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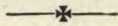
EDITORIAL.

THERE can be few things more discouraging to an Editor who takes up his Editorial pen for the first time than for him to examine the writings of his predecessors. In fact if he were to consider himself bound to exercise the conventional Editorial function he would undoubtedly plunge, without apology, into a discussion either of the value of tradition and whether the top-hat should be abolished, or of the possibilities of a brighter ELIZABETHAN, or into an attempted pulverisation of a disgruntled or misinformed correspondent.

But when all is said and done, can we lay claim to any wider originality? Can we introduce a topic which has managed to elude all our predecessors? We know perfectly well that it needs a greater intellect than our own to provide such a diversion. And as it is, there has come to mind a subject, perhaps so often with us that it has become trite, which, though well fingered by

many former writers, has turned up, a bad penny perhaps, to those who do not choose to go deeper than the words themselves—the 'School spirit.' Now the function of an Editorial is presumably first to display the Editor's literary ability, and second to publish abroad some suggestion which he may think will be for the benefit of his readers. We do not, therefore, propose to introduce a complete and reasoned homily on the whole question of 'School spirit,' which would be not only impossible but useless, but to descend from the airy heights of generalisation to point a finger at one or two concrete points which might be improved. No new boy, we feel sure, could possibly come to Westminster and fail to acquire a good supply of School spirit. But the amount he acquires is strictly proportional to the amount that is displayed in the various times and places where the School, or some part of the School, meet together for any purpose. We all know that the singing in Abbey could be twice or thrice as good as it is now if everyone contributed his maximum.

Latin Prayers, if the whole School participated actively, and did not try to resume its seats before the end of the final 'Amen'—as if, indeed, it expected to get away any earlier by so doing—would lose their perfunctory and tedious atmosphere. And how much more tolerable the main staircase would be if the School did not seize every opportunity, when even one or two are gathered together, of 'greazing' and obstructing! And as far as the public eye is concerned, how ashamed one ought to be, and is, of the queue of people up Fields with deck-chairs waiting for the longed-for hour of five-thirty during a cricket match! And what a relief it would be not to have to see a crowd of people emerging from mid-day hall drive from the pavement of Dean's Yard every passer-by, male or female! 'Manners makyth man' was much too good a proverb to be imprisoned for ever in a coat of arms.



School Notes.

ON Armistice Day the Two Minutes' Silence was observed up School and the Lamp of Remembrance lit and placed by the Captain of the School on the War Memorial.

On October 27 the new King's Scholars were admitted up School by the Dean, who afterwards gave a short address.

The Malvern match was played down at Malvern on Saturday, November 8, and lost 0-8.

The Charterhouse match was played up Fields on Saturday, November 15. A very exciting game resulted in a defeat by two goals to four.

The Phillimore Translation Prize was won by J. E. Rich (K.S.).

The Gumbleton Prize for English Verse was not awarded, but a second prize was won by P. G. Harrison.

Lectures up School have been given by the Rev. A. G. B. West and Mr. H. M. Grove on 'Empire Settlement' and 'Post-Revolution Russia' respectively.

The Lancing match was played up Fields on Thursday, November 27, and won 5-2.

The Ireland Latin Verse Prize was won by J. E. Rich (K.S.).

On Friday, November 28, part of Bach's B Minor Mass was performed up School. An account will appear in the next number of THE ELIZABETHAN.



THE JUBILEE DINNER.

ON the 14th of October in the year of Grace 1880 one P. G. L. Webb founded the Old Westminster's Football Club, and on the 14th October in the year of Grace 1930 Mr. P. G. L. Webb, C.B., C.B.E., was entertained by some 234 O.W.W. and their guests to commemorate the event.

Let us go back to those early days when Tothill (or Tuttle) Fields was merely a marshy tract lying between Millbank and Westminster Abbey. 'If a place could exist,' wrote Jeremy Bentham in 1798, 'of which it could be said that it was in no neighbourhood, that place would be Tothill Fields.' In 1810 a ditch was dug round the ground, and in 1814 a rough fence was erected, replaced in 1842 by iron railings, superseded in 1896 by those of to-day.

Streets at present cover the whole area except the ten acres which remain within the iron railings of Vincent Square, the benefaction of Dean Vincent (himself an O.W.) to Westminster.

Football as first played was neither Association nor Rugby. There were no rules, and any number of players was allowed. Westminster and Charterhouse can claim to have taught Association Football to the rest of England, the present game dating from the year 1867, when they induced 'Association' to adopt their rule of 'offside.'

Westminster, like all other Schools, has had its great years.

In December, 1863, the School played three Public School matches in nine days, defeating Charterhouse, drawing with Harrow, and losing to Eton.

In 1870 a match was played at Westminster between a team composed of representatives from Eton and Harrow and a select side from the other homes of football under the captaincy of W. J. Dixon, of Westminster. This side included J. P. Nichols, E. W. Wylde, S. H. West, J. E. Taylor, N. P. Eastwick and E. Dasent (all O.W.W.), who with two Old Carthusians, two Wanderers and two C.C.C. made up the 'XI.'

Mr. R. T. Squire, who took the chair at the Jubilee Dinner, was at Westminster during the famous 1880-1883 years. The School during that period defeated:

South Norwood, 3-1 and 7-2.
 Clapham Rovers, 3-1.
 The 'Wanderers,' 1-0 (on two occasions).
 Old Carthusians, 4-1.
 Old Etonians, 5-2 and 6-0.
 Old Harrovians, 6-1.
 Reigate Priory, 4-1.
 Royal Engineers, 7-2.
 Royal Military Academy, 2-1.
 Old Wykehamists, 2-1.

A number of O.W.W. who played in these matches were present at the Dinner.

By the courtesy of the Ilford Football Club the 'London Senior Cup' and the 'London Charity Cup' were displayed, first in the ante-room and then on the head table.

These cups are of special interest to Westminster, as will be seen from the following dates :

LONDON SENIOR CUP (FINALS).

1886-1887—O.W.W. drew with Casuals, 1-1.
 1887-1888—O.W.W. beat Casuals, 1-0.
 1889-1890—O.W.W. beat Royal Arsenal, 1-0.
 1891-1892—O.W.W. beat Ilford, 2-1.
 1892-1893—O.W.W. beat Casuals, 3-0.
 1899-1900—London Caledonians beat O.W.W., 1-0.

LONDON CHARITY CUP (FINALS).

1888-1889—O.W.W. beat Swifts, 6-3.
 1889-1890—Royal Arsenal beat O.W.W., 3-1.
 1893-1894—Casuals beat O.W.W., 2-1.

Dinner was announced by 'The Army Dinner Calls,' sounded by the buglers of the Coldstream Guards, who then lined up behind the chair, where their scarlet and gold and bearskins formed a picturesque background for the photograph.

A miniature football field with a football (also in miniature) inside the Carthusian goal faced the Chairman. The respective XI's had been painted in pink and white and blue and maroon.

A souvenir programme had been compiled for the Dinner; it contained the history of Westminster football for the fifty years, and included a list of Captains of football at Westminster for the years 1880-1930. No less than 19 of these ex-Captains attended the Dinner.

The School Sergeant (without whom no O.W. function would be complete) handed round stamped envelopes for the programmes, and collected and posted them later on in the evening.

The 26 tables were decorated with pink carnations.

After the Royal toast, Mr. R. T. Squire proposed the Club, coupled with the name of the founder (Mr. P. G. L. Webb). Mr. Webb was Captain of

the School XI in 1874, and in 1880 conceived the idea of forming the Club. He was elected the first Secretary and Treasurer, and subsequently became President.

On the death of Mr. Russell Barker he came to Mr. Stenning's help, and together they launched the Register of Old Westminsters—stated by *The Times* and the *Eton Chronicle* to be the best School Register ever produced.

The Chairman thought Webb and he were the only two persons in the room who were present at the meeting on October 14, 1880, when the Club was founded, and it was of special interest to him that notwithstanding the terrific battles there had been regarding the Club colours, the football shirt (*his* suggestion) remained unchanged.

He referred to the match for the London Cup against the Casuals in 1887, which after 20 minutes extra play remained a draw, 1-1.

The replay was to be the following Saturday, the last day of the football season, at Sydenham, but when the two Clubs arrived on the ground they found no ball!

It seemed incredible that in spite of frantic searching no ball could be found, and the match had to be abandoned.

The authorities decided the Cup should be held jointly and 22 silver medals given.

The Chairman regretted that on only one occasion (1925) had Westminster got into the finals for the Arthur Dunn Cup, and trusted he was not encroaching on the preserves of the Old Malvernians and Old Wykehamists by saying he hoped the Club would get this Cup before long.

After some personal reminiscences the toast was given with musical honours.

Mr. Webb, after thanking the assembly for the kind reception of the toast, referred with pride to the fact that there were still some Clubs which played football for the sake of the game and not for money.

He referred briefly to the present generation's habit of treating the Victorians as fossils and comic survivors from an impossible and fatuous age, and how anything said or written about them seemed to be believed. A statement that they played football in top-hats would no doubt be believed—and the lack of head-play be accounted for. He touched on the difference of football in his time and the present day with all its rules and regulations—one change (which the audience appeared to regret) was the substitution of lemon for delicious hot spiced beer.

No response to the toast of the Club could be complete without some reference to the wonderful work of the late Mr. T. Staveley Oldham.

In closing, the founder expressed a hope he would be invited to attend the centenary dinner,

when he would celebrate his 124th birthday. Having always played centre forward, he was very glad he had not been left outside on this occasion. He then congratulated the present 'XI' for the excellent start they had made this season.

Mr. R. G. Thornton then rose to propose the health of the guests. He referred with regret to the absence of a few guests who had been unable to come, and welcomed the representatives of the great Clubs and Schools of the football world. Mr. Thornton thanked Ilford F.C. for lending the two cups for the evening, and coupled the toast of the guests with the names of Mr. P. M. Walters and Mr. Jack Stewart.

Mr. P. M. Walters, in replying for the guests, after thanking the hosts for a most interesting evening, indulged in reminiscences covering half a century.

Mr. Walters apparently did not approve of railings, as in the good old days it was always possible to secure a respite by kicking the ball into one of the adjacent houses.

He referred to F. W. Bain (who created the record of playing in 19 international matches), to John Veitch, W. E. Winchworth (with us here tonight), and R. T. Squire, and also to the late Shute Harris. He reminded his hearers of the occasion when he and his brother scored goals against their own side by the vigour with which they kicked the ball back to W. R. Moon.

