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## THE WESTMINSTER PLAY.

ONCE again, in a few weeks' time, we shall welcome 'Terence' to the Westminster stage; this time after an absence of three years. And this brings a question into our mind: what does the average Westminster think of the Play?

There is always a danger at a great School like Westminster of many of the old and glorious traditions being taken very much for granted. Sometimes, perhaps, it is not until after they have left the School that Westminsters fully realise all that these traditions mean, and begin to take a real pride in them. This is probably true to a certain extent in the case of the Play, at least as regards those who take no active part in its production.

Yet the Play is undeniably the great event of the year at Westminster. It is at the time of the Play that the lustre of Westminster glows brightest. It is the Play which brings Westminster more than ever to the fore, and vindicates her right to hold a place in the front rank of Public Schools. It is

the occasion of many happy re-unions of Old Westminsters, who otherwise would not in all probability see each other from year to year. Every loyal Westminster, be he a King's Scholar or a Town Boy, should indeed take pride in what is one of our greatest traditions. It would perhaps be of some interest to consider very briefly the history of the Play at Westminster.

The custom of acting plays was first introduced by Dean Nowell, Headmaster from 1543 to 1555. We are told that he did so in order to promote 'a better learning of the pure Roman style.' This practice was approved and confirmed by Queen Elizabeth, who ordained by a statute that a Latin Play should be acted yearly at the School.

Until 1839 the actors used to wear the dress of the period, the young men being attired in the latest fashion, and the slaves in full livery. However, in that year Dr. Williamson, who was then Headmaster, introduced classical costumes and wrote an Excursus, entitled 'Eunuchus Palliatus,' as an authority for the accuracy of the dresses.

Originally the scene represented Covent Garden, which formerly belonged to the Monks of West-

minster, but in 1758 some classical scenes were presented by Dr. Markham. These were replaced by new ones in 1809, and in 1857 the scenes still in use were introduced. These were designed by an Old Westminster, Professor Cockerell, R.A.

The Play was produced originally only under very great difficulties, especially when it was acted in the Old Dormitory in Dean's Yard; mention is made of these difficulties in the Prologue to the 'Phormio' of 1809. Even now it entails a great deal of work, but no exertion is spared. The ambition of every successive *caste* is to produce a Play worthy in all respects of the great Westminster tradition, and it is one of the greatest ambitions of every King's Scholar to act in the Play and thus help to achieve this result.

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### \* School Notes.

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

Some of the School were privileged to attend a mass meeting of the League of Nations Union in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Armistice night. The speakers at the meeting were Miss Maude Royden, Professor Gilbert Murray and Sir John Simon.

On October 29 the new King's Scholars were admitted up School by the Dean, who afterwards gave a short address to the School.

The general meeting of the School Mission took place on November 11 in the Old Library, Sir Arthur Knapp taking the chair.

There was a lecture up School on October 28 on 'The production of a great newspaper,' by Mr. P. Witherby, of the *Times*.

On October 31 Mrs. Owen O'Malley gave a most interesting talk to the School on China.

Mr. J. Aston, O.W., was unfortunately prevented from lecturing to us on Garibaldi owing to a motor-ing accident.

A large number of the School watched the Charterhouse match at Godalming, when an old custom was revived of wearing School dress.

## INFORMAL CONCERT.

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| 1  | Cello Solo, Allegro from Sonata in C ...<br>P. G. HARRISON.  | <i>Breval</i>            |
| 2  | Clarinet Solo, Largo ...<br>SIMPSON.   | <i>Handel</i>            |
| 3  | Piano Solo, First Movement from Sonata<br>Pathétique ... ..<br>CROOK.  | <i>Beethoven</i>         |
| 4  | Piano Duet, Spanish Dance ...<br>MR. LOFTHOUSE AND THOMSON.  | <i>Moszkowski</i>        |
| 5  | Violin Solo, Sonata in E minor ... ..<br>NEGUS.  | <i>Corelli</i>           |
| 6  | Piano Solos (a) Berceuse ... ..<br>(b) Prelude ... ..<br>RICHMOND. THOMSON.  | <i>Ilyinsky<br/>Bach</i> |
| 7  | Violin Solo, Moto Perpetuo ... ..<br>G. MILNE.   | <i>Böhm</i>              |
| 8  | Piano Solo, "La Cathédrale engloutie" ...<br>BRIDGEWATER.  | <i>Debussy</i>           |
| 9  | Trumpet Solo, 'Sound an Alarm' ...<br>FOURACRE.  | <i>Handel</i>            |
| 10 | Vocal Solo, 'Border Ballad' ... ..<br>SPURGIN.   | <i>Cowen</i>             |
| 11 | Piano Solo, Waltz in D flat ... ..<br>KIDNER.  | <i>Chopin</i>            |
| 12 | Piano Duet, Nos. 1 and 5 from 'Ma Mère<br>L'Oye' ... ..<br>(a) Pavane de la Belle au bois dormant.<br>(b) Le jardin féérique.<br>BRIDGEWATER AND ENGLEHEART. | <i>Ravel</i>             |

It is difficult after the passage of so much time to remember everything about the informal concert, but it was certainly one of the best we have enjoyed for a long time. As the informal concert is the only opportunity that exists of listening to the instrumental players of the School by themselves, it is an interesting event, and afforded this year, by its good standard, an indication of how the enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Lofthouse is improving music at the School.

One cannot remember all the items that were played, but we will deal with the piano players first. Of these Crook, a young player, who played the first movement from the Sonata Pathétique, was very good, and probably the best. Kidner was very good, but we should have liked proof that he can keep it up a little longer. Bridgewater played us a piece of Debussy, which was not, perhaps, sufficiently appreciated by the less erudite members of his audience. Thomson, Richmond, and Engleheart all gave us pleasing pieces.

Only two wind solos occurred, of which Simpson played a Handel Largo well, while Fouracre gave a gallant but rather undecided rendering of 'Sound an alarm,' also by Handel. We enjoyed Negus's playing of a Corelli Sonata, which was the best of the string performances. Milne, violin,

and Harrison, cello, were only marred by what may have been either a little natural nervousness, or by a slight inability to master their instruments completely. Spurgin gave us an excellent song by Cowen, which would have been better had the singer kept his head up.

Our thanks are due both to the players, who were on the whole very good, and to Mr. Loft-house, who accompanied all the instrumental items with his usual skill, for such a pleasant concert.

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## LECTURE-RECITAL ON THE BASSOON.

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- 1 Concerto in B flat for Bassoon *Mozart, 1756-1791*  
Allegro. Andante ma adagio.  
Rondo. Tempodi menuetto.
- 2 Concerto in F for Bassoon. *Weber, 1786-1826*  
Adagio. Rondo.
- 3 Romance for Bassoon and Piano *Elgar, 1857-*
- 4 Sonata in G for Bassoon and Piano  
*Saint-Saëns, 1835-1921*  
Allegro scherzando.  
Molto adagio—Allegro moderato.

MR. Richard Newton's recital on the bassoon was very interesting. Although unaccustomed to public speaking, he gave us a splendidly lucid account of the bassoon and its development, which we all enjoyed. He ended up by deploring the present use of the bassoon, which is, he said, to assist the second-rate comedian's jokes over the footlights.

The music played by Mr. Newton was extremely varied in nature, and we admired Mr. Newton for playing some of it at all. The way in which he played his instrument showed us that his skill is very great, and we must thank Mr. Newton, and his accompanist, Mr. Lofthouse, for so interesting and so excellent a recital.

