly thirty years School carpenter.

LITERARY SUPPLEMENT.

It is with some degree of diffidence that we bring the subject of contributions to THE ELIZABETHAN before our readers. It is, apparently, the opinion of many members of the School that the duty of the Editor of THE ELIZABETHAN is to be his own reporter, poet and correspondent. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the thinly supplied columns of the Literary Supplements. We do strongly urge all present members of the School, as well as O.W.W., to send more contributions both to the Literary Supplement of the July number and to the correspondence and other columns of THE ELIZABETHAN. It is only in this way that THE ELIZABETHAN can become an interesting and intelligent magazine, and not remain merely a dull chronicle of School activities.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- June 24—Wellington match.
- July 1—Radley match (*away*).
- „ 5, 6—Sherborne match.
- „ 5—Henley Royal Regatta.
- „ 15—Charterhouse match (*away*).
- „ 28—School concert.
- „ 28, 29—O.W.W. match.
- „ 31—Election Dinner.
- Aug. 1—Election Term ends.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. BUTTERFLIES C.C.

Played May 13.

BUTTERFLIES.

F. G. Turner, b Klein	...	...	...	51
A. C. Johnson, run out	...	...	...	3
G. de Clement, b Richardson	...	...	...	83
H. Leedham-Green b Edgar	...	...	...	6
M. Broadhurst, b Brown	...	...	...	17
S. V. Hine, b Richardson	...	...	...	4
K. R. G. Blaker, not out	...	...	...	11
S. M. Symington, c Edgar, b Richardson	...	...	...	3
M. G. Stratford, not out	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	18

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 197

G. M. E. Paulson and A. C. Feasey did not bat.

Bowling.—Brown 1 for 40, Richardson 3 for 29, Klein 1 for 24, Edgar 1 for 32.

WESTMINSTER.

M. H. Matthews, b Turner	...	...	...	12
E. R. Hobbs, b Blaker	...	...	...	44
R. H. Angelo, lbw Feasey	...	...	...	84
J. Alderson, b Feasey	...	...	...	10
J. F. Turner, st b Blaker	...	...	...	1
R. W. Edgar, not out	...	...	...	7
R. A. J. Eggar, c b Blaker	...	...	...	2
F. F. Richardson, not out	...	...	...	3
E. N. Grace, lbw Feasey	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	9

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 172

C. C. Klein and T. W. Brown did not bat.

WESTMINSTER v. FREE FORESTERS C.C.

Played May 20.

FREE FORESTERS.

Capt. K. B. Stanley, c Eggar, b Brown	...	...	...	4
D. G. Oswald, lbw b Brown	...	...	...	29
M. E. Miley, c Angelo, b Richardson	...	...	...	10
F. G. Chalk, b Eggar	...	...	...	99
A. G. Mallam, c Alderson, b Eggar	...	...	...	66
M. W. Payne, not out	...	...	...	33
J. S. O. Haslewood, not out	...	...	...	20
Extras	...	...	...	10

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 271

C. Middleton, S. W. Beadle, C. S. Marriott, J. C. Masterman did not bat.

Bowling.—Eggar 2 for 51, Brown 2 for 59, Richardson 1 for 43.

WESTMINSTER.

M. H. Matthews, b Marriott	...	...	...	13
E. R. Hobbs, c Mallam, b Marriott	...	...	...	28
R. H. Angelo, b Middleton	...	...	...	8
J. Alderson, c Haslewood, b Middleton	...	...	...	10
J. F. Turner, b Marriott	...	...	...	47
R. W. Edgar, b Middleton	...	...	...	4
R. A. J. Eggar, c Marriott, b Chalk	...	...	...	0
F. F. Richardson, b Chalk	...	...	...	10
C. C. Klein, c Haslewood, b Middleton	...	...	...	5
E. N. Grace, not out	...	...	...	10
T. W. Brown, lbw b Marriott	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	6

Total ... 141

WESTMINSTER v. M.C.C.

Played May 27.

M.C.C.

Major K. J. Nicholl, ct Brown, b Grace	...	...	...	45
C. D. McIver, st Matthews, b Klein	...	...	...	11
N. L. Foster, st Matthews, b Klein	...	...	...	112
A. W. Childs-Clarke, lbw b Brown	...	...	...	16
G. G. Fairfield, ct Matthews, b Brown	...	...	...	23
J. M. Bryan-Smith, not out	...	...	...	18
I. W. A. Symington, not out	...	...	...	19
Extras	...	...	...	10

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 254

G. N. Scott-Chad, T. C. Hunt, D. J. Knight, C. H. Taylor did not bat.

Bowling.—Brown 2 for 27, Klein 2 for 57, Grace 1 for 73.

WESTMINSTER.

M. H. Matthews, b McIver	...	...	...	12
E. R. Hobbs, b McIver	...	...	...	0
R. H. Angelo, not out	...	...	...	103
J. F. Turner, b McIver	...	...	...	0
R. M. Milly, ct Hunt, b Childs-Clarke	...	...	...	34
J. Alderson, lbw b Childs-Clarke	...	...	...	14
R. W. Edgar, not out	...	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	...	6

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 169

F. F. Richardson, G. C. Klein, E. N. Grace, T. W. Brown did not bat.

WESTMINSTER v. HAMPSTEAD C.C.

Played June 3.

WESTMINSTER.

M. H. Matthews, st Mennim, b Leedham-Green	...	...	...	32
E. R. Hobbs, b Berliner	...	...	...	1
R. H. Angelo, lbw b Dunbar	...	...	...	116
J. Alderson, ct Leedham-Green, b Melluish	...	...	...	1
R. M. Mills, ct Dunbar, b Leedham-Green	...	...	...	7
J. F. Turner, b Leedham-Green	...	...	...	13
R. W. Edgar, st Mennim, b Leedham-Green	...	...	...	15
F. F. Richardson, ct Melluish, b Dunbar	...	...	...	4
C. C. Klein, st Mennim, b Leedham-Green	...	...	...	14
E. N. Grace, ct Mennim, b Berliner	...	...	...	1
T. W. Brown, not out	...	...	...	9
Extras	...	...	...	6

Total ... 210

HAMPSTEAD.

W. M. Limb, c Matthews, b Brown	...	...	...	2
G. C. Melluish, c Alderson, b Klein	...	...	...	8
F. Mennim, c Hobbs, b Klein	...	...	...	1
H. Leedham-Green, run out	...	...	...	0
F. W. Musson, c. Alderson, b Grace	...	...	...	89
P. B. Berliner, lbw b Klein	...	...	...	4
R. E. Moss, c Matthews, b Grace	...	...	...	8
G. F. R. Park, c Matthews, b Richardson	...	...	...	20
E. st. G. Hewetson, c Klein, b Angelo	...	...	...	15
L. Monro, b Richardson	...	...	...	24
J. G. Dunbar, not out	...	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	...	17

Total ... 194

Bowling.—Brown 1 for 31, Klein 3 for 47, Grace 2 for 41, Richardson 2 for 48, Angelo 1 for 10.

ATHLETICS.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

SELDOM, if ever, has the Athletic season at Westminster been attended by such wonderful weather, and though for the Miles and the Heats the track was definitely rather heavy, it dried rapidly and was soon in excellent order. Conditions such as these go far towards the success of any Athletic meeting, and it was most encouraging to see such large attendances at Vincent Square.

The first event on the programme was, as usual, the Long-Distance Race along the towing path at Putney. In previous years this has been an Open event. It was necessary this year, however, for any boy under 16 to produce medical evidence as to his fitness before being allowed to compete (this rule also applied to Putting the Weight). It was a lovely afternoon and everything pointed to a good time being returned. When the runners could be recognised near Beverley Brook, Matthews was leading fairly comfortably from Edgar. Edgar gradually drew up to within striking distance, however, and, timing his spurt to perfection, just won in the record time of 14 mins. 37 secs., Matthews also beating the previous record of 15 mins. 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs. Grant's again won the House Cup for this race, gaining 1st, 7th and 11th places, with Home Boarders second, three points behind, and Ashburnham third.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the sports was the marked improvement of the jumping all through the School. In this connection Mr. Bradbrooke, of the Achilles Club, is to be thanked for coaching the jumpers during the training period. Actually the number of entries for the Open Jumps was not good, and Angelo had no difficulty in winning both with good figures in each case. Of the other events, Byers, the Captain of Running, did well to win the Hundred yards and the High and Low Hurdles, while Matthews won both the Half-mile and the Mile.

In the Under 16 events Beyts gave evidence of good all-round ability in winning the Quarter and the Half-mile and both the Jumps, while Budgett showed considerable promise in the Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ class.

The House Challenge Cup was won by Grant's, and it is interesting to note that they gained no fewer than 42 standard points—nearly twice as many as any other House.

In the following week Grant's also proceeded to win four of the six Relay batons, which put them eight points ahead of Ashburnham for the House Relay Cup. In fact, under the able leadership of Edgar, they may be said to have 'swept the athletic board.'

The Henderson Cup, which has hitherto been

known as the Victor Ludorum Cup and has, until last year, been awarded for the biggest individual total of points, was not presented at the Prize-Giving. It was decided that the Cup should go to the best athlete of the year and that performances in the School matches should be taken into account. It was subsequently presented to M. H. Matthews.

Mr. L. A. M. Fevez, O.W., kindly consented to give away the prizes.

We were glad to see that Cresswell, last year's Running Captain, recently won the mile in 4 mins. 40 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs., and the half-mile in 2 mins. 3 secs. for Woolwich against Sandhurst and Cranwell.

LONG-DISTANCE RACE.—1 Edgar (G.), 2 Matthews (A.H.), 3 Belson (A.H.). 14 mins. 37 secs. (Record.)

LONG JUMP UNDER 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.—1 Channing-Pearce (C.), 2 Budgett (G.). 15 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

LONG JUMP UNDER 16.—1 Beyts (C.), 2 Sutton (G.). 17 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

LONG JUMP, OPEN.—1 Angelo (R.), 2 Edgar (G.), 3 Grace (B.). 19 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

HIGH JUMP UNDER 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.—1 Channing-Pearce (C.), 2 Collins J. (A.H.). 4 ft. 6 ins.

HIGH JUMP UNDER 16.—1 Beyts (C.), 2 Cresswell (R.). 4 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

HIGH JUMP, OPEN.—1 Angelo (R.), 2 O'Brien J. (C.), 3 Bindloss E. (B.). 5 ft. 4 ins.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lb.).—1 O'Brien J. (C.), 2 Edgar (G.), 3 Angelo (R.). 34 ft. 8 ins.

