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It is with deep regret that THE ELIZABETHAN has to record the death of His Majesty King George V at five minutes to twelve on the night of Monday, 20th January, 1936.

On Tuesday, 21st January, a telegram was sent to the Queen at Sandringham expressing to Her Majesty the respectful sympathy of "The Head Master, Masters, King's Scholars and boys of the Royal Foundation of Westminster School."

The following gracious acknowledgment was received by telegram on 25th January, from Buckingham Palace :—

"I am commanded to convey to you and all who joined in your message the Queen's sincere thanks for these kind words of sympathy. Private Secretary."

On Monday, 27th January, a wreath of laurels and pink carnations from the whole School was sent to Windsor. It bore the following inscription, adapted from that composed in 1910 by Dr. Gow :

*A last homage*

*To our beloved Sovereign*

*King George V*

*From the scholars who first acclaimed him  
King*

*At his coronation.*

On Thursday, 23rd January, the School was given a reserved place at the entrance gates of New Palace Yard to witness the coming of the body of the late King to Westminster Hall. On Saturday, 25th January, and Monday, 27th January, the School was permitted to attend the Lying in State in Westminster Hall, in four separate parties, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., entering through New Palace Yard and the Star Chamber Court.

On Tuesday, 28th January, the School was accorded a place in Parliament Square, facing the entrance gates of New Palace Yard, to witness the funeral procession of His Late Majesty.

In the afternoon the whole School attended the Memorial Service in Abbey. The Head Master, the Master of the King's Scholars and the King's Scholars were seated in the Sacarium. The Masters and their wives and all the Town Boys were seated in the Nave on either side of the main aisle immediately to the West of the Choir Screen.

The King's Scholars wore the traditional mourning-crêpe on their caps. No games were played either in Vincent Square or in Green from 20th January until the day after the funeral of the King.

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## THE PLAY

### VISITORS

THE *Andria* of Terence was performed on December 14th, 16th and 18th, 1935. It was considered by many to be the best Play for years, and on all three nights the audience responded well both to the Play and to the Epilogue.

On Monday the Dean of Westminster was in the chair, and among the audience were the Iranian Minister, the Bishop of London, the Dean of Hereford, Sir John Davidson, Lord Justice Greene, Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, Sir Henry Pelham, Sir Charles Strachey, the Headmaster of Harrow, the Headmaster of Repton, Mr. F. S. Marvin, Sir Arthur Knapp, Mr. Edward Marsh, Sir Christopher Bullock, Sir John Chancellor, Sir John Stavridi, Sir Edward

Knapp-Fisher, Sir William Bragg, Sir F. Boyd Merriman, Sir Reginald Blomfield, Mr. E. Mond and Mr. Forbes Sieveking.

On Wednesday night Mr. P. G. L. Webb was in the chair, and among the audience were the Dean of Christ Church, Viscount Sankey, Dr. C. C. J. Webb, Professor D. S. Robertson, Sir Edgar Horne, the Attorney-General (Sir Thomas Inskip), the Bishop of Barking, Lord Finlay, Mr. Justice Bucknill, Lord Conway, Sir Cecil Hurst, Sir Philip Ben Greet, Sir Arthur Harding, Sir Walter Nicholson, Sir John Shuckburgh, Sir Edgar Bonham-Carter, Dr. Wimperis, the Rev. Dr. Brinton, the Rev. Dr. Mozley, Dr. Thomas Jones (Secretary of the Pilgrim Trust), Sir Stephen Tallents, Mr. Clifford Smith, Mr. L. E. Tanner, Mr. Robin Barrington-Ward, Canon Donaldson and Mr. J. Barry Atkins.

# PROLOGUS IN ANDRIAM

## 1935

Vivat Rex, vivat! Hoc praecipuum prologus  
 Ingeminet ore. Numquid tempestivius  
 Magisve ex animo? Namque abhinc quinquennia  
 Jam quinque sellae Princeps impositus sacrae  
 Cum primum dextra sceptrā, insigne regium,  
 Gestaret, nostris primum ante alias vocibus  
 Antiquo jure exceptus acclamantium est.  
 Quis igitur nostrum est quin eo imploret magis,  
 Communes inter plebis ac populi preces,  
 Servatum adhuc ut etiam conservet Deus  
 Diuque imperii fausti spatium proroget?

Interea ne vos tamquam ad limina, hospites,  
 Stantes relinquam aut insalutatos, bene  
 Salvere jubeo. Comitiiis a publicis  
 Jam feriatos fas nobiscum ludere,  
 Quis cui sit adversatus, cui quis faverit  
 Oblitos. Hic concordiae integratio est.  
 Utinam ergo accipiat partium suffragia  
 Cunctarum eadem in urna nostrum hoc ludi-

Quod ad nos, si quis forte dormitorii [crum!  
 Hujusce ubi sedetis exteriorem habet  
 Partem observatam ingrediens, vix fefellerit  
 Res magna visum. Ut coluber exuviis novus  
 Positis, sic muri totum opus latericium  
 Exuta turpi veste renovat pristinam  
 Juventam; tum qua ancillae, nympharum genus,  
 Stygios colebant ritus, surgit porticus  
 Venuste jam incohata, ornamentum loci.  
 Hoc tantum acceptum lucrum rettulimus tibi,  
 Vitruvi noster, tibi que, alumnorum optime,  
 Scriptis tam claris qui haec illustras tempora.

Impensas operum quidam munifici' luunt  
 Quos vix Latine nedum versu est dicere.

Jam cordi est nobis inter haec sollemnia  
 Et mos est, morem vobis approbantibus,  
 Ornatur si quis nostras in re publica  
 Domi quoque illum ornare propriis laudibus.  
 Illum<sup>2</sup> dicamus, juris consultissimum,  
 Qui cum forensi fama praeter ceteros  
 Princeps diu fuisset, nondum aevo senex  
 Seniorum in sedes judicum provectus est.  
 Teque,<sup>3</sup> o Senatus forte propugnaculum,  
 Qui curas inter publicas summa tamen  
 Nos etiam semper curas beneficentia,  
 Jam factum esse Auratum Equitem laetati sumus.

Postremo flere mortuos pietas sinit.  
 Grata in memoria, nomina etsi omittimus,  
 Servantur omnes. Unum<sup>4</sup> tantum nomino,  
 Magistrum emeritum, bene quem quondam haec  
 pulpita  
 Norant. Docebas annos tu multos gregem,  
 Neque unquam, amice, vel leves labeculas  
 Ludentum negligebas. Immo hunc in diem  
 Quod nos placemus, placuerit si quid, tuum est.

<sup>1</sup> The original brickwork of College is being laid bare and a porch built adjoining it in Little Dean's Yard, by means of a gift from the Pilgrim Trust.

<sup>2</sup> The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Greene has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal.

<sup>3</sup> The Right Hon. Sir John C. C. Davidson, M.P., has been made G.C.V.O.

<sup>4</sup> The Rev. A. G. S. Raynor, Master of the King's Scholars from 1886 to 1921, died on June 2, 1935.

## EPILOGUS IN ANDRIAM 1935

CHREMES (A Butler) ... .. .	B. E. URQUHART
MYSIS (A Maid) ... .. .	W. P. W. BARNES
DAVUS (An Ardent Seeker after Peace) ... .. .	H. V. KING
SIMO (An English Prime Minister) ... .. .	D. PETLEY
SOSIA (An Elder Politician with a New Plan) ... .. .	W. J. A. BOYLE
BYRRHIA (A French Statesman) ... .. .	C. M. O'BRIEN
CHARINUS (A German Statesman) ... .. .	T. CHANING-PEARCE
CRITO (A Wandering Jew) ... .. .	G. C. CASTELLAIN
PAMPHILUS (An Italian) ... .. .	E. H. SEWARD
DROMO (An Early Forefather) ... .. .	J. A. HEAD
LESBIA (An Early Foremother) ... .. .	M. F. DOWDING
AN ETHIOP ... .. .	J. D. W. GEARE
AN AMERICAN ... .. .	G. L. LILLY
SERVUS I } (A Dachshund) ... .. .	{E. M. H. WILKINSON
SERVUS II }	{J. A. STAYNES

SCENE: A latter-day Garden of Eden, containing a conference table and an apple-tree. (CHREMES and MYSIS are discovered arranging the conference table.)

CHR. O Mysis, Mysis, capiunt me taedia!

MY. Quidni?

CHR. Foedera, congressus, colloquia hortus olet.  
Verba et sermones—

MY. Sermones verbaque—

CHR. Semper

Audimus; vox, vox—

MY. praetereaue nihil.

Quos hodie exspectat dominus?

CHR. Mox irruet illa

Turba alienorum barbara.

MY. Turpe pecus!

Quidnam nunc agitant?

CHR. Pacem, bellum, et quota cuique  
Navalis ratio debeat attribui.

(MYSIS labels the conference chairs.)

MY. Italia, Aethiopes, Germania, Gallia . . .

CHR. (interrupting) Noli

Ponere sic sedes. At similis simili

Jungatur.

(He rearranges them, so spoiling the metre.)

MY. Quid agis? Nam id versu dicere non est.

CHR. (reverses the cards) Corrigrere hunc versum  
quilibet, ecce, potest.

Aethiopus, Gallus, Romanus, Teutonius,

Anglus.

(Enter DAVUS.)

En, hic Davus adest!

DA. 'Pax' hodie dabitur

Tessera. Pax!

CHR. Pax!

MY. Pax!

DA. Mox illos adfore credo.

Qui de pace mihi—

CHR. Nil nisi verba dabunt!

Ut semper! Qui multa diu mendacia veris

Paucis mista edent! Tanta-ne falsa fidem

Nunc quoque habent? Doceat, quaeso,  
experientia tandem!

DA. Nil agis. At nunc haec, quae loquor, aure  
bibas.

Si bene res hodie mihi cesserit, est satis; at  
si . . .

CHR. Si bene? *Es insanus!* Si male, quid facies?

DA. (producing a bottle, labelled 'Pax Rediviva,  
\*\*\*')

Si res—di meliora—ad vim spectabit et  
iram,

Tum mihi demum anceps experienda  
via est.

CHR. Quod tentabis iter?

DA. Veteres per philtra regressum  
Quaerebant Veneris; sic ego Pacis.

CHR. (smelling the contents) Odor,  
Vae, quis inest?

MY. Claretne satis?

DA. Tria sidera portat!  
Sic saltem experiar. Si modo clamor erit,

Pocula ferte immista liquore hoc.  
 MY. Anne venenum est?  
 DA. In *cocta* latitans efficit ille merum  
 Dulcius innocuus. (*Looking at his watch*)  
 Congressus advenit hora.  
 Vos procul este. Volo dicta parare.  
 (*As CHREMES and MYSTIS turn to go out, they are stopped by the approach of SIMO.*) Quid est?  
 CHR. Ecce Britannorum accedit pater ipse senatus!  
 DA. Exoptatus adest (*To SIMO*) An leviora refert?  
 SI. Munera mutantur nos et mutamur in illis!  
 Orbem pacatum quando videre licet?  
 DA. Cum meliora vident homines—  
 SI. eademque sequuntur!  
 Si pacem volumus, bella parare simul Expediit.  
 DA. Ei mihi! Sic itur—  
 SI. Per castrane ad astra?  
 Sed quid iam restat? Quae superest ratio?  
 (*Enter SOSIA, bearing a large volume entitled 'Consilium Novum.'*)  
 SO. Me, me, adsum qui feci, in me convertite—  
 DA. Quid vis?  
 SO. Consilium adduco grande, salubre, novum.  
 Inde manu deleta mea mala reddere possum  
 Omnia. Quid dicis?  
 SI. Dicere vix valeo.  
 An sanare potes tu vulnera totius orbis?  
 SO. Omnia restituam si moderamen ego  
 Rerum habeam.  
 SI. Nobis moderando hic restituet rem!  
 Praemia habere velis imperiumque meum?  
 DA. Nonne malam in partem talis fert, *Sosia*,  
*lis te?*  
 SO. Nil moror has partes. Praestat iter  
 medium!  
 Nonne *labor par te* exercet qui me quoque  
 tangit,  
 Ut ne quid nimis?  
 SI. At consilii quid habes?  
 SO. Hic *tomus* evolvit quo progrediamur inulti  
 Scyllaque qua latrat, quaque Charybdis  
 hiat.  
 SI. Non vacat has nobis hodie perpendere  
*nugas*:  
 Nos graviora manent. Praeterit hora.  
 Vale!

