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## THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

THE season has been remarkable for our all-round efficiency in fielding ; that in itself is a thing of which to be proud, and one on which the Eleven of 1927 can look back with satisfaction. I have no hesitation in affirming that this side was the best fielding side I have seen here, and this in itself makes ample amends for our disappointing batting. It is the *prime* duty of every individual cricketer and of every team to make themselves proficient in this particular branch of the game, and to none is this remark more applicable than to schoolboys. If a *schoolboy* side cannot field well, they had better give up the game altogether. Any natural deficiencies in the perhaps more subtle arts of batting and bowling are more than amply compensated for by smart and efficient fielding. Let us, then, take the Westminster fielding side of 1927 as a standard first of all to be followed and attained, and then surpassed in future years ; and let it always be borne in mind that the success of school fielding depends primarily upon the energy

and enthusiasm of those in authority in the different houses ; all depends on the activity which they display in the actual *giving* of fielding practice, and what is of even more importance, on the spirit of keenness which they can so easily, without great trouble, instil into those under their charge. I cannot close without a word of tribute to the example set in this respect by the head of our school cricket—I refer to J. A. Cook, our captain of last year.

It would serve no useful purpose here to dilate at length upon our bowling and our batting. I have written thus shortly in order to lay the more stress on the fielding ; suffice it to say that our batting was at times too bad to be true—the fault lies, I think, not in the lack of actual ability (the form shown at the nets shows that we have that), but rather in our total disability to ‘ face the music ’ in the middle with set teeth and a stern upper lip. Apparently so great is the ordeal of batting in a match considered to be, that when our batsmen have reached twenty or so they are so relieved and surprised at their unexpected success that they consider their job as done (whereas in reality

it is only just beginning), and elated beyond measure, their concentration is thrown to the winds and they soon fall a victim, just at the moment when we are hoping they will settle down to play a big innings. We require a more *even* and *subdued* spirit of quiet confidence, rather than the violent extremes of pessimism and optimism which our batsmen seem to experience respectively at the start of their innings and when they reach the twenties. There have, of course, been many exceptions, and good innings have been played, but I am viewing the general situation as a whole, and I think I am not exaggerating or being unjust.

The bowling was above the average, though I rather think its *quantity* outweighed its *quality*; be it so, I have never seen our bowling so rarely 'collared' by the strong visiting batsmen that come against us, and the bowlers generally gave our batsmen a really good chance of winning the game, and if only the latter had fulfilled their early promise and played up to their true form, we should have to record a most successful season in place of the very moderate one we are bound to admit.

D. J. K.

### School Notes.

THERE are 52 new boys this term, making the total numbers 369.

The dates of the Play—the 'Andria' of Terence—are Saturday, December 17; Monday, December 19; and Wednesday, December 21.

On Monday, November 14, there will be a Lecture Recital by Mr. Aubrey Brain on 'The French Horn,' at 5 p.m.

There is no Concert this term, but the Madrigal and Orchestral Societies will perform Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio,' Parts I and II on Friday, December 2, at 4.15 p.m.

The School's new grounds at Morden are now being used for play.

We welcome this term as an Assistant Master, Mr. C. F. Harvey, of Balliol College, Oxford.

The Mure Scholarship was won by C. M. Harrison (K.S.). *proxime accessit* A. F. L. Beeston (A.H.).

On Monday, October 10, there was a lecture up School by Colonel V. A. Haddick on 'Mount Everest.' There will also be a lecture up School on 'Garibaldi' by Mr. J. Aston (O.W.) on Wednesday, November 9, at 4.15 p.m.

### FIRST-CLASS HONOURS GAINED SINCE ELECTION, 1926, BY PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL.

- R. H. Lloyd-Jones.—*Open Classical Scholarship, Brasenose, Oxford.*  
 H. Elliot.—*Open Exhibition in Science, Trinity, Cambridge*  
 K. McGregor.—*First Class Modern History, Oxford, and fourth in Home Civil Service Examination.*  
 R. M. Rattenbury.—*Classical Fellowship, Trinity, Cambridge.*  
 H. G. C. Payne.—*Senior Research Scholarship, Christ Church, Oxford.*  
 A. G. N. Cross.—*Harmsworth Law Scholarship, Cambridge University and Classical Fellowship at Trinity, Cambridge.*  
 S. Chapman.—*Sir William Browne's Medal for Greek Epigram, First Class in Part I of Classical Tripos, and Elected to a Senior Scholarship.*  
 R. A. Frost.—*Stanhope Historical Essay Prize, Oxford.*  
 E. C. Lester.—*First Class in Classical Moderations, Oxford.*  
 A. W. Stonier.—*First Class in Modern Greats, Oxford.*  
 H. G. C. Payne.—*Conington Prize for a Dissertation on a subject appertaining to Classical Learning, Oxford.*

### PRINCIPAL SCHOOL PRIZES AWARDED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR ENDING ELECTION, 1927.

- Phillimore I.*—*Essay*: H. B. Ripman. *Translation*: H. B. Ripman.  
*Mure Scholarship*.—H. B. Ripman.  
*Ireland Prize*.—*Latin Verse*: H. B. Ripman.  
*Greek Verse*: H. B. Ripman and D. J. Jones.  
*Waterfield Greek Prose*.—H. B. Ripman.  
*Vincent Prize*.—*Senior*: H. A. P. Phillips and P. H. Rogers. *Junior*: J. C. P. Elliston.  
*Gumbleton Prize for English Verse*.—Not awarded.  
*Henry Troutbeck Prize for Orations*.—*Senior*: J. G. Harrison. *Junior*: A. C. Johnson.  
*Stebbing Prizes*.—I. I. Milne and R. N. Heaton.  
*O.W.W. Masonic Lodge Prizes for Science*—*Essay*: H. B. Ripman. *Practical*: Not awarded.  
*Phillimore II.*—*For Greek and Latin Compositions*: H. B. Ripman. *For English Compositions*: I. I. Bowen.  
*Toplady Prizes for Scripture Knowledge*.—*Senior*: E. C. Baughan. *Junior*: N. C. Masterman.  
*Clifton Gordon Reading Prizes*.—*Senior*: H. B. Ripman. *Junior*: A. C. Johnson.  
*Goodenough Medal for French*.—W. P. Mallinson.

*Rouse Ball Prize for Mathematics.*—Senior: Not awarded. Junior: W. R. S. Doll.

*Marshall Memorial Prizes.*—Classical VII: H. L. Jones. History VII: L. J. Wakely. Modern VII: C. S. Makower.

*Marshall Prizes.*—VI<sup>1</sup> (Classics): J. W. Bourke. VI<sup>2</sup> (Classics): I. I. Milne. Modern VI (Classics): J. H. Lander.

*Cheyne Prizes for Arithmetic.*—Senior: T. H. S. Wyllie. Junior: C. K. Campbell.

*Rev. A. Jones's Prize for Geometry.*—R. M. Mere.

*Eastlake Prizes for Drawing.*—H. A. R. Philby and R. N. Heaton.

*Knapp-Fisher Prizes for Music.*—E. F. Barlow and C. S. Makower.

*Digniora.*—J. W. Bourke.

### SCHOOL OFFICERS.

THE following are officers for the coming year:—

*Captain.*—H. L. Jones.

*Monitors.*—H. B. Ripman, W. P. Mallinson, N. L. Foster, D. F. R. Freeman.

*Captain of K.S.S.*—H. L. Jones.

*Prin. Opp.*—H. B. Ripman.

*Head of Grant's.*—W. P. Mallinson.

*Head of Rigaud's.*—N. L. Foster.

*Head of Home Boarders.*—D. F. R. Freeman.

*Head of Ashburnham.*—H. B. Ripman.

*Captain of Football.*—K. J. Gardiner (G.G.).

*Head of the Water.*—D. F. R. Freeman.

*Other members of the Monitorial Council.*—

C. M. Harrison (K.S.S.), J. B. Sturdy (K.S.S.), B. Dulanty (*Head of Busby's*), L. J. D. Wakely (G.G.), H. B. Graham (R.R.), D. J. Jones (K.S.S.), W. R. Tate (H.B.B.), D. Barker (A.H.H.).

### THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE following are officers for the coming year:—

*Editor.*—H. L. Jones.

*Hon. Secretary.*—C. M. Harrison.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—I. F. Smedley, Esq.

### ELECTION, 1927.

*Elected to Christ Church.*—H. A. P. Phillips, F. M. Oppenheimer, C. H. V. Sutherland.

*Elected to Trinity.*—H. Elliot, F. W. Allen, E. L. Franklin.

*Elected to a Christ Church Exhibition.*—E. F. Barlow.

*Samwaies Exhibitions were awarded to* F. W. Allen, E. L. Franklin.

*Triplett Exhibitions were awarded to* E. F. Barlow, E. L. Franklin, A. G. de Montmorency, R. H. Lloyd-Jones, G. M. E. Paulson.

*The Hinchliffe Scholarship was awarded to* I. I. Bowen.

*A Hinchliffe Exhibition was awarded to* H. B. Magnus.

### THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP, 1927.

THOSE of us from Westminster who were privileged to attend the Duke of York's Camp this year can look back on it as being one of the best holidays we have ever spent. The weather, except on one afternoon, was beautiful, and full advantage was taken of it.

The object of the Camp, as Captain J. G. Pateron, the Camp Chief, stated, is to promote a brotherhood between boys of different classes; this object is being largely attained, as there was a very friendly spirit maintained by boys of both classes to each other throughout the week. This was greatly helped by the organised games which were held every morning, each game being one which promoted the team spirit in its best form. These games were extremely well organised and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The routine of the Camp is simple but energetic, and if we were to criticise at all we might say that it erred on the side of being a little too strenuous. Public School boys at any rate do not feel at their fittest at the end of a long summer term.

We must say a word about the concerts and entertainments in the evening; these were admirably conducted and run by the Camp Padre, who was nobly assisted by the large number of volunteers who came forward to sing, recite or play musical instruments. In addition to these musical entertainments we saw a large number of very good films, and heard one or two most interesting lectures. In accordance with the annual custom of the camp we broadcast on one evening a series of community songs; many letters were received from old campers saying how clearly these were heard. In a word, the highest praise and gratitude is due to the musical organisers for their splendid work.