120 YARDS LOW HURDLES UNDER 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.—1 Budgett (G.), 2 Long (H.B.). 18 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES (3 ft.) UNDER 16.—1 equal. Corrie (H.B.) and James R. (G.). 19 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES, OPEN.—1 Byers (H.B.), 2 Grace (B.). 20 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES UNDER 16.—1 Corrie (H.B.), 2 James R. (G.). 29 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES, OPEN.—1 Byers (H.B.), 2 Treffgarne (A.H.). 28 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

100 YARDS UNDER 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.—1 Budgett (G.), 2 Geare (H.B.). 12 secs.

100 YARDS UNDER 16.—1 Kavanagh (G.), 2 Corrie (H.B.). 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

100 YARDS OPEN.—1 Byers (H.B.), 2 Harrop (G.), 3 Arnold (B.). 11 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

QUARTER MILE UNDER 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.—1 Budgett (G.), 2 Long (H.B.). 62 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

QUARTER MILE UNDER 16.—1 Beyts (C.), 2 James R. (G.). 59 secs.

QUARTER MILE, OPEN.—1 Arnold (B.), 2 Lonnon (H.B.), 3 Bradbury (R.). 56 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

HALF MILE UNDER 16.—1 Beyts (C.), 2 Tyler (B.). 2 mins. 22 secs.

HALF MILE, OPEN.—1 Matthews (A.H.), 2 Studt (H.B.), 3 Edgar (G.). 2 mins. 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

MILE UNDER 16.—1 Tyler (B.), 2 Cresswell (R.). 5 mins. 32 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

MILE, OPEN.—1 Matthews (A.H.), 2 Studt (H.B.), 3 Belson (A.H.). 5 mins. 11 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

300 YARDS HANDICAP.—1 Arnold (B.), 2 Lonnon (H.B.). 34 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

CONSOLATION RACE.—1 Rayne (C.), 2 Boycott (C.).

O.W.W. RACE.—1 Ivanovic (A.H.), 2 Porterfield (A.H.).

HOUSE LONG-DISTANCE RACE CUP.—1 GG., 19 pts.; 2 H.B.B., 22 pts.; 3 A.H.H., 23 pts.

HOUSE SPORTS CUP.—1 GG., 102 pts.; 2 H.B.B., 77 pts.; 3 K.S.S., 63 pts.

HOUSE RELAY CUP.—I G.G., 19 pts. ; 2 A.H.H., 11 pts. ;
3 BB., 7 pts.
HENDERSON CUP.—M. H. Matthews (A.H.).

EASTBOURNE v. WESTMINSTER.

The fixture was held this year at Eastbourne. Westminster lost both the matches ; the Seniors by 30 points to 27 and the Colts by 22½ to 19½.

It was most unfortunate that our high jumpers in a 'strange' pit could not strike their best form ; in each match the winning height was several inches below what had been done at Vincent Square. On the other hand, Matthews ran a most excellent Half-mile in 2 mins. 7 1/5 secs., beating Cresswell's 1932 record by 1 1/5 secs., while in the Long Jump Angelo reached over 20 feet, to win by half an inch.

Putting the Weight was introduced into the programme this year for the first time, and O'Brien surprised both himself and Eastbourne by putting 38 ft. 9½ in.—an improvement of over 4 ft. on his previous form, due to much hard practice and also to coaching from I. S. Ivanović (O.W.). He was subsequently placed eighth in the Public Schools' Sports held at the White City Stadium, with 38 ft. 9 ins.

In the Colts' events Beyts ran a good Half-mile, taking 5½ secs. off his time in the School Sports, with Tyler second. James in the Quarter and Cresswell (1st equal) in the High Jump were Westminster's other victories. Special mention should be made of R. E. Turner, of Eastbourne, who won the Colts' Long Jump with 18 ft. 2½ ins.

Points.—I, 5 pts. ; 2, 2 pts. ; 3 (mile only), 1 pt.

SENIOR RESULTS.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lb.).—I O'Brien (W.), 38 ft. 9½ ins. ; 2 Hodson (E.), 35 ft. 8 ins.

100 YARDS.—I Forster (E.), 2 Byers (W.). 10 4/5 secs.
MILE.—I Lees (E.), 2 Edgar (W.), 3 Sinclair (E.).
4 mins. 54 2/5 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—I Byers (W.), 2 Selby (E.).
19 secs.

LONG JUMP.—I Angelo (W.), 20 ft. ½ in. ; 2 Smith (E.).
20 ft.

QUARTER MILE.—I Loder (E.), 2 Lonnon (W.).
56 4/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Pilbrow (E.), 5 ft. ¾ in. ; 2 Gulley (E.)
and Angelo (W.), 4 ft. 11¼ ins.

HALF MILE.—I Matthews (W.), 2 Bomford (E.). 2
mins. 7 1/5 secs.

POINTS.—EASTBOURNE, 30 pts. ; WESTMINSTER, 27 pts.

COLTS' RESULTS.

100 YARDS.—I Kingdon (E.), 2 Kavanagh (W.).
11 2/5 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES (3 ft.).—I Sewell (E.), 2 Craib
(E.). 17 4/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Turner (E.) and Cresswell (W.), 4 ft.
9 ins.

QUARTER MILE.—I James R. (W.), 2 Wilson (E.).
59 2/5 secs.

LONG JUMP.—I Turner (E.), 18 ft. 2½ ins. ; 2 Beyts
(W.), 16 ft. 11½ ins.

HALF MILE.—I Beyts (W.), 2 Tyler (W.). 2 mins.
16 3/5 secs.

POINTS.—EASTBOURNE, 22½ pts. ; WESTMINSTER, 19½ pts.

WESTMINSTER—ALDENHAM ACHILLES.

POINTS.

I Achilles, 37 pts. *Senior Match.* *Colts' Match.*
2 Westminster, 14 pts. Aldenham, 35 pts. Westminster 31
3 Aldenham, 6 pts. Westminster, 22 pts. Aldenham 18

Although the Achilles only lost two events in the programme and were therefore easy winners quite early in the afternoon, interest was maintained right to the end—there were two School matches between Westminster and Aldenham to be decided and there was also, in each Senior event, at least one athlete whose actions were well worth studying and from whom much might be learned. One does not always get the opportunity of watching the beautifully easy running of J. E. Lovelock or the graceful jumping of A. R. le Fleming—to mention but two of the many excellent performers whom Ivanović had got together.

The two events referred to above were both won by Westminster, and were both won in record times—the Low Hurdles by Byers in 27 4/5 secs., beating his own record of 28 1/5 secs., and the Half-mile by Matthews in 2 mins. 6 3/5 secs., beating his own record which he had made at Eastbourne by 3/5 secs. Both these runners showed the greatest determination and fully deserved their triumphs. The Mile enabled Edgar to show how badly he had judged the School Mile. With Lovelock to pace him, he was able to do 4 mins. 53 secs.—a performance he even bettered in a heat of the Public Schools' Mile—leaving the Aldenham team some distance behind.

Unfortunately, in the Jumps Angelo was unable to reproduce anything like his proper form.

Of the seven events in the Colts' match, Westminster won five, two of which—the Long Jump and the Quarter—went to Beyts with good figures. Tyler again ran well—this time in a 660 yards race (the distance fixed by Aldenham)—while Corrie and James gave Westminster wins in the two Hurdle races. The Colts' High Jump was won by T. Hydes, of Aldenham, who cleared 5 ft. 1 in.—incidentally the same height as Pusinelli in the Senior match—while Cresswell (Westminster) cleared 5 ft.

Points.—I, 5 pts. ; 2, 2 pts. ; 3 (mile only), 1 pt.

SENIOR RESULTS.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES.—I Byers (W.), 2 Blackburn
(A.), 3 Ivanović (Ach.). 27 4/5 secs. (Record.)

MILE.—I Lovelock (Ach.), 2 Edgar (W.), 3 Briault
(Ach.), 4 Easby (A.), 5 Murphie (Ach.), 6 Studt (W.).
4 mins. 51 1/5 secs.

100 YARDS.—I Davis (Ach.), 2 Hunter (A.), 3 Sherwood (Ach.), 4 Barrell (A.). 10 2/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Fielding and le Fleming (Ach.), 5 ft. 6 ins.; 3 Pusinelli (A.), 5 ft. 1 in.; 4 Angelo (W.), 5 ft.

HALF MILE.—I Matthews (W.), 2 Bury (W.), 3 Maclean (A.), 4 Rathbone (Ach.). 2 mins. 6 3/5 secs. Record.

LONG JUMP.—I Sutermeister (Ach.), 22 ft. 1 1/2 ins.; 2 Revans (Ach.), 21 ft. 2 1/2 ins.; 3 Taylor (A.), 18 ft. 7 1/2 ins.; 4 Barrell (A.).

QUARTER MILE.—I Marsh (Ach.), 2 Hunter (A.), 3 Street (A.). 54 3/5 secs.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES.—I Ivanović (Ach.), 2 Forde (Ach.), 3 Pusinelli (A.), 4 Byers (W.). 17 1/5 secs.

ACHILLES HANDICAPS.—Low Hurdles—20 yds. and 1 Hurdle extra; Mile—116 yds. (approx.); 100 yds.—4 1/2 yds.; High Jump—3 1/2 ins.; Half Mile—54 yds. (approx.); Long Jump—2 ft.; Quarter Mile—25 yds. (approx.); High Hurdles—10 yds. and 1 Hurdle extra.

COLTS' RESULTS.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES.—I Corrie (W.), 2 James (W.). 29 2/5 secs.

100 YARDS.—I Allom (A.), 2 Kavanagh (W.). 11 1/5 secs.
LONG JUMP.—I Beyts (W.), 17 ft. 4 1/2 ins.; 2 Humbert (A.), 16 ft. 8 1/2 ins.

660 YARDS.—I Tyler (W.), 2 Campbell (A.). 1 min. 35 2/5 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—I Hydes (A.), 5 ft. 1 in.; 2 Cresswell (W.), 5 ft.

QUARTER MILE.—I Beyts (W.), 2 Allom (A.). 57 4/5 secs.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES (3 ft.).—I James (W.), 2 Hydes (A.). 18 secs.

M. F. Y.

HOMEBOARDERS DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

ON March 23, 25 and 27, 1933, the H.B.B. Dramatic Society presented 'The Middle Watch,' a farce by Ian Hay and Stephen King-Hall, at Napier Hall. This is the third production of the Society, and it certainly retained the high standard set up by the previous presentations. The Society was lucky to have the excellent help of Esmond Knight, O.H.B., as producer once more, and he gave up a great deal of his valuable time and worked very hard to make the play a success. The scenery and lighting designed by the President, J. C. Cherry, was admirably suggestive of a ship at sea, and was beautifully carried out to the smallest detail, including the grog tub and fire hydrant in the captain's lobby. The company showed excellent team work as well as individual talent, and the play was so effectively timed that no joke escaped the eagerly receptive audience.