(Exit.)

So. (*departing*)  
 Dave, dolebis! Et haec olim meminisse  
 juvabit.  
 DA. Forsan! Abi.  
 (*Enter CHREMES.*)  
 Quid vis?  
 CHR. Dave, minister adest  
 Gallorum. Admittamne?  
 DA. Licet. Nunc illa valenter.  
 Stringere debemus vincula amicitiae.  
 (*Enter BYRRHIA.*)  
 Salvus sis.  
 BY. Salvete, viri. (*Exit CHREMES.*)  
 DA. Per tempus adisti.  
 Dic an adhuc eadem vincula nos socient.  
 Corde alis intento similem atque ego pacis  
 amorem?  
 BY. Pacis amatorum semper amicus ero.  
 Sed quis amat pacem? Quem luctus com-  
 movet ullus  
*Eversi pacti?* Nonne salutis amor  
 Majus habet pondus?  
 (*A dog is heard barking.*)  
 BY. Sed quo veniente cientur  
 Clamores tanti?  
 DA. Byrrhia, latrat Hylax.  
 (*Enter CHARINUS with a dachshund.*)  
 CH. Heus, bone Hylax, bone Hylax, cur non,  
 ignave, salutas?  
 (*CHARINUS and the dog give the Nazi salute.*)  
 BY. En Germanus adest!  
 DA. (*to CHARINUS*) Conciliatus ades?  
 CH. Ecce, tribus verbis dicam—  
 Vae! et verba ferentes  
 Germanos timeo.  
 DA. Quae tria verba iacis?  
 CH. Arma ratesque peto.  
 DA. (*alarmed*) Quibus, optime, dividis arma?  
*Mentio congressum* ne premat ulla,  
 precor,  
 Armorum.  
 BY. Cur arma rogas?  
 CH. Ego ne tua *furer?*  
 Sic impune meos nemo lacessat agros!  
 BY. Fortunate senex, ergo tua rura manebunt.  
 CH. Rurane dixisti? Nonne per arma prius  
 Tu *mi rura* rapax studiosè auferre parasti?  
 BY. Plebiscita tamen restituere tibi!  
 Nonne sat est? An mira cupis? Visne  
 ostrea Maio?  
 CH. Ostrea semper amo.

- BY. Quo tamen iste modo  
Demonstratus amor tuus est?
- CH. Ah!
- BY. Nonne vorando?  
(*A quarrel is prevented by the sounds of  
a Jew's harp off.*)
- DA. Quod melos excipio?
- CH. Vah! Numeros memini.  
(*Enter CRITO, a wandering Jew, with all  
his belongings in a perambulator.  
Re-enter SIMO.*)
- SI. Heus, quis ades?
- CR. Judaeus agor vagus usque per orbem.
- CH. Non Arianus ades?
- CR. Nil Ariana mihi.
- SI. Quid vis?
- CR. Jusque domumque peto. Succurrite,  
quaeso,  
Inter opes inopi filiolisque meis.  
Pauper et extorris totum sic pervagor  
orbem.
- SI. (*taking a baby out of the perambulator*)  
Quid video? Puer est.
- CR. Stirpsne Ariana potest  
Tale genus monstrare? (*He takes out a  
succession of babies, all alike.*) Unus,  
duo, tres . . .
- BY. Melius di!
- CR. Quattuor . . .
- CH. Hoc nimium est.
- CR. Et, puto, quintus inest.  
Aspice!
- DA. Non cuivis homini contingit habere  
Quintuplex genus. (*To CRITO*) Heus!  
Jusque domumque petis.  
Ipse domum tibi do.
- CR. Non Anglus at Angelus hic est.
- CH. Tu, Judaeae, mihi tempus in omne vale!  
(*Exit CRITO with DAVUS.*)
- BY. Judaeum expellas furca, tamen usque  
recurrat.
- SI. (*pacifically*)  
Mittere nunc instaec jamque redire decet  
Ad rem.
- CH. Quam rem agimus?
- BY. Nunc in discrimine pax est.  
(*Enter PAMPHILUS, with an Ethiop.*)
- ETH. Me miserum!
- BY. At quid nunc evenit?
- ETH. Auxilium
- Ferte mihi! Auxilium—
- PA. (*in the reformed pronunciation*) Quo tu,  
turpissime? Tax-tax  
Tergo erit usque tuo, perscelerate! Nihil  
Sperandum duce me.
- SI. Nos non comprehendimus illa  
Barbara. Quin loqueris verba Latina?
- PA. (*attempting English pronunciation*) Tua  
Pace—
- SI. Mea haud sic pace agitur! Quidnam  
hic scelus . . . ?
- ETH. Audi!
- PA. Verbum si addideris . . . (*To the rest*)  
Nonne ego suppliciiis  
Afficiam justis hunc qui mea justa re-  
cusat?
- SI. Quo tu jure aliis imperitare cupis?
- PA. Servos hic alios reddit. Cur non ego et  
illum?  
Nonne et tu imperitas?
- CH. Est ibi captus: habet!
- SI. Utor ego imperio quo pacem gentibus  
addam  
Et libertatem.
- PA. Id mi quoque propositum est.
- SI. Cur igitur jam hunc castigas? Romane,  
memento.  
Parcere subjectis.
- PA. Nonne necesse prius  
Subjicere? Hinc illae lacrimae!
- BY. Sed lene, rogamus,  
*O lene imperium tu pete.*
- ETH. Parce, precor.
- PA. (*to BYRRHIA*)  
Tu mihi amicus adhuc?
- CH. (*aside, looking at SIMO*) Modo ne sit  
amicior illi.
- BY. Conciliatio mi dulce sonat.
- PA. Valeant  
Quis placet illa! Mihi concedet sanctio  
legum:  
Verba nihil prosunt. (*Turns menacingly  
to the ETHIOP.*)
- ETH. Verberane addis? *Ab . . . Ab . . .*  
Abstrahite hunc a me!  
(*PAMPHILUS raises his stick.*)  
Nimium ne crede flagello.
- Ei mihi!
- PA. Vae victis! Tax iterum ecce tibi!  
(*Re-enter DAVUS.*)
- BY. Conciliatio—
- DA. Pax—

- SI. Aggressio—  
 BY., DA., SI. Sanctio legum—  
 PA. Nil moror haec.  
 CH. (*who has remained aloof, to DAVUS*)  
 Da nunc, conciliator, opem.  
 DA. Nonne super vinum componere possumus  
 una  
 Hanc litem? Heus puer! hic pocula  
 magna para.  
 (*Enter CHREMES and MYSTIS with drinks.*)  
 CHR. (*to BYRRHIA*) Numquid tu capies? (*PAM-*  
*PHILUS indicates that he would prefer*  
*an apple from the tree.*) Quid ais?  
 num mala reposcis?  
 MY. (*picks the only apple*) Carpo ego.  
 DA. Quisque bibat.  
 (*To SIMO*) Tu mea vina probas?  
 SI. Nectaris hunc haustum videor potare.  
 CH. *Beeris!*  
*Bestia bruta siem si mihi displiceat.*  
*Prosit! (An air of geniality spreads.)*  
 DA. (*to BYRRHIA*) Tunc probas?  
 BY. Bucca fruor.  
 CHR. Anne secundos  
 His calices circum jam mihi ferre licet?  
 DA. Quidni? (*Aside*) Praeter spem res proficit.  
 SI. Oedipus ergo  
 Factus es ex Davo! Quo panacea loco  
 Haec legitur? Medicamen habet tale ipsa  
 Geneva  
 Stresave?  
 DA. Vah! non haec inveniuntur ibi!  
 (*All raise their glasses.*)  
 CH. O bene vos!  
 ETH. Bene nos!  
 BY. (*to CHARINUS*) Bene te!  
 PA. Bene me!  
 OMNES. Bene nostrum  
 Hospitem et ipsum!  
 (*Enter an American.*)  
 AM. Heus vos! Ille nigellus ubi est?  
 ETH. Mene petis?  
 AM. Peto.  
 ETH. Quid vis?  
 DA. Nescio *an Americani*  
 Gestum habeat.  
 AM. Cujum rite *vocabo*, precor,  
 Hunc hortum!  
 DA. Meus est.  
 AM. (*to Ethiop*) Concessio poscitur a me  
 Explorare oleum per tua rura mihi  
 Ut liceat soli. Quid dicis? Nonne licebit?
- PA. (*rushing forward*)  
 Non licet. Ipse veto.  
 AM. Multa talenta dabo.  
 ETH. Nonne meis utar . . .  
 PA. qua mi ratione libebit!  
 Quis nunc a me stat? Cui quis amicus  
 erit?  
 (*To CHARINUS*)  
 Num dictator adhuc cum dictatore recusas  
 Stare?  
 DA. (*to CHARINUS*) Cave faxis! Proelia vimque  
 cave!  
 (*CHARINUS, embarrassed, remains aloof.*)  
 BY. *Donat se socium?*  
 DA. (*to CHARINUS*) *Fas istam spernere causam.*  
 PA. (*aside*) En alter Rubico! Caesaris umbra,  
 fave!  
 DA. (*to BYRRHIA*)  
 Tu mihi amicus adhuc?  
 BY. Mihi tu spes una salutis.  
 Spes communis opis fit minor atque  
 minor.  
 (*Despondently*)  
 Conciliatio—  
 DA. (*ditto*) Pax—  
 AM. (*ditto*) Concessio—  
 BY., DA., AM. (*ditto*) Sanctio legum.  
 (*Enter DROMO and LESBIA.*)  
 DR. Olim talem hortum nos habitasse puto.  
 LE. En, ipse est hortus.  
 DR. Quantum mutatus ab illo!  
 LE. Arbor at est eadem.  
 DR. Poma ibi nulla manet.  
 LE. Anguis ubi est?  
 DR. Video quos percontemur. Adibo.  
 Pax sit vobiscum!  
 DA. Quis, venerande, venis?  
 Certe pace caremus. Ades qui reddere  
 possis?  
 DR. *Addam* si possim; sed mihi deperit.  
 O fortunatos nimium sua si bona poma  
 Norint silvicolas!  
 DA. Sed quis es? Unde venis?  
 LE. Infandum, dilecte, jubes renovate dolorem.  
*Aevum* nos felix egimus ante diem  
 Irae. Pulcher erat nobis olim hortus et  
 ipsis.  
 Vidimus et pacem. (*She notices*  
*PAMPHILUS's partly finished apple.*)  
 Di meliora velint!  
 Nonne vides malum, conjux? En causa  
 malorum.