In concluding, he seemed to favour his claim of attending the centenary dinner, as he would then only be 117.

Mr. Jack Stewart expressed the honour he felt in having his name coupled with the toasts of the guests.

He was especially glad to see so many representatives of the game—representatives famous of long ago and of to-day.

Referred to the fact that the field of endeavours for Old Boys' Clubs was getting more and more restricted—our great objective left being the Arthur Dunn Cup, under the ægis of which some of the finest and most enjoyable games (both for players and spectators) had been played.

He reciprocated the hopes of the Chairman (who was also President of the Arthur Dunn) that they would very soon have the pleasure of presenting this Cup to his own Club.

Mr. L. A. M. Fevez then gave the toast of 'Floreat,' taking the opportunity of thanking the Committee (of which he was Chairman) for the work done by them in organising the Dinner.

Mr. Bambridge proposed the health of the Chairman, and the evening terminated.

A selection of songs and music was given between the toasts, and 'The Landlord's Daughter' was rendered by Mr. L. A. M. Fevez—no doubt for the fiftieth time—with the usual honours.

The following official guests were invited:—Messrs. B. N. Adams (Old Reptonians), E. C. Bambridge (Corinthians), G. Bankes (Old Wykehamists), S. A. Belsham (Bank of England A.F.C.), N. W. Beeson, M.C. (Hon. Treas. the "Arthur Dunn" Cup), C. T. Bennet (Old Harrovians), R. S. Blundell (Old Bradfieldians), Sir Farquhar Buzzard, Bt., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Oxford University and Old Carthusians), Messrs. S. G. Carr (Chatellerault Football Club, France), G. J. Clarke (Hon. Treas., Ilford F.C.), Col. H. N. Clarke, D.S.O., T.D. (Old Malvernians), Messrs. S. H. Day (Old Malvernians), E. Dennes (Old Reptonians), A. G. Doggart (Corinthians), Rev. R. C. Guy (Old Foresters), Messrs. W. E. Hazelton (Old Wellingburians), A. L. Hilder (Lancing Old Boys), D. J. C. Hill Hill-Wood (Old Etonians), P. J. Y. Hucks (Old Cholmeleians), T. W. M. Jennings (Amateur Football Association), G. D. Kemp-Welch (Cambridge University), D. J. Knight (Old Malvernians), D. Lomax (Old Etonians), W. P. Mackenrot (H.A.C. Association), E. C. Porter (Hon. Sec., Ilford F.C.), P. A. Sargeant (Casuals), G. O. Smith (Old Carthusians), E. V. Spiller (Amateur Football Association), Major J. Stewart (Hon. Sec., the "Arthur Dunn" Cup, Old Bradfieldians), Mr. P. S. Sutherland-Graeme, C.B.E. (Old Malvernians), Sir Frederick Wall (Football Association), Messrs. A. M. Walters (Old Carthusians), P. M. Walters (Old Carthusians), H. V. L. Stanton ("Wanderer"), *The Times* Sporting Editor; most of whom attended the Dinner.

By courtesy of the Headmaster the School was represented by the following Officers and "Pinks":—J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, L. D. S. ten Doesschate, J. R. C. Engleheart, T. C. N. Gibbins, P. Labertouche, S. H. G. Lonsdale, S. E. Mangeot, M. Matthews, T. I. Tetley-Jones.

Other guests included:—Messrs. D. P. Andrews, L. S. Argent, Sir Basil Bartlett, Bt., Messrs. L. C. Beccroft, C.C., Norman Bell, Travers Blackley, H. E. B. Brown, Capt. L. B. Charles, M.C., Messrs. J. S. Clarke, J. Etheridge, C. H. Fisher, A. H. Franklin, T. C. Gardiner, W. Crosier Hayne, Copley Hewitt, W. W. Hill Hill-Wood, R. J. Hilary, Major R. H. W. Hope, M.C., Messrs. G. Humphrey, D. Newman, T. M. Murray Rust, H. W. Pike, J. Sloley, Godfrey Sykes, Major C. B. Toms, O.B.E., Messrs. C. B. Tritton, D. Webster, F. M. Welsford, W. R. Williams, J. M. Wyatt, J. O. Wyatt.

The following O.W.W., most of whom attended the Dinner, took tickets:—Hon. J. W. M. Aitken, Hon. Peter Aitken, Brig.-Gen. S. M. Anderson, D.S.O., N. P. Andrews, L. C. Armstrong, W. M. Atwood, D. E. Barker, Major W. T. de B. Barwell, R. L. Bennett, J. A. G. Benson, P. J. S. Bevan, G. S. Blaker, H. R. Blaker, R. K. G. Blaker, R. N. R. Blaker, M.C., A. E. Bloom, E. S. Bristowe, C. D. Brown, G. R. G. Byham, M.C., C. M. Cahn, J. D. Carleton, G. T. W. Cashell, R. K. Christopherson, A. J. L. Circuit, C. M. L. Circuit, A. Clare, L. Clare, Dr. L. E. Claremont, E. C. Cleveland-Stevens, H. D. Clive, R. Colt-Williams, J. A. Cook, R. C. Cooke, K. H. L. Cooper, W. A. L. Coulborn, D. Cragg-Hamilton, P. T. Davies, J. A. G. Dawber, L. C. Denza, B. H. Dulanty, F. P. Dyson, V. F. Ealand, G. E. M. Eden, A. C. Edgar, M.C., J. D. Evans, Maurice Farquharson, M.C., M. Farquharson, A. C. Feasey, L. A. M. Fevez (Chairman of Committee), J. G. Fisher, A. R. C. Fleming, W. B. Frampton, E. C. Frere, C. W. Fowler, G. B. Gardiner, K. J. Gardiner, A. Garrard, E. A. Gates, H. W. Gates, A. W. Geddes, Lt.-Col. R. W. Geddes, D.S.O., O.B.E., A. C. J. German, W. E. Gerrish, Sir Ernest Goodhart, Bt. (Hon. Treas.), Dr. G. W. Goodhart, H. H. Gordon, C. W. Grant-Wilson, M.R.C.S.,

B. G. Groner, A. C. Grover, K. C. Hame, W. H. Hansen, Major T. H. Harding-Newman, M.C., T. G. Hardy, C. R. W. Heath, Col. F. T. Higgins-Bernard, K. H. Hill, Lt.-Col. H. W. Holland, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., H. P. Hollis, J. C. Hollocombe, E. T. Holmes, Hon. F. J. Hopwood, E. H. Horton, J. C. Hose, Maurice Houdret, M.C., P. W. G. Kann, T. C. S. Keely, G. B. Keily, K. C. Keymer, Rev. C. B. H. Knight, M.C., A. Lambton, A. L. Leighton, M.C., J. S. Lewis, H. W. E. Lindo, J. M. Logan, Col. A. L. Longhurst, C.B.E., W. S. Lonsdale, R. G. H. Lowe, E. H. V. MacDougall, — Main, Rev. Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, E. J. F. Garnet Man, A. W. Matcham, E. D. J. Mathews, W. N. McBride, J. S. Mellor, H. R. Munt, M. S. Murphy, C. W. Myring, P. Napier, F. R. Oliver, G. L. Oliver-Watts, C. T. F. Osman, R. G. Orpen, C. M. Page, D.S.O., F.R.C.S., M.B., Hall Parke, P. S. Peak, W. A. Peck, Dr. Vaughan Pendred, R. F. Potter, John Poyser, O.B.E., D. A. Radermacher, F. M. Radermacher, G. Radermacher, W. Stepney Rawson, F. R. Rea, A. E. Rice-Oxley, S. J. P. Rock, Major G. C. Roller, D.C.M., T.D., J.P., D. E. Ryland, E. U. Salvi, A. E. Sanderson, R. R. Sandilands, Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith, B. G. Scholefield, F.R.C.S., M.D., W. B. S. Sheldon, A. Sherriff, C. M. Simpson, D. C. Simpson, E. W. St. G. Spencer, S. P. Spicer, R. T. Squire (Chairman), R. S. Summerhays, Sir George Sutherland, C. H. Taylor, Major F. G. Thorne, R. G. Thornton, Lt.-Col. H. A. H. Thompson, H. J. Thomson, F. G. Turner, O.B.E., M.C., A. Verdier, J. C. Vernon, Rev. H. W. Waterfield, C. F. Watherston, C.B., C. C. J. Webb, P. G. L. Webb, C.B., C.B.E. (Founder, O.W.W.F.C.), L. H. Whitlam-smith, A. Whittow, A. T. Willett, W. N. Winkworth, J. Williamson, M. M. F. Wingate, P. C. F. Wingate, C. F. Woodrow, P. H. Wyatt, O.B.E., M. F. Young, and the Hon. Secretaries, E. R. B. Graham and C. J. Pinder.

FLOREAT.

INFORMAL CONCERT.

OUR belief that the standard of performance in the Informal Concerts is steadily improving was justified both by the interest and ability displayed in this term's concert and by the size of the audience, which was the largest we have ever seen at a concert of this kind. Nevertheless, room must again be found for the two criticisms which we made in these columns last December; first the concert was too long, in spite of the considerable and tactful weeding out which had taken place when the programme was arranged. We humbly submit that the length of these concerts must be kept within the limit of one hour, and that unless this is done interest cannot be maintained. In the second place, the variety in choice of pieces which we advocated in these columns a few months ago was notably lacking. It was gratifying to see on the programme Purcell twice, and also Dvorák, Vaughan Williams, and one of Bach's great organ compositions, but four at least of the items were so conventional as not to be even amusing. What is seriously needed is that the beginners should be taught pieces which are simple but not symmetrical, and that the more accomplished players should exercise their musical taste rather than their

technical ability. The worst example of failure in the latter respect was Rhodes' choice of a piece of music the banality and pure ugliness of which should have consigned it to the bonfire years ago.