Mr. Lofthouse begs to reiterate his appeal for subscriptions to the Musical Instruments Fund, which at present shows a deficit. It is only by a generous response to the claims of this fund that the good work of purchasing instruments for members of the School who wish to play them can be continued.

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## O.T.C.

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THE Contingent took part in an O.T.C. field day arranged by the Aldershot Command on Thursday, October 27.

On the whole it was not very successful, owing partly to the weather, and partly to the unavoid-

able hurry in which the arrangements for the battle had to be made.

On Wednesday, November 9, the Contingent was visited by Colonel Lord Henry Seymour, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Grenadier Guards.

The following promotions and appointments were made at the beginning of term:—

Under-Officer H. B. Ripman to be Coy.-Sergt.-Major.

Lance-Sergt. H. L. Jones and Corporal K. J. Gardiner to be Under-Officers.

Corporals S. M. Greer, J. Aitken and B. H. Dulanty to be Sergeants.

Lance-Corporals W. E. Heard, D. E. Barker and T. E. R. Roberts to be Lance-Sergeants.

Lance-Corporals D. E. Harrison, J. W. Grigg, F. W. Corbould, J. F. Newman, D. S. Hobson, D. F. A. R. Freeman, J. G. H. Baker, and R. E. Ball to be Corporals.

Cadets W. G. Walter, W. A. Coulborn, N. O. Lucas, B. W. Howe, E. M. Levey, A. J. Negus, R. H. Northcott, J. K. Luard, A. E. Salvi, K. H. L. Cooper, H. B. Graham, P. G. Diack and H. J. Thomson to be Lance-Corporals.

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## KING'S SCHOLARS AND TOWN BOYS' CRICKET MATCH.

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THE following list of rules, though probably in existence for many years before, was freshly tabulated in 1806 by the respective captains of the two teams:—

*Rules relating to the King's Scholars and Town Boys.*

'At the beginning of the Summer half-year the King's Scholars choose six bats at Bentley's and toss up with the Town Boys for first choice.

'The King's Scholars and Town Boys take it by days to have the odd man in the morning and evening play when there is only a thirteen, and also by days to play in the places in which they are to play in the match.

'If a man, on the day in which it is his turn to play in his fixed place, be absent, he loses his turn.

'The King's Scholars and Town Boys take it by days to play with each others' ball and toss up for whose ball shall begin the half-year.

'N.B.—If the King's Scholars' regular bowlers are on the same side when there is no Town Boy regular bowler, that is to say no bowler practising for bowling in the match, they both bowl in preference and contrariwise.

'The King's Scholars and Town Boys separate a fortnight before the match day.

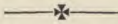
'When separated, they take it by turns to use the best ground, tossing up for the first choice.

'N.B.—The side which has the best ground, after the separation, for Friday, has it also on the Saturday. Also, the side which has the best ground for the day, has the assistance of Bentley.

'The King's Scholars and Town Boys toss up for whose wickets shall be used in the match, and they also toss up to settle to whom the new wickets got at the separation are to belong, the other party having the old ones which have been used up to the separation.

'In the match the King's Scholars and Town Boys take by turns every year the having of the first innings.'

The last rule here mentioned still exists, but so far as we know the others have lapsed. Bentley was presumably the School professional at the time.



### THE SISTERS OF MR. ROBERTS.

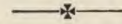
THE old question as to the room to be found for further monuments in the Abbey has recently been revived; and probably a time will come when some of the existing monuments will have to be moved. One of such memorials is in Poet's Corner, where it rather encroaches on Chaucer's tomb. It is a mural monument showing a small profile medallion of a man under a bas-relief of a weeping lady sitting near an urn. There are arms (a lion rampant) and a crest (a lion couchant) and the following inscription:—

To the Memory  
of John Roberts, Esq.,  
the very faithful Secretary  
of the Right Honourable  
Henry Pelham, Minister of State  
to the King George the Second  
this marble was erected  
by his three surviving sisters  
Susannah, Rebecca and Dorothy,  
1776.

The praise of John Roberts is in the D.N.B., which sets forth his very faithful service to Henry Pelham. As secretary it fell to him to dispense the large sums of secret service money which went to Pelham's supporters in the House of Commons. Roberts held numerous sinecures, and eventually entered the House himself as Member for Harwich, which constituency retained his services until his death in 1772. The D.N.B. says nothing of the place of his education, but he was one of the numerous band of Old Westminsterers who owed their success in life to following the Pelhams; for the Pelhams would always do their best for a Westminster supporter who asked for a place. Evidence is supplied by Roberts himself, for writing

to the Duke of Newcastle on May 12, 1755, he speaks of 'My obligations to Your Grace and your Family ever since I left Westminster School.'

He seems to be the 'Johannes Roberts' whose name occurs among the members 'Classis Septimæ' in the School List of February 27, 1727-28. The D.N.B. suggests that he was the son of Gabriel Roberts, of St. Anne's, Westminster, who was M.P. for Marlborough, 1713-27. On the other hand, there was a John Roberts who matriculated at Oxford from Christ Church on June 21, 1728, aged 16, and is described as the son of Edward Roberts, of St. Werburgh, Chester; and the date suggests that this John Roberts was the boy who was at Westminster in the preceding February. And further evidence of identity can be supplied. For at Chester Cathedral in St. Mary's Chapel (which was within the walls of the dissolved Abbey of St. Werburgh) there are (or were when Ormerod wrote his 'History of Cheshire') monuments to Edward Roberts, Deputy Registrar of Chester, who died in 1754, and to three of his daughters, Susannah, Rebecca and Dorothy, all of whom were living in 1776. The coincidence of the names leaves little room for doubt that these were the ladies who in that year paid their tribute to the memory of their deceased brother John. It is to be hoped that they were more intrepid than Horace Walpole, who said that he had not seen his mother's monument in the Abbey, because all his friends were out of town and he had not the courage to venture alone among the Westminster boys, who were as formidable to him as the ship-carpenters of Portsmouth.



### HISTORICAL NOTE.

A CHANCE discovery gives us the date when ladies were first admitted to the Westminster Play. Among the prints in the Banks collection at the British Museum are a collection of early Westminster Play tickets (Banks C. 2, 1544-61) and loosely inserted among them is a scrap of paper with a note in the handwriting of Sir Joseph Banks. It belongs to the ticket for the revival of the 'Ignoramus' in 1793, and states that in that year ladies were admitted to the Play for the first time in compliment to Lady Mansfield, who had two sons acting in it. These were Lord Stormont (afterwards third Earl of Mansfield) and his brother, afterwards General the Hon. George Murray.

In June, 1893, there was published in THE ELIZABETHAN an interesting letter written by Lady Strange to her brother in 1773. In it she refers to her son's acting in the 'Adelphi,' and adds, 'I wish I could go, but, notwithstanding my deep

learning, I am not permitted; fathers only have that pleasure.' But in spite of this Lady Strange did in fact come to the Play disguised in men's clothes, and the fact has been recorded by her son and is well known as a tradition in the family!

L. E. T.

### House Notes.

K.SS.—We must first offer hearty congratulations to Cooper on regaining his Pinks, and to H. L. Jones on gaining his. Three King's Scholars helped to gain the splendid victory over Charterhouse. We are also well represented in the 2nd XI and in Colts.

Now that preparations are being made to put up the stage we realise once more what a very large place Dormitory is. Rehearsals are taking up a great deal of our attention and are progressing very favourably. The Play seems to be drawing very near now.