The scene is laid on board H.M.S. Falcon, a cruiser on the China station, and the story concerns the complications that arise when two young girls, Fay Eaton, a chirrupy blonde (A. E. F. C. Long), and Mary Carlton, a spirited young American (V. F. Valli), are left behind after a dance on board and are found by the admiral in bed in the captain's apartments. I. D. Lloyd gave a somewhat

ferocious rendering of the shocked Admiral, and completely upset Captain Maitland, to which part J. C. Cherry gave the necessary embarrassed air. The ridiculous situations give rise to a lot of fun, which is enhanced by Marine Ogg (K. S. Maclean), a not over-intelligent sentry, who is suddenly jerked out of his general routine to keep watch over the ladies' cabins by Corporal Duckett (M. Knowles), who does his best to keep Ogg up to his duty, and by Ah-Fong (R. D. B. Clark), the captain's Chinese servant, who slips about the stage, being helpful at the wrong moment. Unfortunately, P. A. Tyser, in the rôle of Commander Baddeley, after carrying on nobly in spite of being unwell for the first two nights, was unable to play on Monday, when his part was ably filled by E. R. Hobbs. The elderly ladies, Charlotte Hopkinson and Lady Hewitt, were delightfully played by J. R. Squire and J. S. Ridley. Captain Randall (H. D. Simpson), a guest (G. S. Hill), Flag Lieutenant (R. Bowen), Nancy Hewitt (I. E. Geffen), an Able Seaman (E. R. Hobbs and, on Monday, R. F. Duncan) all helped to impress us with the sort of people we meet in the Navy.

Thanks are due to all who so kindly helped in the production; to the Headmaster and Mr. and Mrs. Knight, for their willing support; and to Mr. Basil Foster and Mr. Michael Shepley, for their valuable assistance in the production. The publicity and business side of things was so well managed by C. F. Byers that the Society was able to send £50 as proceeds to the Mission.

MADRIGAL AND ORCHESTRAL SOCIETIES' CONCERT.

THE first Concert of 1933 opened, as was fitting, with a well-known work of Brahms, the centenary of whose birth falls in this year. The performance of the Academic Festival Overture, into which Brahms has woven a number of popular students' songs, might have been described as workmanlike but for the uncertainties of tempo at the beginning of each new section. The introduction of the chorus to sing the 'Gandeamus igitur,' with which the Overture closes, at any rate gave that body a chance to join in honouring the name of the composer. The cleverness with which Brahms has scored this work was brought home to the listener by contrast with the monotony of Schumann's orchestration in the first movement of The Rhenish Symphony in E Flat. This is a long movement with one or two tolerable tunes, but the ear is wearied by the thickness of the scoring, and the orchestra did not help matters by playing it at a

good solid *forte* throughout. Between these two orchestral pieces, Mr. B. N. Gedye and the Madrigal Society sang Vaughan Williams' 'Turtle Dove.' Mr. Gedye's voice is as yet lacking in tone quality and his words are difficult to hear, but rhythmically his was an excellent performance, and the chorus succeeded in not obtruding the familiar Vaughan Williams 'humming' upon the solo voice. Before the interval we had what was undoubtedly the success of the evening, five Sailor Shanties arranged by Richard Terry and orchestrated by Arnold Goldsbrough, with Mr. G. L. Troutbeck and Mr. T. E. Bonhote alternating in the solo parts. Mr. Troutbeck was a little apt to allow the excitement of the words and music to run away with his rhythm, but one could forgive him that for the vigour of his performance and the sonority of his voice, and that he was more than forgiven was proved by the quantity of the applause with which he was rewarded. It is a pleasure too seldom granted to hear Mr. Bonhote sing at Westminster; his phrasing, his enunciation and the ease of his production are so clearly those of a skilled singer of much experience. The Madrigal Society manifestly enjoyed itself over these shanties; here were no tiresome rhythms, no awkward high notes, but a clear call for vigorous clean singing, and the Society responded for its own and the audience's delight. This was an excellent performance, which could have been even better had the orchestra been persuaded to realise that it was only accompanying, and halved its tone.

After the interval we had the seventeen-year-old Mendelssohn's dainty scherzo from 'Midsummer Night's Dream.' This piece, with its tripping phrases for wood-winds in thirds, and its fascinating flute solo at the end, is by no means easy to 'bring off,' but it provided much the best orchestral playing of the evening, and, though taken at too slow a tempo, reproduced much of the freshness and grace of the working. It was followed by Stanford's Irish ballad 'Phaudrig Crohoo-e.' A very Irish piece this, full of alternating sentimentalism and 'blood and thunder.' It can only be justified by a first-rate performance, and this, one must regretfully state, it did not get. Neither the orchestral playing nor the singing of the chorus had any 'snap' in them, and poor Phaudrig was seldom made to sound like 'the broth of a boy' who 'stood six foot eight.' Often indeed, especially at the difficult entries, he sounded more like the 'tame crawling mouse' to whom he expressly disclaims resemblance. The orchestral playing was scrappy and, as in the shanties, overpoweringly heavy; the jig was even more of a riot than the composer intended. The effect of the piece was to cause the reflection that either less difficult works should be chosen for combined orchestral

and choral performance at these concerts or else more time should be spent in careful rehearsal. The concert closed with a much more musical performance of the Carmen Feriale than is usual on these occasions.



SCHOOL PERSONALITIES.

II.—CRICKET COACH, 1895-1930.

THIRTY-FIVE crowded, happy years as groundsman and coach at Vincent Square. My difficulty in writing a few recollections of this period of my life lies not in finding sufficient material, but in trying to decide what to miss out, so that the magazine shall not assume the dreadful print-laden atmosphere of a *Bradshaw* or *Sunday Times*.

It was, I think, in June, 1894, when I was coach to the United Services College at Westward Ho, that I had a letter asking me to call at Dean's Yard, to see the late Dr. Rutherford with a view to taking on the job of groundsman and coach to the School. The interview took place in the Head's study, and I suppose I had much the same feeling of awe on entering the room as many of you must have experienced.

However, apparently my previous experience as professional to Cupar (Fife) and on the Notts. County Ground staff did the trick, and so, with my wife and family (including my son, John Elson, who is also now at the Square) I came to London, to occupy an old cottage on the ground, until, following a bad bout of pneumonia in 1896, the Governors built me a new one.

The ground at Vincent Square I discovered to be in a terrible condition, which perhaps is not to be wondered at, considering that originally it was four feet lower than now, and the contractor who undertook to raise the level of the whole ten acres for £50 conceived the bright idea of charging 1s. per load for rubbish to be dumped on it, out of which he paid the carters a penny commission, pocketing the other elevenpence. I myself know of five skulls which have since been dug up, and are assumed to have been dumped from excavations of a disused burial ground in the City.

The ground was railed off then as now, except that the railings were a foot lower then, and without the present sharp points. There was also a 'dog rail' about three feet from the ground, which was helpful to the milkman, postman and anybody else who regularly climbed over the rails and took a short cut across the ground. There were gates at the entrance which were more ornamental than useful, since they could not be locked; also a small gate in the middle of each side of the Square. Quite a flourishing business existed

amongst the small skyes, who would sit on the railings hours before a match was due to commence, and then sell the position from sixpence upwards to latecomers who wanted a good view of the match. These skyes were at times embarrassingly ardent supporters of the School, and a shower of stones was commonly the lot of the poor soccer referee who was thought to favour the visiting team unduly, and one of my jobs used to be to act as escort to the late W. Damms, whose decisions in this direction were not always popular. As a result of a certain hectic match played on the Square during vacation by Police *v.* Tradesmen, in which a 36-gallon barrel of beer and a case of whisky presented by the local publican and butcher, respectively, played no mean part, Dr. Rutherford had to forbid the use of the field to any teams except the School, with the result that my appeals to the police for their help on occasions were in vain, the answer being that the ground was private. 'Get us the ground back for cricket and then——' they said.

The Soccer eleven owed much to the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. R. T. Squire, who used voluntarily to come along and give us the benefit of his great experience of the game (and which, I believe, the Corinthians still enjoy), and the School proved the nursery of a number of Blues, B. H. Willett, W. T. Fox, Oxford, and H. O. C. Beasley, R. N. R. Blaker, C. D. Fisher, R. E. Moore, L. J. Moon and F. Young, Cambridge, being some I remember well.

My first 15 years were real strenuous ones. Apart from groundsman's duties, I used to bowl in the nets from 2 to 3 p.m. four days in the week, give fielding practice to the eleven from 5.30 to 6 p.m., and bowl again in the nets from 6 to 7 p.m., in addition to big game, but always there was the pleasure of mingling with as fine a crowd of boys and games masters as one could wish for. Mr. S. H. Day and Mr. D. J. Knight, Mr. A. T. Willett, in fact all the masters seemed to have a marvellous way of keeping smiling and cheery, and to have realised how much a word or two of merited encouragement fired one with the desire to do better still.

My first meeting with the world's most famous batsman, Jack Hobbs, may be of interest. The School had a standing arrangement with the Oval, whereby they used to engage a Surrey professional for an hour's coaching for 7s. 6d. One day a young man turned up who, in the course of conversation, told me that he was qualifying for Surrey, but very much doubted if he would ever be good enough to find a regular place in the team. This young man turned out to be Jack Hobbs, and I think this early modesty is characteristic of the man, and is as pronounced now, despite the fame he has achieved, as it was then. The years 1915 to 1916,

when he was regularly engaged to coach the School, undoubtedly mark a milestone in the progress of the School's cricketing prowess. I still have some of those—to modern eyes—rather funny old photographs of Hobbs and myself, surrounded by a number of good fellows, who, I suppose, are now busy playing the game in wider and more serious walks of life, and to them and to you all I send this message—'Play for the team and keep your end up.'

Westminster have been very lucky in selecting the right boy for Captain, both at cricket and football. He was not always the best player, but by taking the advice given by both Mr. S. H. Day and Mr. D. J. Knight, and now by Mr. C. H. Taylor, made himself very popular, and the side quite a happy one. The best Captains at Westminster during my time I should put in the following order: F. Young, R. N. R. Blaker—they were Captain at both games—F. G. Turner, cricket.

Mentioning Mr. Turner takes me back to 1908, when the cricket eleven gave me a marble clock with a plate on and all the eleven names inscribed on it. I often look at it in my front room and think what a happy man I was when I had it presented to me. The wording on the clock was 'Presented to J. Elson, as an appreciation of his good coaching and hard work.'

J. ELSON.

AMERICAN SCHOOL LIFE.

AFTER a very pleasant crossing, I landed in New York on April 11, four days after the legalisation of the sale of beer. This seems to be the greatest thing that has happened to America since the crash. Beer, beer, beer everywhere; oyster bars, drug stores, stationery and antique shops compete with each other in the sale of this yellow liquid, which even though only containing 3.2 per cent. of alcohol, tastes like the real stuff.