- DR. (*in alarm*) *Ecquis malum hodie hic edit?*  
*Atat, perii!*  
*Ipse ego consumpsi miser hac ex arbore*  
*malum.*  
*(Pointing to MYSTIS)*  
*Haec dedit.*
- DR. *Haud aliter mi fuit.*
- PA. *Anne potest*  
*Esse malum ex malo?*
- DR. *Saltem sic accidit olim.*
- LE. *Malum dinosces mox, miserande, malo.*
- DR. *Jamque valet, viri. Huc etiam Discordia*  
*malum*  
*Conjicit.*
- BY. (*to LESBIA*) *Ire licet*
- DA. (*to DROMO*) *Tuque, adamande, vale!*  
*(Exeunt.)*  
*(A pause.)*
- PA. *Nil igitur prodest sermones ducere. Vobis*  
*Mala sino. Cara damna molesta dei*  
*Avertant patria. (Exit.)*
- DA. *En Romanorum ultimus exit!*  
*Pacis ab integro mi repetenda via est.*  
*(It is growing dark and the conference begins*  
*to break up, when CHREMES rushes in with*  
*a newspaper. Cheering off.)*
- CHR. *Plaudite! (To SIMO) Di capiunt tua vota,*  
*polusque resultat*
- SI. *Fautorum strepitu. Prime minister, ave!*  
*(taking the paper) Aspice quam stabili*  
*populus sit mente Britannus!*  
*(More cheering off.)*
- DA. *Jubilat urbs. Comites, nos quoque ovare*  
*decet.*  
*(It is now almost dark.)*  
*Hortus inundetur perfuso lumine noster.*  
*(The apple tree, etc., are floodlit.)*
- SI. *Lux redit! Omen adest! omen et accipio.*  
*Lux, abigas lites, abigit ceu frigora Thérmus.*  
*Te duce temptabo, te duce, pacis iter.*
- DA. *Est lepidissimus ille Simo!*
- OMNES. *Sic dicimus omnes.*  
*(They sing to the tune of "For he's a jolly*  
*good fellow";*  
*O lepidissimus ille! Sic dicimus omnes.)*
- BY. *Prime Minister.*
- OMNES. *Ave!*
- BY. *Prime Minister,*
- OMNES. *Ave!*  
*(The lights go up.)*
- SI. (*coming forward*)  
*Sed modus his adsit nugis; si forte videmur*  
*Illuisse nimis seria perque jocum*  
*Dedecorasse duces, reprehendere parcite*  
*ludum.*  
*Nostratum est risu sic relevare metum.*  
*Nunc ut ad extremum paullum graviora*  
*relinquam.*  
*Laetius hoc unum commemorare velim.*  
*Rex quia praeclarus praeclarum reddidit*  
*annum.*  
*Mens mea gaudet ovans, haec loquitur*  
*et mihi*  
*Dicta: 'jube laetis populum clamoribus uti,*  
*Et regi et nobis floreat alma domus.'*

## THE 'ANDRIA' 1936

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

Sir,

To make a Westminster Play fully enjoyable the actors must fulfil three conditions. They must make every word spoken audible in every part of the house. They must deliver the celebrated apophthegms in an appropriately sententious manner. They must contrive to manage the absurdities of the dramatic structure in a tactful, not too unnatural, way. Only after they have learnt to do these things should the individual actors worry about character-studies in their own parts.

The Andria of 1935 almost satisfied the first (the most important) requirement, was com-

pletely successful with the second, and had moderate fortune in the third—a very considerable achievement, and a noticeable improvement on the standard set in recent years. There was one quite unusual fault throughout the Play—even in the Prologue; almost every actor felt the iambic rhythm of the lines so much that the final syllables of words were stressed with undue insistence; will future actors remember not to say *manibus pedibusque*? A doubt must have occurred to many of the audience as they listened to the blunt, straightforward diction—can this "Westminster" pronunciation last much longer? Even among the King's Scholars in the Play—



the repository of the tradition, if anyone—there was uncertainty about the quantity and even the sound of words, and the listener did not have to strain his attention to discover differences of opinion. Either the "Westminster" pronunciation must be firmly established and certified, or . . . but that possibility may not be mentioned in THE ELIZABETHAN.

The actors appeared to enjoy the wilful and the unconscious escapings of notice with which the creaking machinery of the drama proceeds. How much of a triumph that was only those can know who have attempted to deal with them; the production, everywhere smooth, seemed to rejoice in making these difficulties disappear.

The parts of SIMO and DAVUS were outstandingly well played: outstanding because of their credibility, their understanding of each as a foil to the other, and their perfect command of every situation. It would not be a useful attempt to decide which was the better acted. Mr. King gave to SIMO a blend of Roman *gravitas* and Greek quickness of intellect which was exactly appropriate, and, aided by most skilful make-up, he made the father no more and no less remote from his son than he might well have been in fact. Mr. Petley showed us how intrigue can be the salt of life to a man who, without being unscrupulous, yet likes to know that he is managing the affairs of his friends better than ever they could do for themselves; and, best of all, he made us believe in the *dénouement*. Master and slave might be criticised for appearing too familiar to each other; even in the New Comedy, would the slave sit while the master remained standing? Perhaps they anticipated their Epilogue parts. But it was a fine co-operation, and we may not see another such for years.

Of the other slaves, BYRRHIA (Mr. O'Brien) was forceful, though a little heavy; DROMO (Mr. Head) was sufficiently frightening (even in spectacles); SOSIA (Mr. Pattle) found it hard to know what to do with himself while listening, but he did utter his *sententiae* in a properly sententious way—as though he were sharing a great secret with the privileged audience. In that CHREMES was not so satisfactory; Mr. Urquhart missed the applause of the evening when he passed over *amantium irae amoris integratio est* with so little emphasis. His acting was skilful, but his

voice was not quite adequate. MYSIS was also indistinct; we should have preferred to hear Mr. Barnes' deeper tones in SOSIA's part, and Mr. Pattle's seemed more apt for MYSIS. Mr. Dowding invested LESBIA, the nurse, with vastly comic qualities.

The two young men, PAMPHILUS and CHARINUS—ungrateful parts—were played with tact by Mr. Seward and Mr. Channing-Pearce; who could ask for more from those unhappily adventurous youths, unable to cope with the consequences of their own indiscretions? CHARINUS was, perhaps, unduly lugubrious; we sympathised more with PAMPHILUS. The venerable and opportune CRITO was given an admirable fragility by Mr. Castellain.

But whatever the individuals, the Play was carried through as a spirited whole; the production was so careful that every grouping appeared to be spontaneous. The changed place of the interval, given after one scene of Act III, suited the drama better.

Who could withhold from the Prologue admiration at its urbane and elegant phrasing of the greetings, information, and valedictions which it conveyed? The Epilogue was less concerned than usually with those verbal fireworks and mechanical ingenuities to which we are by now inured; it showed how an Epilogue compounded with vigour and wit can make as satisfying a conclusion to the evening as we can wish. The acting was far more polished than we are accustomed to; its great achievement was to cause laughter without a word being spoken or a property being used.

But it is fair to remark that the Epilogue aroused doubts. Ought it not to laugh rather at the manners than at the events and the personalities of the past year? In that week, of all weeks, there was as much embarrassment as appreciation evoked by the political references; and, if the actors are so closely to resemble and so successfully to mimic national leaders as they did, we can foresee that the Epilogue will before long have travelled far from its original—and surely right?—intention of cheerfully satirising contemporary manners.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

LAUDATOR TEMPORIS FUTURI.

[A letter from the Senior Classical Master on the Epilogue will be found on the Correspondence page.]

## MR. F. F. BURRELL

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Frank Farrah Burrell, which took place at his home in West Kensington on January 3, at the age of 74.

He was appointed to a Mathematical mastership at Westminster by Dr. Gow in 1906, and for twenty years he was a conspicuous figure among a staff which was perhaps more than ordinarily rich in personality. Brisk, almost fiery at first sight, kindly and lovable on closer acquaintance, he was liked and respected by all those boys with whom he came into contact. Like all good schoolmasters, he had his own peculiar methods of teaching, and the curious modulation of his voice (which earned him the affectionate nickname of Baa-Lamb) made work with him an unforgettable experience.

Mathematics under his aegis became a queer wonderland peopled with fantastic personages, a sort of mad tea party over which he presided like a moustached and benevolent Alice. The  $x$ 's and  $y$ 's of algebra took on a new character when they had to be addressed reverently as "Mr. X" or "Mr. Y," or when, as in factoring, they suddenly became unruly dogs which had to be confined in their proper kennels by means of brackets. Even the dismissal of the form at the end of an hour was transformed into a ritual, and the sound of the bell would be greeted with the invariable formula, "Oh, is that the whistle, you men? Come, let's go and have a cigarette." But beneath the fantastic trimmings the process of education went on. The three golden rules of algebra—Love truth, watch the minus signs, love truth—which hung on the walls of his form room, had to be strictly obeyed, and the slacker found short shrift with him. A foolish mistake really grieved him, and the pained "My friend" or "My Christian brother" with which he greeted blunders were expressions of genuine dismay.

His teaching was always efficient and interesting, but it was not, perhaps, in form that his best work was done. It was rather in private

tuition that he achieved his real successes. There are those for whom the School Certificate examination has no terrors and there are schoolmasters who view failure to surmount such a slight academic fence with impatience and disgust. It was not so with Burrell. The patient plodder and the intellectually undistinguished alike were sure of his sympathy and encouragement, and no trouble was too great for him to take on their behalf. Morning after morning at 8.30 he could be seen crossing Yard to his form room, a small, almost dapper, figure in tail-coat and top-hat, and there he would wrestle untiringly with ignorance and stupidity until the bell began to ring for Abbey.

In all his work there was a quiet unselfishness and an entire lack of self-assertion. With him duty had become a habit, and he would have been surprised if anyone had commented on what to him seemed ordinary routine. When, in 1927, the day came for him to retire, and he had been allowed, at his own request, to take prayers for the last time, it was typical of his simplicity that he made no formal speech of farewell. Yet few who were present on that occasion can have forgotten the pathos of his parting advice that in life, as in algebra, the same rules hold good: love truth, watch the minus signs, love truth.

It is almost nine years since an inexorable age limit removed him from the Westminster scene, and to a younger generation of Westminsters his name had faded to the sphere of amusing anecdote. But last Election Term, owing to the Challenge and Henley week, his presence was again demanded. Once more his small figure, resplendent in cap and flowing gown, swept across Yard, and once more his kindly voice was heard in the Common Room. To his long list of friends he added many new ones, and they, not less than their predecessors, will mourn the passing of one who by his character and work helped to uphold the best traditions of Westminster.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Owing to the lamented death of His Majesty King George, Visitor of the School, neither Commemoration (Nov. 17th) nor the Play will take place this year. Election Dinner will, according to tradition, be held as usual.

THE ELIZABETHAN congratulates Mr. C. S. Walton, now Master of the Classical Seventh, on his recent appointment as Headmaster of University College School, Hampstead. Mr. Walton leaves us at the end of this term, and the Classical Seventh will be taken over by Mr. G. L. Barber.

THE ELIZABETHAN congratulates R. E. Pattle on obtaining a Demyship in Natural Science at Magdalen College, Oxford, and J. Hamilton-Jones on obtaining an Exhibition in Mathematics at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

The annual lecture given to the whole School under the auspices of the League of Nations Union will take place this year on Wednesday, March 4th, and the speaker will be Sir Arthur Salter.

The School Confirmation will be held in Abbey on March 26th, at 12 o'clock, by the Bishop of Ripon.

We welcome once again Mr. Ronald Graham, now Headmaster of Matatiele School, S. Africa, who after an absence of four years has come back to spend two terms on the teaching staff.

On January 27th the Political and Literary Society was addressed by Mr. John Strachey on "America and the New Deal." This meeting was a great success, some 30 members and visitors attending.

All contributions and letters for the March ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor, 3, Little Dean's Yard, S.W.1, not later than Saturday, March 7th.

## DEBATES

A meeting was held on February 3rd to debate the motion: "That this House considers the British Empire a bulwark of peace."