We have had many enjoyable readings in Lit. Soc. and have so far read 'Twelfth Night,' 'King Richard the Second,' 'The School for Scandal' and 'Princess Ida.'

It is useless to predict the result of Juniors, but we are by no means downhearted.

GG.—Our first duty must be to congratulate most heartily two late Heads of House on their performances on the football field. W. N. McBride is keeping goal for Oxford, and has been awarded his 'Blue,' and J. A. Cook has played for Cambridge in every match this season at left-back. To them and to C. E. Wool Lewis, who was said to be one of the best oars at Henley last summer, we send our best wishes for good fortune and success.

Vehement congratulation is also due nearer home; to L. J. D. Wakely on regaining his Pinks and to C. E. Lonsdale and D. A. Bompas on winning theirs.

We were beaten by Rigaud's in the preliminary round of Juniors. It was an even but disappointing game, one in which the play never reached a high standard. Junior House Caps were awarded to R. G. A. Colt-Williams, W. H. Wakely, E. A. Everington, P. N. Labertouche and T. I. Tetley Jones.

We welcome into our midst the Boxing Cup, presented by Mr. Spedan Lewis, which we won last Lent term.

Our football leagues, last year bracketed with Rigauds', have this time attained a solitary pre-eminence.

May we add one final word of congratulation to Gardiner and the XI on the splendid form they have shown throughout the term, culminating in

the magnificent effort which broke down the Charterhouse tradition. We would also, if we may, pay our humble tribute to the work of Mr. Knight and Mr. Taylor in producing a side which can not only score goals, but can really tackle the opposing attack.

RR.—We must first congratulate Symington, Foster and Aitken on their Pinks, which they received after the Charterhouse match. We have done well in Juniors so far by beating Grant's in the preliminary round, in a very good game, after extra time had been played. We are eagerly awaiting the next round. Rumour has it that Seniors will be played next term, but who knows? We have tried to find out, but the authorities are naturally reticent about such matters, and it still remains a mystery. It would be a pity, as all Houses profess that they are materially weakened by this change of date. At Water, the House four, which is almost the same as last year, is doing its best to win for us the Town Boys' Rudder. We must apologise for such short notes, but there is very little to write about at this time in the team.

H.BB.—Only one event of importance has occurred since the last appearance of House Notes.

On the Thursday before the Exeat the first number of the 'Home Boarder' was brought out. Its appearance was greatly facilitated by the kind help of Mr. Simpson, seconded by the able editorship of Baker. A second and enlarged issue will, it is hoped, be ready by the end of term.

In football matters, at the time of going to press, our prospects in Juniors are good.

A.HH.—Our first duty is to congratulate A. C. Bird on his well-deserved Pinks, gained after the match against Trinity College, Oxford. It seems to be the custom to remark on the absence of material for these notes. Fortunately this does not apply on this occasion owing to the arrival of the Art Cup, presented by J. G. Lousada, Esq. Apart from this momentous event there is nothing of outstanding interest to report. However, we will do our best.

Our prospects for the Town Boys' Rudder, if not exactly rosy, are at least tinged with pink; further, we have every hope of retaining the Junior Football Cup. We are glad to report that Lit. Soc. has been making excellent progress under the patronage of Mr. Taylor. We have been reading Sheridan and Shaw. Finally, we were glad to see that the House was so well represented on the touch-line at Godalming. May we depart from traditional custom by congratulating the 1st XI on their magnificent victory?

## HALL EPIGRAMS, 1926-7.

THE epigram, as a literary product, has been compared to a variety of things ranging from an epic poem to a bee, for it has been said that an epigram is as hard to write as an epic, that epigrams, like bees, should possess 'their sting, their honey and their littleness,' and so forth; but while these sayings may serve to illustrate the art of writing epigrams they do not express the feelings of those who have to read them, and therefore it may be permissible, by way of a change, to remark that from the reader's point of view an epigram is like little Matilda, who, when she was good, was very, very good, but when she was bad she was *horrid*. Now this comparison, which is fairly obvious, may have occurred to the late editorial staff of this paper, and as they omitted to print a notice of last year's epigrams we are wondering whether the reason was that they had considered them, classed them with Matilda's off-days, and therefore decided to ignore them. If so, they were too severe in their judgment; but there is another possibility: they may have been too lazy, or too supercilious, for, as Tennyson says, your

Irresponsible, indolent reviewers

are just the people to sniff at tiny poems, or to snub them and treat them unbenignly. But anyhow, being less censorious or more dutiful than our predecessors, we have decided to reprint some of the epigrams in question, along with a selection from this year's book. Plain texts are now in fashion, and therefore we shall not supply a running commentary. Probably none will be needed; but if any reader should happen to miss a point we would ask him not to bother us about it, but to go to the Keeper of the Archives, who likes being bothered, and whose duty it is, moreover, to pot down each year's epigrams, with anti-septic notes, for the benefit of a pious posterity. Besides, we are ignoramuses, whereas

He knows about it all, *he* knows, HE knows! Therefore exploit his erudition and leave us in peace. Now for the epigrams.

1926.

LATET ANGUIS IN HERBA.

Nocte dieque crepas istud 'latet anguis in herba':  
Ut per te possit delituisse, sile.

LATET ANGUIS IN HERBA.

The stance was that of books well read,  
Supple the swing, unmoved the head,  
Well rose the club, and well did fall,  
And all went well—

except the ball.

Μηδὲν ἄγαν.

Turba (vetus verbum est) saepe obfuit ipsa coquorum:  
Nobis Coquus corrumpit omne ius unus.

Μηδὲν ἄγαν.

Μηδὲν ἄγαν.

Good-bye, Suzanne!

Μηδὲν ἄγαν.

Μηδὲν ἄγαν et μηδὲν ἄγαν canis omnibus horis:  
Hoc facis et pergis dicere μηδὲν ἄγαν?

IN DECANUM NOSTRUM NUPER ADSCITUM.

You, sir, from Charterhouse, must now excuse  
If Dryden's wit to welcome you we use.—  
Thebes did your green unknowing youth engage,  
You've chosen Athens in your riper age.

1927.

This year's book contained a novelty—an epigram in Chinese. We are sorry that we cannot reproduce it.

QUOT HOMINES, TOT SENTENTIAE.

Ecce nova antiquo species venit omine ludi,  
Et damnosa docet perdere multa canis.

QUOT HOMINES, TOT SENTENTIAE.

Where are the golden voices of our stage?  
All vanished in our fickle modern age.

A heroine must be quite husky.

Cheeks where the rose and lily blend engage  
Our hearts no more. Ho! Manager, uncage  
A 'blackbird'—only not too dusky.

QUOT HOMINES, TOT SENTENTIAE.

We found a sovereign on the floor  
(In pre-war days was this),  
And each man present stoutly swore  
He such a coin did miss.  
As nine were present, I would know  
Where did the other eight coins go?

QUOT { FEMINAE } , TOT SENTENTIAE.  
          { HOMINES }

Few scandals of 'the fair' can ever bore.  
Yours, Margot, never tire us—never pall.  
Divinely fair yourself, yet even more—  
Your stories—even more divinely tall.

{ Πῆμα κακὸς γείτων.

{ QUOT HOMINES, TOT SENTENTIAE.

'Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast.'  
Well, Congreve, let's apply the acid test:  
Come for one day, you poor misguided fool,  
And share my rooms above the Music School.

Πῆμα κακὸς γείτων.

