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A VERY SMALL BOY'S IMPRESSIONS OF WESTMINSTER AND ITS PRE- CINCTS HALF-A-CENTURY AGO.

VI.

I HAVE hitherto said nothing of the interest which we children took in our neighbours of the School, and of the constant pleasure we derived from the views which our windows afforded us of all the daily routine of the place. There was the listening for the cry, 'Williamson coming!' and the watching the boys hastening into school, and the long blackgowned and capped figures converging from each door of the yard to the school steps. Then what an excitement it was if some laggard came rushing across the yard, while we watched to see if he could possibly gain the door before the slow-paced masters, and imagined the terrible penalties which must await him if he failed. Or, again, at the end of school we would see the Mon. Os. go up to report the striking of the hour and return with the dignified monitor, each taking up his station on one side of the gate. Were not our faces intent against the windowpanes till prayers were over, and the boys came down with a mighty rush between those monumental figures, while we tried to

pick out any fellow whom we knew by sight, from the colour of his hair, or from some such peculiarity! And then, in the afternoons, before lockers, there was the longdrawn note of 'Q-u-a-a-r-t-e-r!' intoned, I think, by the Monitor of Chamber's junior, to warn any straggling Queen's scholar that he must hurry homewards. This and the single bell tolling for the Abbey service always filled me with something of a melancholy feeling.

We have one family legend connected with that call which sounds almost incredible, but which the uncle whom I have quoted before used to relate as a fact. It happened that upon one occasion his senior and another friend were out on the water together, and he had a shrewd suspicion that they would not be back in time for 'lockers.' He called the quarter, pitching his voice so as to be heard as far off as possible; and he declared with pride that the voyagers did hear him in their boat by Vauxhall Bridge, and that, by hurrying back at top speed, they just managed to escape being locked out, with its attendant penalties.

So much for the daily spectacles provided by our windows, which opened upon Little Dean's Yard. But I must not omit the great festivities which recurred only once a year. There was St. David's

Day, and the arrival of the distinguished Welshman and his attendants, all with leeks in their buttonholes, to claim the annual holiday. There was Shrove-Tuesday and the—to our eyes—even more imposing procession of the College cook in full costume, preceded by the verger, and bearing the cake in its pan, as he emerged from the cloister arch beneath us. There were the Play-nights, and no fireworks of those pre-scientific days could have delighted our eyes more than the sight of the fountains of sparks pouring out from the three great chimneys of the dormitory, where logs were sedulously piled on, till, more than once, an alarm of fire spread through the neighbourhood.

Above all, there was the chairing day, and I think there can be no Old Westminster who does not regret the discontinuance of this celebration, with all its harmless fun. Our windows were an excellent post to which visitors would be invited to view the incidents of the afternoon: the gathering of the boys, the excitement when the sacred ladder was brought forward with pillows carefully attached—but these were not, as Forshall writes, intended to make an easier seat for the rider (*experto crede*), but were fastened below the ladder to ease the shoulders of the bearers. These were the tallest fellows, whether in College or not, six at a time, and of course they relieved each other at intervals. Then the singling out of the hero of the day as, standing in his town-boy jacket on the step appropriated to the Mon. Os., he was at last crowned for the first time with the College cap and invited to take his seat on the ladder. Then a rush and a roar, and all were off pouring into the cloisters, the bearers first, the whole school following, shouting at the top of their voices, and rapping vigorously at every house-door which they passed. Ours, lying close to the cloister arch, was, of course, the first visited with their attentions, and I remember that on one occasion a new servant, unacquainted with Westminster ways, ran to open the door on hearing such an important rapping, and half the school took advantage of the entrance so unexpectedly offered and raced round the hall. But on, round the Little Cloisters, poured the stream, then the whole length of the Great Cloisters, making the old roof ring with their cheers, and the round of Great Dean's Yard, with especial rejoicings at Scott's boarding-house, next to the entrance from the Sanctuary, if the head-boy happened to belong to that establishment. The gate of the yard at that corner was closed, to prevent the entrance of horses until all the racing and shouting were ended. Up on to the terrace went the procession, past the centre houses, which had formed one boarding-house in the old palmy days of the School, down again at the other end, and so to the gate into Little Dean's Yard. There, immediately after the ladder, the Queen's scholars passed, and, as soon as all were in, they shut the gate against the town-boys, holding it until either the latter overcame their resistance by force, or a number of the former had raced off to overtake the

ladder and so allowed their party to be overpowered. Meanwhile the ladder was borne up and down the steps of each of the houses on the south side—the door of each was flung open at the knocking, and the master stepped out in cap and gown to congratulate and shake hands with the occupant. If the latter belonged to his house, cake and wine were presented to him and his bearers. Occasionally it happened that one of the masters was under a temporary cloud of unpopularity, and then the ladder would not be carried to his door. If opinion was divided, and some wished to offer the slight while others objected, a struggle ensued on the steps, in which the seat of the ladder-rider might be seriously imperilled. I fancy it is to this that Forshall refers, for it will be seen from my narrative that the bearers took no part in the struggle at the gate.

Well, a second time the procession ran its course the full round of the precincts; but the third time it passed through Great Dean's Yard, the short way direct from the cloister gate to that of Little Dean's Yard. The head-candidate was deposited on the school steps where he had mounted, and so ended the proudest hour of his life; for surely no after-success can bestow such unalloyed happiness as a boy's triumph amid the universal congratulations of his friends, boys and masters, in his beloved school.

HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL.

I HAVE never done it myself, or published a play, or produced a minor volume with a minimum of poetry and a maximum of nonsense—as yet. What I may be driven to do in certain circumstances I cannot as yet foresee. I therefore consider myself qualified, and perhaps not unnaturally, to offer a few suggestions.

Believe me, my dear young friends, the first thing is to choose a title. You will be told by many, and you have probably already seen it printed, that title-choosing is the last state of a novel-writer, and always worse than the first, plot-concocting. *Inexperto crede Roberto*. You may make or mar your novel by drawing an injudicious name from the sortal hat. I can assure you, in spite of many contradictors, that much is in a name. I once heard a muddle-headed man say, 'The beetle that we tread upon by any other name would smell as sweet,' but I did not agree with him. You need not be at a loss for a title. If you have a hero, a heroine, or villain, or any one of that sort, call it after one or all of them. A pleasing variety takes the form of 'Gwendoline Vavasour's Secret,' or her Confession, or her Story, or her Lovers, Eyebrows, Husband, Pug-

dog; in fact, anything that ever belonged to Gwendoline Vavasour. Some people—but I do not recommend it—use the form, ‘The Secret (or Confession, Story, &c., &c.) of Gwendoline Vavasour.’ It makes it just a little longer, but to my mind is unidiomatic. A third form is to give your hero’s name and trade; such as ‘John Thomas, Footman’; ‘Christopher Columbus, Discoverer’; ‘Darius Nothus, King.’ But these are only plagiarised, and you will do well to plagiarise only your stories, and if possible your own. Names of individuals lead us to names of families; you may find ‘The Smiths,’ ‘Those Browns,’ ‘That Jones Girl,’ ‘The Robinsons of Robinson,’ ‘The Last of the de Wymaroles,’ or ‘The First of the de Mugginses’ all very useful as types. Or you may bring out their family seat and call your book ‘Smith Court,’ or ‘Jones Hall,’ or ‘Robinson Castle’; or if, as is most probable, you write in dialect, you may get all sorts of weird names not to be understood of the common people, which is an advantage, as then there will be so much less for them to carp at. ‘In the Pennan Incline,’ or ‘The Yare by the Cowl,’ are instances, ‘which are pretty, but I don’t know what they mean.’ As you will probably have to explain such names sooner or later, it will generally be as well to satisfy yourself on this point first. Apart from proper names and their variants, another class which will stand a lot of usage is that which, for convenience, we will dub the proverbial title. It may be the part or whole of some pithy saying with more or less meaning, *e.g.*, ‘No Moss,’ ‘All that Glistens,’ ‘Many a Mickle.’ Again, a quotation is often useful: ‘Bearded like the Pard,’ or ‘Tityre tu patulae.’ Many similar titles may be chosen, and it will afford you no little amusement to notice what strange and inappropriate phrases are sometimes used thus—by other writers. Again, you press into your service some common saying, which, nevertheless, should contain some pathos: ‘No How,’ ‘Contrariwise,’ ‘And the Consequence was.’

