

The Elizabethan

Vol. XVI. No. 13.

WESTMINSTER, DECEMBER, 1920.

Price 1s.

'JUDGE NOT THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED.'

THROUGHOUT the ages man has always been unwilling to take advice, and always ready to follow example. That is why sermons do not alter the world, and Editorials are not worth much.

We all know that the School suffers from certain evils, which are the natural outcome of its position and its history. Overcrowding is a result of the former, which it is hard to prevent, and which reacts upon life in the Houses and upon Games. History has left us the legacies of tradition and of the monitorial system. The preservation of the spirit of great traditions is excellent, but the observation of the letter means stagnation. The monitorial system has many virtues, but we must all be conscious that it also has faults. It means, amongst other things, that the older boys are indeed learning the art of

authority, but they may be learning it at the expense of the younger, upon whom their experiments are made, and who must suffer for their mistakes.

It is easy enough to enumerate difficulties, it is not so easy to see how they can be dealt with. The main point is to realize that it is not we ourselves who are important. We must not take ourselves seriously, 'there is enough that is serious in the world without that,' but we ought to appreciate the work others are doing, and make allowances for them if they fail. Some of us feel we have dignity; if we do think so, the one thing that is more certain than any other, is that we haven't. If we see some flaw in a system or some trouble that ought to be put right, we should not go about for a few days talking as if we had a grievance, and then let the matter drop; it is better to think it over and then act quickly ourselves if we can, or get another to do it, if we can't, provided that it is worth while troubling another person to get it done.

We cannot all find much that we can do ; some of us have enough to do to keep out of trouble with masters on the one hand and monitors on the other. Again, ' We can't all be enthusiasts—but we can all try ; ' and, if we think things out for ourselves and then do what we can to help our friends, we shall have done much for the School.

All systems are more or less inadequate, but every individual has something that is good in him. This good it is that we must bring to bear upon the School, and by doing this make life more enjoyable. Westminster may be a small School and badly handicapped, but it is a fundamental truth of human nature that a true patriot never boasts of the size of his country, but always of the smallness of it. That is why Jerusalem was so great ; that too was the secret of Athens.

Life, if it is to be good or if it is to be enjoyed, should always be merry, and over-seriousness on the surface is a terrible drawback. When the man in the Psalms said, ' Tush ! There is no God,' it was the ' Tush ' that damned him.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

MR. CHALLENGER SMITH and Mr. W. H. L. Shadwell (O.W.) have kindly furnished us with the following :—

Richard Alvey, Canon of Westminster, 1552, Master of the Temple, 1560, by his Will dated March 23, 1581, proved January 15, 1585-6, left 'all myne humanitie Bookes to the scholers of the schole of Westm' to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of Mr. Deane of Westm' and the schole Mr. there . . . all my divinitie bookes (my duche bookes excepted) to suche of my kinsefolk as studie divinitie yf my executrix shalbe able to spare them.'

His widow was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminster, January 18, 1585-6.

School Notes.

On Thursday, November 11, one period of afternoon school was dispensed with, when the Bishop of Carpentaria delivered an enlightening and humorous address on the native life and pearl-fisheries of his diocese.

On St. Luke's Day, St. Simon and St. Jude's Day and All Saints' Day, the Mission Offertories amounted to £5 5s., £5 7s. 6d., and £4 18s. 8d. respectively.

The School Orchestra will perform at the Play this year.

At the Burial of the Unknown Warrior the Corps formed a guard of honour lining the path in front of St. Margaret's up to the door of the North Transept, while the Senior King's Scholars acted as stewards inside the Abbey.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. A. T. WILLETT'S XI.

(Won, 4-2.)

At Vincent Square, Saturday, October 2, 1920.

The first match of the season resulted in a win for Westminster, the score being 4-2. J. L. Huntley, P. Mellor, S. C. Cobbold, G. T. Swan, S. Jacomb-Hood, and W. J. M. Beattie were all playing in the team for the first time. Jacomb-Hood was playing a good game and scored the second and third goals for the School. P. Mellor also played a conspicuously good game.

As a whole the game was not a very distinguished one, but the team showed a marked improvement in many ways upon the form of last year.

The School's first goal was scored by F. D. Berryman and the fourth by J. C. Cobbold.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. R. Munt, G. B. Keily, W. J. M. Beattie, P. Mellor, C. H. Taylor, J. L. Hartley, T. R. Peacock, S. Jacomb-Hood, F. D. Berryman, G. T. Swan, J. C. Cobbold.

A. T. WILLETT'S XI.

K. R. Hill, L. R. Last, G. Feasey, T. M. Troutbeck, K. C. Hame, A. L. Leighton, C. M. Caha, C. J. K. Graham, D. Macmamus, A. C. Feasey, R. M. Rattenbury.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

(Lost, 5-1.)

At Vincent Square on Saturday, October 16.

The opposing team proved too strong for us, but their victory was in some measure aided by Taylor having to retire hurt at half-time. However, with three goals against us at half-time, a fine rally occurred in the second half. Hartley changed to centre half and George filled the gap in the forward line, Jacomb-Hood changing to right half. Two more goals were scored by our opponents, but Cobbold scored for Westminster in the last ten minutes of the game. The match

was of a disheartening character, but a very plucky fight was put up.