Having spent a day and a night in New York, I took the 10 o'clock train to Boston, two hundred and fifty miles away, and arrived at 3.30 p.m., in a torrential downpour. Here I was met by James B. Hallet, head monitor of Milton Academy, who had brought his own car to take me to the school, which is about seven miles from Boston.

I will pass over the very hearty welcome which was given me by Mr. and Mrs. Field and the faculty, as I have little space to set out the main differences between the two schools, although in this connection I must admit that I have only had three weeks in which to observe and draw conclusions.

The day after I arrived I got up at 7 o'clock, to find that there was three inches of snow outside;

nobody seemed to know how it got there, and I was assured by the inhabitants that it was most unusual. Breakfast is at 7.30 a.m., and the food is extraordinarily good and much more varied than in England; especially is this so in the vegetables, and ice-cream plentiful (one has to eat two large basinfuls to qualify), but like all school food, there are many grumblings and complaints about it, simply because it is the 'done thing.'

At 8.30 there is a hymn and the lesson is read by the Headmaster. From 8.40 to 10.55 there are three periods; after this there is a recess, during which milk and 'crackers' (biscuits) are served to everyone. After this there are two periods, before lunch and 12.40. School starts again at 1.30, and there are two periods until 3 o'clock, when the various games are played.

This looks rather a stiff course at first glance, but it must be remembered that every boy has two or three free private study periods every day in which he may do the assignment or preparation, or, failing that, read a book or the newspapers. At night there is a study period for preparation, from 7.30 to 8.45, and again from 9 o'clock until 9.55, and lights out at 10 o'clock. Preparation is not assigned for any particular night, but usually one has to prepare a lesson for the following day in about three subjects. On Saturday there is no work at all.

There are three main sports, which are practised every day—track (running), tennis and base-ball. The latter is not very popular with many of the younger boys, and I am attempting to teach them to play 'soccer' (the temperature is between 80 and 90).

There is no particular dress here, and one of the boys to whom I was introduced on my first night—a very nice fellow—was wearing a sporting suit, a hard white collar, a blue-and-white spotted bow-tie, and a rather dilapidated carnation in his buttonhole. Plus-fours and black-and-white shoes are very popular.

There are very few rules here; the 'bounds' rules are fairly strict, however, and one is not allowed to chew gum in chapel. The boys themselves are pleasant and very friendly, although rather inclined to be a little more serious than the English prototype. On the whole this is a very attractive place, with an even more attractive and hospitable crowd of people. C. F. BYERS.

REVIEWS.

'THE STOCK EXCHANGE.' By H. D. Berman, O.W. (Simpkin Marshall.)

THIS admirable little book fulfils a long-felt need amongst that large section of the public who have

no knowledge of the workings of high finance, but yet desire to make investments on a small scale. These in the past have been frequently handicapped by an ignorance of how to set about investing their money and a shyness in asking questions that will expose their ignorance of technical terms or procedure. This book makes the path of the novice investor easy; in simple terms and with amusing examples it makes the methods of the Stock Exchange clear, and explains the mysteries of share juggling, and the reasons for the price fluctuations of shares, which to the uninitiated always seem quite arbitrary. Particularly useful is the chapter on Orders, in which full and explicit instructions for buying and selling shares are given, and all the traps into which the unwary may fall are carefully pointed out, with special emphasis on the use of correct Stock Exchange jargon.

The value of the book is greatly increased by the very full glossary of technical terms which is given; these often prove a real stumbling block to the beginner in investments, but he will now have no excuse for ignorance of the correct phraseology.

Finally, Mr. Berman is to be congratulated on a thoroughly readable and interesting work which should have a considerable popularity.

P. L. S.

'BIG BEN LOOKS ON.' By John Guildford (Grayson & Grayson.)

The rising tide of detective stories has engulfed Westminster in its flow, and we are now invited to inquire into the death, surrounded by a host of mysterious circumstances, of an exceedingly unpopular master at a school—not mentioned by name, but, judging from the proximity of Big Ben, a Latin play and picturesque figures which we may easily recognise, none other than our own.

So, where before we saw ourselves through a glass darkly, we see now face to face; and we hardly know ourselves. We are, however, relieved of entire responsibility by the intervention of a friendly note, stating that the action takes place at some time in the future. But yet we cannot feel satisfied, for the scenes and plot take place in surroundings resembling our own, with just enough inaccuracy to make us bridle and wish the whole thing was fictitious, or that it was strictly correct; yet it has enough corroborative detail, such as one from outside might glean, to make the picture convincing on superficial examination. So we are saddled with the responsibility.

A number of people behave in an exceedingly strange way on hearing of the death of this exceedingly unpopular master, and, when each has drawn his own red herring across the trail, the mystery

is solved by the convenient unmasking of a man with a foreign name, who has ingeniously been kept in the background until needed. The foreign name is, of course, Russian; and the Bolshevik Third International *motif* is exploited, with reference to the Corps *v.* Socialist, Science *v.* Classics disputes—crowned by a magnificent invention.

These feelings are complicated by the feud of shadow and substance, the hero-worship of fag for monitor, the caricaturing of masters, the love affairs giving a sinister turn to every scene—what possibilities there are for secret meetings in the school buildings and Abbey precincts may come as a surprise to some who frequent them. With armoury rows, bets on the result of races at Water, and fearful struggles for Pinks, the accepted version of school life is accurately represented.

Into the middle of these complicated affairs comes an American detective of the quick-draw type, watched and supported benevolently by a Scotland Yard inspector. With feminine tears and masculine outbursts, it needs a chronological inversion of the usual type and the separate following of each of the chief characters' fortunes to bring the story to a conclusion acceptable to all, with a few Grand Inquisitor's tears shed over posthumously-discovered virtues of the victim. The constantly recurring theme of Big Ben's chimes is used skilfully, not so overworked as to be tedious, and this, more than anything else, keeps the plot from disintegrating into its various components. There are so many cupboards to account for—and really every one has its own skeleton to disclose—that relief must be felt at the *dénouement*, for it does not require the reader to gather up all the threads previously exhibited.

To the novel-reading public this book will, no doubt, be interesting, as providing them with a new 'atmosphere' in which they can have unravelled for them the extraordinary private lives of apparently ordinary people; and it is to be hoped that they will enjoy it. But we may be pardoned for suggesting that, though some sort of atmosphere undoubtedly is created, it is not ours, and that we are not convinced. If the reviewer had been conscientious, he would have spent some bad hours in tabulating the various inaccuracies and the frequent faults of style; but, of course, Baliol, corbells, Abby may be misprints. And then there is always 'that most frightfully important thing, soul-satisfying beauty.'

SCOTT LIBRARY.

A NEW PUBLICATION.

THE fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Scott Library is marked by the appearance of a

bulletin consisting of forty pages of printed matter and eleven plates. It opens with an account of the inception and development of the Scott Library, which is followed by articles on the incunabula in the possession of the School, on the modern language section, and on George Herbert's poetry, and by an imaginative description of the ideal of a school library. It contains also some account of the work which is at present being done, and reviews of numerous recent books of every kind. Among the illustrations are photographs of pages and bindings of some of the earliest books in the Busby Library.

The publication is priced at 1s., and can be obtained from the Librarian or from the School Book Shop, Little Dean's Yard, S.W. 1 (post free, 1s. 2½d.).

THE WATER.

SINCE the end of last term nothing out of the ordinary has happened at Putney. The first four Eights have been busy settling down to their final order, which is, by now, practically decided. Numerous *impromptu* races between the Eights have done much to speed up the decision. For the First Eight the term opened promisingly, with a fortnight's tubbing and coaching from Mr. Fisher, and much progress was made in spite of the absence of Three, who was still suffering from the after-effects of the holidays. Later on, when Mr. Franklin again took over, the one or two gaps left by slight cases of sickness were filled by the coach himself and by Strother-Stewart, who is denied a place in the final order owing to an examination. After weeks of steady slogging, the Eight is now going very well, assisted once more by Dr. MacEldowney, who has just started coaching us for the first time this term. The Second Eight also coached by Mr. Franklin, has to a large extent shared the training programme adopted by the First Eight—without its misfortunes—and shows signs of being a fast crew. The Third and Fourth Eights, under Mr. Fisher and Mr. Carleton, have also been 'sailing in company,' and have made several successful trips to Kew during the first few weeks of Term.

The Lower Watermen are again under the care of M. P. Lonnon and I. D. Lloyd, and Mr. Young is kindly giving us some valuable help by coaching an Eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Saturday afternoons this same Eight is taken by Mr. L. P. B. Bingham, O.W., who continues with the good work accomplished during the week. We understand, also, that Mr. B. N. Gedye, O.W., is lending us his services after the Exeat. Such valuable assistance as we have been given is indeed

very welcome, as it allows the members of the Eights who would otherwise be coaching to get in tubbing, sculling, and a rest before the outing with the crew. We therefore heartily thank these gentlemen, together with Mr. P. Fleming, whom we have the pleasure of seeing again, for their help during this, the busiest of terms.

The Novices, who are being grounded in the art of rowing in true fixed-seat style by the Head of the Water, are making admirable progress, several of them having just experienced their first outing on the water.

The Head of the Water wishes to apologise for the late arrival of the Fixture List, which has been delayed by the occurrence of sickness in the Eight.

The following races have been arranged for the Eights :

First Eight.

Imperial College First Eight, 5.30 p.m., Thursday, June 8.

St. Paul's School First Eight, 5.30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13.

Henley Royal Regatta, July 5, 6, 7, 8.

Second Eight.

Imperial College Second Eight, 5.30 p.m., Thursday, June 8.

St. Paul's School Second Eight, 5.30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13.

Eton Second Eight (*away*), Thursday, June 22.

Radley Second Eight (Marlow Regatta), Saturday, June 24.

Third Eight.

Emanuel School First Eight, 3.15 p.m., Thursday, June 22.

St. Paul's School Third Eight, 5.30 p.m., Thursday, June 15.

Radley Third Eight (*away*), Wednesday, June 28.

Fourth Eight.

Emanuel School Second Eight, 3.15 p.m., Friday, June 23.

St. Paul's School Fourth Eight, 5.30 p.m., Thursday, June 15.

As we go to press we have to congratulate Mr. G. A. Ellison, a former Head of the Water, on becoming President of the Oxford University Boat Club, an office that has not been occupied by a Westminster for several generations. We have also to congratulate Messrs. E. L. Dams and J. O. V. Edwards on retaining the Oxford University Pairs this year.

It has been decided to enter the Eight for the Marlow Eights Cup at Marlow Regatta. The Second Eight will be competing for the Public Schools' Vase on the same day.

The Eight takes up residence at Twyford on Saturday, July 1st.

J. C. C.

BOXING.

THE Inter-House Boxing Competition attracted no fewer than 69 entries, and occupied the greater part of the Lent Term. It is hoped next year to

hold it in the Play Term. By so doing there should be more competition for the School team and greater certainty that the best team will be chosen. A considerable number of boys only box for their House, and do not therefore realise how they compare with the regular boxers until the season is nearly over.