To come to the details of the concert; the String Quartet, which is at last achieving a certain unity, gave an adequate performance of a Purcell Chaconne. If the other three had the tone of the 'cello their work would be really pleasing. Bramall displayed an excellent voice in a song which was the Londonderry Air very indifferently disguised. We have already spoken of Rhodes' performance; he has quite a brilliant but sketchy technique. Grace's 'Chanson Triste' was admirably played, and the tone was far the most pleasant we have heard from horn players of recent years. Grant's Madrigal Society, a newly-formed body of enthusiasts, sang a unison song with considerable success; if they persevere they will undoubtedly do great things, and one would like to see more institutions of this kind springing up. Matthews next played Brahms' B Minor Rhapsody, and in it gave the best technical performance of the evening. He has a delightful touch, and he is one of the few pianists in the School who have any instinctive sense of phrasing. His real danger is that he is apt to sacrifice the musical aspect of his piece to the pianistic, and to become more of a virtuoso than an interpreter. We feel that the kind of music that he perpetually plays—Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms—does not help him to get rid of this tendency, and that if he subjected himself to the test of playing a simpler type of composer, but one more difficult to phrase and interpret generally, his playing would benefit enormously. In this Rhapsody he spoilt what would have been a superb performance by the use of too much loud pedal. Whitney-Smith showed a nice quality of voice, but he must do more singing if he is to become experienced enough to sing a song like the one he sang. Hacker played quite a difficult movement of a Dvorák Violin Sonata with extreme accuracy; he is more of a musician than a performer, and he must now concentrate on his tone above all things. Falk displayed extraordinary promise in a clarinet solo; it was a gratuitous work, but quite difficult, and he got through it very well indeed. Crook played a Debussy 'Danse'; he is another excellent pianist, but always gives the impression of not being independent enough; he goes too much by the word of his teacher and the printed instruction, and not enough by his own intuition. If he is to acquire a knowledge and musicianship worthy of his technique he must do more playing at sight and accompanying, or do some composing and score-reading. B. P. F. Adams gave an adequate performance of Palmgren's 'Night in May,' but

without the feeling necessary for an atmosphere piece of this kind. Gedye has a good voice, and sang Vaughan Williams' song, 'The Vagabond,' with nice contrast; he might have chosen a song which had not been heard at nearly every Informal Concert as long as we remember. In conclusion, the brothers Engleheart played Bach's magnificent A Minor Fugue; the four-hand arrangement does certainly better justice to the size of the work than Liszt's for two hands. On the whole a very pleasant concert, which, if it had been a little shorter, and had displayed more inspiration of choice, would have been first class.

PROGRAMME.

- 1 Quartet for Strings, Chaconne in G minor *Purcell*
P. HACKER, P. B. WILLIAMSON,
M. H. MATTHEWS AND P. G. HARRISON.
- 2 Vocal Solo, 'Danny Boy' ... *Old Irish Air*
E. A. BRAMALL.
- 3 Piano Solo, Theme and Variations in F *Schubert*
K. A. RHODES.
- 4 Horn Solo, 'Chanson Triste' ... *Tschaikowsky*
E. N. GRACE.
- 5 Flute Solo, 'Deutsche Tanz' ... *Mozart*
U. BALIOL-SCOTT.
- 6 Grant's Madrigal Society, 'The Wassail
Song' ... *arr. R. Vaughan Williams*
Conductor: B. N. GEDYE.
Pianist: P. H. G. WRIGHT.
- 7 Piano Solo, Rhapsody in B minor ... *Brahms*
M. H. MATTHEWS.
- 8 Flute Solo, 'Cherry Ripe' *arr. Harrington Young*
W. G. PINDER-WILSON.
- 9 Vocal Solo, 'I attempt from love's sick-
ness' ... *Purcell*
C. A. WHITNEY-SMITH.
- 10 Violin Solo, Finale from Sonatina in G ... *Dvorák*
P. HACKER.
- 11 Piano Solo, 'Night in May' ... *Palmgren*
B. P. F. ADAMS.
- 12 Clarinet Solo, 'Minuet' ... *C. H. Lloyd*
M. G. E. FALK.
- 13 Piano Solo, 'Danse' ... *Debussy*
T. R. CROOK.
- 14 Vocal Solo, 'The Vagabond' *R. Vaughan Williams*
B. N. GEDYE.
- 15 Piano Duet, Fugue in A minor ... *Bach*
D. R. C. ENGLEHEART AND J. R. C. ENGLEHEART.

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THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER 1ST XI v. ARMY CRUSADERS.
(Lost, 5-2.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 11. Their goals were scored by Briggs (2), McCully, Lloyd, and Rampling. Milne and Argyle scored ours.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, J. B. Latey; G. D. Milne, J. K. Munro, M. Broadhurst, J. D. Argyle, J. G. Byrne.

Army Crusaders.—N. Stevenson; R. O. Callaghan, M. Cooper; A. Goodwin, J. G. McCully, J. Atkins; A. Robinson, J. Lloyd, W. Masters, T. Briggs, S. Rampling.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.
(Lost, 0-4.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 18. Their goals were scored by Sorensen (2), Paddison (2), Roome.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; P. N. Labertouche, E. H. G. Lonsdale, L. P. B. Bingham; A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, J. B. Latey.

Old Bradfield Boys.—I. G. Benda; A. P. Webb, E. M. Webb; R. S. Blundell, R. W. E. Groves, J. D. Tucker; H. G. St. Himrose, C. F. Paddison, I. M. Sorensen, P. P. Roome, R. G. Shaw.

WESTMINSTER v. H.A.C.
(Won, 5-4.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 23. Our goals were scored by Argyle (3), Byrne, and Munro. Their goals were scored by Pickup (4).

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. R. Marshall, J. K. Munro, J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne.

H.A.C.—H. B. Kidd; G. Hughes, L. J. Tyther; G. W. Ensor, G. E. Miller, G. L. Bell; W. Potter-Mackenrot, J. Austin, R. C. Pickup, H. Whymer, E. Parker.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD ALDENHEMIANS.
(Drawn, 3-3.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 25. Our goals were scored by Argyle (2), and Marshall; theirs by Cronin (2) and Golding.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. R. Marshall, J. K. Munro, J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne.

Old Aldenhemiens.—H. J. Gibbon; I. D. A. Steed, R. J. Day; F. G. Sarfrell, R. B. Simon, G. S. Rounte; M. F. Hambeot, J. R. W. B. Miller, K. C. Golding, S. V. Staples, A. K. Cronin.

WESTMINSTER v. TRINITY COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

(Drawn, 4-4.)

Played at Vincent Square, October 30. Our goals were scored by Milne (2), Argyle; Davis kicked into his own goal. Their goals were scored by Sturdy (2), Ladds, and Sheepshanks.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. D. Milne, I. K. Munro, J. D. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne.

Trinity College.—J. H. Bayfield; D. F. Smith, R. S. Davis; R. H. Priestley, G. W. Markham, L. Bayes; J. B. Sturdy, W. E. Candler, R. V. Ladds, E. G. Byng, E. R. Sheepshanks.

WESTMINSTER v. CORINTHIANS.

(Lost, 0-16.)

Played at Vincent Square, November 25. Their goals were scored by Glenister, Cooper (3), Parker, C. G. Toppin (7), J. F. T. Toppin (4).

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, L. H. E. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. R. Marshall, M. Broadhurst, J. D. Argyle, I. K. Munro, J. G. Byrne.

Corinthians.—H. M. Woodclark; P. F. Snow, H. F. Piper; J. Hermon, C. E. Glenister, H. C. Boddington; H. R. V. Barker, C. G. Toppin, K. H. L. Cooper, J. F. T. Toppin, W. F. Parker.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. OLD CHOLMELIANS.

(Won, 2-1.)

Played at Morden on October 4, and resulted in a win for Westminster by two goals to one. Our goals were scored by Tetley-Jones and Pagan.

Westminster.—J. O'Brien; P. D. Bonas, M. Huggins; J. R. C. Engleheart, J. B. Lathey, J. E. Rich; J. C. Jewell, F. E. Pagan, T. I. Tetley-Jones, A. R. Marshall, J. F. Turner.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. LANCING OLD BOYS.

(Drawn, 2-2.)

Played at Morden on Saturday, October 11. This new fixture resulted in a very even and exciting game. Westminster scored first, Tetley-Jones breaking away and putting in an excellent shot; during the middle part of the game the Old Boys had the best of the game, and scored twice, but in the end the superior training of Westminster was evident, and a second goal was scored by Pagan. The last ten minutes were very fast, both sides only just failing to score.

Westminster.—J. O'Brien; J. W. Triggs, P. D. Bonas; J. R. C. Engleheart, M. Huggins, J. E. Rich; J. F. Turner, A. R. Marshall, T. I. Tetley-Jones, F. E. Pagan, J. C. Jewell.

Lancing Old Boys.—M. R. Burge; A. F. Malcolmson, J. E. Hall; W. J. N. Wicks, R. Hine, R. P. Wisden; L. H. Johnson, G. W. Shaw, J. C. Hester, J. Harrison, D. Lynch.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. BART'S.

(Lost, 1-5.)

Played at Morden on October 18, and resulted in a defeat by five goals to one. The visitors were a much heavier side than Westminster, and had an excellent centre forward, who scored four of their five goals. Our goal was scored by G. D. Milne.

Westminster.—J. O'Brien; P. D. Bonas, J. W. Triggs; J. R. C. Engleheart, M. Huggins, J. E. Rich; G. D. Milne, F. E. Pagan, T. I. Tetley-Jones, R. Brousson, J. F. Turner.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. H.A.C.

(Lost, 3-7.)

Played at Finsbury Pavement on November 8, and resulted in a defeat by seven goals to three. The score does not represent the margin of the H.A.C.'s superiority, although they were a very good side, for at least four of their goals came from brilliant but extremely lucky shooting. At half-time Westminster were six goals down, but they played up so well in the second half that they were pressing the whole time; if only the forwards could have brought themselves to shoot except at a distance of about five yards the match might have been drawn or even won. But on the whole it was a really excellent performance against a much better team, particularly as both the regular backs were away. The younger Milne, who scored two goals, played a beautiful game and was conspicuous throughout. Brousson scored the other goal.

Westminster.—A. W. Thomson; G. E. Baker Cresswell, J. W. Triggs; J. R. C. Engleheart, M. Huggins, J. E. Rich; G. D. Milne, F. E. Pagan, T. I. Tetley-Jones, A. D. Milne, R. Brousson.

H.A.C.—R. L. Charlesworth; R. V. Marriott, H. D. Johnson; E. S. Yond, J. E. Clay, C. C. Bluett; A. H. Samuelson, W. E. Chalk, H. Peterson, J. P. Bland, A. F. Bruce.

THE COLTS.

October 25—v. HIGHGATE, at Morden.

(Won, 5-0.)

Westminster had more of the game throughout, their backs and halves ensuring that their goalkeeper scarcely touched the ball at all. Angelo and Byers on the right wing provided the strongest attack, and Alderson, as centre-forward, was constantly a nuisance to his opponents, his size (or lack of it) making them conveniently ignore his presence, which was usually in the right place. The half-time score was 3-0.