Your title chosen—and after this assistance it should not take you long—the next thing is epigram. It is said commonly that no play is successful in our day unless the author, or actor, remarks that I, thou, he, she, it, we, you, or they dunno where I, thou, &c., are. Why this should be is a nice question, but ‘Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof,’ and it were foreign to my purpose to discuss it now. Similarly, you could not, till recently, hope to write a really successful novel without introducing epigram—sparkling epi-

gram for choice—by the puncheon. If your inventive powers failed, you took hold of a proverb, reversed the meaning, and there you had it ready for use. ‘Punctuality is the thief of time’ may be quoted from a somewhat recent work. ‘Too many cooks cannot spoil the broth’ is another example. Do not imagine that epigrams need to be witty and to the point; they generally are quite otherwise. But the fashion changes as fashions will. To-day you must work the ‘childlike simplicity’ or ‘pretty prattle’ dodge if you want to be thought ‘clever’ (which reminds me that it always gives style to a book to put the most obvious words into inverted commas). You may make a burly farm labourer say ‘A stitch in time really does save nine’ with the nicest little air in the world.

After this you will do well to have some character; a strong contrast between brothers always pays. Let the elder be the fool or knave, and the younger a pattern of excellence; thus shall you enlist sympathy for that poor, down-trodden worm, a younger brother. Also it gives a curious and not unpleasing effect if you make one individual always talk in hendecasyllables or aposiopeses, or something of that sort. Your heroine may be a smart young woman of Society, or a drivelling, sentimental idiot and prig. I don’t like idiots and prigs myself, but some people do. Your work will now be complete, but there seems to be a popular prejudice in favour of a plot, as well as two eyes. Why gratify it? I cannot think it essential to any novel. M. E.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 42. RICHARD CUMBERLAND.

‘I DID not indeed drink long and deeply at the Helicon of that distinguished seminary, but I had a taste of the spring and felt the influence of the waters.’ In such words does Cumberland, in his *Memoirs*, refer to his eighteen months of school-life at Westminster, nearly sixty years after he quitted its walls; but as he had previously spent six years at a school which professedly modelled itself upon Westminster, even to the extent of borrowing its most characteristic peculiarity, one may fairly hold that he underestimated rather than exaggerated the influence of Westminster education upon his career. Though, indeed, if intellectual pre-eminence can be inherited, we need scarcely wonder that Cumberland attained a high place among the dramatic writers of his age, we may be surprised at a success in the lighter walks of literature, which

contrasts so strangely with the more solid achievements of his progenitors.

His great-grandfather, whose name he bore, was conspicuous among the numerous writers who strove to controvert the 'impious tenets' of Hobbes, and his learning and piety were unexpectedly rewarded by promotion to the see of Peterborough. His grandson Denison, himself destined for episcopal honours, married the daughter of the illustrious if unconciliatory Bentley, and their son, the subject of the present memoir, was born in the Master's Lodge of Trinity College on February 19, 1732.

Of his early years we know nothing that merits repetition, until at the age of six he was sent to school under the Rev. Arthur Kinsman at Bury St. Edmunds. This school, which numbered as many as 150 scholars, was modelled upon the system of Westminster, even to the custom of performing a play of Terence at Christmas. Of his master, an intimate friend of his grandfather Bentley, Cumberland speaks with kindness, unless we are to suppose that he wishes to lay stress upon the antithesis when he writes: 'Arthur Kinsman certainly knew how to make his boys scholars; Doctor Nichols had the art of making his scholars gentlemen.' Certainly the former's enthusiasm for Juvenal was no strong proof of a refined sense of delicacy; but, reading between the lines of Cumberland's autobiography, we may suspect that what the pupil found hardest to forgive in his master was the severity with which he commented on errors of grammar and scansion in Latin verses which their writer thought 'not entirely void of imagination.'

While still at Bury St. Edmunds, Cumberland wrote his first English verses and made his 'first appearance on any stage' as Juba in Addison's 'Cato.' The attempt at performing Terence away from the congenial atmosphere of dormitory had been abandoned; but the Bury St. Edmunds boys were thoroughly infected with the 'cacoethes personandi,' and spontaneously organised a performance in one of their boarding-houses. This incident may help us to realise the wide difference between the schoolboy of 1740 and the schoolboy of 1890. I fancy we should have been rather surprised if, on the last occasion when the play had to be given up, a performance up Rigaud's of 'Becket' or 'A Blot on the Scutcheon' had been substituted.

The first essay in verse, alluded to above, extended to a hundred lines; the first four would have done no discredit to a more mature writer:—

Since every scribbler claims his share of fame,
And every bibber boasts a Dryden's name,
Permit an infant muse her chance to try;
All have a right to that, and why not I?

The source of the inspiration is obvious enough, and we need not wonder that a forward schoolboy could attain to 'the dead level of decent decasyllables'; but occasionally the youth of the writer betrays itself, as in the unfortunate couplet:—

Here they weave cables, here they mainmasts form;
Here they forge anchors—useful in a storm.

At the age of twelve Cumberland stood at the head of Bury School; and, as the master there had intimated his intention of retiring, it was considered expedient to remove the youthful prodigy from the scene of his too easy triumphs and to send him to Westminster, where he was immediately placed in the Shell. It is unnecessary to recapitulate the brilliant roll of names which the School list then presented, or to do more than remind our readers that Nichols was head-master, Vincent Bourne an usher, and Warren Hastings a small boy in the Under School. When Nichols examined young Cumberland, he cautioned him against his too declamatory style of reading, 'which my boys will call conceited,' an incident which is rather suggestive.

Although it is not directly connected with Cumberland himself, I shall make no apology for quoting *in extenso* an incident which he records in his autobiography:—'A certain boy from the fifth was summoned before the seniors in the seventh and convicted of an offence which, in the high spirit of that school, argued an abasement of principle and honour. Dr. Nichols having stated the case, demanded their opinion of the crime and what degree of punishment they conceived it to deserve. Their answer was unanimously, "The severest that could be inflicted." "I can inflict none more severe than you have given him," said the master, and dismissed him without any further chastisement.'

I am aware that this quotation would be more in place in the 'Queries' column of this magazine, for the whole proceeding was of rather a curious character. Who had summoned the delinquent? And what was the head master doing before a monitorial council, which this appears to have been? The monitors of a later date would scarcely have contented themselves with pronouncing a delinquent worthy of punishment.

Of Cumberland's personal experiences at Westminster he has recorded only two incidents. 'It was not many days after my admission that I myself stood before him (*i.e.* Dr. Nichols) as a culprit, having been reported by the monitor for escaping out of the Abbey during Divine service and joining a party of my school-fellows for the unjustifiable purpose of intruding ourselves upon a meeting of Quakers at their devotions. We had not been guilty of any gross impertinence, but the offence was highly reprehensible, and when my turn came to be called up to the master I presume he saw my contrition, when, turning a mild look upon me, he said aloud "Erubuit—salva est res," and sent me back to my place.' *Tempora mutantur*, and the Westminster boy of to-day who skips Abbey to accompany a procession of the Salvation Army would be agreeably surprised if the wrath of the authorities confined itself to a single Latin quotation, however appropriate; only in the hypothetical case I suggest the Latin quotations would probably be supplied by the pen of the pupil.