Some very good fights were seen in the competition, and, as the table of points shows, Busby's were first, 7 points ahead of Rigaud's. Last year these two Houses tied for first place, and it was again a keen struggle between them.

The results of the finals were as follows :

- 5 st. 7 Murray (R.) beat Penney (R.).
- 6 st. Davies (R.) beat Jessop (R.).
- 6 st. 7 Hart (G.) w.o.
- 7 st. Henderson-Roe (R.) w.o.
- 7 st. 7 Ivanovic (B.) beat O'Brien, C. (C.).
- 8 st. Thomas (B.) beat Kendall (R.).
- 8 st. 7 Wallis (R.) beat Argyle (G.).
- 9 st. Beale (B.) beat Baker (B.).
- 9 st. 7 Graham Little (B.) beat Richardson (R.).
- 10 st. Bury, K. (G.) beat Stocker (R.).
- 10 st. 7 Beyts (C.) beat Bompas (G.).
- 11 st. 6 Grace (B.) beat Belson (A.H.).
- Over 11 st. 6 Stevens (B.) beat Bindloss, E. (B.).

Points were gained as follows :

	BB.	RR.	GG.	K.SS.	A.HH.
5 st. 7	—	3	—	—	—
6 st.	—	3	—	—	—
6 st. 7	—	—	1	—	—
7 st.	—	1	—	—	—
7 st. 7	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	—
8 st.	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—
8 st. 7	1	4	2	—	—
9 st.	6	1	—	—	—
9 st. 7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—
10 st.	—	2	4	—	—
10 st. 7	—	1	2	4	—
11 st. 6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	—	2
Over 11 st. 6	3	—	—	—	—
	$27\frac{1}{2}$	$20\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	6	2

GYMNASIUM.

THE House Cup was won this year by College, with a total of 152½ points, Rigaud's being second with 123. It is some years now since Rigaud's claim to the Cup has been challenged at all seriously—though these two Houses have had many close fights for it in the past. It is hoped that other Houses will make a determined effort to enter pairs for next year's competition, and so add to its interest. The individual results were as follows :

- Senior.*—Beyts (C.), 79. *Junior.*—Cotter (R.), 71.
- McFarlane (C.), 73½. King (C.), 68½.
- Cresswell (R.), 66. Cunliffe (C.), 67.
- Rayne (C.), 62. Davies (R.), 66.
- Rice Stringer (R.), 57. Urquhart (C.),
- Cotter (R.), 55. 63½.
- Humphreys (R.), 48.

The Elizabethan Club.

- President*—MR. H. F. MANISTY, K.C.
Hon. Treasurer—SIR ERNEST GOODHART, Bt.,
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Hon. Secretary—MR. G. E. TUNNICLIFFE, 15, Arundel
 Street, W.C. 2.
Hon. Secretary (Games)—MR. P. H. WYATT, O.B.E.,
 26, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. 1.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

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| A. | 1930-32 | GRUNDY, Charles James Estlin, 7, Gayferé Street, S.W. 1. |
| BB. | 1929-33 | HOPKYNs, J. C. W., Meadlands, Stowmarket, Suffolk. |
| GG. | 1929-33 | HUNT, A. G., Glenmuir, Liskeard Gardens, Blackheath, S.E. 3. |
| RR. | 1929-33 | BEYTS, A. G. A., Villa Luxor, San Stefano, Alexandria, Egypt. |
| RR. | 1932-33 | CAW, J. M., 21, Putney Hill, S.W. 15. |
| H.BB. | 1928-33 | BALDWIN, J. A., 31, Abercorn Place, St. John's Wood, N.W. 8. |
| A.HH. | 1929-33 | ARIS, J. B., 21, Purley Rise, Purley, Surrey. |

The Annual General Meeting of the Club has been fixed for Wednesday, July 12, at 3.45 p.m.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

THE WESTMINSTER BALL.

- Mr. R. T. Squire (*Chairman*).
 Mr. J. Poyser, O.B.E. (*Hon. Treasurer*).
 Mr. R. C. Orpen (*Hon. Auditor*).

The Westminster Dance will be held at the May Fair Hotel on Friday, June 30. Tickets, 15s. single, 25s. double, can be obtained from any member of the Dance Committee, and tables can be reserved on application to the Hon. Secretaries, 222, Strand, W.C. 2.

BAND: DICK RICHARD'S.

OLD WESTMINSTERS FOOTBALL CLUB.

Hon. Secretary.

C. J. PINDER, 49, St. Charles Square, W. 10.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED, JANUARY—APRIL, 1933.

FIRST ELEVEN.

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| Jan. | 7— | Ibis F.C. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 5-4 |
| " | 14— | St. Bartholomew's Hospital | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 3-0 |
| " | 21— | Reading University | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 4-2 |
| " | 28— | Old Etonians (2nd Round Arthur Dunn Cup) | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 3-0 |
| Feb. | 4— | King's College | ... | ... | ... | ... | Drawn, 3-3 |
| " | 11— | R.M.C. | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 5-1 |
| " | 18— | St. Thomas's Hospital | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 6-1 |
| Mar. | 4— | Old Salopians (Semi-Final Arthur Dunn Cup) | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 3-8 |
| " | 11— | Middlesex Hospital | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 4-1 |
| " | 25— | Old Citizens | ... | ... | ... | ... | Drawn, 4-4 |

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| April | 8— | Old Chigwellians | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 1-4 |
| " | 15— | H.A.C.... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 0-6 |

'A' ELEVEN.

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| Jan. | 7— | Old Malvernians 'A' | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 0-8 |
| " | 14— | Alleyn Old Boys 2nd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 2-5 |
| " | 21— | Watford Amateurs 2nd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 3-1 |
| Feb. | 4— | H.A.C. 2nd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 8-1 |
| " | 11— | Wye College | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 4-1 |
| " | 18— | R.M.C. 2nd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 2-5 |
| Mar. | 4— | H.A.C.... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 5-3 |
| " | 11— | Old Cholmelians 'A' | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 5-0 |
| " | 25— | Beckenham Bedouins | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 7-2 |
| April | 1— | Old Chigwellians 'A' | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 2-1 |

EXTRA 'A' ELEVEN.

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| Jan. | 7— | Old Cholmeilians 'B' | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 1-5 |
| " | 21— | No. 1 Cornhill 3rd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 6-5 |
| Feb. | 4— | Old Owens 3rd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 3-2 |
| " | 11— | Borough Polytechnic 3rd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Won, 4-2 |
| " | 18— | Merton 3rd XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 2-4 |
| Mar. | 4— | Old Foresters 'A' | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 2-4 |
| " | 11— | Lloyds Bank 5th XI | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 1-3 |
| April | 1— | (Veterans) Old Carthusians Veterans | ... | ... | ... | ... | Lost, 1-2 |

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Agst.
1st XI	...	28	17	8	3	95 71
'A' XI	...	23	14	8	1	78 59
Extra 'A' XI	...	16	7	8	1	39 46

(Note.—The results of matches played during September-December were published in our last issue.)

The Club have played the record number of 67 matches during the past season, with three elevens every Saturday.

This programme for three elevens will be continued next season, and the Hon. Secretary will be very pleased to hear from any new members desirous of playing.

The Club met Carshalton in the first round of the Amateur Football Association Senior Cup, and lost an exciting match by 2 goals to 3.

In the Arthur Dunn Cup, after a bye in the first round, we met the Old Etonians in the second round at Vincent Square on January 28.

We publish the following account of the match from *The Times* of January 30:

The Old Westminsters beat the Old Etonians at Vincent Square on Saturday in the second round of the Arthur Dunn Cup by two goals to none. There was a time when a match between these two teams was a meeting of some of the most famous players in the country. Those days are past; nevertheless the game provided some entertaining football.

The ground was like concrete, and some of the Old Etonians turned out in plus-fours instead of the usual shorts, while others wore rubber shoes. There was much wisdom in these unorthodox precautions; in fact, those equipped in this way stood out as the leading players of their side. They were, however, beaten by a better team in the Old Westminsters, whose half-backs tackled with tremendous vigour, and by swinging long

passes from one wing to the other kept the opposing defence so busy that they had no time to help their own forwards.

The Old Westminster forwards were without C. A. Harvey, who was playing for Scotland at Glasgow, but they were soon busy. Cooper made two good runs on the right, but in Peel, the Old Etonian Captain, he was up against the best player on the field. Peel's kicking and heading were quite first-class, and he never allowed Cooper to get within easy shooting range. After ten minutes, however, Westminster scored the important first goal. Andrews, who has now played for many years, manœuvred cleverly in beating two men before lobbing across a perfect centre. There was a misunderstanding among the Old Etonian defenders, and before they could make up their minds what to do Broadhurst headed without difficulty past Coleridge. The Old Etonians made some individual attempts to break through, Brownrigg dribbling well, and Capel-Cure working hard on the right.

In the main, however, the Old Westminsters kept on top, and, after Lonsdale had hit the side of the net with a hard drive, they went further ahead with a fine goal. Ryland pushed the ball through for Gardiner to take it in his stride. He made a splendid burst, but appeared to have lost control when he shot from a very acute angle. Coleridge kept goal with great skill all through, and he seemed to have covered the shot. Gardiner's drive, however, was perfectly timed and went high into the corner of the net. The second half ran on very much the same lines, for the Old Etonians never gave up trying, and Benson twice had to save from Brownrigg. The better method of the Old Westminsters always made them the more dangerous team, although they could not again overcome the resolute defence of Peel and Fairfax-Cholmeley with the massive Coleridge behind them. The teams were :

Old Westminsters.—J. G. A. Benson; J. A. Cook, F. M. Radermacher; E. G. H. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, D. E. Ryland; K. H. L. Cooper, M. Broadhurst, W. E. Newall, K. J. Gardiner, N. P. Andrews.

Old Etonians.—F. J. R. Coleridge; R. H. Fairfax-Cholmeley, J. F. R. Peel; G. W. de Winton, H. M. Shepherd-Cross, R. A. McNeile; G. N. Capel-Cure, J. N. Hogg, P. H. A. Brownrigg, P. McNalty, J. D. C. S. Macre.

In the semi-final round at the Crystal Palace on March 4 the Club were defeated by the Old Salopians by 3 goals to 8. Our opponents were represented by practically the same team that won the Cup last season.

The following played for O.W.W.: W. N. McBride, goal; J. A. Cook and F. M. Radermacher, backs; E. G. H. Lonsdale, I. W. A. Symington, D. E. Ryland, half-backs; K. H. L. Cooper,

K. J. Gardiner, C. A. Harvey, M. Broadhurst and N. P. Andrews, forwards.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Tuesday, April 11, when the following Officers were elected for next season :

Hon. Sec.—C. J. PINDER.