October 28—v. ALDENHAM, at Aldenham.

(Won, 3-1.)

The football was rather scrappy in the first half, at the end of which Westminster led by 2-0. Aldenham scored after half-time, chiefly owing to a misunderstanding in front of goal, but looked dangerous on several occasions in each half, and gave our goalkeeper a considerable amount to do. Several good movements were started by our team in the second half on each wing, but for one reason or another came to nothing.

November 8—v. LANCING, at Vincent Square.

(Won, 5-2.)

Lancing were by far the best team that we had had to oppose, and as a consequence the football

was of a very much higher standard than in the previous matches. Westminster were fortunate to score in the first minute from a headed shot by Turner, which hit the crossbar and bounced just inside the goal-line. This was soon followed by another excellent headed goal from Byers, after which there was no further score up to half-time. Lancing then scored their first goal and for about twenty minutes played really well, having much the best of the game. Turner scored our third goal, but they continued to press and brought the score up to 3-2. Then the whole Westminster team got working together again and added two more, the first a deliberate and well-aimed drive from Hebblethwaite, and the second from Alderson. The game was an exceptionally fast one for a Colts' match, and was much closer than the score suggests.

November 22—*v.* ALDENHAM, at Aldenham.

(*Won*, 3-2.)

This match should have been played at Vincent Square, but at the last moment this proved unfit for play, and Aldenham most kindly asked us to come down there, where they provided a ground in beautiful condition.

The Aldenham team had been re-organised, and the game was a much better one than in the previous match. Aldenham scored first, and shortly afterwards Turner put in a hard ground drive, which the goalkeeper failed to stop. This was the only score at half-time, the game being fast and evenly contested. The next goal was scored for us by Byers off a centre from Angelo, and was closely followed by an equalising one, due mainly to a misunderstanding between two of our half-backs. The winning goal was shot by Hebblethwaite with a good deliberate drive. There were a great many excellent passing movements on both sides, but also many more miskicks than can fairly be said to have been the fault of a slippery ball, and the supporters on the touch-line were kept in a constant state of anxiety.

Westminster.—J. R. O'Brien; P. D. Bonas, E. R. Bindloss; W. H. Studt, R. W. Edgar, A. K. Milne; R. H. Angelo, C. F. Byers, J. Alderson, E. C. L. Hebblethwaite, J. F. Turner.

WESTMINSTER *v.* MALVERN.

(*Lost*, 0-8.)

Played at Malvern, it was perhaps unfortunate that this should have been the first of our School matches, but even had we had more experience behind us, there is not the slightest doubt that the result would have been the same, though possibly

the margin of goals in our opponents' favour might have been less great. The Malvern side this year seemed to me to deserve the title of great. They were big, fast and, above all, played highly intelligent football, and design was apparent in all their swiftly carried out movements. Against such a combination our younger and smaller XI were made to look a very medium side, but they at any rate played a losing game with spirit, and, though run almost off their legs on a heavy ground, were still fighting gamely when the final whistle closed their labours. Had fortune been a little kind, they might well have had two goals to offset the large sum of eight against them.

The Malvern ground lies a little awkwardly as regards the sun, and we were set to play into it in the first half; this worried our defence appreciably, and Myers, in goal, had one or two most unpleasant shots to deal with, which must have left him almost blinded for the moment. Malvern quickly scored four good goals, and it looked as though the score might well reach double figures, but Westminster rallied well, and in the second half played much better, though they were assisted by an unfortunate injury to Crabtree, the Malvernian outside right, who damaged his knee in a tackle, badly enough for him to have to retire for the rest of the game.

Our half-backs could never get control of the Malvern forwards, and consequently our forwards had little chance of receiving the ball when comfortably positioned. When they did, their movements were, except on a few occasions, too stereotyped to cause much trouble to a fast moving defence. Argyle, as usual, gave some lovely passes to both wings, but Byrne was too slow and Marshall too much overcome by the occasion of his first big match to make sufficient use of them. Lonsdale was a great trier at centre-half, but had a lot of extra work thrown on him by the slowness in recovery of the wing halves, and our two backs were yards slower than their opposing forwards.

For Malvern, Hamilton scored four times, Folland thrice, and Crabtree once. Our Eleven have clearly profited from the example of clever football given by Malvern in this match, for in the Charterhouse match, as is described elsewhere in this number, and against Lancing they played an altogether higher class of football.—C. H. T.

Westminster.—J. G. K. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, J. D. Argyle (Capt.), M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne.

Malvern.—K. D. McKelvie; K. S. Duncan (Capt.), P. M. Hall; G. E. Short, G. L. Smith, E. A. Gallimore; G. A. Maclean, D. C. Folland, F. G. Hamilton, J. B. Aitchison, C. N. Crabtree.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.*(Lost, 2-4.)*

This match, played at Vincent Square on November 15, proved in every way worthy of its great traditions. After a fast game, brimful of incident, Charterhouse won a well-deserved victory by 4 goals to 2.

Westminster, defending the goal near the road, started off with great dash and determination, and for ten minutes had the whip-hand of their opponents, and how they missed scoring at least once will for ever remain a mystery. But Charterhouse soon settled down, and for the next fifteen minutes the game was very evenly contested; there were one or two furious *mêlées* in front of our goal, from which we emerged safely, but at length one ball came across to the Charterhouse outside-left, W. T. Moss, who was in a very advantageous position and unmarked, and bringing the ball in towards goal in a few strides, he shot swiftly and accurately along the ground into the far corner of the net. The equalising goal soon came, and we deserved it on the run of the play, Byrne scoring with a high, lobbing 'pot' shot taken with his right foot from twenty yards out; though the goal itself was in the nature of a lucky one, yet the movement which had enabled our forwards to move the ball down into the danger zone was admirably conceived and carried out. With only ten minutes to go to half-time we at least hoped to cross over with the scores even; but these hopes were soon doomed to failure, and in the writer's opinion the decisive goal of the match was then scored; it came about in this way. Our opponents' outside-right was allowed too much rope in mid-field, and shaking off one, if not two, weak tackles, he put the ball across to P. C. Samuelson, the diminutive Charterhouse centre-forward, who swerved inward to beat the other back, and shot waist high into the net, the ball just glancing off the left-hand goal-post, and giving Myers no chance. Half-time came with the score 2-1 in our opponents' favour, but it was still anybody's game. Charterhouse started off again at a tremendous pace, and from now till fifteen minutes from the close clinched their advantage, and made victory almost sure by scoring two more goals. During this period they played their best football, and were definitely the better team. Their first success came in the opening minute after the resumption, and was due to a brilliant single-handed effort by the outside-right, N. S. Pope, he received the ball very advantageously about forty yards from the goal, almost in mid-field, and the defence by our backs, who were for once standing out of position abreast of each other, was quickly pierced as with a spear; then cleverly

controlling an awkward bounce of the ball by skilful head-work, this skilful forward proceeded on his course unhampered, and calmly placed the ball wide of Myers' right hand—a beautiful goal. Then came a combined movement in which the right-half, the inside-right and the centre-forward had a hand (or a foot), which left Greening unmarked in front of our right-hand goal-post, about fifteen yards out; Myers ran out, we think perhaps a shade prematurely, and the ball was steered safely past him into the goal.

Another glorious opening made by the centre forward for the inside-left, was rendered abortive by the referee's whistle for off-side, and from that point till the end came a magnificent rally on our part, a period in which clearly we took the upper hand, and which transformed what would otherwise have been for us a fairly large and colourless defeat into a glorious failure, and which kept the excitement and tension at fever-heat till the final whistle blew. Argyle began swinging his passes more, and he and Lonsdale began to feed Marshall on the right wing, who hitherto had been badly neglected. Time after time the ball was worked down the field, and our opponents' goal had some hair-breadth escapes—Broadhurst once missed an open goal by inches, and several shots were directed point-blank at the goalkeeper, which with a little more fortune (and, we must admit, with a little more care) might have been safely steered to their rightful destination. But at length, eight minutes from the end, came our second goal, and it was Marshall's. Cutting in cleverly after a lovely opening had been made for him, he fired in a low, oblique ground shot, which just scraped its way between the post and the goalkeeper's outstretched fingers. Could we save the match? There was still time! We maintained the pressure, and never flagged, but our opponents' defence was just too good for us, and their citadel did not fall again, and they ran out well-deserved victors by two clear goals.

In the way of general remarks and criticism of tactics and strategy, one great feature stood out, and it was the main point upon which depended the result. It was obvious to the spectators that the Charterhouse defence on the left was in no way so strong as that on their right. This fact should have been appreciated and seized upon by the Westminster side, and they should have plied their *right* wing forwards with the ball and developed their attacks from there, rather than persevering with the *left* wing, where the waves of our assault were repeatedly broken on the rock of the Charterhouse right-back, J. T. Hollebhone, who showed himself to be throughout the outstanding footballer on the field, both in physical skill and in football instinct and knowledge. In

the last wonderful quarter of an hour, when our right was being fed with the ball, we looked like scoring time and again. A side must always be on the look out for the weak link in their adversary's defence *during* the run of the play, and though it is admirable to have a *pre-conceived* plan of campaign (strategy), yet the circumstances of the actual play must be allowed to influence the measures for success adopted *during* the play (tactics).

Both keepers were good, but neither of them first class. Myers runs about a little too much at present, and is jumpy, but cannot in any way be blamed for our defeat—he made several thrilling saves. Our backs were adequate, and, as a pair, a trifle superior to those of Charterhouse, but Hollebone was a host in himself, and single-handed, we think, won the match for his side. Charterhouse had slightly the better half-back line, as they appeared to be more constructive, and they aimed and directed their ground passes better, and were cleverer 'causers' of openings than our line; yet Lonsdale was the best half on the ground—never have we seen him so indefatigable and so terrier-like, but he just misses that master-touch which literally *present* his forwards with goals.

The decisive factor was at forward—they were the better balanced line, and on the wings especially they had more thrust. No attacks came from our wings, except from Marshall in the last ten minutes, and even he cannot be yet described as a really dangerous outside—he needs more go and initiative—but he played very well, considering his age and physique, and has football in him. Byrne gets rid of the ball all too quickly, and refuses steadfastly to make ground with the ball, no matter how beautiful an opening may be presented to him. This constitutes a great handicap to the attacking power of the side. Argyle was not quite himself, and does not lie far enough up for a centre-forward—it is the insides who should hang back and do the fetching and carrying—and he always seemed hemmed in and crowded when he received the ball. But he played beautifully and constructively in the last phase of the game.