E. J. A. FREEMAN was in the chair.

W. G. STEVEN, proposing the motion, quoted at length from *The Times*. The British Empire was far more likely than the League of Nations to form the basis of a true world state. He believed that even at the present moment Iceland and Argentina would be willing to join the Empire.

A. WORDSWORTH, Esq., opposing, said that the Empire was held for profit, and held by an armed force. Such an Empire could not be a bulwark of peace.

J. K. MORLAND, seconding, claimed that the British Navy policed the world, and had suppressed piracy and the slave trade.

R. E. PATTLE, as fourth speaker, appealed for more true debate, argument and repartee. The entry of Iceland into the British Empire would cause friction with Denmark.

P. H. J. LLOYD-JONES alleged that Britain had more than her fair share of colonies; this would always be dangerous. He accused Mr. Steven of regarding with complacency the bombing of women and children on the North-West frontier.

Mr. STEVEN demanded an apology. Mr. Lloyd-Jones' accusation, he said, was false. The apology, however, was not forthcoming.

I. E. GEFFEN and F. E. NOEL BAKER also spoke against the motion.

M. E. DEAN said that Italy was in the same position as Britain had been a century ago. She was expanding because she had to. Although he was no supporter of Mussolini, he considered it hypocrisy to object to his actions when we had done the same. The British Empire was by no means the happy family it was pictured to be; there were usually about 60,000 political prisoners in Indian gaols, and Ireland and Egypt wished to shake off the British yoke.

W. G. STEVEN and A. WORDSWORTH, Esq., then summed up. In the course of his summing up Mr. Wordsworth appealed for more quietness and seriousness in School debates.

The motion was rejected by 20 votes to 3.

## THE FIELDS

### WESTMINSTER 2, OLD WESTMINSTERS 6.

The Old Westminsters were playing their full side, and the School did extremely well to be a goal up at half-time. Gardiner opened the scoring for the Old Westminsters after 10 minutes' even play. The School fought back, however, and Richardson soon equalised after a pretty movement. Almost immediately afterwards Clout broke through down the middle, and gave Westminster the lead, which they held until half-time.

In the first twenty minutes of the second half the School defence, which had borne the brunt of the last few matches, lost its grip, and the visitors scored four times without reply through Gardiner (2) and Symington (2). After this the School recovered somewhat, but a few minutes before the final whistle Symons, who was always a menace to the School, scored a clever goal.

Teams :—

*Westminster.*—M. L. Patterson; J. D. Stocker, M. E. Dean; H. A. Budgett, P. J. Sutton, C. M. O'Brien; J. A. G. Corrie, A. F. C. Long, C. H. Clout, D. F. M. Balfour, F. F. Richardson.

*Old Westminsters.*—S. C. W. Beranger; L. P. B. Bingham, J. D. Evans; R. W. Edgar, D. E. Ryland, W. H. Studt; K. H. L. Cooper, H. F. B. Symons, K. J. Gardiner, I. W. A. Symington, G. M. E. Raulson.

### WESTMINSTER 3, OLD REPTONIANS 0.

The School won their first match of the term in convincing style. Corrie, who showed brilliant form in the first half, scored two quick goals in the first 8 minutes, one the result of an individual dribble and the other of a through pass from Clout. After this play was fairly even, though the visitors' forwards never looked really dangerous.

After half-time, the pace began to tell on both sides, and the game slowed down considerably. After about 10 minutes Sutton increased Westminster's lead with a fine snap goal from a difficult angle, and there was no further score.

Teams :—

*Westminster.*—M. L. Patterson; J. D. Stocker, M. E. Dean; H. A. Budgett, P. J. Sutton, C. M. O'Brien; J. A. G. Corrie, A. F. C. Long, C. H. Clout, D. F. M. Balfour, F. F. Richardson.

*Old Reptonians.*—J. S. Williams; R. Montgomery, E. Causton; R. W. Sloan, C. Ashton, D. Jaffe; H. Blyth, L. Cork, A. H. Crickmay, B. E. Harbury, J. Waterbury.

### WESTMINSTER 0, HIGHGATE 1.

Westminster had to take the field without O'Brien and Stocker for this match, and their misfortunes were increased when after about ten minutes' play Corrie wrenched his back, and as a result could scarcely even walk for the rest of the game. He had to go off in the second half, and, though he returned before the end, he was nothing more than a passenger. Westminster's defeat, however, cannot be explained entirely by these factors: we were slower on the ball than the mediocre Highgate side, and our play in the second half was rather half-hearted. The conditions did not lend themselves to good football, the ground being extremely hard, and ball control on both sides was weak. Westminster pressed hard in the first half, and the Highgate goal had several lucky escapes. In the second half Highgate had most of the game, and Monk scored the only goal of the game from a good pass from Webb.

Teams :—

*Westminster.*—M. L. Patterson; R. G. Reed, M. E. Dean; H. A. Budgett, P. J. Sutton, J. Upsdell; J. A. G. Corrie, A. F. C. Long, C. H. Clout, D. F. M. Balfour, F. F. Richardson.

*Highgate.*—H. P. Stebbings; R. R. Middleton, G. G. Harris; J. K. C. Scott, F. M. G. Coupe, R. S. Thornton; R. L. Wheeler-Baker, J. C. G. Webb, D. L. Tarquand, D. W. Chamberlain, L. V. Monk.

The death of King George and the unfavourable weather have caused several matches to be scratched. These include the fixtures against Lancing Old Boys, Oxford University Centaurs, Corinthians, Casuals and Cambridge Old Westminsters.

## THE WATER

THE two principal differences revealed by the comparison of a School and a College boat club would seem to be the smallness of the members and the length of time available for instruction in the one, and the more developed physique of the men and the limited period for training in the other. At the Universities we hear of beginners hurried on to long slides after a week's coaching, and light boats after a fortnight's. Everything has to be subordinated to the craze for winning races at any cost. Such methods are unsuitable in a School boat club. The muscles used in rowing are not those developed in ordinary life, so that a young oarsman, called upon to race before he has adequately trained those muscles, must almost inevitably lose his style and form when pressed in the strain of battle.

The object of a School boat club, if one has to be sought apart from the intrinsic delight in true rowing, is to give its smaller members a thorough grounding in the principles of oarsmanship, so that during their last two years they may be able to apply their added strength to the best effect. If this foundation is to be surely laid, individual coaching is required in the early stages, which must be carefully directed if monotonous sameness is to be avoided in the outings.

With this object of giving more careful individual coaching throughout the boat club, there has been some reorganisation in the Water this year: after some experience of swivels, we have reverted to fixed thovls, as being essential to the practice of true oarsmanship. Last term the races for the Rouse Ball Cup and T.B.B. Rudder were postponed, so that senior watermen could be given an intensive course of fixed-seat tubing. With the exception of one short-slide IV, all watermen spent the term on fixed seats, two senior VIII's going out in the second half and everyone else remaining in tubs. This term 26 watermen are being tubbed on short slides, preparatory to rowing in three short-slide Trial VIII's. There are two junior fixed-seat VIII's going out regularly, and the remainder of the boat club are still in fixed-seat tubs.

Whether our return to the true style principles of rowing will be successful or not in our racing, time alone will show: here it is enough to say that we are aiming in our "renaissance" at something more than winning races, for we are convinced that by these methods alone can we attain to the "almost voluptuous joy of oarsmanship."

W. S. B. C.

On Nov. 8th, 1935, Mr. C. M. Pitman, K.C., O.U.B.C., very kindly came and gave a talk to certain watermen up Library. He dealt chiefly with the development of style since the beginning of last century, and outlined in some detail the true principles of the best fixed-seat rowing. We were particularly grateful for this talk, for the clear way in which Mr. Pitman put the real case for orthodoxy, a case which before had only been half comprehended by much of his audience.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1936

Th., Feb. 27th.—Training begins.

Sat., Feb. 29th.—Training.

Tu., March 3rd.—Training.

**Th., March 5th.—Long Distance Race, 3.15.**

Sat., March 7th.—Training.

Tu., March 10th.—Heats.

Th., March 12th.—Heats.

Sat., March 14th.—University Sports; training.

**Tu., March 17th.—Heats and Finals, 2.30.**

**Th., March 19th.—Relays, 2.30.**

**Sat., March 21st.—Finals, 2.30.**

Tu., March 24th.—Training for School Team and ordinary training.

Th., March 26th.—Training for School Team; Inter-House Steeplechase.

**Sat., March 28th.—v. Eastbourne (home), 2.30.**

**Mon., March 30th.—v. Aldenham (away).**

## FENCING

SINCE the last report appeared in the Summer, the Fencing team has been fairly active and has fought fifteen matches, of which eight have been won and one drawn. The only defeat in a School match was inflicted by Eton, although Wellington took us to the last fight in a most exciting match. A team was also entered for the Savage Shield *Epée* competition, fought in the gardens of Lincoln's Inn, but we were unfortunate in meeting the holders and eventual winners in the first round, to whom we lost by thirteen defeats to three; G. B. H. Fletcher accounted for two of these three. J. Barrett-Lennard left at the end of the Summer term after an excellent term's work in the Sabre team and as reserve foilist. His place in the Sabre team has been taken by M. C. Stuttaford, who did very well last term; he effectively combines aggressiveness with a long reach.

In the Doyne Cup this year E. B. Christie fought extremely well throughout and was the only fencer from a School club to reach the semi-final. M. A. Pears also did well to reach the second round.

At the end of the term we were sorry to lose B. R. M. Hunter-Steen, who, in addition to being a most efficient secretary, was a consistent winner in the *Epée*—sometimes indeed coming through a match entirely untouched. M. A. Pears has succeeded him as secretary.

This year the Young *Epée* Medal was won by M. A. Pears, after a barrage with B. Hunter-Steen.

The Colts had a very successful season, winning their three matches against Eton, Stowe and Harrow. At Eton the home team lost to us by 11 defeats to 5, our style being noticeably superior. Against Stowe the standard of fencing was astonishingly high for a junior fixture, and the School was eventually triumphant by the narrow margin of 7 defeats to 9. At Harrow we met inexperienced opponents and defeated them by 2 defeats to 7. The fencing of the team generally was intelligent and restrained, and was favourably commented upon by onlookers and the presidents at the School they visited. The team was: M. A. Pears, J. M. Archibald, D. F. Pears and J. T. N. Sears.

### WESTMINSTER v. O.W.W.

Lost—14-12 at Home

The fencing throughout this match was of a high standard and generally lively. The presence of F. S. Hoppé was rather demoralizing, and we were unlucky in having B. Hunter-Steen away at the time, which perhaps had something to do with our lack of success in the *Epée*. However, we won the foil 4-5, mainly owing to the exertion of M. A. Pears who was undefeated. The *Epée* was lost 3-5, B. Petitpierre being undefeated for the O.W.W. The Sabre also was lost, though only by one defeat; F. S. Hoppé was found to be unconquerable. The following fought for the O.W.W. :—

FOIL : F. S. Hoppé, P. B. Williamson, J. Joly.

EPÉE : W. G. R. Oates, B. Petitpierre, P. V. Oldak.

SABRE : F. S. Hoppé, P. V. Oldak, P. Woodford-Ward.

### WESTMINSTER v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (A)

Lost—10-16, at Cambridge

In this match we met a considerably stronger team than we had defeated in the Summer; consequently we lost in all weapons. The foil was just lost by 5 defeats to 4 and in this weapon the fighting was very close. Cambridge won the *Epée* by 3 defeats to 5, and the sabre also by 3 defeats to 6. G. Maguire, O.W., was fighting in the foil and W. G. Smith, O.W., in the sabre: P. Turquet, O.W., presided.