On another occasion Cumberland had an opportunity to crib a complete copy of verses from some standard Latinist, and did not scruple to show them

up as his own. The head master was delighted with the composition and read it out to the seventh, adding such warm expressions of commendation that even a schoolboy's conscience—which a writer on education has termed 'the most perfect example of a rudimentary organ'—could not endure the strain. Cumberland made full confession of his delinquency; and his penitence was not lessened by the head master's reply, 'Child, I forgive you—go to your seat and say nothing of the matter. You have gained more credit with me by your ingenuous confession than you would have got by the verses had they been your own.'

In the autumn of 1746 the premature death of his daughter Joanna, while on a visit to London, inspired Cumberland's father with such an aversion to the metropolis that he removed his son from Westminster and entered him at Cambridge, though he was then only fourteen years of age. Of his undergraduate life at Trinity we have few details, and none that need to be repeated here; suffice it to say that Cumberland did no discredit to the memory of his grandfather, and left the University with a high place among the Wranglers of the year, and the seeds of an illness caused by overwork which, if the patient does not exaggerate, kept him for six months 'hovering between life and death.' In the meantime his father's services at a contested election for Northamptonshire—the elder Cumberland then holding a cure of souls at Stanwick, near Higham Ferrers—had established a claim on the gratitude of Lord Halifax, the Lord Lieutenant of the county. This nobleman then presided over the Board of Trade, and he offered young Cumberland an appointment as his private secretary, which was accepted, though not without some hesitation. Soon after being installed in this post Cumberland was elected to a fellowship at Trinity—an honour to which a grandson of Bentley might be thought to have some hereditary right—but which he attained a year before the usual time. Nor was it long before he appeared before the public as an author, 'following the steps of Gray with another churchyard elegy.' He also had the honour of being introduced to the Duke of Newcastle, then Prime Minister. Their interview was characteristic of that eccentric and not altogether admirable O.W.: Cumberland waited two hours in the ante-room, and was rewarded with an interview of two minutes while his Grace was washing his hands.

The young private secretary, whose work seems to have been of no very arduous character, lived for some time in lodgings in London—first in Downing Street and afterwards in Mount Street—until his father obtained the benefice of Fulham, when he once more became a member of his own family circle.

(To be continued.)

School Notes.

WE beg to congratulate E. P. Garrett, H. O. C. Beasley, R. E. More, J. A. Robertson, W. F. Fox, and S. C. Probyn on receiving their pinks.

We beg to congratulate J. F. Waters on winning the fencing competition.

An account of the Shield matches will appear in our next number.

The following is the cricket card for 1894, with the results:—

May 5, Sat.	v. Lords and Commons.	Lost by an innings and three runs.
" 12, "	v. Blackheath.	Lost by 106 runs.
" 19, "	v. Kensington Park.	Lost by 46 runs.
" 26, "	v. Incogniti.	Won by 31.
June 2, "	v. Old Carthusians.	Won by 19 runs and two wickets.
" 8, Fri.	v. Charterhouse.	Lost by an innings and 147 runs.
" 9, Sat.	v. Upper Tooting.	Lost by 101 runs.
" 23, Sat.	v. West Kent.	Lost by 143 runs.
" 27, Wed.	v. Oxford University Athletics.	Won by 88 runs.
" 30, Sat.	v. Masters' XI.	Drawn.
July 4, Wed.	v. M.C.C.	Lost by 78 runs.
" 7, Sat.	v. O.W.W.	Lost by 27 runs.
" 14, "	v. Q.S.S.	v. T.B.B.

House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM.—In the first round of the Shield matches we were drawn against H.B.B., and beat them after a fairly exciting game by 14 runs. Ashburnham made 80 and 93, and H.B.B. made 84 and 75. In our first innings Barnett made 24 and Robertson 12, and in the second Robertson made 41 without a chance. Holland and Barnett did most of the bowling, the former taking five wickets for 27 in the first innings and the latter six wickets for 28 in the second. After the match Barnett was given his house colours. We may mention that this is the first Shield match, either at cricket or football, that we have won since our separation from H.B.B. We beg to congratulate E. Kirlew on winning the high jump at the Beckenham sports.

COLLEGE.—We congratulate E. P. Garrett on receiving his pinks. He is fourth in the averages, and is one of the three who have scored over 200 runs this season. C. Van der Gucht has played three times for the School as twelfth man.

The Literary Society has finished 'As You Like It.'

GRANT'S.—In the Shield matches we have again come out victorious, beating Ashburnham by 9 wickets. We ought to have won by an innings, but our bowling was so bad in their second innings.

Our congratulations are due to H. J. Kirkpatrick on obtaining his house colours.

H.B.B.—We were beaten in the first round of the House matches by Ashburnham by 14 runs. Whittow had the misfortune of being run out in the first innings without having scored. The bowling was shared by Whittow, Allen, Murray, and Corfield. We have to congratulate Underwood, Corfield, and Murray on getting their House colours. In the swimming competitions H.B.B. were well to the fore. Woodhouse came in first in the seniors and Deacon alone started in the juniors. In the diving Deacon got first place and Davies-Colley second. The prospects for the House football team are not particularly bright, but we hope they will improve during next term.

RIGAUD'S.—Since last month we have played the first round of the Senior House matches. We were unfortunate enough to be drawn against Grant's, and were badly beaten by an innings and 80 runs. Moon and Severn, with 104 and 73, made the greater part of their total—289. We made 61 and 148. In the second innings H. Blaker, C. F. Armstrong, and A. E. Stewart were top scorers with 23, 25, and 29 respectively. More bowled best for us, taking six wickets for 57. Severn and Fox did most of the Granite bowling, and did not meet with much serious resistance till the latter part of the match. Fox in our second innings was particularly deadly. For the School Beasley made 101 not out against the Masters, which was, however, marred by two chances. In the same match More made 30, and also bowled very well. We have to congratulate Beasley, More, and Probyn on getting their pinks, and Blaker, Armstrong, A. E. Stewart, and J. E. Matthews on getting their House colours. On the whole, our fielding was very fair, and Norman at the wicket did good service. In the yard game Stenning has been showing most consistent form with the ball.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* UPPER TOOTING.

THIS match was played up Fields on June 23, and won by Upper Tooting by 101 runs. The visitors won the toss, and Willett and Bonner faced the bowling of Fisher and Whittow. At 22 Willett was out leg before to Fisher; but with Agar in Bonner hit freely till the score reached 63, when he was bowled by Severn for 38. Four runs later R. E. More dismissed Agar with his first ball. Sandilands and Thorne,

however, made another useful stand, realising 48 before Fisher bowled Sandilands. Twenty-one more runs were added, and then Thorne was caught at point for a well-played 35. No one did much after this, as Fisher was now bowling very well, securing a wicket in each of his five last overs. The ninth wicket fell at 149, and, as Onslow had not yet arrived, the innings closed. Fisher bowled best, getting six wickets at a cost of 53 runs, but Whittow seemed very much out of form. As usual, Moon and Garrett opened our innings, but after Moon's dismissal at 17 no one could make any stand against Wallis's bowling. Towards the close of the innings Whitehead went on instead of Urwick and secured three wickets without a run being scored off him. The innings closed for 48, Garrett alone reaching double figures with 11. Wallis had a very fine analysis, his seven wickets only costing 24 runs. In the follow-on we fared much better, Fox and Garrett making 52 for the first wicket. Severn now came in, but with 17 runs added Garrett was caught for 28. Severn had a little luck at first, but when he settled down he hit well. Three more wickets fell, and when stumps were drawn the total was 146 for five wickets, Severn remaining not out 47, including a 5 and five 4's. Seven bowlers were tried, Wallis again proving the most effective with two wickets for 4 runs.

Score and analysis :—

UPPER TOOTING.

First Innings.