The greatest day of the week was, of course, that on which H.R.H. the Duke of York came down to visit the Camp; universal praise was everywhere bestowed on him for the ready way in which he joined in all the games, and he was a most popular host. In his speech, which was broadcast just after the community singing, he sent a message of goodwill to all old campers, and expressed his pleasure at seeing how thoroughly the Camp was enjoyed.

We must not fail to mention a most interesting statement which was made by the Camp Chief; one which must be of particular interest to Westminsters. He told us that the idea of the Camp was formed by H.R.H. the Duke of York, in conjunction with the Industrial Welfare Society, as a direct result of a football match played at Vincent Square between Westminster School and a team of industrial boys who were members of a party which was then making a tour of London. H.R.H. the Duke of York was present at this match, which was an extremely good one, and as a result of it formed his idea of the Camp.

The universal thanks of all who attended the Camp are due in the first place to H.R.H. the Duke of York, and secondly to Captain J. G. Paterson, who was a most energetic and popular camp chief.



## THE FIELDS.

### CHARACTERS OF THE CRICKET ELEVEN, 1926.

#### J. A. COOK (*Captain*).

A batsman who could strike the ball with plenty of power—too prone to play back to the well pitched-up ball, and that, too, with a slightly cross bat. Greatly improved bowler, especially towards the end of term—he was able to swing the new ball away to a considerable extent. In his capacity as Captain he placed and altered his fieldsmen with considerable skill and had the satisfaction of being the leader of a fine fielding side.

#### G. M. E. PAULSON.

A medium-paced bowler, who although never achieving the skill which we expected of him when he was younger, yet has done splendid service for the School. A great 'trier,' but he lacked that 'devil' which can only be acquired by finger-spin and subtle variations of flight. A weird batsman, whose best defence lay in free hitting, in which he did not indulge sufficiently often, as his defensive efforts verged on the farcical. He will be greatly missed in our School cricket.

#### K. J. GARDINER.

Quite a brilliant stroke player at times, and he played some exhilarating innings—still too fond of cutting straight balls through the slips, and the upright and vertical bat is not so much in evidence as it ought to be. A steady and reliable length bowler and a fieldsmen well above the average. A good all-round cricketer.

#### N. L. FOSTER.

Had a most disappointing season, and neither with the bat nor the ball did he approach his promising form of the previous summer. But he will, I am sure, regain his old skill. He has the satisfaction of knowing that he is the best fieldsmen that we have had here for a good many years, and his finished work at cover-point stands out as the great feature of the season.

#### D. A. BOMPAS.

A young wicket-keeper with, I feel sure, a future in front of him. His style is easy and graceful, and his value to the side was incalculable. He has the makings of a batsman, but he is as yet too careless and lacks that gift of rigid concentration without which no batsman can succeed. He plays forward too much, and when he does so, the bat is 'hung out to dry' in front of him, and the left leg is not sufficiently advanced and reinforcing the bat, and his weight is on the rear leg, which is wrong.

#### I. W. A. SYMINGTON.

A batsman modelled on the right lines and the only player on the side who indulged frequently in the full-blooded drive off the half-volley. The way in which his body comes right through with his shot and also the free follow through of the bat are worthy of notice. Could bowl a good in-swinging ball, but could with advantage bowl more deliveries that do *not* swerve, thus *varying* his attack to a greater extent. A fieldsmen well above the average.

#### J. K. LUARD.

He has the right temperament for the game, in that he refuses to be disturbed when things are going badly for his side. An unpolished batsman who quite rightly observes the rule that a half-volley is made to be punched heartily to the boundary. Until the very end of the season, largely because of the exaggerated 'one-eyed' stance which he had, his strokes were limited to the drive to mid-off and wide of mid-on. When he modified the position of his feet in the stance he began to show definite signs of acquiring the other strokes. He must eradicate the tendency to play a 'brassey stroke' when trying to drive extra hard. Not a quick-moving sprightly fieldsmen, but an eminently safe and reliable one. The best catcher on the side.

#### J. A. EVETTS.

A very young cricketer of most outstanding merit and promise. He bats so correctly that it would be a pity for him as yet to worry about the

power which his scoring shots lack for the moment ; the requisite force will come of its own accord in a year or so. The greater the crisis, the better he plays—a supreme asset for a cricketer. A leg-break bowler who has possibilities, but he must concentrate on the acquisition of greater accuracy and length, which can only be obtained through the medium of continual practice. He is a poor fieldsman in that he moves so slowly to the ball ; this must be remedied.

**J. W. M. AITKEN.**

A left-handed batsman with a certain grace of style, but somewhat deficient in execution. He has an attractive drive past extra-cover, and he hits to leg well, but he is too fond of trying to hit the ball on the leg stump round to square leg instead of forcing it past mid-on. He, too, lacks the concentration necessary to the playing of a long innings, and his defence is too easily penetrated. His stance is somewhat stiff and unnecessarily strained. A moderate fieldsman.

**H. B. GRAHAM.**

A steady bowler of slow medium pace who often bowled an excellent length ; but on plumb wickets his method of attack was too plain and stereotyped. Even though finger-spin is absent, slight variations in pace and flight can with advantage be indulged in. Altogether too cramped and stiff as a batsman, and the half-volley is treated by him with a most exaggerated respect and gentleness. He fields well, and there is no doubt that he is a useful all-round cricketer of the uninspired type.

**H. L. JONES.**

He can hit the ball hard and he played several bright and energetic innings. His defence is somewhat weak in that he does not move his feet sufficiently quickly in playing back, and in his driving shots he is liable to throw his head back at the moment of impact, thus causing the ball to rise, and, moreover, causing him to take his eye off the ball at the last moment of the stroke—a bad fault in batsmanship. A bowler with a nice easy action who might easily train on into a taker of wickets.

D. J. K.

**SCHOOL COLOURS, 1927.**

The following Colours were awarded :—

*Pinks.*—\* J. A. Cook, \* G. M. E. Paulson, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, D. A. Bompas, I. W. A. Symington, J. W. M. Aitken, J. A. Evetts, H. B. Graham, J. K. Luard, H. L. Jones.

*Pink and Whites.*—L. J. D. Wakely, W. P. Mallinson, \* C. W. J. Thurlow, \* R. Gatty.

*Thirds.*—D. E. Barker, J. D. Evans.

*Colts' Caps.*—J. D. Argyle, R. G. A. Colt-Williams, I. I. Milne, M. Broadhurst, D. E. Ryland, W. H. Wakely, R. A. S. Richmond, J. S. Brown, J. Gibson.

\* Will have left by next season.

**K.SS v. T.BB.**

Played up fields on Election Monday, July 25.

For the first time since 1923 the weather smiled on this match. Town Boys batted first and were dismissed for the moderate score of 176 ; of these runs Symington made 78. The fielding of the King's Scholars, except for the slip-catching, attained a high level, and K. H. L. Cooper and J. D. Argyle bowled well and kept a good length. King's Scholars made a very bad start and at one period 5 wickets were down for only 12 runs. However, owing to some plucky hitting by C. H. V. Sutherland and M. Mackenzie, the score eventually reached 72, Town Boys thus winning by 104 runs.

**T.BB.**

K. J. Gardiner, c H. L. Jones, b Argyle	...	...	17
D. A. Bompas, b Cooper	...	...	14
I. W. A. Symington, c Cooper, b Argyle	...	...	78
J. A. Cook, c and b Argyle	...	...	0
N. L. Foster, c Sturdy, b Cooper	...	...	9
J. W. M. Aitken, b Cooper	...	...	20
J. K. Luard, b Argyle	...	...	13
H. B. Graham, b Cooper	...	...	0
C. W. J. Thurlow, b Cooper	...	...	9
G. M. E. Paulson, c Milne, b Argyle	...	...	5
W. P. Mallinson, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	11
			—
			176

*Bowling.*—Cooper 5 for 70, Argyle 5 for 65.

**K.SS.**

J. B. Sturdy, c Luard, b Cook	...	...	0
K. H. L. Cooper, st. Bompas, b Cook	...	...	0
J. A. Evetts, lbw Symington	...	...	1
H. L. Jones, b Symington	...	...	3
I. I. Milne, c Bompas, b Cook	...	...	3
C. H. V. Sutherland, c Foster, b Symington	...	...	14
M. Mackenzie, b Mallinson	...	...	28
H. A. R. Philby, b Gardiner	...	...	4
E. F. Barlow, b Paulson	...	...	2
J. D. Argyle, not out	...	...	10
D. J. Jones, b Foster	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	7
			—
			72

*Bowling.*—Cook 3 for 14, Symington 3 for 21, Gardiner 1 for 13, Paulson 1 for 8, Foster 1 for 4, Mallinson 1 for 5.

## AVERAGES, 1927.

## BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Not out.	H.S.	Av.
K. J. Gardiner	... 13	288	—	100	22.15
J. A. Cook	... 11	241	—	95	21.91
J. W. M. Aitken	... 14	182	4	59*	18.20
D. A. Bompas	... 14	229	—	57	16.35
I. W. A. Symington	... 14	227	—	51	16.21
J. A. Evetts	... 12	170	1	46	15.45
H. B. Graham	... 13	116	5	29*	14.50
J. K. Luard	... 6	84	—	55	14.00
G. M. E. Paulson	... 13	78	6	22*	11.14
H. L. Jones	... 12	120	—	40	10.00
N. L. Foster	... 12	119	—	31	9.92
L. J. D. Wakely	... 8	45	1	12*	6.43

Also batted.—W. P. Mallinson, 5, 19, 1, 10, 4.75; C. W. J. Thurlow, 2, 0, 0, 0, —; W. E. Heard, 1, 0, 0, 0, —.

## BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
G. M. E. Paulson	... 103	24	324	27	12.00
J. A. Evetts	... 63	4	291	16	18.19
H. B. Graham	... 36	8	130	7	18.58
J. A. Cook	... 67	21	158	7	22.58
N. L. Foster	... 72.3	11	235	10	23.50
I. W. A. Symington	... 136	40	441	16	27.56
K. J. Gardiner	... 101.4	15	359	12	29.92

Also bowled.—W. P. Mallinson, 6.1, 0, 50, 2; L. J. D. Wakely, 51, 12, 136, 3; W. E. Heard, 6, 2, 20, 0.

## FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD MALVERNIANs.

(Draw, 4-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on October 8. The game was marked by the fluctuation of the score, each side leading in turn. For us Cooper scored three goals and Gardiner one; the latter was a beautiful shot. The Old Malvernians were a man short to begin with, and in addition to this two of their team were injured. They played with only ten men for most of the game. For us Sturdy centred very well and Cooper made the most of his scoring opportunities. Gardiner played a good game and Bird at right back was very good. Of the Old Malvernians, Abrams, outside right, played a fine game. Their goals were scored by Abrams (2) and Hoefield (2). Westminster came many times within an ace of scoring in the last ten minutes.

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

*Old Malvernians*.—C. K. Foster; H. A. Pridham, E. M. B. Reade; S. Kunzer, H. E. S. Bird, P. Kahn; G. E. W. Beeson, E. B. Hoefield, J. Davidson, H. C. D. Abrams, J. A. Deed.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI *v.* OLD CHOLMELEIANs.

(Lost, 0-4.)

Played at Vincent Square on October 8. The Old Cholmeleians did most of the attacking, and were the heavier and faster side. Westminster came near to scoring towards the end, but just failed to do so. For the Old Cholmeleians, Passingham scored twice and Watling once, the remaining goal going in off J. D. Evans.

*Westminster*.—W. Moon; W. P. Mallinson, J. D. Evans; M. Mackenzie, J. O. Sahler, P. C. Wingate; M. Porterfield, J. D. Argyle, R. W. D. Carr, H. B. Graham, C. Mills.

*Old Cholmeleians*.—Anderson; Cole and Ferguson; McPeake, Sargent, Day; Williamson, Watling, Hay, Passingham, Yarkoff.

## THE WATER.

KING'S SCHOLARs *v.* TOWN BOYs.

The Town Boys had a galaxy of talent for the race, having the entire First VIII from which to select a four, while the College crew was composed of distinctly lesser lights, which, when combined, proved a surprisingly bright constellation. Mr. Ellis, on a short visit home from Canada, started and umpired the race. He had to start the race twice; the first time, both crews started off very hard, and shot straight towards each other, both coxes being apparently full of an horrid mutual animosity. After the collision, both crews went back to the start (the Mile Post) and got off evenly. College drew ahead and in a minute and a half had half a length's lead; they had distinctly rattled their opponents, who were rowing very hard, but without cohesion or length: at Beverley, College were leading by a length, to the immense enthusiasm and, probably, surprise of their supporters on the bank. From the Boat House in, the Town Boys made a desperate effort; rowing a fast stroke, they got the time better together, and, aided by their superior strength, they finished past the University Stone with only two feet between them and defeat. The College crew are to be warmly congratulated on putting up so good a race against a crew of greater strength and experience.

*Town Boys*.—G. A. Ellison (*bow*), D. F. A. Freeman (2), G. E. D. Halahan (3), R. Northcott (*stroke*), Allen (*Cox*).

*King's Scholars*.—Lucas (*bow*), G. O. Lace (2), Harrison (3), Lee (*stroke*), Baines (*cox*).

## CONCERT.

- 1 Symphony, No. 2 in D ... *Haydn* (1732-1809)  
Adagio-Allegro.  
Andante.  
Allegro Spiritoso.
- 2 Madrigals.  
'Never weather-beaten sail' *Thomas Campian*  
(1575-1619)  
'Down in a flow'ry vale' *Festa* (1490-1545)
- 3 Brass Quartet, No. 1 of Three Aequales  
*Beethoven* (1770-1827)  
FOURACRE, SALVI, LEWIS, LUARD (GG.).
- 4 Two Airs ... *arr. R. Vaughan Williams* (b.1872)  
'Alistair McAlpine's Lament' (Scotch).  
'Down among the dead men' (English).
- 5 Concerto in C Major for Piano and Orchestra  
Andante and Allegro Vivace *Mozart* (1756-1791)  
Solo Pianist—LEWIS.
- 6 Combined House Bands.  
March from 'Cornelius' *Mendelssohn* (1809-1847)
- 7 Vocal Quartet.  
'Fairest Isle' ... *Purcell* (1658-1695)  
LLOYD-JONES, SUTHERLAND, EVETTS, ARGYLE (K.SS.).
- 8 Combined House Choirs.  
'Spanish Ladies,' Sea Shanty *arr. Cecil Sharp*  
Conductor—BARLOW. Pianist—BRIDGEWATER.
- 9 Nos. 3 and 5 from Small Suite for Orchestra  
*Bizet* (1838-1875)  
'Jeux d'Enfants.'  
Impromptu (La Toupie).  
Galop (Le Bal).
- 10 Choral Song, 'Last Post' *C. V. Stanford* (1852-1924)
- 11 Unison Song, 'I vow to thee, my country'  
*G. Holst* (b. 1874)
- 12 Carmen, 'Feriale Westmonasteriense'  
*Sir F. Bridge* (1844-1924)

THE Madrigal and Orchestral Societies gave their usual Election Term concert up School on the 22nd July, before a large and appreciative audience.

The first item, Haydn's Symphony No. 2, was played under the *baton* of Mr. Leslie Heward, lately director of the Cape Town Orchestra, whose name will be familiar to many Old Westminsters. 'Papa Haydn' is forever young, and the spontaneity and simplicity of his cheerful music, played as it was with good *ensemble* and attack, appealed to the audience.

There followed two old Madrigals by Campian and Festa, and—after an instrumental item mentioned later—two Airs arranged by Vaughan Williams. In all four items the choir proved themselves to be possessed of clarity of diction and a capacity for nuances of expression. There is a solid, satisfying quality about these old Madrigals, which, though not perhaps easy to define, is none the less felt; and it is not difficult to believe that the epoch which produced them saw this country at the apex of the creative musical life of the age.

In the two arrangements by Vaughan Williams the spirit of the original airs is well preserved—the one with its Gaelic strain of wistful sadness, and the other so typically English in its downrightness.

The remaining items of the first part of the programme were No. 1 of the set of three Aequales written by Beethoven for a Brass Quartet (two of which were performed at his funeral), and the Andante and Allegro Vivace from Mozart's Concerto in C Major, for Piano and Orchestra. The Quartet, with its unusual combination of instruments, was impressive in its austere beauty, and received a noteworthy interpretation at the hands—or more correctly, the mouths—of Fouracre, Salvi, Lewis and Luard. Probably very few schools possess resources which would enable them to provide a performance of this work. Of the Concerto it may be said that the solo part was admirably played by Lewis, who gave clear expression to the delicate Mozartian embroidery without sacrifice of rhythm. He was well supported by the orchestra.

The second part of the programme opened with Mendelssohn's well-known march from 'Cornelius,' played by the combined house bands. The amalgam, notwithstanding the almost incredible variety of its component parts, was quite successful, and the piece went with a swing.

Purcell's charming Vocal Quartet, 'Fairest Isle,' was sung by Lloyd-Jones, Sutherland, Evetts and Argyle. The voices were well balanced, and though the treble, owing to an ill-timed cold, was at times somewhat flat, the performance was a distinctly good one.

The combined House Choirs thereupon ranted and roared (making good play with their R's), in an almost buccaneering fashion, in Cecil Sharp's arrangement of the Sea Chanty, 'Spanish Ladies.' They sang as if they were thoroughly enjoying themselves; indeed, it would have been difficult for them to do otherwise under Barlow's exhilarating and energetic 'beat.'

The two numbers from Bizet's Orchestral Suite, 'Jeux d'Enfants,' which followed, are thoroughly Gallic in their elusive, impressionistic charm, so different from the clear-cut music of Haydn or Mozart. Here is eddying sea-spume, or leaves dancing in the wind—a difficult task for a (mainly) amateur orchestra. But, like Artemus Ward's pianist, they 'did their best,' and the result was not at all bad.

Stanford's Choral Song, 'Last Post,' demanded the concerted efforts of choir and orchestra. The purport of the composition is not unlike that of Elgar's 'Froissart Overture,' and it is a skilful piece of scoring, in which effective use is made of bugle and tympani. The combination of voices and orchestra was decidedly impressive. So it

also was in Holst's unison song, 'I Vow to Thee, My Country'—of simple beauty and therefore, perhaps, more direct appeal. Its effect was enhanced by the co-operation of the audience. In both items difficulties of *ensemble* were well tackled.

Last, but by no means least, came the ever-green 'Carmen,' so apt and virile, and, to many a boy singing it for the last time in his school career, not without a deeper note.

In conclusion it may be said that this was one of the best of the concerts under Mr. Lofthouse's direction which it has been the writer's privilege to hear. Mr. Lofthouse sets and achieves a high and worthy standard, and the result of much arduous work must have been very grateful, as it was undoubtedly a credit to him; and, indeed, to all concerned.

G. H. V. S.

## VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL.

On Monday, October 3, a Violin and Piano Recital was given up School by Miss Dorothy Lofthouse and Mr. Lofthouse. The programme was as follows:—

- 1 Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte in D  
*Beethoven (1770-1827)*
- 2 Pianoforte Solos.  
Chorale—'Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring'  
Allemande *Bach (1685-1750)*  
Polonaise  
Toccata ... .. *Paradies (1710-1792)*
- 3 Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte in A  
*César Franck (1822-1890)*

The programme opened with Beethoven's Violin Sonata in D Major, an early work of the 'first period,' showing marked Mozartian influence. The playing here was delightful, especially in the lovely slow movement, a theme with variations, in which we see glimpses of the real Beethoven of later works.

In his group of piano solos, Mr. Lofthouse's exquisite touch was heard to advantage. His rendering of Bach's 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring,' which requires the smoothest *legato* accompaniment together with due emphasis of a tenor melody, was very pleasing.