My neighbour is a Pussyfoot,  
The miserable sinner:  
He will not pass the port, when put  
Upon my right at dinner.  
All's well when you our seats reverse:  
He's evil still—but not a curse.

QUOT HOMINES, TOT SENTENTIAE.

Let others smitten with the classic virus  
Blast in the lava for a new papyrus:  
I find sufficient for the modest cranium  
The texts that were *not* lost at Herculaneum.

A poetic subscriber has forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, along with his cheque, the following epigram, which he has considerably translated :

Cum tibi lascivae fixast tutela puellae,  
 Accipe quanta suos poscit Eliza suos.  
 To thee, whom duty has assigned  
 To guard the sportive maid,  
 In token of Eliza's charms  
 This lover's meed be paid.

**The Elizabethan Club.**

- President.*—The Rt. Hon. LORD PHILLIMORE, D.C.L., LL.D.  
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THE Westminster Dinner will take place at the Hyde Park Hotel on Tuesday, December 20, at 7.45. The President of the Elizabethan Club will be in the chair, and the guests will include the Head Master and the Dean of Westminster, as Chairman of the Governing Body. Music will be provided by members of the Coldstream Guards' Band, and by the Westminster Singers.

The dates of Committee Meetings for 1928 are :

Friday	January	27
Friday	March	9
Friday	May	11
Wednesday	June	13
Friday	October	4
Wednesday	November	13

The Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday, July 12.

**THE RECORD OF OLD WESTMINSTERS.**

THE Record of Old Westminsters, edited by the late Mr. Russell Barker and Mr. Alan Stenning, is now passing through the press, and will be published, it is hoped, in April, 1928.

It will contain the names of all those who have been at Westminster from the sixteenth century down to the end of 1920, so far as they can now be discovered, together with biographical and other details, and various Appendices giving lists of Head Masters, Assistant Masters, and Captains of the School; the number of boys at the School at different periods; and the names of the cricket and football Elevens and the Eights, etc., etc.

The Record will be published in two volumes, each containing some 550 pages and several illustrations.

The price of the whole work will be 20s., or 21s. including postage, for those who subscribe before April 1, 1928, and afterwards 25s., or 26s. including postage.

A notice inviting subscriptions will shortly be issued by Mr. P. G. L. Webb, acting on behalf of the Elizabethan Club.

**CRICKET SEASON, 1927.**

Matches played, 19.		Won, 6.	Lost, 6.	Drawn, 7.
<i>Opponents.</i>		<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Byfleet ...	...	245	112	Won.
Old Merchant Taylors	...	46	224	Lost.
Highgate School	...	129	187	Lost.
The Bar	...	216	240	Drawn.
		for 5 wkts.		
R.A.F.	...	234	247	Lost.
		for 5 wkts. (dec.) for 5 wkts.		
Chiswick Park	...	142	191	Drawn.
		for 9 wkts. for 8 wkts. (dec.)		
		(12 aside)		
Hillingdon Court	...	140	105	Drawn.
		for 9 (dec.) for 5 wkts.		
Westminster School	...	182	135	Won.
Richmond	...	183	299	Drawn.
		for 6 wkts. for 9 (dec.)		
Bank of England	...	182	193	Lost.
Cryptics	...	140	112	Won.
Thespids	...	118	101	Won.
Lancing Old Boys	...	213	240	Drawn.
		for 6 wkts.		
H.A.C.	...	172	208	Lost.
		for 6 wkts.		
Limpsfield	...	116	158	Drawn.
		for 8 wkts. for 6 (dec.)		
*Guernsey Island	...	217 & 167	275	Lost.
		for 9 (dec.) for 2 wkts.		
		and 105 for 2 wkts.		
Guernsey Garrison	...	154	104	Won.
*Jersey Island	...	192	144	Drawn.
		for 4 wkts.		
Jersey XI	...	224	170	Won.
		* Two-day match.		

The game against the London Hospital and the return match with the Bank of England were scratched on account of rain. Rain also prevented any play on the second day of match against Jersey Island C.C.

**FOOTBALL REPORT, DECEMBER, 1927.**

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**RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.**

**1ST ELEVEN.**

Sept.	24—	Carshalton. (Draw, 3-3.)
Oct.	1—	Lancing College. (Draw, 2-2.)
"	8—	R.M.C. (Lost, 0-8.)
"	15—	St. Lawrence College. (Lost, 0-3.)
"	22—	Bank of England. (Lost, 3-6.)
"	29—	Old Cholmeleians (Lost, 2-3.)
Nov.	5—	Middlesex Hospital. (Lost, 4-5.)
"	12—	R.M.A. (Draw, 2-2.)
"	19—	Wellingborough. (Lost, 0-3.)

## 'A' ELEVEN.

- Oct. 1—Lancing College 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-3.)  
 „ 8—H.A.C. 2nd XI. (Lost, 4-6.)  
 „ 15—Forest School 2nd XI. (Lost, 3-5.)  
 „ 22—London Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-4.)  
 „ 29—Christ Church 2nd XI. (Lost, 0-6.)  
 Nov. 5—R.M.A. 2nd XI. (Won, 6-1.)  
 „ 12—St. Edmund's School. (Lost, 1-7.)  
 „ 19—Old Cholmeleians 'A.' (Lost, 0-3.)

So far this season very little success has attended our efforts, and it is with considerable misgivings that the Secretary submits for publication the above result of matches played. The loss of several regular members of the side—notably, Baker, Brodie, Horton, Pickering, Witherby and Chisholm, but the last named we hope to have back shortly—has sadly depleted our ranks, and, unfortunately, no new players have come to us in their place. However, we hope that with the assistance of several stalwart members whose zeal for further study bids them reside in far-off places, better luck may come our way in the Cup competitions which commence shortly.

On December 10 we are engaged in the first round of the A.F.A. Senior Cup, being drawn at Home to Nottingham University, and remembering our success in this competition last year, we would take this opportunity of appealing to all non-playing members to make a special effort to turn up in force to this match.

In conclusion, we would offer our most hearty congratulations to the School XI on their success this season, and especially on their splendid victory over Charterhouse the other day—for are they not always in our minds—as we look to them for material to replace those who, at the call of Anno Domini, cease to take an active part in our matches.

## FIVES, SQUASH RACKETS.

(W. E. GERRISH, ESQ., Ashburnham, Sandown Road, Esher.)

## FIXTURES, 1927-28.

## FIVES.

1927.

- Oct. 11—Westminster School. Dean's Yard. (Won, 3-1.)  
 „ 15—Westminster School (under 16). Dean's Yard. (Lost, 1-3.)  
 Nov. 19—City of London School. Blackfriars. (Won, 3-1.)  
 „ 31—Old Citizens. Dean's Yard.

1928.

- Jan. 14—C.O.W.W. Dean's Yard.  
 „ 21—Westminster School. Dean's Yard.  
 Feb. 2—Harrow School. Harrow.  
 „ 4—Westminster School (under 16). Dean's Yard.  
 „ 5—London Hospital. London Hospital.  
 „ 11—Old Citizens. Blackfriars.  
 „ 15—City of London School. Blackfriars.  
 „ 15—Westminster Masters. Dean's Yard.  
 Mar. 3—Highgate School 'A.' Highgate.  
 „ 7—Charterhouse School. Godalming.  
 „ 10—Aldenham School. Radlett.  
 April 14—Old Reptonians. Dean's Yard.

## SQUASH RACKETS.

1927.