As a whole we thought the Charterhouse side just that shade quicker on the ball than we were, and their movements seemed to be carried out at (say) 30 miles per hour, while ours were executed at 25 miles per hour (all the difference). This fact, coupled with their superior attacking half-back line, and their overwhelming (we fear we must use this word) superiority at wing forward, just turned the scale in their favour.

A glorious game, which for the excitement it gave and for the spectacle it afforded must rank high in the history of the series of these magnificent encounters between the two Schools.—D. J. K.

Westminster.—J. A. V. Myers; J. R. Moon, M. H. Matthews; L. P. B. Bingham, E. H. G. Lonsdale, P. N. Labertouche; A. R. Marshall, I. K. Munro, J. R. Argyle, M. Broadhurst, J. G. Byrne.

Charterhouse.—J. H. Crisp; J. T. Hollebone, J. R. Low; J. H. Edmundson, D. A. Polx, P. H. Carden; N. S. Pope, T. L. Paver, P. C. Samuelson, T. S. Greening, W. T. Moss.

THE WATER.

THE ROUSE BALL CUP.

Rigaud's	}	Homeboarders	}	Homeboarders.
Homeboarders				
Busby's	}	King's Scholars		
Grant's				
Ashburnham				
King's Scholars				

The first round was rowed off on October 31, the races starting at the Mile Post from stake boats. In the first race H.BB. soon established a lead, rowing at 33 to the minute. RR. went off at 18 and 35, and had a good race for the second place with BB., who only struck 28 in the first minute. H.BB. were a well-balanced and powerful crew, in a class by themselves all through the races, and won this race in 5 minutes dead, by 4 lengths from BB. BB. were $\frac{3}{4}$ length ahead of RR., because they were steadier, and had heavier men in the stern.

In the second race K.SS. beat A.HH., the holders, by 2 lengths in 5 minutes 12 seconds. GG., who held on surprisingly well for a time, had dropped well to the rear. A.HH. had the bad luck to lose Smith, their captain, a week before the House races, so that their crew was badly set back. GG. were a great deal better than they were last year, but did not reach the standard of the other fours.

In the final H.BB. beat K.SS. by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 5 minutes 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds. H.BB. rowed 18 and 33 in the half and full minute, K.SS. 17 and 33. For a little while K.SS. looked dangerous, but then they lost cohesion and began to labour and heave. H.BB. had got a stage further and had begun to learn what rowing really is. As they lengthened the distance between themselves and K.SS. they appeared to be moving without effort, and all the blades were clearing the water on the swing forward—a sign that the crew was developing the athletic sense of balance.

THE TOWN BOYS' RUDDER.

Ashburnham	}	Homeboarders	}	Homeboarders.
Homeboarders				
Rigaud's	}	Busby's		
Grant's				
Busby's				

This event enabled some fresh comparisons to be drawn, but did not produce any unexpected results. In the first race H.BB. beat RR. by 4 lengths, and A.HH. by 6 lengths in 4 minutes 52 seconds. H.BB. rowed 34 a minute to the 35 of the other crews. In the second race BB. beat GG. by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 5 minutes $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds—a good performance by both crews.

In the final the conditions were very slow, since the tide had only just started to come up, and the wind was blowing down the river against the crews. H.BB. went off at 32 and BB. at 31. BB. stuck to it well, and besides rowing hard never lost their form, but they were beaten by a distance in 6 minutes 20 seconds.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. McDonnell for coming to umpire the final of the Rouse Ball Cup. Further, A.HH. were coached all through practice by Mr. G. B. Aris, O.W., who stroked last year's Eight, and they would have done much better if they had not lost Smith. GG. were coached for some time by Mr. D. C. K. O'Malley, O.W.

CREWS.

H.BB.—Bow, Hawthorne; 2, Cruft; 3, Cherry; Stroke, Bramhall; Cox, Scott.

BB.—Bow, Acton Bond; 2, Fearnley; 3, Freeman; Stroke, Sammel; Cox, Ward.

K.SS.—Bow, Stevens; 2, Crook; 3, Lea; Stroke, ten Doesschate; Cox, Barlas.

RR.—Bow, Walker; 2, Marreco; 3, Osborne; Stroke, Fulton; Cox, Titcomb.

A.HH.—Bow, Ormiston; 2, Campbell; 3, Shearman; Stroke, Gardiner; Cox, Russell.

GG.—Bow, Rivaz; 2, Cleveland-Stevens, 3, Strong; Stroke, Gedye; Cox, Longsdon.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

THE FIRST-KNOWN VIEW OF 'FIELDS.'

THROUGH the kindness of Sir Mayson Beeton, K.B.E., a very interesting addition has been made recently to the collection of prints and drawings in the Scott Library. It is a photographic reproduction of a water-colour of the Tothill Fields in his possession, painted by William Capon in 1794. It was painted from an upper window of the last

house but one in Marsham Street, and shows in the immediate foreground the Horseferry Road as an open country road. Beyond stretch the Tothill Fields, with Chelsea in the distance. In the fields to the left Capon has shown the King's Scholars' Pond, 'in the centre of which was a small island,' while to the right is a white tent. On the back of the picture Capon has noted: 'The tent pitched in the field is for the use of the Westminster Scholars when they play at Cricket.' He adds: 'I have seen persons skait on the green fields shewn near the rails in front and water came up with the tide of the river as here shewn.' The cricket pitch is approximately on the site of the present 'Fields,' and the interest of the picture lies in the fact that it is fifty years earlier than C. W. Radclyffe's view in his 'Memorials of Westminster School' (1845), which has hitherto been supposed to be the earliest known view of 'Fields.'

L. E. T.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a preliminary meeting of the Society on Monday, September 22, the following were elected officers for the year:

President.—L. D. S. TEN DOESSCHATE.

Vice-President.—T. C. N. GIBBENS.

Secretary.—J. R. CHEADLE.

Treasurer.—W. R. S. DOLL.

Other Members of the Committee.—J. S. BROWN, F. W. DEAKIN, A. C. JOHNSON.

The Society met on Monday, October 13, to discuss the motion that 'This House deplores the present lapse of tradition in the School.'

A. H. FRANKLIN, Esq. (*Proposer*), after thanking the House for giving him the opportunity of speaking before the Society, said that he felt very strongly on tradition. Tradition was a habit, act, or observance, meaningless to the outward eye, and he hoped to show in an eloquent speech how the danger threatening tradition arose. Tradition was the voice by which our ancestors spoke to us, and, if we abolished tradition, it was like cutting off our ancestors' tongues. The play stands for the tradition of the learning of the Classics, and for the patronage of that learning by celebrities: it means that we are handing on the classical tradition. The proposer then passed to more trivial subjects. Was the top-hat to show that man could add a cubit to his stature? No; it reminds us that we belong to a community, and have definite duties to perform. The most honoured professions are those which keep their traditions; for example, the legal profession. He

then concluded his speech with a spirited appeal to the House to live up to its traditions.

R. GORER (*Opposer*) said that if we lived up to tradition, small boys would be travelling first class on the Underground, and would be playing marbles in the cloisters. He terrified the House by telling the members that if they were all like the Proposer, they would not wear trousers; the reasons for this awe-inspiring announcement were rather obscure. It was a grisly thought of the Proposer's that our ancestors wanted to speak to us. After mentioning the tug, and its bad effect on the health, he sat down.

F. B. HOOPER (*Second*) lamented the fact that the Proposer had left him little to say. He drew devastating comparisons between the top-hat and caps and straw hats, and came to the conclusion that the top-hat was ideal. He then went on to talk of the Westminster language, which was richer than any other in its vocabulary. Did anyone now use such words as smug and scadger? The English language itself is a tradition; that is the reason why we do not talk Esperanto. Finally, he informed the House, amid much laughter, that we did want to speak to our ancestors.

A. C. JOHNSON (*4th Speaker*) said that it was a weakness to feel strongly on tradition, and it could only mean that you were living in a world which was past, and had no contributions to give to other people. He agreed with the Proposer's definition of tradition, but thought that most of the School tradition was meaningless. Why not have an English play instead of a Latin one? Modern public schools were going to progress more, as they had no tradition to keep them back.

The motion was then declared open to general debate.

T. C. N. GIBBENS brought forward a proposal that the debate should be continued at some future date.

F. H. HOOPER opposed the proposal, which was then put to the vote, and won by a large majority.

T. C. N. GIBBENS could see no reasons why we should stand for things which our ancestors held. Our ancestors are speaking in us every minute; we are what they have made us. We are the living examples of the generation which has preceded us. The difference between an Englishman and a Frenchman is a living tradition. He then told us the origin of our wearing the top-hat, and pointed out that the meaning of the tradition had been entirely lost, in what had now become nothing but a worthless form.

The House then adjourned.

At the resumption of the debate, on Monday, October 20, T. C. N. GIBBENS repeated the points

which he made at the last meeting, and went on to speak of traditional airs in hymn-books. He said that there was a difference between tradition and custom, and any good that there might be in tradition was inherent in custom. This distinction caused a good deal of confusion in the House.

P. G. HARRISON reminded the House that the motion was on the present lapse of tradition in the School, which he himself thought was due to nothing but slackness.

R. GORER related his experiences of a grim attempt to revive tradition. He doubted the value of custom, as he thought that it hindered individuality.

P. G. HARRISON proved that the very introduction of the top-hat was a lapse of tradition.

THE PRESIDENT said that many of our small traditions were harmless and picturesque, and it was not those, but the more important traditions connected with the very life of the School, which had to change with time.

G. C. CLARIDGE, Esq., thought that people should have formulated their ideas more concisely. He pointed out that the School occupied an exceptional position, and reverted to the Proposer's argument about ancestors; he thought that it might have been put better. There does come a time when tradition, which must not become a fetish, is worthy of death. The real question to be answered is, do we deplore the spirit by which things are done? He would like to see the vivifying of traditions capable of vivification. What was wanted was an identification of the spirit of the present generation with the spirit of what had been handed down with the object of helping us.

J. B. LATEY said that we ought really to consider each tradition individually, and not treat tradition as a whole.

F. B. HOOPER asked whether the House approved of the introduction of such words as 'soccer,' 'swot,' 'slack,' etc., and on Mr. Gorer enquiring whether there were any peculiar Westminster equivalents to these words, proceeded to show that there were.

D. MANGAKIS said that one must realise that a different era has come to the School.

The motion was then put to the vote and won by 11 votes to 6.