The César Franck Violin Sonata in A Major is an exciting work, and one could have wished for a somewhat better appreciation of its more dramatic movements. The balance here was not so good as in the Beethoven, the piano tending to overpower the violin in the *forte* passages, but the general impression created was extremely satisfying.

Our thanks are due to Miss and Mr. Lofthouse for a most interesting and enjoyable recital.

C. T. H. D.

Mr. Lofthouse appeals for some generous response to his Musical Instruments Fund, which at present shows a deficit.

## HISTORICAL NOTE.

WE reprint the following from the *Evening Standard* of a hundred years ago (September 20, 1827). The incident is mentioned in Mr. Tanner's *Westminster School*, pages 28-29:—

### A FROLIC AT WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

The arms of the Royal Founder of Westminster School (Queen Elizabeth), which had been placed in 1590 over the entrance in Little Dean's Yard, were thrown down by the scholars in a frolic some years ago. This week the frolic of youth has been repaired, and by the orders and at the sole expense of Sir T. de Beauvoir the arms of Elizabeth, beautifully executed, now occupy the place where they hung for two centuries.

### THE WESTMINSTER PERCEVALS.

ON Thursday, April 8, 1686, there was a Westminster dinner at Cork. Sir John Perceval recorded in his diary under that date:—

'I this day dined att the Bishop of Cork who gave a dinner to the Westminster Scholars now in town. Mr. Neal, Mr. Rider, Captain Jephson and Captain Purdom were of the Company.'

This is perhaps the earliest recorded instance of an O.W. dinner, if we except the meetings at Christ Church which Laud vainly tried to suppress and Censors frowned upon in the nineteenth century. No doubt the party drunk good wine and told things new and old about Busby. The pious host was Edward Wetenhall, elected to Cambridge in 1655; he had been Bishop of Cork since 1678 and was afterwards translated to Kilmore. Of the guests, Walter Neale had been elected to Cambridge ten years after Wetenhall; he had become Rector of Shandon, whose bells he must have often heard sounding on the pleasant waters of the river Lee. Henry Rider, elected to Cambridge in 1663, after taking his degree there removed to Dublin; he was a schoolmaster at Kilkenny and eventually became Bishop of Killaloe. Captain Jephson may be the man of that name admitted into College in 1663, who, by the way, was not, as suggested in 'Alumni,' the Thomas Jephson who graduated at Cambridge in 1670. Captain Purdom was a cousin of Sir John Perceval, the diarist; who was never to make another entry in his diary, for he



died of gaol fever caught at the Cork Assizes three weeks after the Bishop's dinner.

He was the youngest of the three sons of Sir John Perceval, the first Baronet, who seems to have been the first of the Westminster Percevals. The diarist's uncle, George Perceval, had been in the same Election as Wetenhall; he was registrar of the Prerogative Court in Ireland, and was drowned while crossing from Ireland to England in 1675. George's son Philip married Elizabeth D'Aberon or Dauburn and threw up an appointment in the Custom House as not worth keeping unless he took the perquisites, which he thought unlawful. He was the father of George Perceval, elected to Cambridge in 1722, who became a Sussex parson, and of John Perceval, a town-boy, who succeeded to the paternal estate in Sligo.

Sir John Perceval, who recorded the Cork dinner, was the father of John Perceval, afterwards Earl of Egmont, who followed him to the School. The Earl was a highly respectable, if rather pompous, peer, and retained some renown as a genealogist in the days of the two first Georges. Of Sir John's two elder brothers above referred to, Sir Philip was at Christ Church, where Dr. Fell John described him as 'a young gentleman of very vigorous spirit, and if there be business to be done in the nation he will not fail to be in the head of it.' He died in 1680. There seems to be no direct evidence that either he or the intermediate brother Robert was at Westminster, but in 1673 all three brothers were in London, apparently living in Suffolk Street, for there is an account of moneys expended on them for clothes, books and masters. Robert was the member of the family whom we should most gladly claim as an O.W. The admission book at Christ's, Cambridge, of which college he was an ornament, states that he was educated 'sub informatore non uno.' Does this mean that there were several? If so, Busby was probably one of them for a brief period, for wherever Robert went his stay was short. This appears from his correspondence with his uncle and sorely tried guardian, Sir Robert Southwell; but the letters have a charm of their own and make much better reading than those of Robert's more virtuous brothers. Thus:

'To give you a true account of my studies would be too tedious, whereas I did not only what you commanded but did endeavour with Sir Edward to find out the squaring of the circle. All the way we came up we did speak nothing but Latin.'

And again from Cambridge in 1674:—

'In the morning, prayers being ended, at seven of the clock my tutor comes to me in my chamber (which indeed proves but a smoky one) and we first take Euclid and go over six or seven

propositions which being done we like honest clients render a good morrow to our patron Cæsar.'

But though in another letter he is careful to state that 'we go to prayers a little after four in the morning,' in spite of this laudable attention to public worship there was trouble on the waters of the Cam, and Robert had to go and reside in Monmouthshire with William Lloyd, Bishop of Llandoff. Thence he writes:—

'Mr. Jones and I have already gone over the three first partitions of the Whole Duty of Man. . . . My Lord Bishop hath given me Mr. Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity to read at spare times, and recommended particularly to my care the 5th Book which treats of all ecclesiastical laws and ceremonies in our Church.'

On February 5, 1677, he was admitted at Lincoln's Inn, whence, guileless as ever, he writes to his guardian on May 31:—

'That you have been five times in my chambers and I never so lucky as to meet you there I am very sorry for, and the rather because you give me cause to suspect that it hath raised the same ill thoughts in you of me as if I never yet had been there.'

Alas for Robert's injured innocence. A week later Sir R. Southwell received the following from Mr. Price, another member of the Inn:—

'I pray hasten to the Strand over against the Maypole for just now I had the tidings of your nephew Mr. Robert Perceval being killed. I know not any of the circumstances, but am hastening thither to see the doleful spectacle. I pray make all haste: you will hear where he lies when you come to the Maypole for he lies in an alehouse and against it.'

He had been found dead in the Strand at one o'clock in the morning. He may have heard the chimes at midnight, but unlike Justice Shallow, he had not confined his energies to fighting with fruiterers behind Gray's Inn. He was only nineteen years old, but was said to have fought in as many duels, and no doubt had got himself disliked. Even his guardian had to admit that he had 'plunged himself into drink and gaming, and that among the lewd and murdering men of this wicked place, to whom in one night he lost 65 guineas within this fortnight and since that time has been observed to be full of wild discontent and frequently in drink.'

He lies beneath Lincoln's Inn Chapel; but if he had survived to accompany his younger brother to Bishop Wetenhall's dinner he would probably have been the life and soul of the party, and have capped quotations with his host from the Whole Duty of Man.

## THE WESTMINSTER PRONUNCIATION OF LATIN.

UNTIL recently Westminster took pride in the possession of a pronunciation of Latin which still seems to many the most rational one for this country—the English pronunciation; and in the guardianship of that pronunciation in its purest form. Of late years, however, it has given place to another, which if correctly used, would be a good deal more like Latin as actually spoken at one period in the history of Rome. But the old pronunciation is still retained for official use up School, in Hall, at the Play and at Commemoration. The present form of the Epilogue, in which a great part of the humour depends on punning references to English words, makes the English pronunciation almost essential. At any rate, as long as it is employed at all it is desirable that its purity should be preserved. Already mongrel forms are creeping into prayers, while ‘mongrel’ would be a polite word to designate the chimerical apparition of Commemoration Latin; even the Play is defiled. So far as I know the only accessible list of rules for pronunciation is in an appendix to Sargeant’s *Annals of Westminster School*, and even since that date some words have been altered by custom—a legitimate growth of language which even the most conservative must recognise. An attempt is here made to set out the rules and enumerate the chief exceptions, an attempt which will, I fear, be despised in some quarters, but may be gratefully received by others, while it may at least bring relief to some harassed King’s Scholar who has to learn his part.

I. (a) The consonants have the same sounds as in English.

- (1) C and G are soft before E and I or their equivalents, *Cicero, caelum, gigas*. But in Greek names G is usually hard before Y, *Gyges*, and there is an increasing tendency to make it hard in *Argivi* (but incorrectly). C is hard in *cui*.
- (2) CH in Greek words is pronounced K, *Achilles, Charmides*.
- (3) T preceding I and another vowel is pronounced SH, *etiam*.

(b) The vowels have the English sounds and retain their Latin quantity with certain important exceptions. The diphthong UI is pronounced like I in English. Final I is sounded long, *mihi, quasi* (though not in *ibi, sibi, tibi*).

II. Monosyllables ending in a consonant, except *huic* and *post*, are sounded short; so also are enclitics; *sic, quin, haec, ve*.

III. Disyllables in which the words are separated by a single consonant, or two consonants when the second is R or L, have the penultimate sounded long, *amo, dedit, agrum, duplex*. Exceptions are *ibi, sibi, tibi, quibus, neque, quidem*, future and imperfect of *sum, ego* (through Greek influence), *Paris* (perhaps through French influence), *Atlas*. To this list may now be added *triplex*. A short prefix retains its proper quantity, *adit*. Both pronunciations are current of *sicut* and *velut*. That with the long penultimate is now preferable, but the other may be defended on the ground that the word is still felt to be two separate words.

IV. With the *amo* class (III) is closely connected the *moneo* class, i.e. words which differ from it only by having two consecutive vowels, instead of one vowel, after the consonant. These all have the antepenultimate long, and this applies wherever the group comes in the word, *medium, hodie, inveniens, misereatur, etiam, atrium, convenientibus*. There are two main exceptions to this rule.

(1) Where the second vowel is a U the quantities are retained, *monui*, presumably because such a word is always felt as a trisyllable.

(2) Where both vowels are I, or its equivalent in pronunciation, the quantities are retained, *video, filius*. Originally the first vowel was always sounded short in such words, but this practice is adhered to only in proper names, *Sirius*.

As in III a short prefix retains its quantity, *redeo*.