H. B. Willett, l.b.w. b. Fisher	3
G. F. Bonner, b. Severn	38
C. T. Agar, b. R. E. More	14
R. R. Sandilands, b. Fisher	27
F. G. Thorne, c. Probyn, b. Fisher	35
H. T. Wallis, c. Robinson, b. Fisher	8
H. S. Urwick, b. Fisher	3
Rev. G. T. Whitehead, b. Fisher	1
A. L. Onslow, absent	
B. Franks, b. Whittow	5
B. M. Goldie, not out	0
Byes 13, Leg-bye 1, Wide-ball, 1	15

Total 149

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.

L. J. Moon, c. Bonner, b. Wallis	7
E. P. Garrett, c. Thorne, b. Wallis ..	11
A. R. Severn, c. Thorne, b. Wallis ...	7
C. D. Fisher, c. Urwick, b. Wallis ...	1
J. F. More, c. Urwick, b. Wallis	5
H. O. C. Beasley c. Wallis, b. Whitehead	9
S. C. Probyn, b. Wallis	0
J. A. Robertson, st. Thorne, b. Whitehead	0
R. E. More, b. Wallis	1
W. F. Fox, not out	0

A. Whittow, b. Whitehead	1
Byes 2, Leg-byes 3, No-ball 1 ...	6

Total 48

Second Innings.

b. Urwick	9
c. Urwick, b. Thorne	28
not out	47
h.w. b. Wallis	13
c. & b. Wallis	4
not out	5
c. Sandilands, b. Thorne ...	15
Byes 22, Leg-byes 2, No-ball 1	25

Total (5 wks.) 146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

UPPER TOOTING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	19.1	4	53	6
A. Whittow	12	5	35	1
J. F. More	7	2	10	0
A. R. Severn	8	0	20	1
R. E. More	4	1	16	1

A. R. Severn bowled 1 wide.

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
H. T. Wallis	19	9	24	7
H. S. Urwick	17	7	18	0
Rev. G. T. Whitehead ..	1.4	1	0	3

H. T. Wallis bowled 1 no-ball.

Second Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Rev. G. T. Whitehead ..	6	0	15	0
F. G. Thorne	9	1	35	2
R. R. Sandilands	7	2	20	0
H. S. Urwick	6	0	21	1
A. L. Onslow	3	0	12	0
H. T. Wallis	3	0	4	0
B. M. Goldie	4	0	14	0

H. T. Wallis bowled 1 no-ball.

WESTMINSTER v. WEST KENT.

In this match, which was played up Fields on Wednesday, June 27, twelve aside should have been played, Van der Gucht appearing for us; but Boodle did not turn up for the visitors, who obtained an easy victory by 143 runs. For a change we won the toss, and sent in Garrett and Moon, E. Berens and Coode bowling. At 17 Moon was bowled, a fate which likewise befell Severn at 30, after a short but merry innings of 11. After the fall of the third wicket at 45 wickets fell fast. Garrett was out at 51 for a careful 15, but no one else could do anything with Berens' bowling except Robertson, who at the close of the innings hit up 23, the venture closing for 99. Berens bowled with great success, taking seven wickets for 40 runs. Tonge and Captain Bowles began the visitors' innings, Fisher and Whittow, as usual, bowling. In his second over Whittow bowled Tonge at 14, and at 48 Watney fell to the same bowler. On E. Berens joining Captain Bowles a good stand was made, and Severn and J. F. More both went on; but this did not prevent the required number of runs being hit off, and the total was just 100 when Berens was bowled by J. F. More. Agar did not give much trouble, but 'A. Kent' soon settled down to the bowling. At 148 Captain Bowles was run out for an excellent 65, comprising a 5 and six 4's. 'Kent' continued to play confidently, but could not get anyone to stop in with him long. The innings realised 242, 'Kent' being last out for 68. His chief hits were a 5, five 4's, and eight 3's. Of the seven bowlers tried, R. E. More was most successful with three wickets for 38.

Score and analysis:—

WESTMINSTER.

L. J. Moon, b. E. Berens	10
E. P. Garrett, c. E. Berens, b. Coode	15
A. R. Severn, b. Coode	11
C. D. Fisher, st. R. Berens, b. E. Berens	9
J. F. More, b. E. Berens	5
H. O. C. Beasley, b. Coode	0
R. E. More, b. E. Berens	3
W. F. Fox, c. Watney, b. E. Berens	3
S. C. Probyn, b. E. Berens	8
J. A. Robertson, b. E. Berens	23
C. Van der Gucht, b. Coode	4
A. Whittow, not out	0
Byes 4, Leg-byes 2, Wide-balls 2	8

Total

WEST KENT.

Capt. Bowles, run out	65
J. N. Tonge, b. Whittow	13
C. N. Watney, b. Whittow	16
E. Berens, c. Garrett, b. J. F. More	24
C. T. Agar, c. Whittow, b. R. E. More	2
'A. Kent,' b. R. E. More	68
R. Berens, c. Beasley, b. Fisher	1
C. E. Edlmann, b. Probyn	5
E. A. Field, b. R. E. More	9
C. P. Coode, c. Severn, b. J. F. More	9
E. L. Waring, not out	1
A. J. Boodle, absent	0
Byes 27, Leg-byes 2	29

Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. Berens	29	14	40	7
C. P. Coode	28.1	7	51	4

E. Berens bowled 2 wide-balls.

WEST KENT.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	20	4	57	1
A. Whittow	20	2	49	2
A. R. Severn	2	0	8	0
J. F. More	10	2	37	2
R. E. More	15.2	4	38	3
S. C. Probyn	6	2	16	1
W. F. Fox	2	0	8	0

WESTMINSTER v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

The Authentics on June 30 brought a strong team against us, including H. T. Hewett and V. T. Hill, though in the end we gained a meritorious victory by 88 runs. The visitors won the toss and went in on a good wicket, Fisher and Whittow bowling to Batty and Hill. We started auspiciously, as the total was only 3 when Whittow bowled Hill. Twenty-two runs were added and then Thomas was smartly stumped. Hewett came in and at once began hitting, driving the first ball sent him into the pavilion; but after making 17 of the 18 put on while he was in, he was caught at slip. Wickets now fell rapidly, Headlam being out from the first ball sent him, while at 50 Fisher, who was bowling excellently, clean bowled Batty, who had played carefully for his 21. The ninth wicket fell at 57, Fisher's analysis at this time reading: 13 overs, 4 maidens, 25 runs, and 6 wickets. A most unexpected

stand, however, was made for the last wicket, Berens keeping up his wicket while Chinnock hit. At last J. F. More, who had gone on instead of Whittow, got Chinnock caught at slip for an extremely useful 31, the last wicket having added 38 runs, and the innings closed for 95, though it would probably have been considerably less had more of the chances offered been accepted. Fisher bowled magnificently, although he was hit rather towards the end, but his 6 wickets only cost 47 runs. Moon was especially good behind the wicket. Garrett and Moon made an excellent start against the bowling of Hill and Chinnock, 37 being registered before Garrett was caught for 17. Severn drove the first ball he received splendidly to the off and ran 7 for it, but was only allowed 6 on the plea of 'lost ball.' He quickly followed up this by a 4, but was then caught at cover-point. With Fisher in the runs were hit off, the total being 105 when the fourth wicket fell. At last Moon's innings was closed by a catch at wicket. He had displayed excellent cricket in his 63, in which were a 5, three 4's, and five 3's. Of the remaining batsmen, R. E. More played best for 19, and the last wicket fell at 183. Of the bowlers, Thomas proved the most successful with three wickets for 28. Hewett and Hill went in a second time, and were still together at the close of play. During the time they were in, these two batsmen gave us a tremendous exhibition of hitting, all the bowling being treated alike. Hill, however, was missed more than once. When stumps were drawn the total was 112, Hill being not out 60, and Hewett 48.