Asst. Hon. Sec.—W. M. ATWOOD.

Capt. 1st XI.—I. W. A. SYMINGTON.

Vice-Capt. 1st XI.—D. E. RYLAND.

Capt. 'A' XI.—T. G. HARDY.

Vice-Capt. 'A' XI.—G. M. E. PAULSON.

Capt. Extra 'A' XI.—W. M. ATWOOD.

Vice-Capt. Extra 'A' XI.—C. D. BROWN.

Committee.—D. E. RYLAND, T. G. HARDY, G. M. E. PAULSON, W. M. ATWOOD, I. W. A. SYMINGTON (*Capt.*) and C. J. PINDER (*Hon. Sec.*).

O.W.W. GOLFING SOCIETY.

The Society reached the semi-final round of the Halford-Hewitt Cup at Deal this year, and were beaten by the Old Rugbeians G.S., the eventual winners.

The results were as follows :

In the first round the Society drew a bye and in the second round beat the Old Radleians G.S. 3-2.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.		OLD RADLEIANS.	
W. L. Hartley and R. Chapman...	0	E. Noel Layton and D. W. Turner (1 hole) ...	1
R. W. Hartley and J. G. Barrington-Ward (4 and 3) ...	1	W. R. P. Gronow and W. H. P. Tamplin ...	0
H. Gardiner-Hill and M. de J. Creswick (2 and 1) ...	1	J. R. Robins and R. E. Osborn-Smith ...	0
Carol Powers and C. M. Page ...	0	E. A. Stuart and J. L. Harvey (6 and 5) ...	1
G. S. Blaker and A. C. Grover (6 and 5) ...	1	H. L. Turner and W. E. Preston ...	0
	3		2

In the third round the Society beat the Old Reptonians G.S. by 5-0.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.		OLD REPTONIANS.	
H. Gardiner-Hill and M. de J. Creswick (5 and 4) ...	1	Sir G. F. Palmer and W. D. Robinson...	0
W. L. Hartley and R. Chapman (at the 19th)	1	H. M. Morris and D. Piper ...	0
R. W. Hartley and J. G. Barrington-Ward (3 and 2) ...	1	The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe and D. Smythe	0
C. Powers and C. M. Page (3 and 1) ...	1	R. Sykes and J. H. Walton ...	0
G. S. Blaker and A. C. Grover (3 and 1) ...	1	L. H. Merton and T. N. Grice ...	0
	5		0

In the fourth round the Society beat the Old Eastbournians G.S. by 3-2.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.		OLD EASTBOURNIANS.	
W. L. Hartley and R. Chapman (3 and 1)...	1	R. A. Howell and H. S. Matik ...	0
R. W. Hartley and J. G. Barrington-Ward ...	0	W. C. Hewitt and R. B. Clough (3 and 2) ...	1
H. Gardiner-Hill and M. de J. Creswick (2 and 1) ...	1	Lt.-Col. H. S. Poyntz and R. E. Frearson...	0
C. Powers and C. M. Page ...	0	J. A. Griffiths and J. W. Griffiths (5 and 4) ...	1
G. S. Blaker and A. C. Grover (5 and 3) ...	1	D. F. Hepburn and R. F. J. Colsell ...	0
	3		2

In the semi-final round the Society was beaten by Old Rugbeians 3-2.

OLD WESTMINSTERS.		OLD RUGBEIANS.	
W. L. Hartley and R. Chapman (2 holes) ...	1	A. S. Bradshaw and J. S. Mellor ...	0
R. W. Hartley and J. G. Barrington-Ward (1 hole) ...	1	D. Watson and A. D. Cave ...	0
H. Gardiner-Hill and C. Powers ...	0	D. H. R. Martin and H. M. Gow (4 and 3) ...	1
M. de J. Creswick and C. M. Page ...	0	R. S. Mays-Smith and G. Simpson (6 and 5) ...	1
G. S. Blaker and A. C. Grover ...	0	J. S. C. Maughan and J. S. Rowell (5 and 4)...	1
	2		3

The Spring Meeting was held at Wentworth G.C. on April 25, when the results were:

GRAHAM CHALLENGE CUP.—R. K. Stilgoe, 93—17 = 76 *nett*.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE.—A. M. Harding, 85—8 = 77 *nett*.

BEST NETT SCORE OVER NINE SEALED HOLES.—J. M. Hornsby.

CLUB TANKARDS. (For best score against Bogey in the fourball foursomes competition.)—M. de J. Creswick (4) and W. B. Enever (10) 3 up.

OLD WESTMINSTERS FENCING CLUB.

SEASON 1932-33.

Up to the time of writing 8 matches have been fought, 3 won, 4 lost, 1 drawn, with 3 matches still to be decided. The Club, in common with most sports clubs, suffered badly through influenza in the early part of the year, though it was fortunate that championship members were lightly stricken. In the Dayne Cup—the Junior Foil Championship—Hoppé was runner up, while in the Junior Sabre Championship, the Ridley-Martin Cup, the same members came sixth. The Open Foil Championship saw Paterson and Hoppé knocked out in the semi-final, while the latter's departure in the Open Sabre was even more rapid—in the first round.

At Cambridge, Turquet represents the 'Varsity regularly, and was unlucky to miss his Blue as a Freshman. Whitney-Smith, at Oxford, has fought

consistently well, and is tipped for a place next year. Turquet, by the way, put up a splendid performance to win the Inter-Universities' Sabre Championship. Edwards, who represents the Inns of Court most successfully, has had very hard luck in being prohibited fencing for nine months as a result of an injury while playing rugger.

The membership of the Club has risen since last year, and next season will inaugurate the new H.Q. at the Inns of Court Regiment S. of A. by permission of the C.O.

A certain amount of correspondence with regard to public school fencing was instituted by the Club, during which it was proved that the art of fence as a sport, and not as a necessity, was enjoyed at Westminster as early as 1760, being taught by the world-famous Prof. Angelo.

PS.—An O.W.W. team is being entered for the Savage Shield. F. S. H.

Old Westminsters.

Sir Theodore Morison has been appointed to the position of Director of the British Institute in Paris.

Mr. G. A. Ellison has been elected President of the Oxford University Boat Club.

Mr. W. A. Pantin, Bishop Fraser Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History in the University of Manchester, has been elected to a lectureship in History at Oriol College, Oxford.

Mr. H. T. Tizard, C.B., Rector of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship at Oriol College.

At Christ Church, Oxford, Mr. A. F. Stephenson and Mr. R. F. Sammel have been elected to Fell Exhibitions.

Col. Sir Courtenay Vyvyan, of Trelowarren, Cornwall, has presented to the nation, through the National Trust, a property to the west of Mount's Bay, Cornwall, which includes the mass of granite known as the Logan or Rocking Stone. This famous stone, weighing 66 tons, can be moved and rocked by a child. William Borlaxe, the mid-eighteenth century chronicler of Cornwall, wrote that the stone was 'so evenly poised that any hand may move it to and fro but . . . it is morally impossible that any lever, or indeed any force (however applied in a mechanical way) can remove it from its present situation.' In 1824 this challenge was accepted by a certain Lieut. Goldsmith, R.N., a nephew of Oliver Goldsmith. With

the help of a boat's crew he managed to roll the stone off its base. It cost him £2,000 to have it replaced with the aid of elaborate machinery made expressly for the purpose.

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Births.

DEWAR.—On April 12, the wife of the Rev. Lindsay Dewar, a son.

SERVICE.—On May 8, the wife of Douglas William Service, a son.

TIARKS.—The wife of the Rev. J. G. Tiarks, Vicar of Christ Church, Norris Green, Liverpool, a daughter.

WALTERS.—On March 20, the wife of R. C. S. Walters, of Limen, Gerrards Cross, a daughter.

YOUNG.—On April 22, the wife of Murray Ferguson Young, of 37, Kenilworth Court, Putney, a daughter.

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Marriages.

BANKS-HALL.—On April 29, Maurice Alfred Lister Banks to Mary Ruth Hall, of Haverford, U.S.A.

BINYON-EMERSON.—On March 25, Denis Edmund Fynes-Clinton Binyon, of The University, Leeds, to Nancy Emmerson.

CALKIN-FROST.—On March 31, John Bernard Calkin to Eileen M. T. Frost, of Broadstone, Dorset.

CACHEMAILLE-DAY-POLENTZ.—On April 22, Nugent Francis Cachemaille to Anna Luise v. Polentz.

HOWELL-DUNN.—On May 2, Edmund Arthur Evelyn Howell to Bertha Jean, younger daughter of Lieut.-Col. C. L. Dunn, C.I.E., of Dunnfield, Londonderry.

KNOX-EAST.—On April 27, John Stuart Knox to Joan Norwood, daughter of William Norwood East, M.D., Medical Inspector of Prisons.

LEAVER-ROBINSON.—On April 22, Robert Henry Samuel Leaver to Audrey, daughter of Major R. A. Robinson, of Corfton Road, Ealing.

PHILCOX-GOLLOCK.—On May 1, by the Rev. W. B. Dams, Geoffrey Vincent Philcox to Nancy Mary Maunsell, only daughter of the late Mr. H. L. Gollock, of Military Hill, Cork.

STEVENS-MAISEY.—On April 18, the Rev. Guy Harrison Stevens to Dorothea Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maisey, of Randfontein, South Africa.

Obituary

We regret to have to announce the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

ALFRED WILLIAM ALCOCK was a son of Capt. John Alcock, and after having been at Mill Hill and Blackheath Schools was at Westminster from May, 1875, to May, 1876. After taking his degree at Aberdeen University he entered the Indian Medical Service, from which he retired in 1907 with the rank of Lieut.-Col. Throughout his Indian career he did distinguished work in zoology, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and an honorary LL.D. of Aberdeen, in recognition of his services. On his return to England he was appointed Professor of Anthropology in the London School of Tropical Medicine and of Medical Zoology at London University. He published several books and papers on these subjects. He was created C.I.E. in 1903. He died on March 24, aged 73. (See *Times*, March 27.)

CHARLES ALFRED ECCLES EACHUS was a son of George E. Eachus, M.I.C.E., and was at Westminster from 1882 to 1884. He became a well-known engineer and surveyor, and was District Valuer for East London. He died on May 1, in his 63rd year.

JOHN ARMYTAGE BATLEY was the elder son of John Batley, and was at Westminster from 1870 to 1875. He was subsequently at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1881. He became, however, a mechanical engineer, and had lived for many years at Astley Town, Stourport, where he died on May 1.

CHARLES VINCENT WILKS was the only son of William Henry Wilks of Headingly, Yorks. He was admitted in 1874, and left in 1879. He was subsequently at Christ Church, Oxford. He died at Southsea on April 25.

LEONARD CLIVE FOWELL was born on August 16, 1857, and was at Westminster from 1870 to 1875. He died at Shrewsbury on March 27.