V. Originally words ending in a dactyl or cretic, *nomina, nomini*, had the first of the three vowels sounded short, but of recent years the tendency has been to give it its true quantity. That it is contrary to English usage is clear from words like *nominal* and *liberal*. The short sound is still retained in proper names, *Neapolis, Euripides*.

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VALE.

F. F. BURRELL, ESQ.

“LOVE Truth. Watch the Minus Signs.” These are the Golden Rules of Algebra. There is also a third, but its resemblance to the first is so close that it need not be quoted. Few of us realised the full significance of these words when we first heard them uttered in a mathematical set. Their practical importance for algebra was indeed apparent to all. But beyond the schoolroom these precepts seem to sum up the right attitude in all intellectual pursuits. And there is no better example of the intellectual honesty and patient attention which they enjoin than their author

himself. Mr. Burrell has left us after teaching mathematics at Westminster for over twenty years. During that time he secured the friendship of a large number of masters and boys, and it is no empty flattery to say that Westminster is keenly aware of the gap in its ranks. As a teacher his infinite patience won for him the affection of all his pupils and the especial gratitude of the backward, while to the imaginative his presentation of the problems of algebra in a way that could appeal to the dull brain was a source of constant delight.

But affection was mingled with respectful awe. Woe betide the man who was rash enough to enter upon an argument. An unguarded statement, a prejudiced judgment might evoke a quiet questioning of almost Socratic ingenuity, which could lead the opponent on to contradiction and confusion, as he helplessly looked to see whether his antagonist was making fun of him or not.

Mr. Burrell's keen interest and intimate knowledge of individual Westminsters extended also to the School as a whole. He was a regular attendant at School functions and up fields, and took a real interest in every department of school life. Therefore while we wish Mr. and Mrs. Burrell long life and happiness in retirement, we hope that retirement will be broken by frequent visits to the School which he has served so loyally, and where he has earned the gratitude of many generations of boys.

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### House Notes.

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K.SS.—There left us last term C. H. V. Sutherland (Ch.Ch.), E. L. Franklin and F. W. Allen (Trinity), E. F. Barlow (Ch.Ch.) and R. H. Lloyd-Jones (B.N.C.). We wish them all the best of success. In their places we welcome five juniors: A. F. Stephenson, R. H. Vigor, T. R. Crook, J. F. B. Stevens, and W. R. S. Doll.

We put up a very good performance against the Town Boys at cricket considering the inexperience of our team. Congratulations to H. L. Jones on his Pinks and to Milne and Argyle on Colts' Caps. At Water, too, we did splendidly, being beaten only by the very smallest margin by the Town Boys. We have two regular members of the Football XI.

This term our thoughts are chiefly taken up by the Play, all the more so because, owing to the postponement of the *Rudens*, none of us have yet seen the *Andria*. This, however, does not prevent us from showing great energy in all branches of sport.

One more congratulation and we have done; this goes to C. M. Harrison on winning the Mure Scholarship, which thus comes back to College.

GG.—The beginning of the School year coincides with harvest time, and as far as news is concerned, the reaper's task is hard.

W. P. Mallinson is Head of House and L. J. D. Wakely (Boarders) and R. W. D. Carr (Half Boarder) are Monitors. Mallinson has been appointed a School Monitor, while Wakely and K. J. Gardiner are on the Monitorial.

We said good-bye last term to our Head of House, J. A. Cook; at the time of writing he is grappling with the remains of an examination. We wish him success in that, and the best of luck in his subsequent exploits at Cambridge. The following also left us: F. M. Oppenheimer (whose unflinching solemnity leaves a serious gap), C. S. Makower, J. P. Winckworth, R. M. Mere, A. G. de Montmorency, G. H. Radermacher, J. P. Low and W. R. S. Doll (to College); we wish them success.

In their places we welcome P. R. Pain, P. R. E. Tanner, J. G. Frampton and I. K. Munro (Boarders) and J. P. G. Walker, E. F. P. Bennett, R. G. Sutton, J. E. Manby and G. P. Maguire (Half Boarders).

In spite of a pronounced tendency among any P.T. experts to do anything but physical training during parade, we hope, when the time comes, to retain the cup; our militarists also are scattered in peculiar positions in diverse platoons, nevertheless we feel sure that they, too, will rally to the cause in time of need. It will be seen, then, that with Football uncertain and Water obscure, we are hard put to it to prophesy the success or failure of our efforts.

RR.—Our first duty is to say farewell to G. M. E. Paulson, R. Gatty, R. G. Wormell, L. B. Edmunds, J. H. Bartlett, P. H. Rogers and several others whom lack of space will not permit us to mention. We shall miss them all very much and wish them every success for the future. Paulson has been head of house for nearly two years, and it would be impossible to give an adequate account of all that he has done for it, but the following statistics may help to show in some measure what a splendid influence he has had over the house. At the beginning of Lent term, 1927, we only possessed two cups. By the end of Election term we not only succeeded in defending these two, but also managed to win a further six, among which were the Senior Cricket and the Senior Shooting (the latter with the record score for the range).

We have not done very well in league matches as yet, but this is only to be expected when Big game and Colts rob us of so many of our players. We are fairly hopeful about Seniors however.

We have more people down at Putney than we have had for sometime, and we are hoping to do well in the Town Boys' Rudder.

As to military matters, we were well represented at camp, and in spite of the rain we managed to enjoy ourselves. We must congratulate the following on their promotions:—Aitken, J., on his Sergeant's stripes, Ball on being a Corporal, and Graham, Coulborn, Northcott and Diack on their appointment to be Lance-Corporals. Finally we would like to give notice that there is some likelihood of a copy of the 'Rigaudite Review' appearing before the end of the term; it will be the first for over a year.

A.HH.—We must first express deep regret at the death of R. L. Strain, who was a keen member of the House in every way. Last term there left D. Cragg-Hamilton (*Head of House*), H. A. P. Phillips, J. H. K. Thomas, I. I. Bowen (*Monitors*), W. B. S. Sheldon, W. R. Lush, L. F. B. Reeves, H. T. de R. Bailey and J. P. Teed. In their place we have 12 new boys, who bring our numbers up to 92. D. E. Barker, A. C. Bird and B. E. Petitpierre are Monitors and H. B. Ripman Head of House. Our representatives on the Monitorial are H. B. Ripman (who is also *prin. opp.*) and D. E. Barker. We congratulate the latter on his Cricket Thirds. The House was most successful at the prize-giving at the end of Election term, all the open prizes being either won or shared by Ashburnham. A. C. Bird is for the second year House Captain of Football, and K. J. H. Smith Head of House Water. We won the newly-presented Art Cup by an overwhelming majority, and hope to see it soon. In the Corps we have the *C.S.M.'s* of both companies—H. B. Ripman (*A Company*) and S. W. M. Greer (*B Company*). The Fives ties are now divided into Senior and Junior events, and we are glad to report satisfactory progress. We were successful in securing the Fencing Cup last term.

H.BB.—Since last term we have lost many members of the House, including H. B. Magnus, who rumour hath was editor of the ephemeral 'Trifler,' and J. D. Carleton, that ardent militarist who did so much to help us win the Corps Cup at the beginning of the year. Last, but by no means least, comes W. H. R. Jeremy, who it is feared was visibly resting from the strain of the two preceding terms.

Down at Water, congratulations are due to B. H. Dulanty on regaining his Pinks and to G. A. Ellison on gaining his; while J. D. Carleton and A. D. B. Weigall were awarded their Pink and Whites.

J. D. Evans is to be congratulated on being awarded his Thirds for Cricket, as are Gibson, Mills and Lander on their House Colours.

We look forward with hope to the future, and are confident that we will hold the T.BB. Rudder.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Society held on Wednesday, September 21, the following officers were appointed:—

*President.*—H. L. JONES.

*Vice-President.*—G. O. LACE.

*Hon. Secretary.*—C. M. HARRISON.

There were also elected to the Committee:—N. O. Lucas, H. B. Ripman, M. Mackenzie.

The Society had its first regular meeting on Monday, September 26, to discuss the motion that: 'In the opinion of this House public-houses should be made illegal.'

*Proposer:* M. MACKENZIE. *Seconder:* I. C. ALLEN. *Opposer:* D. J. G. J. JONES. *4th Speaker:* The VICE-PRESIDENT.

The motion was eventually lost by a majority of nine votes.

The Society met on Monday, October 3, with a full house and a few visitors to discuss the motion that: 'In the opinion of this House, cricket is the ideal summer sport in public schools.'

THE PRESIDENT (*Proposer*) said that by the ideal game he meant the best under the circumstances, and better than any alternative. First, this was so because one game provided for the entertainment of twenty-two people, whereas other games required a great deal of organisation and space, and found an occupation for fewer people. Anyone who was keen—and no one who is not keen will like any game at all—enjoyed cricket. Even those waiting to bat could exact amusement from a bat, a ball and a square inch of turf. He rather boldly asserted that cricket was a game which came naturally. Cricket develops the eye, the wrist and other muscles and brings out sportsmanship, self-control and courage. Cricket is rightly called the British national game, because it develops all the faculties a boy should possess.

A. H. FRANKLIN, Esq. (*Opposer*), though grateful for the honour accorded him in being asked to speak, was yet terrified, because he felt himself arrayed against a host of accomplished orators and of cricketers—that is, accomplished cricketers. He fell foul of the Secretary for his wording of the motion, which did not give cricket a chance; all that the Proposer and his side could do was to prove that cricket *was* the ideal summer sport, for now we don't have any summers. White flannels are desperately out of fashion, we all wear mackintoshes. One might as well try to prove that the feudal system is the ideal British social scheme. Cricket, of course, belonged to feudal times. Mr. Franklin gave us a vivid description of a picture lately discovered of a game of cricket in 1360.

Now, however, cricket had departed with feudalism and Mr. Franklin had come as with democracy. The Proposer had spoken of a game amusing twenty-two people, but as a matter of fact nine sat idle in the pavilion, one waited to have something thrown at him, another did the throwing, and the rest were mere serfs to run and fetch the ball for the bowler. Mr. Franklin quoted Shakespeare :

'What pleasure, sir, find we to watch and wait  
For action and adventure?'