Full score and analysis :—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
Rev. A. M. Batty, b. Fisher	21		
V. T. Hill, b. Whittow	1	not out	60
W. Ll. Thomas, st. Moon, b. Fisher ..	5		
'T. Herbert' (H. T. Hewett), c. Whittow, b. Fisher	17	not out	48
C. Headlam, l.b.w., b. Fisher	0		
E. Britton-Holmes, b. Fisher	4		
W. P. Donaldson, c. and b. Fisher...	3		
W. E. Bromet, b. Whittow	0		
Hon. J. Powys, st. Moon, b. Whittow	1		
R. Berens, not out	7		
H. S. Chinnock, c. Fisher, b. J. F. More	31		
Bye 1, Leg-byes 4	5	Byes 3, Wide 1 ..	4
Total	95	Total (no wkt.) ..	112

WESTMINSTER.

L. J. Moon, c. Headlam, b. Hill	63
E. P. Garrett, c. Batty, b. Donaldson ..	17
A. R. Severn, c. Hill, b. Donaldson ..	10
C. D. Fisher, c. and b. Thomas	11
J. F. More, c. and b. Hewett	2
H. O. C. Beasley, b. Hill	5
R. E. More, b. Thomas	19
W. F. Fox, run out	4
S. C. Probyn, c. Batty, b. Thomas	13
J. A. Robertson, b. Hewett	7
A. Whittow, not out	0
Byes 24, Leg-byes 7, Wide 1	32
Total	183

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	18	4	47	6
A. Whittow	16	6	38	3
J. F. More	12	0	5	1

<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	8	0	35	0
A. Whittow	10	0	52	0
J. F. More	3	0	16	0
R. E. More	1	0	5	0

Fisher bowled 1 wide.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
V. T. Hill	14	7	19	2
H. S. Chinnock	17	3	35	0
W. P. Donaldson	12	2	40	2
W. Ll. Thomas	14	6	28	3
H. T. Hewett	7.1	2	20	2
Rev. A. M. Batty	3	0	9	0

Hill bowled 1 wide.

THE SCHOOL v. MASTERS' XI.

This match, which was played up Fields on July 4, was productive of some interesting cricket and high scoring, but although the time for drawing stumps was put off till seven o'clock, the result was a draw in favour of the School. Winning the toss we batted first, but the start was very bad, as Moon, Severn, and Fisher were all out at 11. J. F. More was bowled at 29, and at 47 Garrett, who had been playing well, was caught at point. Beasley and R. E. More now became associated and an excellent stand was made, the two carrying the score to 101 for the sixth wicket, More being then caught at point. Fox did not stay long, but on Robertson joining Beasley another long stand was made, the latter playing especially well. Robertson was at last stumped, the eighth wicket, which had added 89 runs, falling at 203. Robertson's chief hits were six 4's. Van der Gucht, playing instead of Probyn, who was unavoidably absent, came in and made several good strokes, and the rate of scoring did not decrease till at last with a hit for 3 Beasley completed his century, 250 at the same time appearing. The innings was now declared closed at 250 for 8 wickets. Beasley's 101, which occupied about an hour and three-quarters, was a fine display of dashing cricket, though he gave two possible chances with his score at 81 and 88. His chief hits were a 5 and eight 4's. Van der Gucht remained not out 14. Harvey and Cox began batting for the Masters, while Fisher and Whittow bowled. At 20 Whittow, who seemed quite out of form, gave way to J. F. More, who bowled Cox when the total had reached 48. Thorne stayed with Harvey a long time, and in spite of bowling changes the 100 went up. At 110, however, J. F. More at mid-off secured Thorne from Fisher's bowling. Mr. Fox helped Harvey to add 25, but was then well caught by Whittow at square leg. Mr. Tanner now came in,

but with 12 runs added Harvey's long innings was terminated by a catch at mid-off. No one else stayed long with Mr. Tanner, and the ninth wicket fell at 184 just at the call of time, and the School were thus robbed of what would have been a very meritorious victory. R. E. More, with 3 wickets for 35, had the best analysis.

Score and analysis :—

WESTMINSTER

E. P. Garrett, c. Fox, b. Harvey	24
L. J. Moon, b. Harvey	0
A. R. Severn, b. Harvey	0
C. D. Fisher, c. Michell, b. Huckwell	2
J. F. More, b. Huckwell	6
H. O. C. Beasley, not out	101
R. E. More, c. Fox, b. Thorne	30
W. F. Fox, c. Tanner, b. Murray	5
J. A. Robertson, st. Harvey, b. Thorne	39
C. Van der Gucht, not out	14
A. Whittow did not bat	—
Byes 22, Leg-byes 3, Wides 3, No-ball 1...	29

Total (for 8 wkts., inns. declared closed)... 250

MASTERS' XI.

R. M. Harvey, c. J. F. More, b. Fisher	73
E. H. Cox, b. J. F. More	23
F. G. Thorne, c. J. F. More, b. Fisher	29
E. L. Fox, Esq., c. Whittow, b. Fisher	11
J. E. Michell, Esq., c. Garrett, b. Fisher	1
R. Tanner, Esq., not out	24
Rev. P. E. Raynor, c. Moon, b. R. E. More ..	4
J. Sargeaunt, Esq., b. R. E. More	5
R. E. Murray, b. R. E. More	0
J. J. Huckwell, Esq., b. Fisher	4
A. Berens did not bat	—
Byes	10

Total (for 9 wickets) 184

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. M. Harvey	23	3	71	3
J. J. Huckwell, Esq.	17	2	54	2
R. E. Murray	6	2	21	1
F. G. Thorne	10	1	35	2
E. L. Fox, Esq.	3	0	21	0
J. E. Michell, Esq.	5	1	19	0

Harvey bowled 1 no-ball, Murray 1 wide, and Mr. Fox 2 wides.

MASTERS' XI.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	28	7	79	5
A. Whittow	4	0	6	0
J. F. More	8	0	35	1
A. R. Severn	3	0	19	0
R. E. More	17	3	35	3

WESTMINSTER v. M.C.C. AND GROUND.

On Saturday, July 7, we played a moderate team of M.C.C., and in the end were beaten by 78 runs. Garrett was unfortunately unable to play, and his place was taken by Van der Gucht. We won the toss, and Fisher and Moon faced the bowling of Geeson

and Attewell. In the latter's first over Fisher drove him twice splendidly for 4's, but two overs later Attewell had his revenge by bowling Moon, who had only made a single. Severn came in, and at first played carefully, till the total reached 37, when Attewell bowled Fisher for 26, in which were five 4's. J. F. More, after a hit for 2, ran himself out, and his place was taken by Beasley, who stayed with Severn while 38 runs were added; but at 77 he was caught at long slip for 11. Severn meanwhile had been playing very well, but at 91 he lost both R. E. More and Robertson. Fox, however, succeeded in keeping up his wicket for some time. At 113 Severn was bowled by Geeson, who had gone on again. He had played excellently for 51, in which were six 4's. The innings realised 136, Fox making 21 by patient cricket. Geeson and Lucas opened the M.C.C. innings, Fisher and Whittow bowling. With his second ball Fisher got rid of Geeson, but Farmer and Lucas took the score to 40 before the last-named was caught at slip; while six runs later Whittow bowled Raphael, and Thring came in and at once opened his account with a 4 off Whittow. At 66 he lost the company of Farmer, caught at slip. Holman was the next comer, and the stand of the innings was made. In spite of bowling changes runs came rapidly, and the bowling was fairly collared. Our total was passed, and it was not till the score had reached 166 that a catch at wicket disposed of Holman, who had made 49. The partnership had added exactly 100 runs. With Attewell in Thring continued to score freely, though at 195 Attewell was caught and bowled, and a single later Harrison also left. At last, with the total at 200, Thring's long innings was brought to a close by a catch at slip. He should have been caught with his score at 69, but otherwise he gave no chance. His 73 included a 5, four 4's, and six 3's. Routledge was bowled at 214, and as Capt. Whitaker had not arrived the innings was over. Severn's three wickets only cost 16 runs. We then went in again for a few minutes, but soon after the start a shower came on, and although after a short interval play was resumed, rain again descended heavily, rendering further play impossible. The score was 10—J. F. More being not out 7 and Probyn not out 2.