DR. JAMES GOW.

THE "Selected Addresses of James Gow," with a foreword by the Bishop of Ripon (now Bishop of Oxford) and a biographical memoir by R. M. Barrington-Ward, is now out of print. Mrs. Gow has, however, a certain number of copies by her

which she would be glad to give to Old Westminsters and others who would value the book.

Requests for copies should be sent to Mrs. James Gow, 40, West End Lane, Hampstead, London, N.W. 6. They should be accompanied by the address to which the book is to be sent, clearly written, and by a postal order or stamps to the value of sixpence for postage. Applications for copies will be met in the order in which they are received until the stock is exhausted.

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The Westminster Ball will be held on Friday,
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The Head of the Water.

The annual subscriptions are:—Full rowing
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There are two pairs, a light four, and three
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Boathouse (close to Hammersmith Bridge). The
changing-room, showers, etc., are at the Rutland
Hotel adjoining. (Entrance in Mall Road.)

The Secretary will be pleased to hear from
members of the Elizabethan Club who will become
either rowing or non-rowing members. It is
specially hoped that Watermen who have just left
School will join.

The Committee are considering the reduction of
the full rowing member's subscription.

Mr. P. J. S. Bevan has very kindly presented a
Cup to be competed for in pair-oars.

Old Westminsters.

Dr. C. C. J. Webb, D.Litt. Hon. LL.D. (St.
Andrews), F.B.A., formerly Oriel Professor of
Philosophy of the Christian Religion and Fellow
of Oriel College, has been elected to an Honorary
Fellowship at Oriel College.

Mr. Ivor Ian Bowen, of Christ Church, has been
elected to a Fellowship of All Souls' College,
Oxford. He has also been elected to an Eldon
Law Scholarship. Mr. Bowen won the Gladstone
Essay Prize in 1929 and was placed in the First
Class of the Modern History School in the present
year.

Mr. J. A. Peck has been called to the Bar at the
Inner Temple.

Mr. G. Tilden Hart has been appointed District
Locomotive Superintendent, Sudan Government
Railways.

At Oxford Mr. G. A. Ellison, Mr. D. K. C.
O'Malley and Mr. G. E. D. Halahan have been
rowing in Trial Eights.

Marriages.

HODGES-HARVEY-JONES.—On August 21, Frank Ernest Dunman Hodges to Dorothy Harvey-Jones.

ROBERTS-BROOKS.—On October 15, Gilbert Howland Roberts, Lieut.-Commander, R.N., younger son of the late Col. Sir Howland Roberts, Bt., to Marjorie, younger daughter of John Boulbee Brooks, of Blackwell Court, nr. Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

GIBBS-SMITH-BROOKE.—On October 25, Cuthbert Harrard Gibbs-Smith, youngest son of Dr. Gibbs-Smith, of South Kensington, to Joan, eldest daughter of Major Brooke, of Grimstone Manor, York.

CASTLE-SMITH-WINCH.—On November 4, George Musgrave Castle-Smith, H.M. Kenya Administrative Service, youngest son of — Castle-Smith, to Esmé Josephine, only daughter of Arthur B. Winch, of Broomhall, Horsham.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to announce the deaths of the following Old Westminsters :

A distinguished International Rugby Footballer has passed away in **RANDOLPH LITTLETON ASTON**, who died on November 3 at the age of 61. He was a son of the late Rev. John Aston. From Cheltenham he came to Westminster in 1883, and left after a year to go to Berkhamsted. Finally he went to Tonbridge. After taking his degree at Caius College, Cambridge, he returned to Tonbridge, where he was a Master for thirty years. He gained his Blue for Rugby in 1889-90, and played for England against Scotland and Ireland in 1890. He was in the English team in South Africa in 1891.

ROCHFORD HYDE-CLARKE was up Grant's from June, 1874, to Christmas, 1874. He died on October 5, after an operation, aged 72.

MOWBRAY JAMES PILLANS was a son of James Pillans, of Chislehurst, and was at Westminster for a term in 1875. He died recently at Longparish, Hampshire, aged 66.

THE CHAIRING OF SCHOOL.

THE plan, which was suggested in the last number of THE ELIZABETHAN, for the worthy furnishing of School with new chairs, has met with an encouraging welcome. Already over ninety chairs have been subscribed for by Old Westminsters, or in memory of Westminsters who have died, by their friends and relatives. The makers tell us that the first fifty chairs will be ready to place up School before Christmas. A numbered list of the chairs is being made, recording the name of the donor of each and the row in which it is placed. A copy of this will be kept at the Sergeant's office, so that by reference to it each donor will be enabled immediately to find his own chair when he visits the School. The name of the donor, with the date of his admission, is carved on each chair. Orders for further chairs, accompanied by a cheque for twenty-five shillings, will be gladly received by the Headmaster, the Bursar, or Mr. D. C. Simpson at the School.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

November 25, 1930.

SIR,—Two old Debating Society fixture cards of the eighteen-nineties set me pondering.

The boy: what did he become?

I turned up some particulars of six of the most prominent debaters of that Victorian day, and broadly this is what the six include. I admit curtailing some of the King's Proctor's aliases, of the General's decorations, etc.

4 M.A.s	2 J.P.s.
1 B.A.	2 Deputy Chairmen of Quarter Sessions.
2 Fellows of All Souls.	2 Metropolitan Police Magistrates.
2 B.C.L.s	1 Brigadier-General.
1 Cricket Blue.	1 Commissioner of Crown Lands.
2 K.C.s	1 Soudan Agent.
1 C.B.	1 Procurator-General.
1 O.B.E.	1 King's Proctor.
1 D.S.O.	1 Vinerian Scholar.
2 Tancred Students.	
1 Recorder.	
1 Bencher.	

Three were Q.S.S.; 3 were Rigaudites.

May the most insignificant of the six congratulate his live brethren through your columns?

The two Police Magistrates used to take opposite sides in those days: do they now?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

O. R.

SAUSMAREZ MANOR,
ST. MARTINS, GUERNSEY.

November 23, 1930.

DEAR SIR,—In connection with the Jubilee of the O.W. Football Club, you may find the present reminiscence of interest.

When travelling from the north with T. F. E. Williams and R. S. Owen, on our way back to Westminster after

the summer term of 1877, a gentleman some years our senior entered the carriage we were in at Stafford. He proved to be an old Harrovian, and on hearing that we were going to Westminster he told us that, some years before, he had played football against the School, and that there was only one rule for the game, viz. that in order to score, the ball had to be kicked through the goal posts. Otherwise it could be kicked, handled or carried.

My two contemporaries are gone, and I cannot think that our travelling companion is alive, so I fear you will have to trust to the accuracy of my memory, which is quite clear, as I have often told the story.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
H. W. DE SAUSMAREZ.

VILLINO AICARDI, ALASSIO.

October 10, 1930.

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE RECORD OF OLD WESTMINSTERS.

SIR,—May I add one more notable omission from the Record to set beside the name of Robert Ferrars, given in Mr. P. G. L. Webb's entertaining letter? Tristram Shandy's brother was at the School. For Tristram, in trying to ascertain the date of certain important transactions in his family, remarks that on one occasion his father could not have been present, since he had gone to London 'to fix my elder brother Bobby at Westminster School.'

Your obedient servant,
D. M. LOW.

PS.—Was not it Dr. John Bull (*v.* July number, THE ELIZABETHAN) who asked a man in a *viva* at Oxford: 'Who chased whom how many times round the which of what?'

November 27, 1930.

DEAR SIR,—May I make a suggestion to the authorities who control 'Water'? Those members of crews who, after rowing a long course, return to the Boathouse late in the afternoon in a tired and often damp condition can, I understand, get nothing in the form of sustenance on the premises. They have therefore to go hungry until, after a bath and change, they are able to seek belated refreshment in Putney. Could not tea and bread and butter be provided, on payment, at the Boathouse itself for the members of the senior eights?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
O.W.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:

Wykehamist (4), *Eton College Chronicle* (4), *Carthusian*, *Brighton College Magazine*, *Harrovian*, *Meteor* (2), *Navy* (2), *Salopian* (2), *Felstedian*, *Berkhamstedian*, *Clavinian*, *The Blue*, *St. Peter's College Magazine*, *St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *Malburian*, *Radleian* (2), *Cliftonian*, *Reptonian*, *Revolt*, *Winsor Lamp*, *Shirburnian* (2), *Tonbridgeian* (2), *Johnian*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Haileyburian*, *Wellingtonian* (2), *Choate News*, *Fettesian*, *Cheltonian* (2), *Malvernian*, *Sedberghian*, *Rossalian*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *Stonyhurst Magazine*.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a Boys' Club in Soho. In 1891 it moved to Westminster, and the work is now carried on in the parish of St. Stephen with St. Mary, Westminster.

The Mission is largely responsible for the upkeep of Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Square, where the club-rooms and hall are used by the Parish (Westminster School Mission) Club for young men and boys, and by the 1st (City of Westminster) Troop B.P. Scouts. Religious instruction is provided by the clergy of the parish. Physical training and gymnastic classes, lectures and debates are held, and the club provides a library, billiards, and the usual recreations. The club has its own football and cricket ground. More personal help from Old Westminsters is urgently needed. The Hon. Secretary will give further information gladly to anyone willing to help.

Financial assistance is also given by the Mission to the 'E' (Westminster) Company, 1st Cadet Battalion, London Regiment, 'The Queen's.'

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, G. L. Barber, Esq., Westminster School. Offers of service and of gifts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 7, Park Gate Gardens, East Sheen, S.W. 14.

OLD WESTMINSTERS' LODGE, No. 2233.

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

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

NOTICES.

ALL contributions to the February number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor at 3, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1, before January 25, 1931.

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THE ELIZABETHAN LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

DECEMBER, MCMXXX

'DAY'S END.'

I watched a garden at eventide,
As the blue sky turned to rose—
Each weary flower bowed down her head
To the cool of night's repose.

I heard the birds, as the sun went down,
Praise God, for their life was good—
An old brick wall burned golden brown,
While a nightingale tuned in the wood.

A star looked out, still dazed with sleep,
And blinked in the sun's warm light—
Some dog barked loud to call his sheep
To shelter safe for the night.

Gently I rose and walked away,
For I felt so blatant there—
Slowly I went like the dying day,
For peace was everywhere.

G. ATTENBOROUGH.

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POEM.