- Oct. 23—Wentworth Country Club. (Lost, 3-6.)  
 Nov. 17—R.N.C., Greenwich. (Lost, 1-5.)  
 „ 20—Bank of England. (Drawn, 3-3.)  
 Nov. 26—R.M.C., Camberley.  
 „ 30—Cavendish Club.  
 Dec. 13—Queen's Club.  
 „ 18—Esher.

1928.

- Jan. 8—Wentworth Country Club.  
 „ 22—Millvale, Bromley.  
 Feb. 12—Bank of England.  
 „ 16—Cavendish Club.  
 „ 24—R.N.C., Greenwich.  
 Mar. 1—Conservative Club.  
 „ 8—Queen's Club.  
 „ 11—Weybridge.  
 „ 18—Esher.

All Matches will be played in the Courts of the Clubs named above.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Monday, October 17, to discuss the motion that: This House would welcome a return to the Westminster pronunciation of Latin.

D. C. SIMPSON, Esq. (*Proposer*), in the manner of Col. V. A. Haddick, started his lecture on the Neverest Expedition with a fulsome reference to the noble traditions of this old home of the classics. He explained the name by saying that he had sworn never to rest till he had built Jerusalem in Busby's pleasant Library. (First slide, please.) This was taken in about the year 1917. In the centre of the picture you see the Grand Lama, turning the prayer-wheel on his right and muttering 'Kala Koonka! Kala Koonka!' It was a long time before his hearers realised that he meant Quale—Cumque. This expedition was composed of Mr. D. C. Simpson, the Hon. Secretary of the Elizabethan Club, the Master of the Classical Under Sixth, and—myself. (May I have the next slide, please?) This is Rome. We will leave the Headmaster at Janiculum and Mr. Smedley on the Tarpeian rock, and proceed through the streets of Rome. That is the Vatican, where the Pope lives. Those are the walls which Rōmulus built and Rēmus jumped over. That is where Nēro fiddled while Rome burnt. Here you might have seen Kaiser and Kikero taking a morning walk. (Next slide, please.) This is a group of Roman writers. There is Terence, and there Lucretius and Vergil and Juvenal, and last of all Erasmus. None of them can understand what the others say, so if you are going back to the pronunciation of the Romans, you must have a different pronouncement for every author. Now that, gentlemen, is a slide



of Mr. Harrison, and it has a melancholy interest as the last seen of that gentleman. Still,

'Not ours to mourn and weep,  
Because we left him there,  
He passed into a dreamless sleep,  
And died in his despair.'

Mr. Simpson concluded with an appeal to the bust of Richard Busby.

'Sometimes I think to see the Busby's bust  
Descend in wrath upon the impious tongue  
That mutilated quaecumque so.'

A. R. W. HARRISON, Esq. (*Opposer*), took the view that the Proposer was firmly bound by the shackles of tradition, and that the Everest peaks of reason were not for one so comfortably ensconced in the warmth of sentiment. The Proposer's reactionary views would mean the return of various horrors. (a) Town Boys would be expelled from College Hall; (b) Food in College Hall would be insufferable, and small King's Scholars would be filled with bad eggs and made to run till they were sick; (c) All forms would be taken up School.

Turning to the subject of pronunciation, Mr. Harrison read a French poem in the English pronunciation, and pictured the horror that our French Masters would feel at it. He himself thought it barbaric, and besought the Society to resist the horrors of Simpsonisation. He ended up with what is meant to be an insult, but is really a great compliment, 'Scratch a Westminster, and you will find a Traditionalist.'

J. G. H. BAKER (*Seconder*) said that Mr. Harrison's speech was typical of a non-Westminster. He pointed out that going back to the pronunciation as used at Rome is far more antiquarian than going back to the Westminster pronunciation. All this adoration of Virgil is misplaced; we should rather worship the shade of Busby. The Westminster Play is more Westminster than Terence, so it is rightly pronounced to suit Westminster and not to suit Terence. Moreover, if you have the new Latin you must also have the new Greek, and the pronunciation by accents will entirely rob Greek poetry of all its rhythm. He praised the dictum of John Sargeant:

"The attempts to improve it have ended in chaos and burlesque."

J. W. GRIGG (*4th Speaker*) gave away all the points Mr. Harrison had made, and argued quite conclusively for the other side. He explained that no one really knew how Latin was pronounced by Cicero, and that to desire the Westminster pronunciation was not really reactionary, as it was quite a new thing after all; he called it the artificial product of an artificial age.

E. F. F. WHITE somehow worked in an attack on the Bishop of Birmingham. He then said that

the chain of tradition of which Mr. Harrison had spoken was in reality the golden chain which bound earth to Heaven.

THE PRESIDENT said that you oughtn't to come to Westminster if you are not a traditionalist. This new pronunciation will lead to the corruption of our state functions, the Play, Commemoration, and Epigrams. If these go, all O.W.W. will give up Westminster for lost.

A. R. W. HARRISON, Esq., said that Westminster should not be run for a lot of bearded old gentlemen.

D. C. SIMPSON, Esq., said that Mr. Harrison had wasted a lot of breath on traditionalism, which he himself had not tried to defend.

E. F. F. WHITE pictured a person being a cross between Thersites and a man who never washed his ears.

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

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION (JUNIOR BRANCH).

*President* : H. L. JONES.  
*Hon. Secretary* : W. E. HEARD.  
*Hon. Treasurer* : F. M. HARDIE.

THE W.S. Junior Branch held its first meeting on Monday, October 31, when G. A. ELLISON read a paper on Mandates.

In outlining his subject, he explained in the first place why there had to be mandates at all; because the Allies could not restore the conquered territories, nor could they make any annexations, nor were these States strong enough to be granted autonomy. Then he described the different classes of mandates and how and to whom they had been allotted. He emphasised the fact that each must annually render an account of the conditions in its mandates to the League of Nations. No country is allowed to make any profit out of its mandates, nor to arm the natives, nor to sell them any intoxicants, nor to expropriate native labour as is sometimes the case in conquered possessions, e.g. Congo. And further how every mandate may eventually join the League.

In the discussion which followed,

E. F. F. WHITE asked why countries wanted mandates at all, since no profit might be derived from them; he understood that Italy and Germany wanted mandates. Was there not something sinister in this? What was there behind? He wanted to know whether the British really are superior to Arabs and what were the causes of the troubles in Syria (a French mandate).

The Rev. R. E. C. HOUGHTON replied that the desire for mandates was chiefly a question of prestige and that it was by mandates alone that the danger of native exploitation could be averted.

The SECRETARY remarked that troubles in Syria were due to a mistake on the part of the French, who had appointed a military instead of a civilian governor. Since they had rectified their error there had been no further trouble.

The Rev. H. K. LUCE asked whether there had been any difficulty in the administration of the British mandates.

The SECRETARY replied that there had not. The main difficulty lay in the lack of money; in Togoland the Government could only afford to employ six doctors.

The TREASURER made some observations.

E. F. F. WHITE asked if South-West Africa hoped to become autonomous.

The SECRETARY (in blissful ignorance) said he could not speak with certainty, but (with great presence of mind) advised him to read Miss F. White's book on the subject.

A. R. W. HARRISON, Esq., said that England derived no material advantage from India, but that she could not abandon her before the time was ripe for her autonomy. Much employment, such as education, administration, etc., could be found there for Englishmen, and similar employment might be found for Englishmen in the mandates.