Score and analysis :—

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
C. D. Fisher, b. Attewell	26		
L. J. Moon, b. Attewell	1		
A. R. Severn, b. Lucas	51		
J. F. More, run out	2	not out.....	7
H. O. C. Beasley, c. Routledge, b. Farmer	11		
R. E. More, c. Farmer, b. Lucas ..	4		
J. A. Robertson, c. Holman, b. Lucas	0		
W. F. Fox, b. Geeson	21		
S. C. Probyn, b. Geeson	8	not out.....	2
C. Van der Gucht, c Thring, b. Raphael	4		
A. Whittow, not out	0		
Byes	8	Bye	1
Total	136	Total (no wkts.)	10

M.C.C. AND GROUND.

Geeson, I. b. w., b. Fisher	0
E. L. Lucas, c. Fisher, b. Whittow	17
J. H. Farmer, c. Whittow, b. Fisher	28
E. G. Raphael, b. Whittow	4
C. H. M. Thring, c. R. E. More, b. Severn	73
B. W. Holman, c. Moon, b. R. E. More	49
Attewell, c. and b. Severn	5
H. R. E. Harrison, c. Robertson, b. R. E. More	1
H. C. Buckingham, not out	9
C. Routledge, b. Severn	4
Captain A. E. Whitaker, absent	—
Byes 22, Leg-byes 2	24
Total	214

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Geeson	17.4	8	25	2
Attewell	14	2	45	2
J. H. Farmer	9	2	23	1
E. L. Lucas	7	2	26	3
E. G. Raphael	6	1	9	1

Second Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. H. Farmer	2	0	7	0
B. W. Holman	1	0	2	0

M.C.C.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	23	5	72	2
A. Whittow	14	3	41	2
R. E. More	18	6	30	2
J. F. More	4	1	11	0
A. R. Severn	8.3	1	16	3
S. C. Probyn	6	1	20	0

WESTMINSTER v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This, the last match of the season, was played up Fields on July 14, O.W.W. winning by 27 runs. Winning the toss, we tried the risky expedient of putting our opponents in first, and W. R. Moon and Blaker started their innings to the bowling of Fisher and Whittow. Moon scored the first 13 runs from the bat, and was then missed by Beasley in the long field. Subsequently Blaker scored the faster, and at 47 R. E. More relieved Whittow. The separation, however, came from the other end, and at 52 Moon was out, Fox holding a very high catch off Fisher's bowling. Oliver and Stevens gave little trouble, but E. G. Moon helped Blaker to carry the score to 102, when, just before one o'clock, rain stopped play and the luncheon interval was taken. Play was not resumed till nearly three, when the first ball bowled proved fatal to Blaker, who had played very well for his 54. No one else but E. G. Moon proved troublesome, as Fisher was now bowling magnificently, and the fielding was extremely good, Garrett's catch which dismissed Burton being especially brilliant. The innings finally realised 156. Fisher's analysis was exceptionally fine; his 8 wickets only cost 61 runs, making his total number of wickets for the season 55. Garrett and Moon opened our innings, Stevens and Higgins bowling. At 20 Garrett was

bowled, and subsequently wickets fell with alarming rapidity, the sixth falling at 52, when Moon was out for a useful 26. J. F. More and Robertson now added 31 for the seventh wicket, and More and Fox 15 for the eighth. Probyn did not do much, but Whittow hit resolutely till Burton, who had been bowling, gave way to Stevens again, who with his second ball bowled Whittow for a plucky 21. The wicket put on 26, the innings closing for 129, Fox being not out 10. Going in again, O.W.W. had an hour's batting, and in that time put together 74 for the loss of two wickets, Probyn being not out 27.

Score and analysis :—

O.W.W.

First innings.

W. R. Moon, c. Fox, b. Fisher	24
H. R. Blaker, I. b. w., b. Whittow	54
F. G. Oliver, c. Fisher, b. R. E. More	1 not out..... 6
G. P. Stevens, c. Moon, b. Fisher	4
E. G. Moon, c. Moon, b. Fisher	32
F. L. Rawson, b. Fisher	6
F. T. Higgins, not out	17

Second innings.

C. W. Grant-Wilson, c. Severn, b. Fisher	4
E. G. Burton, c. Garrett, b. Fisher	0
P. S. Probyn, c. J. F. More, b. Fisher	0 not out 27
F. G. Thorne, b. Fisher	4 b. J. F. More 16
Byes 9, Leg-bye 1	10 Byes..... 7

Total 156 Total (2 wkts.) 74

WESTMINSTER.

E. P. Garrett, b. Stevens	7
L. J. Moon, c. Oliver, b. Stevens	26
A. R. Severn, b. Higgins	1
C. D. Fisher, b. Stevens	0
H. O. C. Beasley, c. Grant-Wilson, b. Stevens	12
R. E. More, b. Higgins	0
J. F. More, c. Probyn, b. Rawson	15
J. A. Robertson, c. Thorne, b. Rawson	24
W. F. Fox, not out	10
S. C. Probyn, b. Burton	5
A. Whittow, b. Stevens	21
Byes	8

Total 129

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.W.W.

First innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	26.3	6	61	8
A. Whittow	11	2	31	1
R. E. More	7	1	22	1
J. F. More	4	1	11	0
A. R. Severn	7	1	21	0

Second innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher	11	1	38	0
A. Whittow	7	3	8	0
J. F. More	6	1	17	2
R. E. More	2	0	4	0

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
G. P. Stevens	16.2	2	51	5
F. T. Higgins	15	5	28	2
F. L. Rawson	9	2	17	2
E. G. Burton	8	1	25	1

THE CRICKET AVERAGES.

	Innings	Times not out	Most in an innings	Total runs	Average
A. R. Severn	16	1	52	265	17.66
H. O. C. Beasley ...	15	4	101*	193	17.54
L. J. Moon	16	0	82	245	15.31
E. P. Garrett	15	1	38	204	14.57
J. A. Robertson	15	1	39	154	11.00
C. D. Fisher	16	1	29	146	9.73
R. E. More	15	0	43	144	9.60
S. C. Probyn	13	5	13	68	8.50
W. F. Fox	15	2	28	109	8.38
J. F. More	17	1	32	123	7.68
A. Whittow	13	4	21	52	5.77
C. Van der Gucht ...	3	1	14*	22	11.00
A. H. Woodbridge...	2	1	0*	0	0.00

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Wides	No- balls	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. E. More ...	102.2	23	0	0	241	18	13.39
C. D. Fisher ...	329.3	55	1	0	914	55	16.62
A. R. Severn ...	83	10	1	0	221	11	20.10
A. Whittow ...	198.4	42	1	0	507	22	23.05
J. F. More ...	100	17	0	0	280	12	23.34
S. C. Probyn ...	30	4	1	0	92	1	92.00
W. F. Fox ...	2	0	0	0	8	0	—

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

(BY THE WIFE OF AN O.W.)

THE Annual Concert on the 1st of June entirely fulfilled traditions as to the length of programme, encores being on this occasion respectfully deprecated. Friends came hurrying to swell the audience through the cool grey cloisters leading to the School, which were bright with the flutter of ladies' *chiffons* and echoing with the sound of hurrying steps—steps, if we may say it, lighter than those which usually pace these august precincts. There is something very satisfactory about Up-school by way of a background; it has a dignity all its own, even were it not for the record of names that meet the eye at every turn and seem to have borrowed something of the individuality of their owners, so that one looks, as it were, at the record of a life, not at dead black and white lettering.