### WESTMINSTER v. WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Won—13-14, at Home

The foil was fought first and this was easily taken by 3 defeats to 6, each of us winning two bouts. The sabre came next, and this was lost by 6 defeats to 3, our opponents being far superior; this left us nine all. The *Epée* went to the last fight, which was won by G. B. H. Fletcher with a very decisive attack. B. Hunter-Steen fought well and was undefeated.

### WESTMINSTER v. ETON COLLEGE

Lost—9-18, at Home

In this match we met very skilful and intelligent fencing; the style of our opponents was quite unorthodox and most of our team did not know what to do at all. The foil was the most even weapon but this was lost by 5 defeats to 4. The *Epée* also was lost 5-4 and B. Hunter-Steen did well to win two bouts. The Sabre resulted in a complete rout for us by 8 defeats to 1. A. M. Doswell gained our only Sabre win and won two foil bouts.

v. ROYAL ENGINEERS. Won 15-12, at Chatham Barracks.

v. LIFE GUARDS. Lost 9-18, at Home.

v. MILL HILL. Won 18-9, at Mill Hill.

v. BART'S HOSPITAL. Won 11-16, at Home.

v. IMPERIAL COLLEGE. Lost 13-14, at Home.

v. HARROW. Won 2-16, at Harrow.

v. LIFE GUARDS. Won 13-14, at Windsor Barracks.

v. GUY'S HOSPITAL. Won 12-15, at Home.

v. SALLE PAUL. Won 12-15, at Home.

v. TOM HUGHES. Lost 13-14, at Home.

v. O.W.W. Drawn, at Home.

The Team last term was :—

FOIL : A. M. Doswell, E. B. Christie, M. A. Pears.

EPÉE : B. Hunter-Steen, E. B. Christie, G. B. H. Fletcher.

SABRE : A. M. Doswell, M. A. Pears, M. C. Stuttaford.

Mr. Richard Waterfield (O.W.) has recently generously presented to the School a number of papers connected with Westminster which he inherited from his father, Sir Henry Waterfield (admitted 1845), and his grandfather, Thomas Nelson Waterfield (admitted 1811). Among them are a collection of Field Verses and epigrams, mostly anonymous, but some of them dated 1815, of which the following is a specimen:—

## A PARODY

ON

GRAY'S ELEGY IN A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD.

I

The *Locker-Bells* announce the Parting day,  
The lagging *Town-Boys* slowly pace the street;  
*John* opes his door, proceeding on his way  
To huge *St. Peter* with unwilling feet.

2

Now fade the Trees and Houses from my Sight,  
And London Cries grow fainter to my ear;  
And fifteen minutes liberty to-night  
Will give me time for meditation here.

3

Within those lofty walls, those poplars' shade,  
Which cast around the house a gloom so deep,  
Each in his narrow bed ten hours laid  
The *Seniors* of *St. Peter's College* sleep.

4

The call of "chimney sweep" or "Milk below,"  
Or "Dust, ho, dust," or horses' heavy tread,  
Or "Radishes and Water Cresses, ho!"  
Never excites them from their drowsy bed.

5

Only one cry has influence o'er their ear;  
Only one cry can move each sluggish pate;  
When the *Monoss* with all attentive care  
Cries "Page is coming" or "'tis striking eight."

6

That cry's more power o'er their sleeping sense,  
That cry will sooner rouse them from their bed,  
Than all the foolish Poet's vain pretence  
Of "Swallows twittering from their straw-built  
shed."

7

For *them* at night the blazing hearth shall burn  
And busy *Juniors* ply their ev'ning care,  
And weary *Joseph* wait for *their* return,  
Before to close the College Walls he dare.

8

Let not Ambition mark their humble Joy,  
*Their Beef-Steak Suppers* and their *Plum-Pound  
Cakes*,  
And let not Temperance these delights alloy,  
Though they should cry "Broil two pound more  
Beef-steak."

9

Hark!—what's that Noise from yonder *Abbey  
Tow'r*,  
It is the *Quarter*, and I cannot stay;  
That *Bell* renew'd each Quarter of an Hour  
Strikes on my Ear and hurries me away.

## "BOYS AND MUSIC"

By JOHN W. IVIMEY.

County Paper Offices, Marlborough, 3/6.

This small book—it is only 99 pages in length—provides entertainment for all those interested in the Music and humour of Public Schools. The author traces clearly the development of music-teaching at Public Schools from the latter part of the nineteenth century until 1933. The successful efforts to improve existing conditions on the part of such pioneers as John Farmer of Harrow—"Sweaty John," as Farmer was affectionately called by the boys of his day—W. S. Bambridge of Marlborough and many others are recorded with a leavening of humorous stories. Mr. Ivimey points out, not unnaturally, that the system in force at Eton, which provides a musical education without extra charge, does much to increase interest and keenness among the boys. He seems to forget that the smaller numbers and considerably smaller revenues of other schools make such a scheme impracticable elsewhere, at any rate for the present. Cheltenham has £10 music exhibitions for the two most promising boys, but the majority of public schools have not even this assistance.

The quantity of anecdotes, humorous and biographical, makes the book a very short chronicle of five great schools during the time that the author was a music master; nevertheless there is a certain unique atmosphere about it which is perhaps due to the presence of one of Queen Victoria's few recorded jests. This must be read to be appreciated.

W. J. A. BOYLE.

## CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries:—

*The Marlburian* (2), *The Radleian* (2), *The Carthusian* (2), *The Haileyburian* (2), *The Meteor*, *The Milton Orange and Blue* (2), *Leys Fortnightly* (2), *The Boys' Magazine* (2), *The Cantuarian*, *The Felstedian*, *Sotoniensis*, *The Fettesian*, *The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *The Boy Scouts' Weekly* (8), *The Britannia*, *El Nopal* (2), *The Folio*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *The Alleynian*, *Panorama* (2), *King's College School Magazine*, *The Aldenhamian*, *The Portcullis*, *The Rossalian*, *The Clavinian*, *The City of London School Magazine*, *The Dunelmian*, *The Mill Hill Magazine*, *The Glenalmond Magazine*, *The Sherburian*, *The Sedberghian*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Tonbridgian*, *The Penn Charter Magazine*, *Christ's College Register*, *Wycombe Abbey Gazette*, *Trinity University Review*, *The Artists Rifles Gazette*, *The Blundellian*.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

Dear Sir,

At the time of writing term has only been in progress for a week, and therefore your correspondent intends to deal with personal rather than with general matters.

However, in the first place, it must be placed on record that the Cambridge Old Westminster Society has died once more. Whether it has enjoyed the nine lives usually allowed to such cat-like institutions is not known, but since Mr. Frampton has no longer decorated the streets of Cambridge, Old Westminsters have been left undisturbed in that individualistic apathy which is natural to them.

Among prominent ornaments of University life must be mentioned Mr. D. A. G. Hinks, now a Fellow of Trinity College, who is at his best when playing fives with his colleagues; Mr. R. A. Eggar, who has tried to disguise himself (with a moustache, of course); Mr. J. R. Squire, who, in intervals of smashing up his car, performs in mimes and organises a dance club; Mr. M. P. Lonnon, whose photograph may be seen in the papers every day from now until the Boat Race; Mr. M. V. Argyle, who with Mr. E. R. Bindloss is competing for the position of Chief Scout, while he also has designs on the Bar; Mr. A. F. Huxley, who is said to have astounded Lord Rutherford; Mr. P. Howell, who is a budding oarsman and a blossoming anthropologist; Mr. S. J. B. Boycott, who may always be found in one, if not two, of the innumerable Cambridge public-houses—he is said to throw a pretty dart; Mr. J. C. Bune, who *rolls* round Cambridge in a beautiful dark pair of trousers. Mr. K. de K. Bury must be mentioned by himself. He may usually be found in meditation reclining before the ashes of a fire that went out three hours ago.

Apologising to those Cambridge Old Westminsters who have not been mentioned in this letter, and informing them that it is up to them only to distinguish themselves in *any* walk of life to be included in our next,

I remain,

Yours, etc.,

CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

## OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

Sir,

Your demand for a letter comes so early in the term that there is yet only one important event to record. \* The death of King George V and the accession of King Edward VIII were received in Oxford with very striking demonstrations of loyalty; the new King is remembered as an undergraduate at Magdalen. The proclamation of accession was read to the University outside St. Mary's, where the Vice-Chancellor, Proctors, and Congregation received the City authorities: the proceedings, throwing a splash of colour into the general greyness of the High, were attended by a great crowd of undergraduates and citizens. The quietness of Oxford in the succeeding week, with signs of mourning everywhere and many University and city functions abandoned, must have surprised those credulous visitors who expect to find here signs of open republican or bolshevist activity.

Sport, of course, has not yet taken so prominent a part this term as last. Everyone was proud of the Rugby team which only allowed the New Zealanders to win by one point. The University match disappointed us; but the magnificent play of Oxford's representatives in the English side at Twickenham compensated for that. Rowing practice proceeds, with Mr. J. C. Cherry, of Westminster and B.N.C., in the eight at the time when this was written. No doubt we shall be assailed before long with the annual crop of apology for Oxford's recent performances in the Boat Race, combined with bright suggestions that we should row a Cambridge second VIII, or that two Cambridge crews should make the *race*, Oxford and London giving a subsidiary exhibition later. We prefer to hope for better things.

Oxford is waiting with keen interest for the publication of Sir Giles Scott's plans for the new Bodleian building, which is to be erected on Broad Street and Parks Road. Members of Congregation have already inspected the plans. It is rumoured that alterations are being made; and rumour flourishes unchecked. The first stones of the new St. Catherine's, in St. Aldate's below Christ Church, have been laid this term.



A question which is bound to arouse great agitation is now under discussion: shall the *viva* in final schools be limited to the doubtful cases, while the seventy-five per cent. whose classes are already fixed are allowed to pass their summer holidays unchecked? There is no doubt what undergraduates favour; a summons, if it

conveyed the message that their fate now hung on the *viva*, would put most of them into too wretched a state for connected thought.

I have the honour, Sir, to subscribe myself for the first time

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Elizabethan*

### THE EPILOGUE

Sir,

The Epilogue is such a subject of interest to your readers that you might care to find space for some thoughts occasioned by this year's production. Informed comment heard after the performance was concerned not, as often, with the quality and character of the puns or the excess and irrelevance of stage properties, but with alleged lapses of taste. Three points in particular were regarded as unfortunate.

First, the episode of the Wandering Jew. It was a matter of observation that certain members of the audience felt this to be humiliating, and to answer that the lines made it clear the Jew was the object of general sympathy is to ignore the important point that the ideas and plot, if any, of the Epilogue are appreciated by most of the audience mainly through the action. From that point of view also it seemed especially regrettable that any allusion to a high birth-rate in the topical subject of the Dionne quintuplets was woven in here. The essence of topical comedy, as first established by Aristophanes, would seem to consist in deriving amusing absurdity by coupling together two naturally incompatible ideas. Here it might be thought the combination was too near reality to be acceptable.

The second and third points raise the important question whether the Epilogue is a private or a public entertainment. The existing practice of inviting the Press and publishing the text in the *Times* would seem to make it a public matter, and if so, clearly questions of taste need considering with more care than if the Epilogue were for private consumption only. Rightly or wrongly, I have always supposed its function is to poke harmless, though penetrating, fun at events of the year and eminent persons figuring in them. So long as this is confined to our own personages, no one can mind, and the victims enjoy it most, but it is a different matter if the victims are foreigners and the humour, if any, is neither intelligent nor charitable.