You seemed so fair,
Like some cowslip-strewn pasture, when mists are
raised
To veil the Courts of God ;
The very air
Was slow with distant movement, with heavy
scent was hazed—
As I knelt there,
Your tresses' silken rareness did filter tears that
mazed
All darkly to the sod.

I slept,
And when I woke night's agony was gone,
But looking to the sky, great blood-red streaks had
rent her breast,
While leaf-green tongues did lick those sores ;

I wept,
For it seemed the very angels had to don
The colour of my own heart's deepest wounds, as
some great crest
Stamped on heaven's curtains, emblazoned on its
doors.

White leaf,
I go while yet the half light hides my love,
For none shall see this wreck, made hideous by
loathsome pain,
In silent prayer bent by your bed ;
Lone grief
Shall wing my life's sad evening like a dove,
'Till riding on to guide my failing eyes in death's
dim lane,
Your form of lilac white will rest beside my head.

Old twisted oak,
Your arms stretched out for blossoms, must writhe
awhile in vain,
But I shall come
To bear the yoke,
In love made great by silence, by storm and dreary
rain,
'Till we are one—
The man who loved the whole world, then died in
pierced pain,
Loved us poor folk.

G. ATTENBOROUGH.

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THE EXPEDITION TO THE LONDON
DOCKS.

There are those who think of the Thames as
merely a very dirty river which overflows its banks
at regular intervals, generally with accompanying
loss of life. I am ashamed to confess that I in-
clined to that school of thought until last term,
when, thanks to the kindness of Lord Ritchie
(O.W.) and the Port of London Authority, all my
false ideas were exploded.

On a fine afternoon in July, our party trooped across to the Westminster landing-stage, after an early lunch, to find a very smart-looking steam-boat waiting for us complete with photographer. After being taken, lining the rail in the manner of a departing Test team, we set off. We could beguile the time noting the various objects of interest on either bank, whether of historical value or not, described in the booklets with which we had been thoughtfully provided. In this manner we shot Waterloo Bridge, still in crutches, alongside the Embankment, pitying the poor land-lubbers confined to terra-firma, until we arrived at St. Paul's, that masterpiece of Wren's which always seems so out of place in this northern climate. So past the Pool, the highest point of important shipping, to the Tower, the grim execution place of so many famous people, with its Bridge, a product of Victorianism, the last on the way to the sea. Above this bridge the congestion had been as bad as in any large London street, but below it the river widens and the congestion was relieved. We were able to put on full speed, and glided swiftly past Wapping, the fairyland of W. W. Jacobs. On the opposite bank, too, we were shown where the bodies of captured pirates were suspended in former days, to be cleansed of their sins by being washed by two tides. Limehouse next, from which, if 'thrillers' are to be trusted, the bodies of murdered Chinamen drift daily down to the sea. After rounding the head of land which contains the Surrey Commercial Docks, we turned to the right to negotiate the Isle of Dogs, across the neck of which stretch, so as to make it an island indeed, those great West India Docks, amongst the biggest in the port. At the end of our southward run came Deptford, formerly famous as a naval station, but now containing some of the worst slums in London. As a contrast to this we next passed Greenwich Hospital, one of the finest examples of Wren's work, with the Observatory on a pleasant hill in the background. We were now almost at our goal, the Royal Albert Docks, opposite to the entrance of which is Woolwich Arsenal. One would expect an imposing frontage on the river for this centre of the Services, but all one sees is a row of very insignificant-looking buildings along the southern bank. Here we turned into the lock which gives access to what are, perhaps, the greatest docks in the Port of London. After a wait of five or ten minutes we advanced, by way of several bridges, which in a languid, condescending way swung aside to give us passage, into that hive of everlasting activity, the Royal Albert Docks. We then made straight for an imposing vessel which we were to inspect. It was the 'Highland Monarch,' one of the latest motorships, employed

on the South American line. After entering her side, we made for the living quarters, passing through cabins most ingeniously arranged to economise space. A wonderful effect had been achieved in the living-rooms, which were decorated in Tudor style and altogether most attractive, a very cradle of romance. We then mounted to the recreation deck, where we were duly photographed by the attentive camera-man, to the great amusement of several of the ship's officers. We had a further instance of the ingenuity of the ship-builder when we were told that one funnel was not a funnel at all, but merely housed the skylight of the smoke-room, and improved the appearance of the ship, while the fumes in the other were utilised for heating the boilers for hot water. After a brief glimpse at the engine-room, which contrasted forcibly, by its roominess, with that of a destroyer which I had been privileged to inspect recently, we passed out of the ship again into our own. We then steamed up King George V Dock, presumably the latest addition to this chain, and saw from a distance the very ingenious devices for unloading the vessels which come from all parts of the world to this hive of industry, the hub of the world's greatest empire. After 'locking-out' we passed up the river again, this time seeing the sights from water-level in a most luxurious tea-room, in which we were given a sumptuous meal.

All our heartiest thanks are due to the Port of London Authority, and Lord Ritchie in particular, both for the extent and lavishness of their hospitality, and for the interest of those places to which they conducted us, an interest absorbing in itself and heightened to a tremendous degree by their efforts. It is only to be hoped that the London Docks Week, inaugurated this year by the Port of London Authority, achieved the success it deserved, and will be continued in the future, that the nation may have an opportunity of recognising for itself the great heritage handed down to us by our ancestors, a heritage which we must administer to the best of our ability, to preserve it intact for those who come after us.

KENSINGTONIAN

Everyone must surely at some period in his life have endured the torture of staying in a private hotel or a boarding-house; the writer of this article has endured more than his fair share of this penance; he feels that he would like to give others some idea of its intensity in order that they may at the least sympathise.

The Theosophists have a theory that your lot on earth is judged by whether you tried to do

more than you could in the previous existence. The denizens of Kensington and Bloomsbury must surely have been ambitious beyond imagination; for theirs (I refer to the hotel populations) is not a happy fate; they none of them like their life; indeed their two consolations are that their fellow inmates like it less, and that they are only there temporarily. It seems as though I were mixing them up with mental deficients, but this is not the case. It is quite usual to hear a Kensingtonian of at least twenty years standing telling friends, 'Of course, my dear, we're only here for a time, the food isn't very good, and I don't care for the people, but you can do as you like, no restrictions, you know. It might be one's own home.' It is quite awful to imagine the ideas that Kensingtonia possesses of 'one's own home,' in fact any private hotel, of which one can say nothing else in praise, appears to be in the gravest danger of becoming 'one's own home.'

The larger proportion of Kensingtonians, young and old, belong to that vague class which calls itself 'the new poor,' or sometimes more internationally, 'les nouveaux pauvres.' It is the duty of these people: 1. To remember better days. 2. To see the country is going to the dogs. 3. Always to have known what it would be if you educated the other class. All taxes, whether they are placed on imported glass or farm implements, cut down the income of the nouveaux pauvres,—'Of course at one time my husband and I . . . but since the war, you know, and what with taxes. . . .' Such a conversation may be heard a dozen times a day. The new poor have friends in all the Government offices and most of the foreign Cabinets, who tell them State secrets in a most carefree manner. It is the work of 'les nouveaux pauvres' to pass these on to Kensingtonia in general in a very secretive, hidden manner. Should one fail, however, to grasp the import of the hints which they make concerning matters which 'I'm afraid I can't tell you, it's not you, my dear, of course, but if you tell it to one person it may spread anywhere,' then they become most annoyed and often tell you outright in their anger.

They are largely 'retired' and play bridge, but there are a great number of younger 'new poor,' who try vainly to keep up an air of modernity and naughtiness. They have naughty stories at their disposal by the hundred, and speak of actresses by their Christian names. Their experiences with the great, though largely imaginary, are nevertheless vastly entertaining. It is these young dashers who keep the coffee stalls going. They rush round to the station and get sandwiches at twelve o'clock at night; they find it 'so amusing.' If you wish to hear Mayfair's adjectives of two years ago,

visit Kensington's bright young things. It is their custom also to visit night clubs; though at least one lady I know walks twice round S. Kensington Station, has a cup of coffee at the A.B.C., slips secretly back to her room, and the next morning—'such an amusing evening, my dear, we danced till three, and Archie got very tight. Too bogus.' And so it is.

Then there are the 'weirds,' poor, dotty old things, who drift from hotel to hotel. They're really more of a tragedy.

And, lastly, there are a few highbrows whose main enjoyment is 'making fun of the people.' They constantly wish that they could write. 'It would make such an amusing book.' Some of them do write short stories about Kensingtonia and try to get them accepted for magazines, which is exactly what I'm trying to do, so. . . .



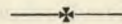
"As fascinating as a doll's house is the small lodge in the Westminster School praying fields. . . ."—*Weekly Paper*.

'After that, who dare breathe a word against the religious tone of our public schools? . . .?'—*Punch*.

Yet who dare, if they speak the truth,
When watching Westminsters at cricket,
Assert they knew this pious youth
Aimed at an invisible wicket?

That theirs no thought of hitting six,
Or winning fame in First Eleven?
That all the while their minds they fix
On gaining place in highest Heaven?

'HARROVIAN.'



OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR SIR,—I hope that at long last some account of our doings will prove instructive, if not amusing, to your readers. The oldest O.W. undergraduate up here is easily Mr. H. R. A. Edwards of the House, who holds that position as he holds his oar, or the controls of his aeroplane, with unruffled calm. After him comes Mr. Sutherland, who is said to be 'banting' for Greats. He lives with Messrs. Barlow and H. L. Jones, and sometimes you may see them bicycling sedately up the High. Mr. Oppenheimer is as bright as ever, Mr. Wakely as studious and rusticated, Mr. Bourke as busy, and Mr. D. J. Jones as vague. Mr. Abbott is clothed in mystery, Mr. H. A. P. Phillips in one of those black polo sweaters. Mr. Mallinson is becoming a doctor, and will make a bold bid to fill Mr. Edwards' position; but he

ages rapidly, and may not of course survive. Mr. Thurlow holds moonlight bathing parties. Mr. Lucas slaughters rabbits with professional glee, while Mr. E. D. Phillips looks on and claps. Mr. Beeston studies Arabic, and rows as though he were propelling a dhow. Mr. Wyllie, not content with academic fame, wears a 'greenery-yallery' collar and shirt; whether this means æstheticism or a laundry error is undecided. Mr. O'Malley rows well, and was unlucky to miss his Trials Cap; he also rides, flies, acts, and probably plays the 'harp, sackbut,' etc., in his efforts to become truly O'Malley. Mr. Hardie rushes from Committee to Committee like the White Rabbit, while Geneva looks on and wonders. Mr. Mackenzie has played football for the 'Varsity and is a Centaur; he also hurdled with some skill for the House. Some say he works.