Let us pass on to the music. The school choir, under its accustomed conductor, Mr. J. G. Ranalow, opened proceedings with George Fox's setting in cantata form of Edgar Poe's poem 'The Bells'; the voices were supported by a quintet of strings (Messrs. Easton, C. H. Bradbury, H. T. Channell, J. Lloyd, and W. Strathers), and three wind players, a trio well known in our London orchestras, Messrs. Barrett, G. Horton, and J. Egerton; Mr. H. C. Wilson at the same time was responsible for the piano accompaniment. In the brief solos introduced the bass was allotted to an O.W., Mr. F. B. Ranalow, a young baritone of great promise, who, we understand, is studying for the profession. In the treble the task was

shared by six voices, S. L. Taswell, J. J. Saint, H. E. Weekes, H. B. Templer, P. H. B. Cunningham, and A. C. Robinson. The contralto solos were sustained by G. Holmes, K. J. Milne, H. W. Schmidt, and F. Waterfield, while the tenor solo was entrusted to Mr. G. D. Howlett. Mr. Frank Pownall, whose name is well known to every amateur, was, through indisposition, unfortunately unable to fulfil his share in the programme. The only instrumental piece of the evening was the violin solo (Ersfeld's Romance) played with much effect by T. S. Holland, who was recalled with loud applause. Mr. W. Stepney Rawson (O.W.), who is not unknown at the school concert, selected as a solo Somervell's setting of 'Weep ye no more.' Of four vocal duets, perhaps the most successful were Marzials' arrangement in canon of Shakespeare's lyric, 'It was a lover and his lass,' sung by W. C. Mayne and B. C. Boulter, and the same composer's canon 'Friendship,' in which H. T. Sheringham was associated with W. C. Mayne. The second half of the concert was mainly devoted to the setting, once more by George Fox, of the immortal 'Jackdaw of Rheims.' In this, with the exception of the soprano solo, entrusted to S. L. Taswell only, the soloists were grouped as before. To judge by the results, this second cantata was evidently more to the mind of the whole body of singers, who extracted quite as much amusement out of it as did their audience. An important feature of Part II. was Mr. F. B. Ranalow's clever interpretation of Helmund's 'Daily Question,' and a 'Russian Love Song' by Overbeck. Mr. Ranalow satisfies the singer at many points, both as to intonation, production, and enunciation. We can congratulate him heartily on making so excellent a start in the right direction. A humorous part-song by Dr. Bridge closed the programme, and was given by K. J. Milne, F. Waterfield, B. C. Boulter, W. C. Mayne, H. Y. Langhorne, and H. T. Sheringham. Mention must also be made of the much-applauded delivery of 'Bonnie Dundee' by H. B. Templer, who makes up in *aplomb* what he lacks in volume of voice. We are serious; *aplomb* is a gift much to be envied. We cannot conclude without a word of praise for the conductor, Mr. J. G. Ranalow, to whose untiring zeal, in the face of innumerable disappointments, the success of this year's concert, as of its predecessors, is entirely due.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. CANTATA ... 'The Bells' ... George Fox.
2. VIOLIN SOLO ... 'Romance' ... Ersfeld.
3. SONG ... 'T. S. HOLLAND,
'The Minstrel Boy' ... J. B. Waldeck.
4. DUET ... 'It was a lover' ... Marzials.
B. C. BOULTER and W. C. MAYNE.
5. SONG ... 'Weep ye no more' ... Somervell.
W. S. RAWSON.
6. DUET ... 'Hark to the Mandolin' ... Parker.
S. L. T. TASWELL and H. W. D. SCHMIDT.
7. SONG ... 'Bonnie Dundee' ... C. Muller.
H. B. TEMPLER.

PART II.

1. CANTATA ... 'The Jackdaw of Rheims' ... *George Fox.*
2. DUET ... 'Friendship' ... *Marzials.*
W. C. MAYNE and H. T. SHERINGHAM.
3. TWO PART-SONG ... 'The Angel' ... *Rubinstein.*
J. J. E. SAINT, H. E. WEEKES, and G. H. HOLMES.
4. SONGS { (a) 'The Daily Question' ... *Meyer Helmund.*
(b) 'A Russian Love Song' ... *Overbeck.*
F. B. RANALOW, Esq.
5. PART SONG ... 'The Goslings' ... *J. F. Bridge.*
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

FOR the second time this year the Old Westminster Lodge met on Friday, May 4, for the transaction of business, and the renewal of the ties of friendship which bound them together as school-fellows, and which now bind them as members of the mystic craft. An important motion to reduce the annual subscription for country members residing beyond a radius of 30 miles of London, to the sum of one guinea, was carried unanimously. The Lodge, it was pointed out by the Rev. W. K. R. BEDFORD, the proposer, was in such affluent circumstances that it could well afford to take this welcome step—welcome to many who were living in remote parts of the country and unable to make much use of their membership; and welcome to the more favoured ones on the spot, who would be glad to retain old friends on the list by any means which reason could suggest. O.W.W. Freemasons, please take notice of this alteration in the rules! The Secretary, 68 Cornwall Gardens, S.W., will be more than pleased to register your names again. A new member, John Daniel Gwilt, now home from Pasekhabari, Bengal, inscribed his name in the usual manner among Masons, having been identified by his brother, C. E. Gwilt, who is already a member; while Phillip Stirling Lee was proposed and seconded as a member desirous of joining in October.

After a very pleasant evening, the members separated until the third Tuesday in October, which is the date substituted this year for the less convenient one of the first Friday in July. The following were present: F. J. Pearse, Hugh D. Sandeman, H. F. Manisty, W. Hicks, Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, Major

Rawson, C. W. Stephenson, W. A. Ellis, S. West, T. Wakley, C. M. Barker, W. T. M. Tomlinson, M.P., C. E. Gwilt, J. B. Liberty, Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, F. G. Hallett, Walter Tomlinson, Thomas Tomlinson, J. D. Gwilt. Visitors: J. Strachan and Major C. H. Borrer, the guests of H. F. Manisty and W. E. M. Tomlinson.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner of this Club was held on Monday, June 25, at the 'Monico,' Shaftesbury Avenue.

In the absence of the President, Mr. C. L. EASTLAKE took the chair, and there was a large attendance of members.

After the usual toasts of 'The Queen' and 'Floreat,' the Annual General Meeting of the Club took place. The Report of the Committee for 1894 was adopted unanimously, and the Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P., was elected President for the ensuing year, on the motion of Mr. H. A. HUNT, seconded by Mr. T. STIRLING LEE. Lord Stalbridge and Sir Augustus Phillimore were re-elected as Vice-Presidents; Mr. R. J. Mure was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. W. A. Peck as Hon. Secretary. The following members of the Club were elected to serve on the Committee:—Mr. C. M. Barker, the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Mr. C. L. Eastlake, Mr. L. A. M. Fevez, Mr. F. T. Higgins, Mr. Robert Hurst, Mr. H. F. Manisty, Mr. Clements R. Markham, C.B., F.R.S., Mr. T. S. Oldham, Mr. P. Clifford Probyn, Mr. F. G. Thorne, and Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting was held to consider some suggested alterations in the rules of the Club. It was decided that the practice of investing compositions for life and retaining them as a permanent capital fund should in future be made obligatory, and Rule XIV. was altered accordingly. A motion as to changing the time of year of holding the Annual General Meeting was referred to the Committee for their consideration.

The Club is now thirty years old, and has more members than at any previous period of its history. Its finances also are in a condition of unparalleled prosperity.

Obituary.

WE deeply regret to announce that Lord CHARLES RUSSELL died on June 29 at Woburn. Charles James Fox Russell was a younger son of John, 6th Duke of Bedford, K.G., and of Lady Georgiana Gordon, sister and co-heiress of the last Duke of Gordon. He was the great-grandson of William Lord Russell, who was beheaded in the reign of Charles II., and

the grand-nephew of Lord George Gordon, of Riots celebrity. Earl Russell, more affectionately remembered as 'Lord John,' was his brother.