After the discussion, the Rev. R. E. C. HOUGHTON rose and gave a general survey of the work done by the School branch. He had tried to get Prof. P. J. Noel Baker to come and address the branch, but he could not come. He had also tried without success to procure a film illustrating the working of the League, but he had got some lantern slides for the next meeting. He explained how one of the cages was now being used by the Branch and finally proposed that a meeting should be held on December 2.

The resolution was carried by 16 votes to 10.

Westminster is one of the first public schools to have formed a branch; it has already nearly a hundred members, while sixteen of the staff have joined the Union. We hope that others will join and so help the League of Nations.

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD HARROVIANS.

(*Draw, 0-0.*)

Played at Vincent Square on October 15. This was a very fast and exciting game, played at a fast speed throughout. It was marked by very good play by the Westminster defence. Lonsdale,

Wakely and Bird played very well throughout. Just before half-time the Old Harrovians came very near to scoring, the centre-forward shooting straight at Bompas, who thus was able to save. Westminster had the best of the game in the second half and should have scored on more than one occasion, the opposing goalkeeper at one time being right out of his goal. We were attacking right up to the last minute.

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

*Old Harrovians.*—C. T. Bennett; J. C. G. Lloyd, V. Docwra; R. L. D. White, J. Hermon, F. F. Holt; J. Barter, A. P. Phillips, M. F. Kemp, H. V. Bearman, G. C. Davies.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.

(*Lost, 2-5.*)

Played at Vincent Square October 22. The ground was in a sodden condition and it rained hard throughout the match. Our opponents' superior weight and experience told against us. The Old Bradfield Boys scored first, but Westminster soon equalised through Foster. Our opponents scored again just before half-time and in the second half scored three more goals, our other goal being scored from a difficult position by Cooper. Westminster put up a stout fight and our halves and backs defended resolutely. The latter were especially handicapped by the greasy ball. The forwards played well, some of their passing movements being very good; Bompas was good in goal.

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

*Old Bradfield Boys.*—R. G. Bunda; C. A. Ramsden; F. M. Webb; R. S. Blundell, J. G. Stevenson, D. M. Shaw, N. G. Spathos, Sorenson, R. Roome, E. C. Gilbert, P. Roome.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* H.A.C.

(*Won, 3-1.*)

Played at Vincent Square on October 27. Heavy rain fell throughout the first half and made the ball very slippery. The game was even during the first half-hour, each side coming near to scoring in turn, but subsequently Westminster had the better of the game. Our first goal was scored by Foster soon after half-time, and Cooper and Gardiner added to the score. The H.A.C. scored in the last minute of the game, Covington shooting it from close in. Westminster played a good, hard game and deserved their victory.

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

*H.A.C.*—A. L. Hilder; T. Tyler, W. C. Mackenrot; A. Anderson, W. T. Whaley, W. N. D. Hitchins; J. E. Austin, J. Bland, A. H. Covington, A. S. Soole, C. W. Hobbs.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ALDENHAMIAN.

(*Won*, 13-2.)

Played at Vincent Square on October 29. Westminster had nearly all the play and were the better side. Our opponents opened the score soon after the start, Porch heading in from a corner. Westminster, however, soon showed themselves the better side, and were leading at half-time by 7 goals to 1. In the second half Westminster had even more of the play and the ball was seldom in our half. The Old Aldenhamians scored again just before time, through Altman. The Westminster forwards combined splendidly and were quick and clever; the halves did their part well and the backs were sound; Bompas made some splendid saves in goal. It is a long time since a Westminster side has scored so many goals in a match. Our goals were scored by Gardiner (3), Cooper (3), Sturdy (2), Foster (3), Aitken and Symington.

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

*Old Aldenhamians.*—Linnett; Steed, Woolf; Porch, Soole, Altman; Smith-Spark, Mitcheson, Day, Linnett, Heron.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

(*Lost*, 6-7.)

Played at Vincent Square on November 12. A few sharp showers of rain in the morning had made the ground very slippery on the top; this handicapped the defence on both sides and partly accounts for the large number of goals scored. The Westminster forwards played a very good game and at half-time we were leading 5-4, although Trinity scored the first two goals of the match. Towards the end of the second half the superior weight and speed of our opponents began to tell and though we tried hard to the end we could not stave off defeat. For us Sturdy scored three goals, the last being a beautiful shot, Cooper two and Foster one. Trinity's goals were scored by Hallett (4), Cock (2) and Levenson (1).

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

*Trinity College, Oxford.*—Burgess; Stephenson, R. Leigh-Wood; Marris, H. W. Thompson, Bradshaw; Runge, Alexander, Hallett, Cock, Levenson.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(*Won*, 4-1.)

Played at Godalming on November 19. It is with the greatest satisfaction that we record a notable victory over Charterhouse by four goals to one. The match was played in a fine rain and the ground was quite soft on top, though very hard underneath. This was somewhat in our favour, but even so, it was very hard at first for the Westminster defence to time the ball, which at times shot off the greasy surface with great speed. Our forwards showed splendid ball control throughout the match, and once the rest had become used to the conditions the whole XI did itself full justice and played well up to its best form. We reprint the following account of the play from the *Times* of Monday, November 21:—

'Westminster School beat Charterhouse at Godalming on Saturday by four goals to one, this being Westminster's first victory in this match for some years. Charterhouse were without their goalkeeper, P. G. Wreford-Brown, but otherwise both sides were at full strength.

'Though the play was on the whole fairly even, Westminster thoroughly deserved their victory, if only because of their quickness in taking their chances. Their main superiority lay in the forward line, where Gardiner was the outstanding player. He kept his line well together, and his judgment and ball control in trying conditions were excellent. The two wings, Aitken and Sturdy, were always dangerous, and Sturdy placed his centres accurately. The half-backs, as a line, were not so effective as those of Charterhouse, but they played their part in their side's success, and Symington was always conspicuous at centre.

'The combination of the Westminster forwards was seen early in the game, and they gained a lead of two goals in the first quarter of an hour. Charterhouse conceded a corner, and Sturdy, taking the kick, passed to Cooper, who passed for Foster to score. Later, Foster dribbled through and gave a pass to Cooper, who beat the goalkeeper with a low shot. Charterhouse then began a series of attacks, Davies, at inside-right, and the left wing being prominent, and Davies reduced the lead from a pass by Hale.

'Charterhouse had the wind and rain behind them in the second half and at once made ground by means of long, open passing. The Westminster backs defended well, and some good play by Jones enabled Westminster to start an attack on the right as a result of which Cooper scored a goal. Godfrey, the Charterhouse goalkeeper, who had been uncertain several times in the first half, was at fault with this shot, though he made some good saves later. Westminster's fourth goal was the result of

a brilliant piece of work by Gardiner. Snapping up a pass in mid-field, he ran out to the right and, beating the back, scored from a difficult angle.'

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

*Charterhouse*.—D. R. Godfrey ; W. H. Lydall, G. O. Stiven ; V. L. C. Johnson, C. Middleton, E. M. C. Heath, T. A. Robertson, J. L. H. Fletcher, J. P. R. Hale, R. S. Davies, J. Bruce-Jones.

The Captain of Football wishes to thank all O.W.W. who have sent him congratulations on the result of the match.