HENRY ERNEST LANCE was a son of F. W. Lance, of Chorley Wood, Herts., and was at the School from 1876 to 1878. He was for 27 years Accountant to the Governors of the Bethlehem Royal Hospital. He died on October 4.

WILLIAM FRANCES HERSCHEL WATERFIELD was a son of William Waterfield (O.W.), and was admitted as a Q.S. in 1900. He acted Crito in the 'Andria' of 1904. In July, 1905, he was elected to an exhibition at Christ Church. During the war he served with the R.G.A. in France. He died on May 14 at Bloemfontein, South Africa, as the result of a motor accident, aged 46.

Those who were at Westminster in the late 80's will hear with regret of the death of the Rev. G. H. LENOX-CONYNGHAM. He was a Master at the School from 1888 to 1890, and was subsequently for many years a House Master at Fettes. Since 1917 he had been Rector of Lavenham, where he died on March 15.

MRS. RUTHERFORD.

All O.W.W. who were at the School from 1883 to 1901 will read with regret of the death of Mrs. Rutherford, widow of Dr. Rutherford, who was Head Master from 1883 to 1901. Mrs. Rutherford was much liked by all who came into contact with her, and especially by those who were fortunate to know her as their hostess at Bishopstone. Mrs. Rutherford, who was a daughter of the late Mr. J. T. Renton, married Dr. Rutherford in 1884. She leaves three daughters, with whom all O.W.W. who were at the School in the later years of the last century would wish, we are sure, to express their sympathy.

DR. ARMITAGE ROBINSON.

Many Westminsters will have seen with deep regret the death of Dr. Armitage Robinson, which took place on May 7. As Dean of Westminster (1902-11) he did much to forward the interests of the School and to ensure that the boys took their part on occasions great and small in the Abbey. It was his constant desire to get to know the boys as far as it was possible for him to do so. For many years he gave an annual dinner party in honour of the Captain of the School and the College Monitors (insisting that they should come in academic dress with kneebreeches and silk stockings), and invited to meet them the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Speaker and other such distinguished persons. There were also less formal luncheons at the Deanery, to which were invited any boys whom the Dean might happen to know and at which the Junior might find himself on a temporary, if uneasy, equality with the Captain. Afterwards all alike were taken up the towers and over the roof of the Abbey, the Dean himself leading the way and exhibiting all his early skill as a climber.

But to some the most abiding memory is that of the lectures on the early history of the Abbey, which he gave to a few of those at the top of the School. These informal lectures round his dining-room table were entirely delightful. No decanal engagement was allowed to interfere with them—'I must be allowed to have my boys and not be interrupted.' Here to the full he gave of his best, and the charm with which the story was unfolded, the profound knowledge lightened with flashes of humour, the vivid insight into the past and the

revelation of the patient care with which each small fact had first to be established and then filled into the fabric of the whole, gave an invaluable insight into the mind and method of a great scholar and antiquarian, and was an unforgettable experience for those who were privileged to be present.

Correspondence

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

MYMENSINGH,
BENGAL.

March 20, 1933.

DEAR SIR,—Lest it should be thought that Westminsters in India are unmindful of Little Dean's Yard and of all that pertains thereto I would request you to find space in your correspondence columns for this brief notice of an O.W.W. Dinner that was held at the Bengal Club in Calcutta on February 18 last. We were not a large company, and our senior member in this Presidency, Father Shore, of the Oxford Mission, was unfortunately prevented from attending by a slight attack of aphasia. Sir George Colvin, Agent of the East India Railway, was also unable to be present. As the subsequent list will show, however, the Services, the Church, and the Counting House were all represented; and only Grant's and Busby's among the School 'houses' failed to contribute members to the meeting. The following attended:

1. C. Holmes, Esq., O.B.E. (H.B., 1892-96).
2. Rev. P. E. Lee (H.B., 1895-99).
3. A. R. Henderson, Esq., I.C.S. (C., 1899-1904).
4. Major A. A. M. Davis (A.H., 1902-06).
5. A. E. F. Wood, Esq., I.P. (C., 1903-08).
6. R. D. Duttson, Esq. (R., 1917-20).
7. G. A. Cooper, Esq. (R., 1917-21).
8. W. A. Griffiths, Esq. (R., 1917-21).
9. E. B. H. Baker, Esq., I.C.S. (C., 1918-23).

Under the inspiring chairmanship of Mr. Henderson, whose recent elevation to the Bench of the 'High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal' is a just source of pride to us, the toast of 'Floreat' was drunk with acclamation. The Chairman delivered a most humorous speech on this occasion, and it is to be regretted that Our Special Correspondent was not by that time in a fit condition to record its substance. In the course of the discussion which followed it was proposed that Sir Hugh Stephenson, I.C.S., the present Governor of Burma, do invite his fellow Old Westminsters in India to dine with him in February, 1934, at Government House, Rangoon, and at Government's expense. This motion was carried unanimously, and we finally dispersed for another year with the cheering prospect of re-assembling in twelve months' time somewhere on the road to Mandalay. In conclusion, sir, and on behalf of all those who attended this Dinner, I would wish to convey our best wishes to Westminster and to all her endeavours.

Yours sincerely,
E. B. H. BAKER.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB,
CURZON STREET, W. 1.
May 18, 1933.

'A RUSSIAN IMPRESSION.'

DEAR SIR,—Forgive my returning to this unpleasant subject. 'Surely it is time that people realised that the

present regime * in Russia is not wholly bad, but that rather it has produced many things that are certainly worthy of our attention and sometimes of our admiration.'

The above are the concluding lines of Mr. D. H. Hubback's letter which appeared in your last issue.

Since then we have witnessed the 'frame up' trial of the British engineers at Moscow which was, I agree, certainly worthy of our attention.

So was the dread cry of despair of Tolstoy's daughter published in the *Morning Post* of February 15th, or the story of famine and misery told in the same paper on March 30th, and in the *Evening Standard* of March 31st, by Mr. Gareth Jones, former political secretary to Mr. Lloyd George, or the detailed account of inhuman cruelties recorded in Professor Tchernavin's letter in the *Times* of April 18th, or again in such a book as 'In the Clutches of Tcheka,' by Boris Cederholm.

These are not 'rumours fabricated by scaremongers in our daily press.' They are grim and terrible truths—there are plenty more of them—and the various pantomime shows arranged by the Soviet OGPU to evoke the admiration of unsophisticated English tourists, and others, are just a 'frame up' to camouflage the state of abject barbarism which exists under the hideous tyranny of the Moscow regime, and to mislead foreigners for propaganda purposes.

The result of Mr. Hubback's tour was to give him 'the impression that the Russians will succeed in their Communist experiments,' and so he concludes that 'Russia is a land of hope, if not yet of glory.'

I hope, for his own sake, that he has altered his views since then and realises how he was duped.

If the Russians wish to adopt Communism, the creed that does away with God, Church, patriotism, family life, and every moral law of the civilised world, let them do so in *Russia*, but for the sake of our own fair country in particular, and in a wider way for the sake of all that makes the Christian life worth living, HANDS OFF ENGLAND.

I pray we may hear no more of this unclean thing in the columns of THE ELIZABETHAN.

Yours faithfully,

L. A. M. FEVEZ.

* The *italics* are mine.

4, PAPER BUILDINGS,
TEMPLE, E.C. 4.
March 28, 1933.

DEAR SIR,—May I make a few comments at a somewhat late date on the article, which appeared in your December number, purporting to be the impressions gained by a boy still at school during a week's visit to Russia?

I will pass by the colossal cost in human life and suffering at which the very partial success of the Five Year Plan has been achieved. So long as your correspondent confines himself to giving his impressions and views I am content to refrain from comment, beyond stating that they are in direct opposition to the impressions of persons much better qualified to judge of these matters than a schoolboy. But when he makes the definite, and entirely untrue, assertion that the Bolsheviks are not opposed to religion, but only to the corrupt and tyrannical Russian church, then I feel it is time to intervene.

He is evidently under the impression that a week's visit to Russia entitles him to pose as an authority not only on what he was shown there, but also on Communism as a whole, since Bolshevism is only one manifestation of this noisome disease, whose history may be traced back to before the French Revolution. If he will curb his exuberance so far as to read a few books on the history of Communism in general, and that of the

Bolshevist rule in Russia in particular, as well as his daily papers, he will find that religion *as such* is one of the things which Communism has always been pledged to destroy, since its leaders have realised full well that no religious man or woman would touch their policy with a barge-pole. I would refer our traveller to the writings of Karl Marx; to the history of the French Revolution; to the speeches of Bolshevik leaders, in particular one made by Buchrian in the early days after the Revolution, in which he said that the pious Jew, and the religious Mohammedan and Buddhist were as much the enemies of Communism as the Christian, and must be crushed at all costs. I will remind him of the lorry loads of children driven through the Poplar district of London, dressed in red, and bearing banners with the legend, 'There is no God.' I ask him whether in the face of these facts (if he is ignorant of which he has no business to impress any views on Bolshevism at all), and of the denunciations of Communism by the leaders of every religious body in the world, he still sets himself up against them, and on the strength of one week's experience attempts to foist off on others the lies which his mentors in Russia and on board ship have so easily imposed upon his credulity?

The whole attitude of Communism towards religion is admirably summed up in the Lenten Pastoral of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, in which he writes as follows: 'The godless, soulless philosophy of Karl Marx has been put into practice in Russia, blighting that once Christian land, and the whole civilised world is suffering for the revolt against religion in the Soviet state. Communism, with its deification of the State, is logically compelled to banish God from its scheme, and the ruthless war which it is raging against every form of religion is of the essence of Bolshevism. Every country in Europe is suffering from the baneful effects of the irreligious and anti-religious propaganda of Communist emissaries. Their activities are as ubiquitous as they are pernicious. By both the written and the spoken word they spread their corrupt teaching with regard to marriage, family life, education and civic liberty; doctrines which make for the annihilation of civilisation.'

I well know that at a certain stage in youth, one is ever eager to defend the indefensible. But as I have already said, in so far as your correspondent confines himself to opinions I make no comment, but await with tolerant amusement the day, when like so many of my own acquaintances, he will emerge from this passing phase a full-fledged Tory die-hard! I have only been moved to shatter his illusions on the point of religion, because I feel so strongly that this part of the Communist programme is its most dangerous, and does indeed, in the words of Dr. Downey, 'make for the annihilation of civilisation.'

Should any of your readers have been inspired by this controversy with a desire to go further into the matter, may I strongly recommend a series of articles on Russia, which have appeared from time to time during the last few years in the Round Table, and also Mr. Loshbait's recently published book? Both are admirably fair and make most interesting reading.

Apologising for the inordinate length of this letter, which has indeed almost grown into an article on Russia,

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

GERALD JOHNSTONE.

BORDEAUX.

May 24, 1933.