When all was said and done, if the beau-ideal of a recreation is to occupy as many people as possible, why not hunt for bird's eggs? As for the Proposer's claims, the only sure eye you got in cricket was a black eye, and you got no exercise—always raining. Mr. Franklin treated us to the ABC of cricket :—

A is the Ass who plays if he can stick it.  
B is the Bowler who tries for the wicket.  
C is the Crease, which is really a line.  
D is the Day which so seldom is fine.  
E's the Exception who's good at the game.  
F is the Fielder who's rarely the same.  
G is the Googly which gets you all right.  
H is the Hat-trick you dream of at night.  
I is the Injuries greater or small.  
J is the Jug with a drink for them all.  
K is the King who arranges the cricket.  
L is the Long-stop who's made to keep wicket.  
M is for Murray, so dapper and trim.  
N is the Ninth man who's just going in.  
O is the Score which they're hopeful will win it.  
P is the Photo with all of them in it.  
Q is so hard that desert it we must,

Which leaves R for Rejection and poor Mr. Rust. Then, and not till then, did Mr. Franklin mention rowing—at least he was thought to refer to rowing—in a lyrical conclusion about rhythm and time, but he may have been referring to hymn practices.

T. M. MURRAY-RUST, Esq. (*Secunder*), was also profoundly grateful for an opportunity of again addressing the Society. He did not think it possible to prove any game the ideal game. He explained that the Secunder laboured under the difficulty of having either to repeat what the Proposer said or contradict what the Opposer said. To contradict the whimsical speech of the Opposer was almost impossible. So he would simply repeat the Proposer. Consequently, all Mr. Murray-Rust's sentences began either 'The Proposer said' or 'The Opposer said.' He, too, took the view that the ideal game meant the best under the circumstances and better than any alternative. The Opposer's suggestion of collecting bird's eggs would not be very easy at Westminster. Golf

would have a similar disadvantage, and, moreover, did not develop the team spirit. Tennis required a lot of space, and weather in England was even more adverse to tennis than to cricket. As for rowing, he had had small experience of it, but a long experience of a very similar sport, long distance running, and in these two there was no joy except that of winning, so that they were not games. After teaching us the value of cricket in bringing out patience, perseverance and courtesy, Mr. Murray-Rust rhapsodised on the æsthetic delight of watching a graceful cricketer. He then began to be horribly serious, and told us of the good his club did in allaying class-consciousness.

THE SECRETARY (*Fourth Speaker*) plunged *in medias res*, and had to be called to order. He complained that he had prepared to support the Opposer from the point of view of rowing, and was left stranded by the Opposer's reticence on this alternative. He quoted Dean Inge to the effect that Oxford rowing men (visible pride of the Opposer) were more beautiful than cricketers. He then told an Æsop's fable of the elephant and the crocodile, which was cunning but rather irrelevant. Running was not to be compared to rowing, but was quite good for small boys.

E. F. F. WHITE said that the quotation from Dean Inge implied that rowing encouraged the type of mind which preferred the nude to any other garb. He advocated fencing as the ideal sport, saying that every gentleman should be able to use a sword.

J. G. H. BAKER claimed to have tried both games at Westminster, and infinitely preferred cricket. He scored the best point for the cricketers, a point born of experience, with a vignette of weary waits at putrid Putney in the rain. The really feudal sport was rowing; the coach was the baron and there were four miserable serfs in the boat. He reminded us that throughout the ages rowing had been a punishment—Alfred and the Kings, Ben Hur and the Spanish galleys. He objected to a remark of the Secretary's that cricket was rammed down people's throats.

I. C. ALLEN remarked that he thought rowing in the rain an indescribable horror, except for those of George IV's build.

H. B. RIPMAN had to be twice called to order, and gave his vote to Tiddley Winks.

D. F. A. R. FREEMAN hummed and hawed, and finally compared rowing to Latin verses—dactyls and spondees in rhythmical order.

The motion was put to the vote and lost by a majority of 5 votes.

## The Elizabethan Club.

*President.*—The Rt. Hon. LORD PHILLIMORE, D.C.L., LL.D.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—SIR ERNEST GOODHART, Bart., Stroods, Uckfield.

*Hon. Secretary.*—D. C. SIMPSON, Esq., 20, Great College Street, S.W. 1.

*Hon. Secretary Games Committee.*—W. N. MCBRIDE, Esq., Craigmore, Pampisford Road, Croydon.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on July 12. About thirty members were present. After the election of officers two important questions were raised. The first was that of O.W. functions. After the success of the Ball it was felt that something ought to be done to make the Elizabethan Club Dinner a more popular event, and it was decided that for this year the Annual Dinner should be merged in an O.W. Dinner, to be organised by a Committee, who should endeavour to get as large a gathering of O.W.W. as possible. The date now fixed for this Dinner is December 20, and any communications on the subject should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., or to Mr. E. R. B. Graham, 222, Strand, W. 1.

The second topic discussed was the value of Squash Rackets at Westminster as opposed to Fives. Both games received warm support, but after a show of hands Fives was found to be, in the opinion of the meeting, the more suitable game for the School. We understand that the Governing Body are now considering plans for the construction of several covered courts. The Club has received a private donation of £50 towards the £600 required.

### CRICKET.

(W. B. FRAMPTON, Esq., 3, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.)

### CHANNEL ISLANDS TOUR (1927).

For the first time since the outbreak of the War the O.W.W. embarked on a cricket tour, and to ensure a true embarkation, the Committee chose as their 'locus operandi' the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey.

The first incident worthy of note was the catching by everybody of the 9.30 p.m. train from Waterloo on Wednesday, August 3, though P. W. G. Kann caused qualms in the hearts of several by discovering at 9.28½ p.m. that he possessed no cigarettes, whereupon he proceeded to stroll sedately down the platform, and returned even more sedately, having completed his purchase, at 9.29¾ p.m. to swing himself into the train to the accompaniment of blasts from the engine, and much slamming of doors.

Arriving on the boat at Southampton, we were met by H. C. D. Davies, who had just returned on leave from

Penang, and who was to prove a most useful member of the side, and the Secretary having allotted us our various berths and cabins, some sought solace in supper, others were thirsty only, and one or two, having enquired of a grinning steward the probable state of the English Channel, retired to bed.

Guernsey was reached sharp on time after a calm crossing, and in spite of the earliness of the hour (6 a.m.), W. E. Gerrish was down on the Quay smothered in O.W. scarves and sweaters waving a cheery greeting to all and sundry. The bags with the help of Jack Elson were duly collected, and the Hotel bus carried us up a long hill to the Old Government House Hotel, where the Secretary was busy trying to fit the members of the side into the various rooms allotted, taking good care to put classical men with classical, and mere modern siders with their fellow scientists.

At 11 a.m. the charabanc arrived to take us up to the delightful College field, at which we duly arrived, and having disentangled ourselves from the 'Flag,' and other impedimenta, we alighted, and introductions took place between the rival captains.

In accordance with ancient ritual a coin flashed in the bright sunlight, Kann forgot himself for a brief second, won the toss, and after much consideration decided to bat on a perfect wicket. The outstanding feature of the innings was the stand of 147 for the 4th wicket made by H. C. D. Davies (98) and Mr. G. P. Glanfield (60) of Marlborough, who rendered yeoman service to the O.W.W. throughout the tour. Apart from these two no one save Mr. Extras reached double figures and the innings closed for 211.

To this the Island replied with 275 for 9 (dec.), thanks mainly to our apparent total inability to hold any sort of a catch, though one very good attempt was made by C. M. Cahn, the chance offered being an extraordinary difficult one to accept, inasmuch as it caused him to pivot round and round in slow circles, due, so he afterwards related, to the fact that the ball came down from an enormous height in a sort of spiral dive.

Our second attempt met with even less success, although the batting was more consistent, Kann, Munt, Davies, Frampton and Levey all scoring over 20, and Guernsey was left with 104 to get in 50 minutes. At the end of the last over our hosts required 4 runs only to win. It was at once decided, to the great delight of the onlookers and the local 'Press,' to allow another over, and so the game finished as it was begun in the true holiday spirit.

In the evening of the second day, Sir Havilland de Sausmarez (O.W.), the Bailiff of Guernsey, who had been present at the Field, and who had lunched with the teams, entertained four of us to dinner at Sausmarez Manor, and afterwards showed us some of his most interesting family relics, a visit which was greatly appreciated by the fortunate four.

The third day in Guernsey was set apart for the game against the Garrison (D.C.L.I.) at the Fort Field, and this we won after an enjoyable game by 50 runs, and on the following day, Sunday, August 7, an early rise was made, and the 7 a.m. boat transferred us to the sister isle of Jersey.

We arrived in Jersey Harbour about 9.15 a.m., and were welcomed by Col. Carey and Mr. Tatam, the Jersey Captain and Secretary, and from thence we proceeded to the Grand Hotel, where breakfast was heartily greeted by the more cautious sailors of the party, who had shunned the precincts of the dining saloon.

The morning was spent in rest, though two of the team, clad in 'plus fours,' went and listened to a sermon on the extravagance of modern dress. In the afternoon some of us took advantage of the kind invitation of the La Moye Golf Club and played golf, and others toured round the

island in a private charabanc, and preceded a lobster tea with an excellent bathe at one of the typical Jersey bays.

The next morning we journeyed off to pit our strength with the men of Jersey, and this time Percy Kann succumbed to custom, lost the toss and the Island C.C. elected to bat.

Save for a slow but valuable innings by Col. J. L. R. Carey, who going in first, was ninth out for 42, the Jersey innings closed without incident for the modest total of 144, W. E. Gerrish securing 6 wickets for 35.

Kann and Gerrish opened confidently enough in our first venture, and each appeared set for a century when the tea interval intervened, and shortly afterwards both were run out. Munt and Davies then hit out well, Munt securing a bright 86 in shortly over an hour, hitting no less than 12 fours, and the end of the day found us in the happy position of being 48 on with 6 wickets in hand.