## THE WATER.

### TRIAL EIGHTS.

THE race was rowed on November 1 from the University Stone to Harrods' Wharf, on a tide that was flowing well. 'A' crew won the toss and chose the Surrey station. Both crews got away well, but the steering of 'B' crew was at first erratic ; their cox took them over the flats, and then realising his mistake came back, and failed to straighten out in time so that the oars of the crews touched. But this collision was not serious enough to affect the issue of the race. 'B' crew on rounding the Fulham bend were steered better and went steadily ahead to win by one and a half lengths. Time—7 min. 15 sec. Some of our coxes have not learnt to steer on a mark ; they must watch the bows of their boat and check any error in the bud ; further, they must remember that the boat will go on swinging after they have straightened out, unless this movement is checked by a slight application of the rudder in the opposite direction.

The standard of rowing was not disappointing. Blade work was clumsy on the whole, in most cases due to stiffness in the arms and a tight grip on the oar. The new material seemed rather small and light.

'B' Crew.—D. Youatt (*bow*), 9 st. ; P. Diack (2) ; G. O. Lace (3), 9 st. 7 lb. ; S. W. Eaton (4), 11 st. ; A. E. K. Salvi (5), 11 st. 10 lb. ; C. M. Harrison (6), 10 st. 7 lb. ; G. E. D. Halahan (7), 11 st. 5 lb. ; L. Buckney (*stroke*), 10 st. ; Griffiths (*cox*), 7 st. 4 lb.

'A' Crew.—P. North (*bow*), 9 st. ; G. F. Somerset (2), 9 st. ; B. Dulanty (3), 10 st. 13 lb. ; D. K. O'Malley (4), 10 st. ; A. H. Roberts (5), 11 st. 7 lb. ; J. H. Lee (6), 10 st. 6 lb. ; G. A. Ellison (7), 10 st. 7 lb. ; A. D. Weigall (*stroke*), 10 st. 7 lb. ; K. N. Allen (*cox*), 7 st. 7 lb.

### MAUNDY FOURS.

Rowed earlier in the same afternoon, the Maundy Fours provided a good race. 'B' crew, however, led the whole way, and although the stroke of the losing crew made a good effort to recover the lead, the winning crew had learnt to row really hard and won by two and a half lengths.

'A' Crew.—Allen (*bow*), Humphries (2), Howlett (3), ten Doesschate (*stroke*), Bale (*cox*).

'B' Crew.—de Bunsen (*bow*), Dunn (2), Fouracre (3), Woodward (*stroke*), Young (*cox*).

A launch was very kindly provided by Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C.

## FENCING.

ON October 20 we had a match v. Stowe in foil, épée and sabre. We showed far from our real form in the foil, but improved in épée and sabre, the fights being very even. The result was a win for Stowe by 26 wins to 13, there being 2 coup doubles in the épée.

### WESTMINSTER.

FOIL.—B. G. Petitpierre, W. G. Walter, F. S. Hoppé, P. H. Johnston.

ÉPÉE.—B. G. Petitpierre, W. G. Walter, A. B. Rae, W. G. Oates.

SABRE.—B. G. Petitpierre, W. G. Walter, F. S. Hoppé.

ON October 25 we had a match v. the Officers of the Royal Horse Guards in foil, épée and sabre. It was a most sporting match, and we showed far better form in our fighting than against Stowe, having gained more confidence. Although we were beaten, it was a very even match throughout. The result was a win for the Royal Horse Guards by 15 wins to 12.

### WESTMINSTER.

FOIL and SABRE.—B. G. Petitpierre, W. G. Walter, F. S. Hoppé.

ÉPÉE.—B. G. Petitpierre, W. J. Walter, A. B. Rae.

## Old Westminsters.

DR. E. D. ADRIAN, F.R.S., has been elected on to the Council of the Royal Society.

The Rev. T. J. Kirkland, Head Master of the King's School, Ely, has been appointed an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral.

The Rev. B. J. Failes, O.B.E., Vicar of Raveningham, has been appointed Vicar of Watton, Norfolk.

MR. A. G. N. Cross has been elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. Cross gained firsts in both parts of the Classical Tripos and has been Battie Scholar, Craven Scholar and Craven Student.

MR. H. G. G. Payne, of Christ Church, has been granted £50 by the Trustees of Dean Ireland's scholarships towards the cost of excavating two classical sites at Knossos and Fortezza in Crete.

Mr. C. T. H. Dams, Organ Scholar of University College, Oxford, has been elected to an academical clerkship at Magdalene College for a bass-baritone voice.

Mr. W. N. McBride has been awarded his 'Blue' for Association football at Oxford.

Mr. J. A. Cook has been playing regularly for the Cambridge Association football team.

Mr. A. W. D. Leishman has been awarded the Theodore Williams University Scholarship in Medicine at Oxford.

Mr. J. St. L. Philpot has been awarded the Gibbs University Scholarship in Chemistry at Oxford.

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### Births.

RADERMACHER.—On October 9, at Dorking, the wife of D. A. Radermacher, of a son.

BARRINGTON-WARD.—On October 25, the wife of R. McG. Barrington-Ward, of a son.

HURD-WOOD.—On October 16, the wife of Lt.-Commander E. G. Hurd-Wood, R.N., of a son.

ADRIAN.—On October 16, the wife of Dr. E. D. Adrian, F.R.S., of twins, a boy and a girl.

SCHLOTEL.—On November 19, the wife of Capt. L. C. Schlotel, of a son.

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### Marriage.

TIARKS-MATHEWS.—On November 3, at Atherstone, the Rev. John Gerhard Tiarks, son of the Rev. H. C. Tiarks, to Gwyneth Mary, younger daughter of the Rev. Griffith Mathews.

### Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of several old Westminsters.

JOHN BERKELEY HUE was a son of the Rev. Clement Berkeley Hue (O.W.), and was admitted up Grant's in 1866, as his father and an uncle had been before him. He was subsequently at Trinity College, Cambridge. He died on July 13 at Ventnor, where he had lived for many years, aged 76.

EDWARD MORRISON DE COURCY SHORT was also the son of an Old Westminster, Mayow Short, and was at Westminster from 1869 to 1870, when he went to Charterhouse. He was afterwards for 32 years in the Ceylon Civil Service, and was the first Mayor of Colombo, 1905-10. He married Annie Louisa, daughter of Capt. W. B. Fellows, of the 3rd Madras Cavalry.

JAMES WILLIAM GULLY PHILIP JEFFCOCK was a son of the late Wm. H. Jeffcock, of Darnall, Yorks, and was up Rigaud's from 1876 to 1881. He was afterwards in the 19th Hussars and the Inniskilling Dragoons. He retired with the rank of Major. He was a J.P. and a governor of the Corps of Commissionaires. He married Marian Phoebe, daughter of the late J. Brenda Curgenven, of Teddington Hall, Middlesex. He died suddenly on October 13, aged 63.

Another Westminster soldier has passed away in Lt.-Col. WILLIAM LEWIS WARREN. He was a son of the late William Andros Warren, and was admitted up Dales in 1878. In 1879 he was elected into College, but left the next year to go to Woolwich. He was gazetted to the R.A. in 1884, and served in the Great War. He died on August 24, aged 62.

We also note with regret the death of Miss ESTHER KATHERINE CLINTON WEARE, which took place on October 16. She was the second daughter of the late Rev. Thomas William Weare (O.W.), Under Master of the School from 1841 to 1861, by his first wife, Louise, daughter of Henry Fynes Clinton (O.W.).

### Correspondence.

TRINITY COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.  
All Souls' Day, 1927.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—The article on the Westminster pronunciation of Latin, which appeared in the October number of THE ELIZABETHAN, requires some correction and amplification.