Secondly then, the treatment of the Abyssinian crisis. The Epilogue as published in *The Times* is read, as I have occasion to know, by scholars all over Europe. Italian scholars and educated classes have hitherto been among the least enthusiastic supporters of Mussolini; what are they to think on reading so unhappy a distortion of the Italian position as depicted by English scholarship for an English School? To bring the Duce on the stage in the act of belabouring the Ethiopian and doing so before eating the apple of temptation, was surely an unfair symbolising of the truth, unless the other side also was represented; that the Italians feel, with the League of Nations as at present constituted, their admitted grievances had no chance of being noticed except if forced upon attention

by methods the Sated Powers are naturally proud to have given up. Whatever anyone's private opinion on the point may be, such a one-sided representation on an official occasion gives foreigners an opportunity to assert, as does the O.T.C., however fantastic the idea may appear to us, that the youth of England are deliberately trained in historical ignorance and militarism, and they resent proportionately superior condemnation of the propagandist history taught in Italian and other foreign schools. It would be especially hard that an opening should be given for any such remarks about Westminster, where, as readers can judge from the recent letter about the Political Society, there is a great deal of well-informed interest in contemporary affairs with scarcely a trace of out-of-date jingoism.

In the light of this it struck some observers uncomfortably that the Epilogue developed into an out-and-out glorification of the Prime Minister by characters supposed up to that point to be foreign statesmen. (Nobody could be blamed for the irony of this tribute being paid to his personal qualities, as it happened, at a moment when the course of international affairs had made many people for the first time seriously doubt these qualities.) But it can be imagined what, for example, the writer of the article on "Should England be suppressed?" in *Le Gringoire*, would have said about the insufferable insular arrogance of the English in making representatives of Europe unite in lauding their own Prime Minister. No doubt this would be a misunderstanding, but the question remains, ought the Epilogue, if a public entertainment, to contain matter likely to cause such misunderstanding? Criticism might also be justified of the fulsome and humourless tone of the acclamation, probably by no means to Mr. Baldwin's own liking. The Prime Minister remains always the leader of a party, and it has been one of the most valuable and envied principles of English education that it is not partisan, however much, it may be objected, unconsciously the ideal is ignored in practice. But everyone might agree that a school in its official activities as well as in form-room teaching, when party matters require to be mentioned, should not knowingly commit itself to any judgment on them.

These are questions of taste, and opinions will differ accordingly. I can only say that I should have considered it a breach of taste to ask the Editor to publish these comments from various quarters, if *THE ELIZABETHAN* had not been a private paper, issued only to subscribers and protected from reproduction without permission in a public newspaper.

Yours truly,  
C. S. WALTON.

## A COMPLAINT

Sir,

Should there not be drawn a limit to your admirable editorial policy of allowing all and sundry access to the columns of THE ELIZABETHAN? I refer particularly to the publication of debate reports.

It may certainly be a matter of interest to former members of the School to know the subject and results of School debates, and conceivably to the participants themselves, but unless their remarks show a reasonable standard of coherence (not to speak of a certain attitude of humility when approaching a subject in which their only authority is second-hand information), it will surely do no good, either to the individuals concerned or to the School as a whole, to give publicity to what takes place on these occasions. It is hard to see what satisfaction anybody can derive from observing that "there was an almost continual (*sic*) uproar" during a speech which took place, incidentally, on Armistice Day. If the English public-schoolboy is notorious for his hypocrisy, need we advertise our own?

Yours, etc.,  
R. B. S. INSTONE.

## A BOUQUET

Sir,

It was with great pleasure that I noted in your last number a definite advance towards a more interesting form for THE ELIZABETHAN. At last, it seems, it has been realized that it is unnecessary for the "ELIZA" to remain an uninteresting chronicle of sports events and concerts. This realisation has succeeded in bringing a new life to the "King's Scholars' Chronicle," and surely the same methods will prove a success in the greater and wider scope of THE ELIZABETHAN.

I hope these developments will go further and lift the "ELIZA" far out of the rut of dullness in which it has been running for several years.

Yours, etc.,  
MICHAEL F. DOWDING.

## "SENSIBLE CHRISTIANS"

Sir,

I should like to criticise briefly some of Mr. Barnes' comments in his review of *Sensible Christians*.

Mr. Barnes complains of the use of the word Mass. Mass is the simplest word, and there is a real reason for using it. It is often thought that before the Reformation the Church of Rome was in power in England. Anglicans deny this whenever they say the Creeds, and the truth is that the Church of England is the Catholic Church in England, the same now as before the Reformation, when it was separated from the Pope's authority. The word Mass emphasises this, for it was the word used before the Reformation. In the first edition of the Prayer Book, the Service is said to be "commonly called the Mass." Its use differentiates between the Eucharist and the non-Conformist Communion rite. Of course, I agree with Mr. Barnes that non-Conformists are often better Christians than Churchmen, but Anglicans are bound to believe—there is no choice—that non-Conformist ministers cannot celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We reiterate this each time we say, "I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church."

Mr. Barnes says that many would not understand the word Reservation. It is a simple word, and in the earliest known account of the Eucharist (except the Bible), the Sacrament is reserved for those absent (*v.* Justin Martyr's

*First Apology*, c. A.D. 150). Reservation is ordered by unreppealed Canon Law (*v.* the *Constitutions* of Archbishop Peckham, contained in *Lyndwood's Provinciale*). The Prayer Book does not forbid it, and the rejected 1928 Prayer Book permits it. All Roman, Eastern and the large majority of Anglican Bishops permit it. It is known to be a practical necessity, especially in these days of many accidents. For those who believe in the Real Presence as every Anglican should (*v.* Catechism, clause 23), Reservation is a glorious privilege, and a constant aid to their devotion to Our Lord.

Religious controversy is a hateful thing; we become so very unchristian. But we must beware of being sentimental, and when we see statements made which we believe to have sprung from mistaken opinions, it is right to refute them. And I believe that anyone who fundamentally objects to the word Mass or to Reservation, must be opposed to the Catholic Movement in England, a cause dear to many thousands of members of the Anglican Communion.

Yours faithfully,  
EDWARD MANSFIELD.

P.S.—It is encouraging that two Westminsterers have already written to THE ELIZABETHAN to express Catholic opinion on this subject.

## OUR REVIEWER REPLIES

Dear Sir,

How refreshing is it to see so much religious ardour as appeared in your last number in letters by Mr. W. R. F. Browning and Mr. Peter Hacker. I fear, however, that these gentlemen have been carried too far.

Mr. Browning wrote a lengthy discourse on "Who is the ordinary Anglican?" This, we all agree, is excellent in the right place. But I believe many at least of the Old Westminsterers would not consider THE ELIZABETHAN to be the right place, even though the discourse be cloaked under the form of a letter relating to my review of *Sensible Christians*. I suggest his Parish Magazine as a better recipient and the omission of my name (which seems to have little to do with it) as a considerable improvement.

Mr. Hacker states (for no apparent reason) that I do not know the meaning of the words "Mass" and "Reservation"; and that I think "Mr. Winckworth's excellent little book the reverse of sensible."

Far from it.

I only said that "a great community in the Church" do not know the meaning of the words "Mass" and "Reservation," which I am sure is true (I did not say "should not"); and implied by my criticism of the title that Christians are not only found in the English Church (which it is only Christian to believe).

Yours sincerely,  
WILLIAM BARNES.

## "SIMSON'S"—AND WOODENS

(This letter arrived just too late for publication in the December issue.)

Dear Sir,

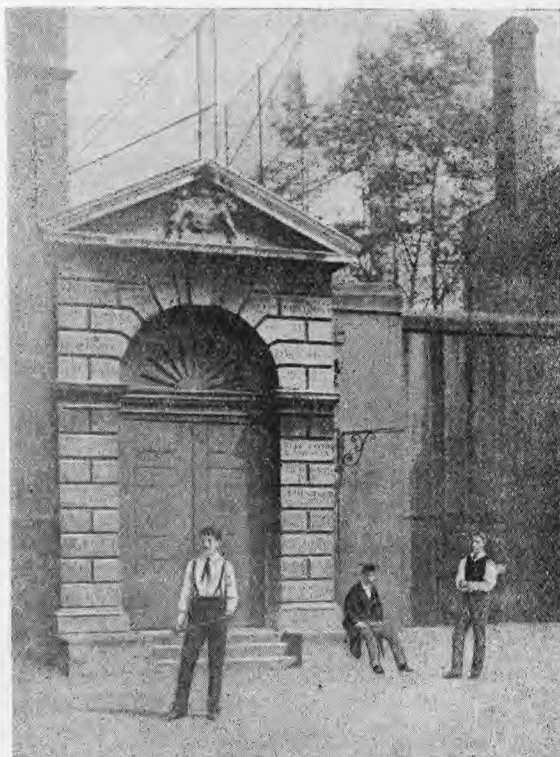
Mr. Gwilt corrects Mr. Tanner so genially that he will, I am sure, himself forgive a small correction to his own letter. In the interest alike of historical accuracy and of gratitude for faithful service to the School over a period of many years it is not possible to acquiesce in his description of old Joe Simson and Mrs. Simson as "a singularly unattractive pair." For Joe I am not so greatly concerned; like many of the warriors of his day—he was a Crimean

veteran, having served in the Black Sea, I think as a Marine—he perhaps drank more beer than was strictly good for him, and had a somewhat “beery” look, though I never saw him the worse for liquor and his respectability was vouched for by his being one of the Abbey beadsmen, and he looked his best on a Sunday in the picturesque dress. But Mrs. Simson was a delightful and very beautiful character, a real countrywoman, from a part of the Herefordshire border which I already knew as a boy, and later came to know more nearly, the village of Holme Lacy on the Wye; and to the drab surroundings of the Marsham street of those days she brought a country fragrance.

It must have been soon after Mr. Scott's departure that old Joe answered to the Last Post; and about the same time—no doubt for adequate reasons—the School was diverted to Victoria Street as a more respectable approach to Vincent Square, and the slums of “the old way” up Fields were placed out of bounds. Those of us who were then at School felt keenly the hardship to Mrs. Simson, and I rather think there was a subscription to make things a bit easier for her declining years. I have in my mind's eye a very fresh picture of “the small parlour behind the shop” of which Mr. Gwilt speaks, but never saw it put to the shocking use which he describes! Ten years later than Mr. Gwilt's day—in 1882-3, the shop was certainly in bounds, and my memory connects the parlour with tea rather than tobacco. On half-holidays there would usually be a snug tea-party of pinks and their friends after football matches. In my mind these are associated with heroes of those days like F. T. Higgins (Bernard), whose recent too-early death all his contemporaries regret (his brilliant 170 not out against Charterhouse at Godalming in 1882 has never, I think, been beaten in the annual match), and Guy Eden, still, I am glad to see, alive—long may he live! Those tea parties were not for small boys such as I was in those days; but being a Londoner I sometimes bespoke Mrs. Simson's cosy parlour for a tea in holidays if I went to Abbey on a Sunday afternoon, and this I could do long after “Simson's” was officially out of bounds, and even after I had left. My recollection is that the two tuckshops, “Simson's” and “Sut's,” had each its special habitués, and that those of Sut's, where the fare was mainly sweets, were regarded by the Simson faction, who preferred wholesome cakes and the good old English bun, somewhat contemptuously as gourmands.

May I add a few words about rackets? A price has often to be paid for “progress” in the loss of something old that was both good in itself and unique. Those who have never played the old “Woodens” can have no idea what a good game it was; better in many ways than the more lordly standardised rackets. There comes back to me very vividly the thrill of admiration with which one watched the great players of those days—R. A. Ingram, Robert Vavasour (grandson and namesake of Robert Moffat), George Phillimore (“Corylls”), Warrington Smyth, or Henry Harrison (later to be M.P. for Tipperary and Parnell's right-hand man at the tragic end of his career). I have checked my own memories by consulting my old friend Charles Sherring, no bad hand himself at the game; he writes: “G. G. P. and Ingram were very pretty and graceful players; Ingram had the right figure and build for a racket player; G. G. P. was extremely tenacious, refused to be beaten, and with a good eye was very nippy on his feet. These were undoubtedly the best woodens players.”