The next day it rained without ceasing, and lunch having been taken the teams adjourned to various places and palaces of amusement.

On the first day the Lieut.-Governor of the Island, Lieut.-General The Hon. Sir Francis Bingham, lunched with the teams, when Col. Carey formally welcomed us to the Island, and on the second day we were honoured with the presence of R. Malet de Carteret, Esq. (O.W.), the Seigneur of St. Ouens, and a Jurat of the Jersey States.

The tour concluded with a one-day match against an Island XI, which after one period of anxiety was eventually won by a margin of 54, Gerrish, who brought up the rear with Kann, making things safe by a cheery knock of 40, in compiling which he hit two 6's and five 4's.

This ended a most enjoyable week.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Captains and members of the Guernsey and Jersey Cricket Clubs for their great hospitality and the excellent cricket they provided for us, and lastly, but by no means least, we must thank Messrs. G. P. Glanfield and L. T. Westray, who kept wicket admirably throughout the tour, and A. H. G. Craske (Uncle), who came over as first reserve, and who when called upon performed heroically, both with the bat and in the field.

These three cricketers, at very short notice, filled gaps in the O.W.W. ranks caused by sudden pressure of business and other reasons, and without their cheerful assistance the tour would have been an impossibility.

Lastly, the Jersey Cricket Club have been so good as to invite us to cross over again next year, an offer which has been readily accepted, and it is to be hoped that a tour having once been started, in future there will be no lack of support, thus obviating the necessity of enrolling players who unfortunately, through no fault of their own, lack the benefits of a Westminster education, much as we enjoyed the company of three such gentlemen on this occasion.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1927.

Inns. Runs. H.I. Not out. Av.

L. Clare	...	5	258	111	0	51.60
H. C. Davies	...	5	197	98	0	39.40
P. W. G. Kann	...	17	492	88*	4	37.85
N. P. Andrews	...	4	146	99	0	36.50
M. G. Stratford	...	5	140	69*	1	35.00
E. R. Munt	...	13	369	86	0	28.39
A. C. Feasey	...	6	144	100	0	24.00
W. N. McBride	...	4	84	61	0	21.00
W. E. Gerrish	...	10	129	40	1	14.33
A. C. Grover	...	13	164	27	1	13.67
S. H. W. Levey	...	9	99	40	1	12.37
W. B. Frampton	...	9	96	34	1	12.00
G. W. Myring	...	4	22	16*	2	11.00
C. U. Salvi	...	6	62	31	0	10.33
W. S. Lonsdale	...	11	102	29	1	10.20

Also batted.—D. H. Kitchin, 24\* and 22\*; C. B. Hollins, 1\* and 38\*; A. M. Shepley-Smith, 33; P. J. H. Dunn, 37\*; K. Brodie, 26.

\* Denotes 'not out.'

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1927.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.	
W. E. Gerrish	...	77	11	232	23	10.08
A. C. Feasey	...	73	14	224	20	11.20
W. N. McBride	...	52	13	128	11	11.63
M. G. Stratford	...	21	3	72	5	14.40
W. B. Frampton	...	85	18	235	13	18.07
M. F. L. Haymes	...	26	3	134	6	22.33
W. S. Lonsdale	...	145	13	580	25	23.20
E. R. Munt	...	44	5	177	7	25.28
S. H. W. Levey	...	67	6	308	12	25.66
P. W. G. Kann	...	140	8	510	19	26.84
A. C. Grover	...	31	2	168	5	33.60

Also bowled.—R. G. H. Lowe, 14, 3, 34, 3; P. J. H. Dunn, 25, 5, 71, 3; G. E. Johnstone, 2, 0, 9, 2.

FOOTBALL.

(Hon. Sec.—C. J. PINDER, ESQ., 5, Coleherne Road, S.W. 10.)

1ST XI.

1927.	Opponents.	Ground.
Sept. 17	—Practice Game.	
„ 24	—Carshalton	Carshalton.
Oct. 1	—Lancing College	Shoreham.
„ 8	—R.M.C.	Camberley.
„ 15	—St. Lawrence College	Ramsgate.
„ 22	—Bank of England	Roehampton.
„ 23	—Harlequins R.F.C.	Teddington.
„ 29	—Old Cholmeleians	New Barnet.
Nov. 5	—Middlesex Hospital	N. Wembley.
„ 12	—R.M.A.	Woolwich.
„ 19	—Wellingborough School	Wellingborough
„ 26	—Guy's Hospital	Honor Oak.
Dec. 3	—St. Thomas's Hospital	Chiswick.
„ 10	—1st Round A.F.A. Cup.	
	City of London School	Grove Park.
„ 17	—Westminster School	Vincent Square.
„ 24	—	
„ 26	—Lancing Old Boys	Shoreham
„ 31	—Old Carthusians	Morden.
1928.		
Jan. 7	—1st R. Arthur Dunn Cup	
	v. Old Etonians	Away.
	Old Bradfieldians	Morden.
„ 14	—Old Malvernians	Morden.
„ 21	—	
„ 28	—Aldenhams School	Radlett.
Feb. 4	—Charterhouse School	Godalming.
„ 11	—Oxford University	Oxford.
„ 18	—Cambridge University	Cambridge.
	Highgate School	Highgate.
„ 25	—R.M.C.	Camberley.
Mar. 3	—Westminster School	Vincent Square.
„ 4	—Harlequins R.F.C.	Teddington.
„ 10	—H.A.C....	Finsbury Square
„ 17	—St. Bartholomew's Hospital	Winchmore Hill
„ 24	—Army Crusaders	Aldershot.
„ 31	—Football Dinner.	
	Guards' Depot	Caterham.
April 6	} Easter Tour.	
„ 7		
„ 8		

## 'A' TEAM.

	Opponents.	Ground.
1927.		
Sept. 17	—Practice Game.	
" 24	—Westminster School 'A'	Vincent Square.
Oct. 1	—Lancing College 2nd XI	Shoreham.
" 8	—H.A.C. 2nd XI	Finsbury Sq.
" 15	—Forest School	Snaresbrook.
" 22	—London Hospital 2nd XI	Walthamstow.
" 29	—Christ Church	Oxford.
Nov. 5	—R.M.A. 2nd XI	Woolwich.
" 12	—St. Edmund's School	Canterbury.
" 19	—Old Cholmeleians 'A'	New Barnet.
" 26		
Dec. 3	—Old Citizens 'A'	New Eltham.
" 10	—St. Bart's Hospital 2nd XI	Winchmore Hill
" 17	—Ardingly College	Ardingly.
(B) —v. Coutts' Bank 'B'		Catford.
" 24		
" 31	—Motor Union 2nd XI	Alperton.
1928.		
Jan. 7	—Alleyn Old Boys 2nd XI	Herne Hill.
" 14		
" 21	—King's College 2nd XI	Mitcham.
" 28	—University Coll. Hospital	Perivale.
Feb. 4	—Charterhouse 2nd XI	Godalming.
" 11		
" 18		
" 25	—Guy's Hospital 'A'	Honor Oak.
Mar. 3	—Westminster School 2nd XI	Morden.
(B) —v. Westminster School 3rd XI		Morden.
" 10	—Royal College of Science	Wembley.
" 17	—Toc H Reserves	New Barnet.
" 24		
" 31	—Old Foresters 'A'	Snaresbrook.

## ARTHUR DUNN CUP.

Feb. 18	—2nd Round	...	Away.
Mar. 3	} Semi-Finals	...	Crystal Palace.
" 10		...	Crystal Palace.
" 31	—Final	...	Crystal Palace.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

ZARIA, NIGERIA.

September 5, 1927.

To the Secretary of 'The Elizabethan' Club.

DEAR SIR,—I see 'THE ELIZABETHAN' is asking for news of O.W.W. abroad. I read in the June number a letter from Mr. Blair, who is also stationed in Nigeria. I fear I cannot add to his list of O.W.W. in this country, of which there are four as far as I know.

Mr. Blair and myself came out here last year. We are situated over 600 miles from each other, he being at Lagos and myself at Zaria in the Northern Provinces.

I am in the Agricultural department, which is going ahead rapidly now. I was lucky in being sent up north. For the first seven months of my tour I was in Kano, which I found a delightful place, where I was able to play that fascinating game of polo. Here unfortunately I have not the facilities for doing so, as the station is some distance from Zaria.

In this department we hope ultimately to have a station in each province; at present there are five stations in the north, and a larger number in the south. At each station experiments are conducted on the different crops in the country to try to improve the varieties and cultivation of the soil, of which the native has a very primitive idea now.

Two of the department are usually stationed at each plantation, one who looks after work in the station, and the other who tours in the province.

The main crops grown up here for export are cotton and groundnuts.

I like the life here very much, and with due precaution it is possible to keep quite fit. The climate is certainly trying during part of the year, especially in the north, with the long dry season of over six months' duration in the year, but one gets used to it.

A tour normally consists of 18 months, and I have found the time goes very quickly, after which 4½ months at home on leave.

Any other O.W.W. who come out to Nigeria will be very welcome.

I am, Yours sincerely,

E. T. HOLMES.

## Old Westminsters.

MR. C. C. J. WEBB, Oriel Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, Oxford, has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, C.H., C.B.; M.P., has been appointed a member of the Governing Body of the School.

Mr. H. Warington Smyth, C.M.G., has retired from the post of Secretary for Mines and Industries for South Africa.

Mr. J. E. Lloyd Williams, of the Indian Police, has been appointed Chief-Constable of Montgomeryshire.

Mr. Arthur Lambton has published a book of reminiscences called *The Salad Bowl*, which contains a chapter on his Westminster days.

Mr. Claude Greening is about to publish another volume of verse, entitled *Once More Unto the Breach*.

## Births.

WHITWORTH.—On July 10, the wife of the Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth, of a son.

BURLEIGH.—On July 18, the wife of the Rev. L. T. Burleigh, of a son.

MELVILLE-SMITH.—On July 25, the wife of H. McL. Melville-Smith, of a son.

PINK.—On September 1, the wife of Captain F. W. Pink, 13-18th Hussars, of a son.