Mr. Baker added to his reputation for unpunctuality by arriving five weeks late for term. He wears a hat. Mr. Weigall has temporarily abandoned the oar for a horse, and finds both forms of sport rather uncomfortable. Mr. Spurgin wears red waistcoats and acts—or perhaps it's natural. Mr. Bridgewater has a piano, but few other vices. Mr. Milne explodes atomic theories with everyone he meets. We sympathise with Mr. Heaton, who lives next door. Mr. Baines, I suppose, creates odours. Mr. Steavenson (née Cohen) was *not* at large on November 5. At least *he* can't remember it. Mr. Saner is said to live the gay life; he works hard, drinks—not too hard, and dies hard. Mr. Straker holds theological views; but the trouble is he can't hold them in. I expect Mr. Dams does too; but then he rows, and is thus beyond spiritual aid.

Outside the House, but only just outside, is our most distinguished scholar, Mr. Bowen, of All Souls. Scholarships float down to him from all sides. But his capacity for borrowing remains unimpaired. At Balliol Mr. Halahan is still one of our best-known towpath trick cyclists. There, too, is that rising lawyer, Mr. Rogers. Mr. Watt, of Hertford, also cycles in command of his crew. Mr. Freeman is President of the Lincoln B.C., though he appears to have retired from active life. Mr. Lace is one of the big men in Corpus rowing. His fellow collegian, Mr. White, is following the steps of Cardinal Newman; but Newman never fenced like Mr. White. Mr. Oates has retired temporarily from University life. Mr. Rae, of Oriel, however, is still with us, now accompanied by Mr. Kendall.

Mr. Ellison, of New College, is booked for a Trial Eight's cap. Will he, we wonder, survive, and find himself successor to Mr. Edwards? Surely Oxford would win then! I can't think of anything to say about Messrs. Negus, Rayner, and

Seward at Queen's. Perhaps there is nothing printable.

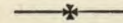
At University Mr. Bartlett looks cross; Mr. Plummer plays golf; Mr. Levison is the sartorial antithesis of Mr. Spurgin. Mr. Marsden is too hospitable to people who throw his belongings out into the High. Perhaps Mr. Munro is one of the guests. Wadham still contains Mr. Scott, who is sometimes heard whispering sweet nothings at the Union. Mr. Evetts, of B.N.C., has not yet been seen. He will probably emerge when the warmer weather comes. With him is Mr. Chalk, of whom little is known to outsiders. Unlike him, Mr. J. O. V. Edwards has neglected a family tradition, and should be at the House. He is teaching Keble to row. With him is Mr. Arnold; but what he teaches or learns is very problematical. Finally, at Worcester there is Mr. Laing, who was at Westminster many years ago.

Modesty forbids intimate details of Senior members of the University; nevertheless we cannot forbear to mention Mr. Harrod, Senior Censor of Christ Church, and Mr. Barrington-Ward, Student of the House, Mr. Henderson, Dean of New College, Mr. Stalybrass, Vice-Principal of Brasenose, Mr. Rice-Oxley, of Keble, and Mr. Macfarlane, of Balliol, Mr. C. C. J. Webb, Hon. Fellow of Oriel, and Mr. W. A. Greene, K.C., Counsel to the University.

With best wishes to all at Westminster.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
WESTMON ET OXON.



A REJECTED ADDRESS

on the Opening of the new Wing of Ashburnham House, 1930.

By R. K. (*Rudyard Kipling*).

The while my notion's ta'en a skent,
To try my fate in guid black prent.
But still the mair I'm that way bent,
Something cries 'Hoolie!'
I red you, honest man, tak tent,
Ye'll show your folly.—*Burns*.

'NE CEDE MALIS.'

Hovering, now, between Life and Eternity, poised
on a wave,

Now, with a surge and a grunt sagging down
into space,

Nature compelling it, fragile as matchwood, to
bow, like a slave,

The barque with its cargo of souls whom no
power can replace.

What of the helmsman?

Tramping the dust of a caravan trail through the
waterless waste,
Slaughtering comrades to share the last dregs of
a flask,
Three hundred madmen with only warm blood left
to taste,
Delirium effacing all mem'ry of duty or task.

What of their leader ?

Wrestling with Fever and Famine for friends in
the clutches of Death,
A hero unhonoured, forgotten, or maybe un-
known,
Summoning all the experience of years to the
battle for breath ;
Watching, and waiting, and working, and
striving alone.

What of the doctor ?

What of the clerk at his desk in a smoke-laden,
dark city room ?
What of the pioneer blazing his trail where no
man's foot has trod ?
What of the artist designing a fresco, or sculptor
a tomb ?
What of the priest in his silent devotion alone
with his God ?

What are their memories ?

Diverse their fortunes may be, yet in moments of
sorrow and grief,
Peril or panic, or danger, or pain, or unrest,
One link of comradeship binds them together in
mutual belief,
Forged in the schoolroom and now at last put
to the test.

What is its strength ?

Memories clear, ever-present, reviving a friendship
of old,
Gaining a friend, when a friend is most needed
of all,
Thoughts of a Charterhouse match when they
brought off a fine ' caught and bowled,'
Thoughts of their first Prayers up School, or
their first day in Hall.

What of those buildings ?

Are they still just as they first saw them, old, rather
dirty and grey,
Always too small for the people that they had
to hold ?
Or have they been roused from their dust-laden
sleep and their wild disarray,
Regaining some trace of their exquisite beauty
of old ?

WESTMINSTER IN 1730.

Dr Sr

According to your Desire I write to acquaint you upon the best Recollection what Books were used in the lower Forms or Under School at West', when I was there ; as also the several Day's Exercises in the week for each Form. In the Petty or Lowest Form they began the English Grammar, of which they said some Part every Morning, except Monday, when they said the Ch. Catechism. Their Exercises were the Declining Nouns and Conjugating Verbs ; and in the upper Part of the Form they began to turn short Sentences of English into Latin.—In the First Form they there daily repeated some Part of the E. Grammar and began to learn the Latin Grammar. On Monday Morning they still continued to repeat the Catechism ; and began to translate a little in Æsop's Fables in the Morning while at School ; and in the Afternoon they construed what they had before translated, and parsed a little. Their Night's Exercise was to translate a verse or two out of the Psalms ; and in the Upper Part of that Form they were set sometimes for a Sunday's Exercise some Portion of the Gospel for the Sunday.—In the Second Form they still continued to repeat a daily Part out of the Grammar English or Latin, and to construe the Latin Grammar ; and on Monday Morning they were to repeat the Ch. Catechism and read the Second Lesson out of the Evangelists appointed for the preceding Sunday. In this Form they translated a whole Fable out of Æsop each Day, except Thursday, when they translated some few lines of Ovid's de Tristibus and which they construed on Friday Morning and said by Heart by Way of Repetition that afternoon. Their Exercises at Night were Translations out of the Psalms or the Epistles or Gospels. In the Afternoon their Exercise was to construe and parse, what they had been set to translate in the Morning. And what they translated at any time, as also what was their nightly exercise, was wrote in a Book, that they called a Foul Book, and each they afterwards wrote fair and was given up upon a quarter of a sheet of Paper with the Boy's Name at the Top thereof : and the Words that he was obliged to have recourse for or to look out in his Dictionary were inserted in a Column on the Side of his Exercise. And to make Boys acquainted how to write English properly as to Orthography they had to write on one Column of their Exercise the English of what they had been set to translate, on the other their Translation. In these three above mentioned Forms the Boys continued generally more than two Years, and upon their Remove into the Under Third Form as it was called.—They then

began to learn the Prosodia, scan, and make some few Verses. They continued still every Morning to say some Part of their Latin Grammar and construe it. On Monday only their Morning's Part instead of the Ch. Catechism was to get by Heart a Task set out of B^p William's Explanation of the Catechism; and their Latin Exercise set them in the Morning to translate was out of Justin and to construe and parse in the afternoon. At Night they were set to translate somewhat out of King's History of the Heathen Gods.—On Tuesday and Wednesday in the Morning of each Day to translate Ovid's Metamorphosis, and on Thursday Ovid's Epistles. Their Afternoon's Exercise on that Day, as it was always an Afternoon's Holy Day, was to make a few Verses. And on Friday's Afternoon a Repetition out of Ovid's Metamorphosis; and again on Saturday some Translation as before from Ovid's Met. or else sometimes they translated some Story out of Littleton's Dictionary taken out from among the Proper Names.—In the Upper Remove of the Third Form, on Monday morning B^p William's Explanation of the Ch. Catechism. The Latin Author to be translated was Justin, construe and parse, now repeating the Rules out of Grammar, when they parsed, memoriter. Here they began to learn the Figure in the Latin Grammar, Read Ovid's Metamorphosis on Tuesday, Terence on Wednesday, on Thursday to translate some of Martials Epigrams. Their Monday Night's Exercise was to make an English Theme, render it in Latin on Tuesday; and here I must observe that Tuesday's afternoon was generally a Holiday, and to make Verses on their Theme was their Wednesday's Night Exercise. Exercise on Thursday's Afternoon to turn a Fable of Æsop's into Verse. Friday Morning they construed Martial which they had translated the

preceding Day; Repeated the Epigrams in the Afternoon; and for Friday's Night Exercise they read Ovid's Epistles, collecting and marking out the phrases. Their Saturday's Exercise was to make ten or twelve Verses out of the Psalms, the Same Exercise was for the whole class—and sometimes their Monday's Night Exercise was to correct their Translation of Justin as they had heard it construed, and next Morning instead of Grammar they read their Translation, and render'd it according to Justin himself. Grammar was every Morning repeated with their construing it, except as above.

These were the Authors the Boys read, the Exercises they made in each Form and they continued in the Lower and Upper Third Form generally two years.

Hoc opus, hic Labor est.—Juvat indulgere
Labi

Accipe quo peragenda.

I hope Mrs. Percy and yourself had a safe Journey to Easton, and found your Little Family well. My Daughter and Self join in respectful Compliments, and my Son Edward who set out for Town on Monday desired when I wrote to present his Complm^{ts}.

and I am

S^r Y^r sincere and
most Hble serv^t to command

Tho^s Barnett.

Rowell

Oct^r 16, 1771.

To The Rev^d D^r Percy

at Easton Mandit

near Castle Ashby

A Single Sheet Northamptonshire,
only—

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