There was a player of an earlier generation—Mr. Gwilt may remember him—who one afternoon gave an amazing exhibition of skill to our admiring eyes. This was that erratic genius, Philip Salusbury, for many years the contributor to THE ELIZABETHAN of “the prattling autobiography of the biographer of eminent O.W.W.”; his



sister many will remember as married to Tom Staveley Oldham of honoured memory. One day he strolled into Little Dean's Yard, borrowed a wooden, and gave a marvellous display of old-time skill; one of his “strokes” consisted in taking the ball back-hand behind his back!

There were two courts—the College Court, and the Middle Court, between this and the great wall of Dormitory against which Wire Rackets was played. The real Woodens was on the College Court. It added a spice of adventure to the approach to the door of College, and would have been excellent training in these days for the perils of road-crossing! I never remember any serious damage.

Woodens had, I suppose, to go; but it was a pity, for it was a fine game, with a character of its own arising from the local conditions, like those which made the old Tennis and Eton Fives. And now, as some compensation for the loss, we are to have the noble façade of the Dormitory and the new entrance to College. The Racket Court had its ghost; and it will be very interesting to see if he will ignore the alteration of the levelled wall and continue to play against Mr. Russell's reproduction of Lord Burlington's design.

Yours sincerely,

LIONEL JAMES.

Moyses,

Five Ashes, Sussex.

As I write I have in front of me a small photograph of the School Door, showing part of the College Court, with two players, C. T. G. Powell (now, I think, a Suffolk Vicar) and Alick Lambert. Seated on Mon. Os. stone is the Registrar of the Royal College of Music, Claude Aveling. The photograph was taken by the Khôja—I beg his pardon—the Rev. F. M. Yglesias. Would you like to reproduce it?

**O.W.W. AND THE OLD CROCKS' RACE**

Dear Sir,

You will be interested to know that several Westminster and Old Westminster took part in the Commemoration Run for Veteran Cars from London to Brighton this year on November 17th.

This event is organised by the Royal Automobile Club to celebrate the anniversary of the Emancipation Day Run which took place on 14th November, 1896, to signalise the abolition of the two miles per hour speed limit and the man with a red flag preceding all cars.

S. C. H. Davis (Rigaud's circa 1900) drove his famous Leon Bollée two-seater tricycle, "Beelzebub," which was constructed in 1897.

The writer (Rigaud's 1899-1903), with P. M. Shearman (H.B.B.) acting as mechanic, drove his 1901 4½ horse-power De Dion three-seater.

Others who were noticed on the run, either as passengers or assistants, were—J. O. P. Spain, D. Youatt, and J. Shearman, Jnr.

The run creates tremendous public interest, and this year ninety-nine cars, all built before 1905, entered; eighty-eight started; and, despite the torrential rain, sixty-eight finished within the time limit of seven hours, amongst them those driven by the two O.W.W. previously mentioned.

The time taken by the competitors varied, approximately in accordance with the age of their cars, from two to seven hours.

Yours faithfully,  
J. SHEARMAN.

**SAVE THE TERRACE IN DEAN'S YARD**

Dear Sir,

Probably many of those who are no longer in close touch with Westminster would like to know exactly what is going to happen to the terrace in Dean's Yard. One pleasant, secluded old corner of London has been recently completely wiped out. Where a year or so ago was Clifford's Inn are now some enormous business buildings. A long unsuccessful fight was carried on against commercial interests to save this place. Is Dean's Yard also going to be so changed by modern structures as to lose completely its ancient appearance? Perhaps some authoritative person would explain. Mr. Tanner in his new book on the School mentions: "the pleasant eighteenth-century terrace at the South end of the Yard (soon, alas! to be transformed by the rebuilding of the Church House)." Probably if it was not for the necessity of rehousing Busby's, the school would have less reason to acquiesce in this scheme. It is no matter of mere local interest.

With two very good examples right before its eyes, this, and the few acres fortunately left of the once expansive fields that stretched away from the School, the whole question of saving as much as remains of old English scenes and places might well be discussed in THE ELIZABETHAN, especially in relation to teaching in schools. It might prove a less thorny problem than politics and perhaps even produce some tangible results. Its urgency is becoming ever more obvious. Fortunately *The Times* has taken a leading hand and is doing incalculable good. Nearly every day it has some new phase of the fight to record, and often has rescued an almost hopeless situation with an apt picture or "leader."

Yours faithfully,  
J. A. BALDWIN.

**WARREN HASTINGS' PRAYER BOOK**

Dear Sir,

Some six years ago I gave to the School a prayer book printed in the year 1792 and bearing Warren Hastings' signature on the title page. At the time all that I knew of its provenance was that it had been in the library of the late Dr. Hutton, Dean of Winchester. I am now informed by Sir Arthur Knapp that he has identified the book in the catalogue of the sale at Nether Wootton House, Oxford, in 1919, of the effects of Miss Winter, who inherited much of Mrs. Hastings' property.

As it is desirable that such relics should be properly authenticated I should like this fact to be on record in the pages of THE ELIZABETHAN.

Yours faithfully,  
G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE.

**THE SCHOOL MISSION**

Sir,

May I make what is becoming almost an annual appeal for personal help from young O.W.W. in the Boys' Club and Cadet Company?

We have one young O.W. helping regularly and another who is able to pay occasional visits; and the Cubs have still the benefit of Mr. Keymer's enthusiastic leadership. But more regular help is badly needed. We want one general helper for each of the three nights that the Club is open in each week; if we had more the Club could be opened more frequently. And we want, too, young O.W.W. who can lend a hand with the Club games, including boxing and fencing, or who may have cultivated a hobby in which they could interest the boys. May we not hope to find, among the scores of young O.W.W. living in London, just a few who can be tempted to try the experiment?

As for the Westminster Cadet Company, it has so long been without an Old Westminster officer that one almost despairs of restoring that essential connection with the School. We must, I suppose, be content to see our company officered by men from other schools. But it seems a pity; and if this letter should by any lucky chance catch the eye of some young O.W. who was interested in the O.T.C. while at the School, and who realises the benefit which a modicum of military discipline may confer on a Boys' Club in a rough neighbourhood, we shall be only too happy to put him in touch with the Company officers and arrange a visit to Battersea, so that he may see the Cadets for himself and perhaps be moved to take an interest in them.

Yours truly,  
Napier Hall,  
Vincent Square, S.W.1.  
ARTHUR KNAPP.

**THE END OF TERM SERVICE**

Dear Sir,

Surely the end of term service especially should be congregational, and not one in which the boys of Westminster School take very little part, but listen to the choir singing Anthems.

I am sure this must be in the minds of many people, and I only hope that some day this service may be altered.

I know there are a great many people who are of my opinion and who sympathise with my views.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN S. RIVAZ.

## APULDEAN AND WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,

I am a regular reader of the *Sussex County Magazine*, being a student of the history of that county, and I thought that the following might be of interest to your readers. It is taken from an article by Mr. T. R. Williams, which appeared in last December's issue.

Not far from Chichester is the little village of Apuldean. The church here was a chapel-of-ease to Bosham, which was a collegiate church. The name and income of one of its prebendal stalls was derived from Apuldean.

William of Wykeham was one of the holders of the prebend of Apuldean, but never visited the place. His

substitute again passed on his duties to a deputy, and the priest who actually did the work of the parish received only a part of the stipend. The rest of the money was devoted to assist in building Westminster School.

It is very interesting to know that a remote Sussex village played a part in founding so well-known an institution as our historic school.

Among experts on Westminster School history this is doubtless no new information. But I feel that among the less well-informed people like myself it may be of interest.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

PETER M. CORBOULD.

## OLD WESTMINSTERS

In the New Year's Honours, Sir Hugh Lansdown Stephenson, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., was made G.C.I.E. He is shortly to resign his office as Governor of Burma.

Mr. Hugh I. P. Hallett, M.C., has been appointed a King's Counsel.

Mr. C. F. Watherston, C.B., has retired from the post of Director of Finance at the War Office on reaching the age limit.

Mr. F. Gordon Roe has been appointed art critic of *The Artist*.

### BIRTHS

ALLEN.—On January 29, the wife of Kenneth Allen, of the Old Manor, Aspley Guise, a son.

GARDINER.—On February 6, the wife of K. J. Gardiner, a son.

GATES.—On December 25, 1935, at Kuala Lumpur, the wife of R. C. Gates, Malay Civil Service, a son.

HARDEN.—On January 3, the wife of Donald Harden, a daughter.

KIRKNESS.—On December 25, 1935, the wife of Desmond Kirkness, a son.

MILLEKEN - SMITH.—On December 4, 1935, the wife of R. B. Milleken-Smith, a son.

RATTENBURY.—On January 24, the wife of Robert M. Rattenbury, a daughter.

RUEGG.—On Nov. 10, 1935, the wife of F. E. Ruegg, a daughter.

WATERFIELD.—On Nov. 4, 1935, at Nakusp, B.C., the wife of Donald Waterfield, a son.

WRIGHT.—On Nov. 25, 1935, the wife of G. S. Wright, a son.

### MARRIAGES

GATES - LYONS.—On January 18, Terence, younger son of Dr. Edward Gates (O.W.), to Margery, only daughter of Sir Henry Lyons and Lady Lyons, of 3, York Terrace, Regent's Park.

HAWORTH-BOOTH - KNIGHT.—On November 27, 1935, F./Lt. Robin Howard Haworth-Booth, D.F.C., to Myrtle Ashburner, only daughter of the late Major J. H. Knight, R.M.L.I., and Mrs. Knight, of Rockbourne, near Fordingbridge.

SHELDON - LUSH.—On November 22, 1935, Walter Basil Sirr Sheldon to Violet Eva, younger daughter of the late Rt. Hon. Sir Montague Lush (O.W.) and Lady Lush.

VEDDER - RIDLEY.—On November 18, 1935, Capt. John Roos Vedder, 3rd/15th Punjab Regt., to Nancy Daphne Colyer, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Charles Noel Ridley, of Park End, Northumberland, and Mrs. Pringle, of Knorren, Cumberland.

MOSS - HODSOLL.—On January 11, William Francis, elder son of Major T. Moss, O.B.E., and Mrs. Moss, of Nutwood Cottage, Godalming, to Mary Prudence, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pollock Hodson, of Stilemans, Godalming.

## OBITUARY

ERNEST RUPERT MUNT was the younger son of Henry Munt, of Ashburn Place, South Kensington, and was up Ashburnham from 1919 to 1922. He died on January 18, aged 31.

ARCHIBALD ALFRED EGLES WEIR, who died on December 26, 1935, aged 76, was the eldest son of the Revd. Archibald Weir, D.C.L., of Enfield, Middlesex. He was admitted in 1871 and stood out for College in 1875, but left the same year without becoming a Q.S. In 1877 he went up to Worcester College, Oxford, where he took up long distance bicycling, becoming long distance amateur champion in 1878, and riding for Oxford *v.* Cambridge in 1878 and 1879. In 1881 he was admitted to the Inner Temple. He was the author of several works, including "The Historical Basis of Modern Europe" (1886). He married, in 1897, Amelia Watken, youngest daughter of James Cooper, of Gray's Inn, barrister-at-law.

## THE WESTMINSTER DINNER

The Dorchester Hotel, on Tuesday, 17th December, 1935, was once again the scene of the Westminster Dinner. 254 Old Westminsters and guests were seated at 32 tables in addition to the High Table. The chair was taken by Mr. R. T. Squire, President of The Elizabethan Club, who had the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev. Dr. Foxley-Norris, K.C.V.O., on his right, and the Headmaster, the Rev. Dr. H. Costley-White, on his left.