COVINGTON.—On September 26, the wife of C. Kingsley Covington, of a son.



### Marriages.

THORESBY-FIELDING.—On July 32, at Canterbury Cathedral, James Evelyn Thoresby to Barbara Fielding.

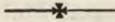
MARTIN-HARVEY-MARGETSON.—On August 27, J. Martin-Harvey, only son of Sir J. Martin-Harvey, to Hester Margetson.

NEAL-BULLARD.—On September 4, Daniel John Neal to Margrette, daughter of Lawrence Bullard, of Windsor, Vermont, U.S.A.

LLOYD-FULLERTON.—On September 14, at Belfast, Thomas-Ifan Lloyd, R.E., second son of the late David Lloyd, of Weston-super-Mare, to Irene Mary, daughter of Andrew Fullerton, C.B., C.M.G., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, of Belfast.

LANE-McCLENNEN.—On September 12, Chester Teris Lane, to Persis, daughter of Edward F. McClennen, of East Harwich, Massachusetts.

HARTLEY-STEWART.—On October 4, Rex Hartley, son of the late J. W. Hartley and Mrs. Hartley, of Broomhill Lodge, Bickley, Kent, to Muriel, daughter of T. Cuthbert Stewart, of Blackhouse, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.



### ALFRED CRICHTON LIDDELL.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. A. C. Liddell, who from 1902 to 1925 was a Master at the School. He had been seriously ill for many months, but had recovered sufficiently to begin to get about again, and was on a holiday in Wales when he died suddenly and unexpectedly at Criccieth on August 26.

Alfred Crichton Liddell was a son of Edward Liddell, a banker of Sheffield, and was born in 1864. He was sent to school at Sheffield, and in due course won a classical scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge. At Cambridge he was well in the running for his 'soccer' blue, although he failed ultimately to gain it. He took a 2nd Class in the Classical Tripos of 1885. In 1887 he was offered an assistant-mastership at Nottingham High School by Dr. James Gow, who had been recently appointed Headmaster of that school. It was the beginning of a personal association and friendship which was to last for over thirty years. Dr. Gow's headmastership proved to be exceptionally successful, and Liddell had a profound admiration both for the breadth of view and for the incisive and common sense methods of his headmaster.

It was not remarkable, therefore, that when Dr. Gow was appointed to Westminster, Liddell should have been one of those whom he invited to accompany him to his new work. The next twelve years (1902-1914) were, perhaps, among the happiest of his life. Among the remarkable group of men who formed the staff at Westminster at that time he made many friends, and with one, at least, he formed an intimacy which was only broken by death.

In these years he was teaching a middle form, and was liked and respected by all those boys with whom he came into contact. But though his teaching was always efficient, it was not, perhaps, in form that his best work was done. It was rather in private tuition for which throughout his time at Westminster he had something near akin to genius. There are those for whom Smalls and Little Go have no terrors, and there is a type of schoolmaster who views with impatience those for whom these examinations are a veritable castle of the Giant Despair. It was not so with Liddell. The intellectually undistinguished and the patient plodder were sure of his sympathy. For them he was ever Hopeful, armed with 'the key of promise,' and he made them his special care. There must be many who recall how day after day on cold, foggy winter mornings in the hour between breakfast and Abbey they wrestled together with stubborn passages in Virgil or groped their way through the recesses of Paley. They will remember, too, with something more than gratitude how patient and kind and understanding Liddell was. How the halting interrogative translation was given a twist by him, and suddenly became quite brilliantly right, and how a humorous poke here and 'a shove' over a difficult bit there—'because you won't know that'—seemed to make all the difference between despair and hope. And when the telegram came—'passed'—who more pleased than he or less willing to take the credit? But in truth many and many a Westminster would never have reached 'the delectable mountains' of the University but for Liddell's skilful coaching.

This quiet unselfishness and lack of self-assertion was a very marked trait in his character. He was content to do his work quietly, efficiently and to the best of his ability. He was proud of the School, and of his connection with it. He had no wish to make it a stepping-stone to higher things. He felt strongly the retirement of his older colleagues. 'Don't think me sentimental,' he wrote to one of them, '... if I assure you that to me ... the place will never seem quite the same without you.' But he adapted himself loyally to new conditions. He became, however, more reserved and only revealed to the few whom he

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## Obituary.

WE record with much regret the death of a distinguished Westminster Herald, Mr. GORDON AMBROSE DE LISLE LEE, C.B., C.V.O., Clarenceux King of Arms. He was a son of the Rev. Dr. F. G. Lee, Vicar of Lambeth, and was at Westminster from 1875 to 1879. He entered the Heralds College in 1889 as Bluemantle Pursuivant, and in due course was promoted successively to be York Herald, Norroy and lastly Clarenceux. The artistic rather than the genealogical side of heraldry attracted him, and he was an authority on Japanese art and heraldry. He superintended the heraldic side of the late Sir Herbert Tree's theatrical productions, and was the author of several biographies and other works. He died on September 12, aged 63. (See *Times*, September 13.)

A distinguished member of a distinguished Westminster family has passed away in Brigadier-General CHARLES JOHN MARKHAM, C.B.E. The son of the Rev. C. W. Markham, Rector of Aughton, Lancs, he was born in 1862, and in due course came to Westminster in 1876. After a year up Rigaud's, he was elected into College. He left in 1879 to go to Sandhurst and from thence was gazetted to the 60th (K.R.R.C.). He saw active service in the Mampus Expedition and elsewhere, and from 1904 to 1908 commanded the 1st Battalion of his Regiment. In the Great War he raised and trained the 42nd Infantry Brigade and commanded it at home and in France. He was created a C.B.E. in 1919. He died on July 7, after an operation for appendicitis. (See *Times*, July 8.)

We also have to regret the death of another well known old Westminster, MONTAGUE HORATIO MOSTYN TURTLE PIGOTT, which took place on August 26.

The son of Robert Turtle Pigott, he was up

Grant's from 1880 to 1884, and was Head of the House in his last year. He went to 'Univ' at Oxford, where he was the founder and first editor of the *Isis*. He was afterwards called to the Bar, where he became a well-known legal coach, numbering among his pupils the future Lord Birkenhead, Mr. P. F. Warner, and Mr. H. B. Irving. But it was as a writer of light verse that he became well known in the literary world, and several of his poems subsequently found their way into Anthologies. He was a man of many friends, and his kindly and amusing personality will be much missed in Bohemian London, especially at the Savage and Beefsteak Clubs, of both of which he was a very well known and popular member. (See *Times*, August 27.)

JOHN ERNEST PHILLIMORE died very suddenly at Bath on July 29. He was the eldest son of Admiral Phillimore, C.B., and followed in the footsteps of most of his family by first coming up Grant's (1882) and subsequently getting into College. He was elected Head to Trinity in 1887 and later entered the I.C.S. He retired a few years ago from the Service in which he had had a distinguished career.

The death by drowning of RONALD LOUDON STRAIN only a few days after the end of last term came as a great shock to his Westminster friends. He was the fourth son of Dr. W. Loudon Strain, of Wimbledon. He was admitted to the School in 1923, and, like his three brothers before him, he was up Ashburnham. He left at the end of last term. It was his intention to become a doctor, but while on a holiday in Cornwall, was drowned while bathing at Bude on August 4. A younger brother is at present in the School, and to him and to his parents we offer our deepest sympathy.

cared to know intimately the delightful sense of humour which he suppressed perhaps too rigidly from the outside world. But he was always one of those whom all O.W.W. wanted to see when they revisited the School, and they, in common with his other friends, will miss his ready welcome and mourn the passing of one who by his character and work helped to uphold the best traditions of Westminster.

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### Correspondence.

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*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—Should not some space be found on the overcrowded walls of School or elsewhere for a board recording the names of the past Captains of the School and the School Monitors since their inception? It need not be large, but it does seem remarkable that, although individual houses have each their monitors' boards, School Monitors are not provided for.

Secondly I would suggest that the Games Committee missed a golden opportunity of encouraging the most half-hearted of school activities, namely athletics, in not granting some kind of colour to the first strings of the team which represented the school against Aldenham last year, more especially if, as I hope, such contests are going to be an annual event. The right to wear a pink-trimmed vest, carrying with it perhaps that convenient and wide title of 'Half-Pink,' might meet the case. I earnestly hope that something of this sort may be done in the future.

Yours faithfully,

SEMPER IDEM.

(Half-Pinks are now awarded for running.—ED.)

21, PALACE GATE, W. 8.

July 23, 1927.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—I read with a horror that must, I think, be shared by every right-thinking Old Westminster, of the proposal recorded in your June number to abolish the Racquets Court and replace it with Fives Courts.

I should like to point out that every prominent Public School possesses a Racquets Court, and nearly every one sends in a pair to Queen's. Why should Westminster be the exception?

Fives is a pleasant pastime, but nothing more. In the athletic world it is of no importance whatever. Undoubtedly the existing courts are in need of repair, but there is no need for an increase in their number. The suggestion that four more Fives Courts would prove "a really valuable means of raising the athletic standard of the School" is absurd. On the contrary, their establishment would be positively harmful, since there would be a greater inducement to play Fives, to the inevitable neglect of the games that really matter.

The reason why the results of the regeneration of Racquets were 'not commensurate with the outlay and expectations' is that from the first it was badly managed. All those who then, took up Racquets were senior members of the School, no attempt was made to induce any of the younger boys to play. Most people had an idea that Racquets was much more expensive

than is really the case, and nothing was done to correct the impression.

There is at Westminster a large number of boys who play football, but do not care for, or are no good at, cricket, and consequently row in the summer instead. The people who should be induced to play Racquets are the corresponding boys who play cricket but are useless at football. In nine cases out of ten a natural batsman is a natural Racquets-player; indeed, its qualities as practice for cricket are a strong argument in favour of the game.

I hope I have not been too vehement in my denunciation of the scheme, but I feel strongly on the subject, as I am sure must every Old Westminster who has the interest of the School games at heart.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK MORRAH.

(The proposal to convert the Rackets Court into three covered Fives Courts has already been passed by the Elizabethan Club.—ED.)

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