Rule I, section (a), subsection (1) :—

The assertion that in Greek names G is usually hard before Y is untrue: it is invariably soft. Thus Aegyptus is not an exception to the rule, and like it are Agyrium, Ogyges, Gyas, Gyaros, Gytheum, Gylippus, Gyges, etc. The principle is the same as in the case of English words derived from Greek such as 'gymnast,' 'gypsy,' 'gyratory.'

Rule III :—

(1) To the exceptions should be added *Pater* when followed by *noster* at the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, *Paternoster* being regarded as one word.

(2) Both pronunciations are not current of *sicut*, *velut*, the penultimates of which are always short.

Rule IV, exception (2) :—

This paragraph misstates the facts. Quantity has nothing to do with the pronunciation of the first I in a trisyllabic group, the first and second vowels of which are I-sounds separated by a single consonant or by a mute preceding an L or R, and of which the second and third are in immediate juxtaposition. The ante-

penultimate of such groups is always short, not in proper names only, but in all words, e.g., *video, pineus, pileus, milia, lilium*. Exceptions are: *filius, Micio*, by usage only.

Rule V:—

The rule does not apply only to words ending in a dactyl or cretic, but to any dactylic or cretic group, when each vowel is separated by a single consonant, wherever it stands in the word, provided that the second syllable of the group does not bear the stress: e.g., *privilegium, vilitatis, viperinus, vidularia, navigatio, claritudo, abominabilis, refrigeratrix*.

The following classes are exceptional:—

(1) Where the first of the three syllables contains a U. In such groups the U is always long, e.g., *numina, ludificatio*.

(2) In the case of words ending in *-bilis*. In such words the vowel before the termination retains its quantity, e.g., *nobilis, amabilis*.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. WILSON,  
STEPHEN CHAPMAN.

OFICINA "ROSARIO DE HUARA,"  
IQUIQUE.

September 24, 1927.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Encouraged by various letters which I have seen appearing in your columns, I feel prompted to attempt one myself. Having made this sweeping statement, I am confronted with the problem of a subject on which to write. My family and more intimate acquaintances have never suggested that I was over endowed with those talents and embellishments which are the foundation of a distinguished personality, so I scarcely dare to write about myself, interesting as it might be to some of your readers. The only other likely subject which seems to present itself is my place of abode.

I do not wish to question the topographical knowledge of your readers, but I would be very much surprised if many of them can gather any information from my address. However, a distinguished contemporary O.W., Mr. Stephen MacKenna to wit, has brought to light with a few strokes of his pen that obscure breed who inhabit this spot, and scathingly describes them as the 'Nitrate Men.' There, sir, you have in one sentence my claim to recognition and my confession. I am a Nitrate Man, but I am the only O.W. Nitrate Man on the *Pampa*, and it is on this score that I am claiming the indulgence of your columns.

In a few months' time you may possibly receive an indignant letter from Mr. R. Harvey (R.R. 1908) to the effect that he is also an O.W. and a Nitrate Man. In that event, may I suggest that you point out to him that he is a mere Port Agent, one of those human vampires who live on big salaries in towns by the seaside, while they squeeze the life blood out of the real Nitrate Men, that cohort of the damned, who eke out their existence by wrenching the precious crystals from the virgin desert, whilst their faces become ever more bronzed, and their eyes reflect the look of the Big Open Spaces.

There you have a fleeting sketch of this quaint species. We live in a desert, chiefly composed of Nitrate, we make Nitrate in our working hours, we talk Nitrate in our leisure hours, and we dream Nitrate in those precious hours of sleep when we hope for oblivion. It is all Nitrate, and there is nothing but Nitrate.

Unlike Max Hendry, in the 'Secretary of State,' I neither wear a pith helmet, nor do I go for holidays to Punta Arenas. The former would be a sign of incipient

softening of the brain, and the latter would take six weeks for the return journey alone, and is not encouraged by our august directors in London, who murmur hopefully at difficult meetings of shareholders: 'Every possible economy is being taken—' Yes, dear shareholders, we, on this side, see those economies from rather too close.

I noticed in my perusal of Max Hendry's tale of woe, that after two years on the coast he was managing a branch and due for home leave. After three I still appear to be an office boy, and my prospects of leave seem to be as solid as the promises of the powers-that-be. Certainly truth is stranger than fiction.

Our surroundings here are unique, if not beautiful. An oblong plateau, some hundreds of miles long, stretching north and south between the Pacific and the Andes; not a sign of vegetation, a blazing sun and an ever cloudless sky, and at intervals of a few miles a long line of gaunt factories. Each is a unit in itself, with its shop, school, cinema, police, and all the amenities which go to make up a civilised community. There is certainly scope for philosophy on the *Pampa*. Was there ever such a misdirection of human effort? Man has conquered the desert, to extract the riches therefrom. But what comes of his effort? The demand for this richness starts to disappear, so that only another war can save the industry. Man can only hold his conquest of the desert by a wholesale demolition of his fellow beings. Nature always has the last word.

I must end by apologising for this weird attempt at correspondence. It does not appear to be quite the spontaneous overflow of undeveloped literary talent for which I had hoped. I can only crave the indulgence of your readers for an exile on a desert, and point out that Nitrate may be a fine fertiliser for crops, but it is certainly a very poor tonic for the brain.

I am, yours very truly,

O. W. SALITRERO.

"ASHBURNHAM,"

SANDOWN ROAD, ESHER.

November 14, 1927.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Although very reluctant to trouble you on the question of Fives v. Rackets, I feel the amazing character of Mr. Patrick Morrah's letter in your last number calls for immediate reply.

Rackets is a splendid game and one can generally appreciate enthusiasm, but this gentleman appears to mistake denunciation for argument and stigmatises all Old Westminsters who may not agree with him as 'not interested in the School games' or 'wrong thinkers.'

Fives, however, is also a magnificent exercise and probably calls into active use more muscles than any other sport except boxing. Having represented the School at both games I can say from my own experience that no Rackets match I have played in has proved so tiring physically as a Five 'setter' at Fives with its lengthy rallies.

Judged by the number of people who play Fives during their school career and in after life, as well as the number of inter-school matches and Old Boys' Societies running regular fixtures, Fives certainly bulks far larger in the games of the nation than Rackets. Far greater facilities exist for playing Fives after school and 'Varsity life is over, whilst the cost, of course, bears no comparison.

As a matter of some small interest seventeen Old Westminster Fives matches have already been arranged for the present season.

To Westminster particularly, with its problem of the greatest exercise for the greatest number, the new courts

should prove an enormous boon, affording occupation, as they will, in a ratio of three to one, or six to one if a single at Rackets was being played.

No longer will the weather rule Fives at Westminster nor will the School be so heavily handicapped by playing their away matches on courts very much faster than those in Dean's Yard.

Rackets can never be successful without a permanent coach, with its ever present difficulty of finance. There are, unfortunately, very few Old Westminsters at present in regular practice, personally I know of none at all, but it is a far different case with regard to Fives. Westminster possess as a master one of the greatest exponents of the Eton game and there are many other Old Westminsters who, given adequate courts, can undoubtedly help with the coaching of the younger boys in a game where tactics and great mobility, even more than hard hitting, are predominant factors.

I must apologise for trespassing on your space to such length, but I could not allow your correspondent's sweeping indictment of everything relating to Fives, with its implied censure of all those who have given a great deal of thought in its varying aspects to this conversion, to pass without a most emphatic repudiation.

Yours faithfully,  
W. EWART GERRISH.

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