Charles James Fox was a bosom friend of Lord Charles Russell's parents, and he promised them some time before his death that he would be godfather to their next child. Mr. Fox died

before the child was born, but Mr. Fox's nephew, Lord Holland, took over the sponsorship, and named him 'Charles James Fox Russell.' This was in 1807. The exact date of the birth of Lord Charles was February 10, and the event happened in Dublin Castle. His father was then Viceroy of Ireland, and became involved in some controversy because he refused to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act in that country. Lord Charles always jokingly attributed his lifelong sympathy with the political demands of the Irish people to the fact that he was a Dublin man by birth. His most interesting link with the past was that, on his first visit to the Highlands, about 1817, he met a man who had been 'out' with Prince Charles Edward in 1745. He officiated as a 'page' at the coronation of George IV. in 1821. His education was received at Westminster, being admitted May 21, 1818, and at the University of Edinburgh, where he boarded with Professor Pillins, immortalised by Byron in 'English Bards and Scotch Reviewers,' and enjoyed the acquaintance of the brilliant legal and literary circle of that time, including Sir Walter Scott, whose authorship of the Waverley Novels was not then avowed. From his schooldays he was an habitué of Holland House, in the golden age which Macaulay has commemorated. Leaving Edinburgh, Lord Charles Russell entered the Blues, then under the command of Ernest Duke of Cumberland, afterwards King of Hanover. He subsequently exchanged into the 52nd Light Infantry, from which he retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was in Parliament, first as a member, and afterwards as Sergeant-at-Arms, for nearly forty years. He entered the first reformed Parliament, 1832, as Liberal M.P. for Bedfordshire, and retired in 1841; re-entered for a few months in 1847, and was in that year appointed 'Sergeant-at-Arms to the Queen, attending the House of Commons.' He retained this office till 1875, when he retired. Since that he has lived entirely in the country, at Woburn, Bedfordshire. He hunted till he was past eighty, and rode every day till last Christmas. He was devoted to country life and field sports; a brilliant rider across country, a fair shot, and an enthusiastic cricketer. He was the senior member of the M.C.C. and the Royal Agricultural Society, and probably also the senior ex-officer of the Blues. In religion he was a strong adherent of the Evangelical party; he was a frequent speaker on religious platforms. In politics he was always rather in advance of his party, a devoted adherent of Mr. Gladstone, and a hearty advocate of Home Rule. He took an active

part in electioneering from the time when, as a Westminster boy, he cheered for Sir Robert Burdett in the streets of Westminster, down to September, 1892, when he addressed a meeting on behalf of Mr. Howard Whitbread in South Bedfordshire. He married in 1834 Miss Isabella Clarissa Davies, daughter of Mr. William Davies, of Penylan, Carmarthenshire, and niece and adopted daughter of Colonel Henry Seymour, of Woburn.

We regret to announce the death of Lord FORESTER, Canon Residentiary of York Minster, at York, July 4. Lord Forester travelled to York on May 25 to take up his three months' term of residence as Canon Residentiary, and caught a chill on the journey which aggravated a complaint from which he had suffered for some years. His condition became serious a few days later, and he gradually sank. Lord Forester was born in 1813, and succeeded to the title in 1886. He was educated at Westminster, being admitted June 10, 1825, and at Trinity College, Cambridge; he took his M.A. degree in 1835. Entering the Church, he became Rector of Gedling, subsequently becoming Chancellor of York and Canon Residentiary of York. In 1840 he was married to a daughter of Mr. Richard Norman, and he married secondly, in 1875, a daughter of the late Mr. Tollemache. The Lords Forester have the privilege of wearing their hats in the Royal presence, dating from a grant (still extant) given to an ancestor by Henry VIII.

We regret to announce the death, on July 12, of EDWARD MORLAND, third son of George Bowes Morland, of Abingdon, by Mary, daughter of Thomas Thornhill, of Woodleys, Oxon. Mr. Morland was born December 26, 1841, and admitted September 28, 1854. He left in 1857. He married in 1881 Ethel, third daughter of J. D. Thomson, of London, and was several times Mayor of Abingdon.

We regret to announce the death of SAMUEL BARNES on June 28. He was the second son of the late William Barnes, Esq., of Great Duryard, Exeter. He was born November 16, 1845, and admitted Jan. 27, 1859. He left Christmas, 1862.

We are sorry to have to record the death, on July 10, of WILLIAM HENRY WALTER COVINGTON, only son of the Rev. William Covington, Vicar of Brompton and Prebendary of St. Paul's. Born August 8, 1871; admitted January 1884; elected to Trinity 1890. Second class classical trips, part 1, and B.A., 1893.

Marriages.

WE beg to insert, with all due congratulations, the following:—

10th July, at St. John the Baptist Church, Kensington, by the Rev. W. M. Spencer, Vicar, Lewis Herbert, eldest son of Lewis Winckworth, of 128 Holland Road, Kensington, and 31 Abingdon Street, Westminster, to Ruthella Theodora, elder daughter of the Rev. Herbert Clementi-Smith, of 3 Holland Park Gardens.

12th July, in King Henry VIIth Chapel, Westminster Abbey, by the Rev. S. Flood Jones, M.A., Precentor, assisted by the Rev. E. A. Abbott, D.D., Edward Vernon Arnold, M.A., Professor at the University College of North Wales, to Violet Osborn, B.A. Lond., daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Osborn.

Correspondence.

THE CONCERT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—If it is not too late, might I be allowed to ask two questions about the School Concert? Firstly, why is the Concert invariably fixed on a Friday? and why is it generally on the same day as the Old Westminsters' Dance? By fixing the Concert on Friday we prevent many who are connected with the Church from singing or even being present; and of course many Old Westminsters go to the Dance who would come to the Concert were it on another evening. Secondly, why is the platform arranged in a straight line, and not in a semicircle? It is of the highest importance in a concert like ours that everyone singing should be able to see the conductor, which with the present platform they can't do. I think it would be a great improvement and would look much better if the platform were the same shape as the seats of the Monitorial Council.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

CANTOR.

[The date of the Concert was fixed long before that of the Old Westminsters' Dance, being already decided when the School Almanack for 1894 came out, so the fault is rather that of O.W.W. Committee, and not that of the School.—ED.]

THE REV. J. N. SIMPKINSON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In the *Meteor* of May 26 there was an obituary notice of the Rev. John Nassau Simpkinson, Rector of North Creak, Norfolk (who died on April 17 last), almost exactly synonymous with the obituary notice of Mr. Simpkinson which appeared in *The Elizabethan* for May. But in the former notice it is stated that the deceased 'entered Rugby School in 1831, in the School House'; in the latter that 'he was admitted to Westminster on January 27, 1830, and became a King's Scholar the same year.' The two notices agree in sending him next to Trinity, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1839; and in all other details exactly correspond. Is this merely a mistake on one side or the other, or can it be in any way accounted for?

I am, Sir, yours truly,
B.

REFEREEING IN SCHOOL MATCHES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Before next season begins may I venture to appeal to the Captain of Football on the subject of refereeing in School matches? Of course 'refereeing is a most thankless task,' but it need not be so deservedly so as it is at the School. In the past the Captain of Football has generally waited to ask someone to referee until the match is about to begin. The not unnatural result is, that the referee either knows so little of the game that he is the cause of scenes at the gate which everyone connected with the School must deplore, or else he knows so much that he is anxious to impart his knowledge to visitors whose reputations alone ought to protect them from what is nothing less than an insult, however well meant. Is not this a state of affairs unworthy Westminster? There are, I am sure, many O.W.'s who would be very glad to referee for the School if asked to do so by the Captain of Football. Hoping this disgrace may be removed before next term,

I am, yours truly,

H. CUBED.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—*Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Meteor* (2), *Cholmeleian*, *Elthamian*, *Melburian*, *Working Men's Journal*, *Fettesian*, *Salopian*, *Felstedian*, *Carthusian*, *Ulula*, *Lancing College Magazine*, *Radlean*, *A. A. Notes*, *Chellonian*, *Clavinian*, *Malvernian*, *Wykehamist*, *Marlburian*, *Our Boys' Magazine*.

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