DEAR SIR,—Every Westminster past and present must have rejoiced to hear that G. A. Ellison had been elected

President of the O.U.B.C., for it shows that the School is once more regaining the place it once occupied in the rowing world. In the last seven boat-races we have been represented in five and on one occasion we had two representatives. Ellison is the first Rowing President we have had at either 'Varsity since 1864, and I thought it might be of interest to make up a list of O.W.W. Presidents and Captains at both Oxford and Cambridge.

CRICKET.

Oxford. C. G. Lane 1859-1860.

FOOTBALL.

Oxford. W. S. Rawson 1875-6.
R. W. S. Vidal 1874-5.
F. W. Bain 1885-6.
F. Street 1892-3.

Cambridge. A. H. Harrison 1890-1.
H. O. C. Beasley 1898-9.
R. N. R. Blaker 1900-1.
F. Young 1901-2.
S. S. Harris 1903-4.
R. G. H. Lowe 1926-7.

ROWING.

Oxford. F. L. Moysey 1836.
C. Bewicke 1839.
J. J. T. Somers-Cocks 1840-41.
W. H. Milman 1846.
W. G. Rich 1849-50-51.
E. C. Burton 1847-8.

Cambridge. J. C. Hawkeshaw 1864.

GOLF.

Cambridge. R. W. Hartley 1925.

Thus we can claim ten Soccer Captains, seven Rowing Presidents and only one Cricket Captain. It is a curious fact that although we have had first-class old Westminster football players and oarsmen, we have never really produced a tip-top cricketer.

We have had sixteen Internationals at Soccer in C. W. Stephenson, R. W. S. Vidal, H. E. Rawson, W. S. Rawson, N. C. Bailey, R. T. Squire, W. R. Moon, R. R. Sandilands, W. N. Winckworth, A. H. Harrison, J. G. Veitch, S. S. Harris, W. B. Harris, C. R. Julian, R. G. H. Lowe and C. A. Harvey. We have been represented in rowing in the last three Olympic Games by H. R. A. Edwards (three times), R. G. Bare and H. W. M. Dullely, but we have yet to produce a Test Match cricketer.

Hoping that these facts may be of some interest to you and apologising for intruding on your valuable time.

Yours truly,

C. P. CLARK.

SPLEEN LODGE,

WENDOVER, BUCKS.

March 29, 1933.

MEMORIES OF DEAN HOBBS.

(Thos. Nelson & Sons.)

SIR,—Many years ago I heard an old Vicar, under whom I worked, say that if a book was worth reading, it was worth reading twice. His dictum I thought of as I re-read the above, for I found in it a story I have often told and could not remember where I learnt the thrilling story of a burglar killed by a dog.

But with pleasure I read also that in about 1843 Brasenose College boat, when in a low place on the river, Gilbert

Sandback stroked it, and it finally rowed to the head of the river by making a bump every night. He was succeeded by three admirable strokes—Bishton Garnett, Somers-Cocks and Francis Tuke. Somers-Cocks had been taught when at Westminster, by Aleck Reed, the noble art of self-defence, so when he was attacked by the blustering bully 'the Henley Pet' he punished that hero effectively.

I am,

Yours truly,

REV. R. BRUCE DICKSON,
O.W., 1855-61.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL,
OXFORD.

April 4, 1933.

DEAR SIR,—I think there must be an error in the Record of O.W.W. as to the date of leaving of the late Mr. E. H. Bailey. This is given as Christmas, 1865. Now, I did not enter Westminster till June, 1868, but I have a very distinct recollection of three Baileys, old, middle and young. I remember them all personally, and could have given the initials of all three without looking them up. I feel certain that the date should have been Christmas, 1868, at earliest, possibly even 1869.

Both his brothers passed away before him, and I have no School Lists of my period—all lost in a 'move,' but I think Mr. P. G. L. Webb or Mr. W. C. Ryde will confirm my memory of the Bailey trio.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. A. COWELL.

I, LITTLE DEAN'S YARD, S.W. 1.

May 29, 1933.

SIR,—I feel it is time that a protest was made against the deplorable policy of forcing boys to watch the matches of the First Eleven against cricket clubs. It is, indeed, disgraceful that they should be compelled to watch any cricket match, but for the present I will concede to our somewhat hidebound administrators the matches against other schools.

I know of only three effective reasons for games—exercise, enjoyment and mental relaxation. Watching at Vincent Square provides neither exercise nor enjoyment, and I doubt if boredom comes under the heading of mental relaxation. Instead of the three things named above, we suffer an unnecessary amount of physical discomfort, for since spectators apparently do not matter, those unfortunates whose station it is to line the boundary are exposed to every biting breeze, and, moreover, the majority of them to every shower of rain (as there is none but the most inadequate accommodation for them should the weather, as not infrequently happens, prove inclement).

It is, of course, only possible for a limited number of boys to play on Saturday afternoons; yet there is room for more games than one 'up Fields.' Boys should, as far as possible, be allowed to choose whether they will watch or play, and as many games as can be accommodated should be arranged; *under no circumstances* should those who choose to watch be obliged to do so for more than two hours. Those who are responsible for arranging station may not care for the extra trouble involved by these proposals, but they must like it or put up with it. The alternative is to have no official cricket station at all on Saturday afternoons, and to make it a purely voluntary matter for each individual as to what he does.

I should be very interested to hear, either privately or

through these columns, what arguments can be advanced in defence of the present system.

Yours faithfully,

FLI SIMPSON.

In reply to this letter, which was posted on the School door, the Editor has received the following :

I, LITTLE DEAN'S YARD,

June 2, 1933.

SIR,—With reference to the recent letter on School door, we the undersigned of Rigaud's would like to state that we greatly appreciate the opportunity of watching one cricket match a week. However we quite understand that to anyone who takes no interest in School affairs it must be somewhat boring.

We remain Sir,

Yours faithfully,

M. G. SUTTON,

N. WALLIS,

G. E. WYLIE-SMITH,

D. A. BLISS,

A. H. W. MATCHAM.

18, DEAN'S YARD,

WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—Before stating my views with regard to First Eleven cricket matches, let me heartily concur with your anonymous correspondent, in that 'something must be done.'

Perhaps his outlook is a little too pessimistic ; he offers no scheme for arousing the now dormant interest of the School. Admittedly, at present, one is thoroughly bored by watching a First Eleven match on Saturday. It is evidently owing to the fact that a very poor attempt is made by those responsible to sustain interest.

On arriving at the field, one has either to sit facing the score-board, which, being about 150 yards away, is extremely difficult to read, or one has to sit with one's back to it, and to get up every few minutes to see how the score is progressing, it being almost impossible to turn one's head while sitting in a deck-chair.

I suggest that the very excellent score-board which has been used for the first time this season be moved to a place where every spectator can comfortably read it. That place is by the screen, opposite the pavilion. I doubt whether any spectator with normal visionary powers could then fail to read it easily.

There is, however, a second and far more important point which is neglected. After having worn his eyes out in trying to follow the game and the score for three and a half hours (sometimes even more) the bored spectator departs. The game usually continues for some time after the majority of the School have gone. On the following Monday, if one tries to find out the ultimate result, it is in vain. No notice to the effect that the visitors' or our own team won the match is posted, nor can one tell until weeks afterwards (when a report of the game is given in THE ELIZABETHAN) who made the highest score, who bowled with success, and similar details.

I agree with your correspondent that boys should have the option of playing at Grove Park or watching. Still I maintain that the spectators would be slightly more enthusiastic if they could easily follow the match, and knew its result.

May I conclude by wishing the team every success, and by thanking the unknown School benefactor for the lead he has given to others in his enterprising, but frank, statement of opinion.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. HAMILTON-JONES.

2, LITTLE DEAN'S YARD,
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

June 2, 1933.

SIR,—Since you asked for comments on the letter pinned up on the School door I should like to send mine. I entirely agree with the writer except in so far as he suggests several games up fields while the First Eleven is playing. This would be ideal for those playing in the various games so arranged, but would cause the First Eleven and their opponents considerable trouble. Possibly nets might be used when matches are in progress ?

Besides the various objections to watching matches mentioned by the writer I should like to mention the following :

(1) Whereas members of the School watching a football match may to some extent encourage the players by shouting, etc., they do not in any noticeable way do the same for the players in the cricket matches.

(2) The reputation of the School is not increased in the eyes of visitors when they notice the numerous scraps of paper left by School spectators who can only get through the boredom of the afternoon with the help of sweets. Deck chairs left about the field and the sight of many people sleeping, talking to each other and taking no interest whatsoever in the game does not help our reputation either.

The writer of the letter above mentioned forgets that one of the objects of cricket is to combine exercise with fresh air. Lolling back in a deck chair gives fresh air. But fresh air without exercise is worse than useless.

I should suggest for Saturday's station optional watching the match, nets for some of the rest, while the others could be allowed to play fives or go to swimming baths. This would give exercise and amusement for all. Many others would be free to go home and play tennis, etc., there. Even doing work or reading is preferable to doing that which neither pleases, instructs or arouses the slightest interest, though the latter may have the advantage (?) of taking place in an open field. Reading and writing, which many would rather do, as is amply proved by the sort of recreation that people watching up fields indulge in, is undoubtedly better than being bored stiff or getting a headache watching cricket in the blazing sun without shade or shelter. No better opportunity for playing fives can be imagined than a Saturday afternoon. There is little enough time for fives otherwise except after station on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when everyone is too tired to wish to play.

Since one point is being criticised, I should mention gladly certain other aspects of cricket as conducted at Westminster School which scarcely bear criticism.

(1) Playing after school work on Monday.

The miserable 35 minutes which each side has to bat is scarcely worth the journey up fields.

(2) Two Grantite leagues. A House that can only raise fourteen men for the purpose has to raise two leagues. How can seven men and two subs., which is the usual composition of a Grantite league, hope to put up any sort of a game against a full side ? It means that our opponents do not get a good game and that we nearly always lose—which is very discouraging.

(3) Though bored stiff watching a First Eleven match, people do take an interest in and like to see their own House team playing in Juniors and Seniors. So everyone would prefer to go up fields to watch Juniors than to go down to Grove Park to play a miserable 'friendly' against another House.

Many people like playing cricket, but the time wasted going down and coming back from Grove Park is something to which many object. It is because of this journey that so many prefer the boredom of watching matches to going down to Grove Park.

It is quite enough to go 'up Groves' twice a week after all, without having to go there on Saturday too, when so many want to get home, or get free to do something else, and it is because of this, I should imagine, that no complaints about watching matches have been made before. The better of two evils is always preferable.

Hoping that if the alternative is to go down to Grove Park you will not stop us watching matches up fields, boring and useless as it is, I remain yours faithfully,

J. B. BURY.

The following second my proposals :

J. W. WINCKWORTH,
A. N. WINCKWORTH,
C. J. G. LONSDALE.

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

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