After a fanfare by buglers of H.M. Coldstream Guards (whose band, conducted by Lieut. J. Causley Windrum, L.R.A.M., P.S.M., by kind permission of Col. Arthur Smith, D.S.O., M.C., commanding, played during and after dinner) the Dean offered Grace. During dinner diners in all parts of the room were "shot," mercifully without sound or smell, by peripatetic photographers. After dinner and Grace, played by the band, the loyal toasts were most effectively heralded by a lowering of lights everywhere, except at one end of the room, where four buglers sounded fanfares before the toasts, proposed by the Chairman, were received with musical honours. One verse of the School song was played after the toast "In piam memoriam"

proposed by the Chairman had been honoured by all present standing in silence.

A few musical items followed, and then Sir Maurice Gwyer, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C., in a most graceful and fluent speech, proposed the health of the guests, selecting for special eulogy the Dean, the Headmaster, Lord Justice Greene and Sir John Davidson. The two former, though present in an official capacity, he welcomed as old and true friends of the School, and the two latter, though Westminsters "by birth," he greeted as guests truly *honoris causa*. He recalled encounters with the Lord Justice on the cricket field and in the Courts and elephantine experiences with Sir John in India.

The Dean, in reply, thanked Sir Maurice on behalf of the guests as a whole, and instanced the dangers of particularization with a story (also concerned with elephants) of Bostock's circus at Walberswick ferry. For himself he emphasised how greatly he valued the warmth of the welcome extended to him, though a Carthusian, by all at Westminster.

The Rt. Honble. Sir John Davidson, G.C.V.O., C.H., C.B., M.P., followed with more stories of India, in the making of which he recalled the great part played by the School, and in lighter vein touched on the difficulty of obtaining legal advice in the "Courts above."

In proposing "Floreat" the Chairman took patriotism for his theme and referred with warm gratitude and affection to Mr. E. R. B. Graham who for many years has devoted so much thought and energy to every good cause on behalf of the School.

After the singing of the first verse and chorus of the Carmen Feriale Westmonasteriense, the Headmaster replied with a brief account of the generous activities of the Pilgrim Trust and of School events during the year, and gave a list of honours and distinctions recently gained by past and present members of the School.

Mr. P. G. L. Webb, C.B., C.B.E., in proposing the health of the Chairman, recalled his association with him in the foundation over 50 years ago of the Old Westminsters Football Club, and referred to some of his other athletic triumphs for Cambridge and England.

The Chairman returned thanks briefly and the singing of "God Save the King" brought to a close the more formal portion of another

memorable occasion, another triumphant example of the Hon. Secretary's inspired skill and organization.

Afterwards old friendships were renewed in chance encounters and new ones inaugurated in informal groups, and thus the purpose of the Dinner was fulfilled.

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Old Westminster present at the Dinner included:—

C. P. Allen, H. V. Anthony, W. J. Armitage, W. M. Atwood, A. E. Balfour, R. Bare, R. D. Barlas, Major W. T. de B. Barwell, R. V. Beale, The Rev. E. C. Bedford, R. L. Bennett, F. D. Berryman, N. M. Beyts (Asst. Hon. Sec. for Oxford), R. N. R. Blaker, M.C., A. E. Bloom, C. N. Brand, N. C. H. Brind, R. D. Brinton, T. W. Brown, E. J. Buhler, J. C. Bune, C. F. Byers, C. M. Cahn, J. D. Carleton, G. T. W. Cashell, M.B., F.R.C.S., J. C. Cherry (Hon. Sec. for Oxford), J. H. R. Chisholm, K. Christie, R. K. Christopherson, C. M. L. Circuitt, H. K. S. Clark, E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, G. D. Colclough, J. R. Colclough, C. E. Colyer, L. J. Connell, G. S. Cooke, K. H. L. Cooper, Dr. F. C. Cozens, D. Cragg-Hamilton, M. de J. Creswick, W. McCargo-Cross, Dr. A. D. Crow, Dr. H. T. Cubbon, F. H. Dalston, The Rt. Honble. Sir John Davidson, G.C.V.O., C.H., C.B., M.P., P. T. Davies, Lt.-Col. H. M. Davson, C.M.G., D.S.O., R. J. Drury, J. Dulley, Lt.-Col. F. C. Dundas, D.S.O., N. D. Dunscombe, M.B., R. W. Edgar, C. R. H. Eggar, W. B. Enever, L. A. M. Fevez, H. P. G. Fisher, A. R. C. Fleming, F. S. Fleuret, W. B. Frampton, J. C. Fry, R. Gage, G. B. Gardiner, K. J. Gardiner, A. W. Geddes, W. E. Gerrish, B. M. Goldie, Sir Ernest Goodhart, Bt., Dr. G. W. Goodhart, H. H. Gordon, The Rt. Honble. Lord Justice Greene, A. C. Grover, Sir Maurice Gywer, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C., E. R. B. Graham (Hon. Sec.), G. L. D. Hall, K. C. Hame, T. G. Hardy, Lt.-Col. W. H. C. Le Hardy, M.C., Sir Harold Harmsworth, E. D. Hine, F.S.I., F.A.I., E. Remington-Hobbs, H. P. Hollis, J. C. Hollocombe, F. S. Hoppé, The Honble. Frank Hopwood, A. B. Horne, Sir Edgar Horne, Bt., Cap. B. S. Horner, F. N. Hornsby, J. M. Hornsby, P. R. Hornsby, E. H. Horton, Capt. M. Houdret, M.C., T. Howard-Williams, Capt. H. N. Hume, M.C., Lt.-Col. A. R. Hurst, D.S.O., J. W. Jacomb-Hood, L. James, E. B. Johnson, J. S. Joly, P. W. G. Kann, T. C. S. Keely, K. C. Keymer, Sir Arthur Knapp, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.B.E., Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, Major W. I. Lang, R. Lawson, H. Leedham-Green, A. L. Leighton, M.C., F. A. Lewis, M. P. Lonnon (Hon. Sec. for Cambridge), R. G. H. Lowe, T. G. Lund, W. F. Lutyens, Dr. N. A. Mackintosh, E. H. V. McDougall, H. B. Magnus, H. F. Manisty, K.C., J. D. Marks, F. E. Mars, H. W. Martin, E. D. Jefferiss-Mathews, R. P. Mears, W. R. Moon, P. Morgan, D. J. Neal, A. A. Negus, W. E. Newall, Lt.-Col. W. H. Newson, M.C., T.D., E. F. B. Nunns, Lt.-Col. R. F. C. O'Brien, D. O'Malley, W. G. R. Oates, J. Ormiston, R. C. Orpen, A. G. Osmond, W. Parker, W. B. Parker, G. M. E. Paulson, H. A. R. Philby, M. F. Porterfield, R. F. Potter, J. Poyser, O.B.E. (Hon. Treasurer), G. Rawlinson, J. Rendle, H. B. Ripman, Dr. J. B. Roberts, D. E. Ryland, G. U. Salvi, H. J. Salwey, A. Scarisbrick, L. C. Schlotel, W. B. S. Sheldon, A. Sherriff, H. Milliken-Smith, R. B. Milliken-Smith, Lt.-Comr. H. Warrington-Smyth, C.M.G., R.N.V.R., F.R.G.S., E. W. St. G. Spencer, R. T. Squire (President of The Elizabethan Club), Chair-

man, A. L. W. Stevens, R. K. Stilgoe, R. S. Summerhays, A. B. de S. Sutton, M. G. Sutton, H. F. B. Symons, C. H. Taylor, E. G. B. Taylor, J. B. Taylor, W. T. H. Teed, P. Thomas, W. D. J. Thomas, H. J. Thomson, Major F. G. Thorne, C. F. Trevor, K. Tucker, G. E. Tunnicliffe, O. A. Tunnicliffe, M.C., J. R. Turner, J. F. Turner, P. A. Tyser, G. F. Waley, A. P. Waterfield, C.B., C. F. Watherston, C.B., J. S. Watts, C. C. J. Webb, D.Litt., F.B.A., P. G. L. Webb, C.B., C.B.E., R. P. Wilkinson, A. T. Willett, W. N. Winckworth, M. M. F. Wingate, A. R. Woodbridge, T. P. Wright, P. H. Wyatt, O.B.E., J. G. Wyllie, T. H. S. Wyllie, D. Youatt, M. F. Young.

## OLD WESTMINSTER SCOUT CLUB

### DISAPPOINTING RESULTS

#### SUPPORT NEEDED FROM O.W.W.

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1935

ON reviewing this year's work, the Committee can only report a period of moderate success. It was hoped with the advent of the Rover Crew that there would be great activity and progress in the Club generally. Statistics, however, show that while there has been progress, the credit for it is due entirely to a comparatively small number who loyally and conscientiously support the Club's activities.

On the average, only 25 per cent. out of a total of 46 members attend the General Meetings, which is a very low figure, since 30 of these members live in or around London. The only possible explanation for such poor attendances is due to the fact that at least 20 of our members are actively engaged in Scout work and are consequently unable to spare the time.

The census shows an increase in numbers of six, but on the other hand there has been one resignation which will become effective at the end of the year. Only one of the new members, however, lives near town.

Two Camps were held this summer, one at Charterhouse, when we were the guests of the O.C. Scout Club, and the other at St. Albans. Our numbers were 3 and 4 respectively, and could have been more, had not some members been prevented from attending at the last minute. In the case of the latter Camp, the date clashed with other activities and had to be changed, with unfortunate results.

The Rover Crew has more than justified its formation, since all its members, with one exception, are now doing active Scout service with their own groups. Early in the year the Crew went to the 1st Westminster to give assistance; when, however, it was found that our help was quite superfluous, it was decided to withdraw our members and send them to help with Troops whose need was greater. As there are now no Rovers available for service with other groups, many of the calls we have had for help have had to go unanswered. As you will see, in the circumstances, it has been quite impossible to send any Rovers down to help at the School Mission Club, a service which we had hoped to be able to carry out.

Among the Club's activities, the Rover Crew attended the Westminster District Jubilee Church Parade at Westminster Abbey, and was the only Section representing the School Group.

It has been possible to welcome members of the School Troop at our meetings on one or two occasions, but at present there are few opportunities for the Scouts and Old Scouts to meet under the auspices of the Club. It is hoped, however, that these difficulties will soon be overcome.

The Committee express the hope that in the coming year every member will take greater advantage of the excellent opportunities afforded by the Club for intercourse among Old Westminster Scouts.

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The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Friday, December 13th, with the Headmaster in the chair.

The election of officers was confirmed by the meeting, and remains practically unchanged. The Headmaster is again President, with Sir Arthur Knapp and Dr. E. C. Daniels Vice-Presidents; Treasurer and Secretary, M. Melvill Wingate; and the Committee, G. L. M. Jenkins, R. A. Frost, D. S. Jewell, J. Baldwin and G. L. Evans, who has been co-opted to represent the younger members of the Club.

The General Meetings for the coming year have been provisionally arranged for March 14th, in the afternoon, with a visit to Roland House in the evening, October 9th, and December 14th.

The annual Camp is to take place over the week-end of July 5th and 6th, and will probably be held at Flamstead.

The annual Balance Sheet showed the Club's finances to be in a sound state, and a motion was adopted that a donation should be forwarded to the School Mission.

#### MISSION NOTES

THE Mission Club and the Cadet Company are busy, as I can testify from recent personal visits, doing good work and pursuing their seasonal activities of football, indoor games and boxing. Their major need at the moment, as Sir Arthur Knapp's letter, printed under "Correspondence," shows, is for more young Old Westminsters to help. We have one or two at the Mission Club, but none with the Cadet Company. There is much need for help in this direction, and I hope my appeal may attract some of those leaving School during the current year and lead to their volunteering assistance.

STUART HORNER.

**Floreat**