Keily was given his 'Pinks.'

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. R. Munt, G. B. Keily, W. J. M. Beattie, P. Mellor, C. H. Taylor, J. L. Hartley, J. R. Peacock, S. Jacomb-Hood, F. D. Berryman, R. G. H. Lowe, J. C. Cobbold.

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

J. M. Wells, A. G. Bower, D. J. Peacock, P. W. Buckler, G. Hinds, J. L. Allen, G. A. Wade, H. R. H. Williams, P. Q. Reiss, R. H. Walley, T. G. Williams.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD MALVERNIAN.

(Lost, 0-3.)

At Vincent Square, on Saturday, October 23.

The game was well-contested throughout, in spite of the fact that a good team was being opposed. A good centre by Cobbold just failed to produce a goal. The opposing forwards, however, were always dangerous and by shortly after half-time had scored three goals, Mr. D. J. Knight being responsible for the last. D. B. Murphy, playing for the first time in goal for Westminster, was always reliable and achieved several good saves. The team was unfortunate in the absence of its Captain, H. R. Munt, who was ill.

Berryman was given his 'Pinks.'

WESTMINSTER.

D. B. Murphy, G. B. Keily, W. J. M. Beattie, P. E. Mellor, W. L. Hartley, R. F. L. Moonam, J. R. Peacock, S. Jacomb-Hood, F. D. Berryman, R. G. H. Lowe, J. C. Cobbold.

OLD MALVERNIAN.

L. E. Longley, T. Grieve, R. F. J. Brooks, R. T. Lee, W. C. M. Berridge, R. N. Stone, W. C. S. Stuart-Jones, D. J. Knight, N. W. Beeson, L. Simpson, G. E. W. Beeson.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI) v. OLD CHOLMELIAN.

(Won, 2-1.)

At Vincent Square, on October 23.

This was a very even game. McBride, playing in goal, made some good saves. The play was energetic all through, but not very skilful, nor was the combination all it might have been. Our opponents scored a goal at the outset, after a tough scrimmage in front of goal. After this there was no score till near the end of the game, when Swann scored twice for Westminster. E. G. Inwood was responsible for our opponents' goal.

The game was well-contested, but not fast, as neither forward line was ever able to get really away with the ball.

WESTMINSTER.

McBride, Stevens, Stonier, Randolph, Percival, Chisholm, Blair, George, McFarlane Swann, Burford.

OLD CHOLMELIAN.

D. O. Barnes, A. C. Coltman, J. T. Baron, J. H. Bridge-land, J. T. Morris, N. W. Watson, E. G. Inwood, R. W. Sloper, W. Pitt, R. N. E. Hinton, G. S. Smith.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. BRADFELD COLLEGE.

(Lost 5-1.)

At Bradfield, on Saturday, October 30.

The Westminster Captain, H. R. Munt, was unfortunately crocked, and unable to play, and the forwards were a good deal troubled by the ground, which was heavier than Vincent Square. The Westminster shooting, however, lacked sting. A good run by Peacock ended in a wide shot by Jacomb-Hood. At half-time Bradfield led 1-0. For the next quarter of an hour Westminster pressed hard and finally Berryman scored from a centre by Peacock. After this Westminster went to pieces and Bradfield scored four more goals in quick succession. The backs were weak and Beattie did not use his weight.

Berryman, Peacock, Taylor, Lowe and Murphy all played well for the School. Murphy made some creditable saves, but should learn to throw himself.

Peacock and Taylor were given their 'Pinks.'

WESTMINSTER.

D. B. Murphy, G. B. Keily, W. J. M. Beattie, P. Mellor, J. L. Hartley, C. H. Taylor, J. R. Peacock, S. Jacomb-Hood, F. D. Berryman, R. G. H. Lowe, P. G. Burford.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. LANCING COLLEGE.

(Lost, 2-1.)

At Vincent Square on Saturday, November 20.

This fixture provided the most interesting School match seen for some time up fields. There was no score till half-time. Westminster made several spirited but fruitless rushes. Five minutes after half-time Lowe scored with a good shot. Shortly after this, however, Coley scored twice for Lancing, both being good shots. The match might have been anybody's till the last quarter of an hour, when Westminster distinctly flagged. Up till then they had had quite as much of the game as their opponents, but they were distinctly weak in front of goal. Munt brought off several good saves for Westminster. P. E. Mellor played a tireless and resourceful game, combining a good control of the ball with sound passing.

Chisholm, Hartley, Hood and Lowe gained their 'Pinks.'

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. R. Munt, G. B. Keily, A. H. T. Chisholm, P. E. Mellor, J. L. Hartley, C. H. Taylor, J. R. Peacock, S. Jacomb-Hood, F. D. Berryman, R. G. A. Lowe, P. G. Burford.

LANCING COLLEGE.

— Pearce, — Wisden, — Streatfield, — Capel Cure, — Sherlock, — Reid, — Charrington, — Pliwright, — Coley, — Newman, — Dalston.

 *

 CRICKET.

THE Dallas-Veitch Cup for the highest batting average was won last season by J. D. Percival.

 *

 House Notes.

K.SS.—Firstly, congratulations to Taylor on his pinks, and to Murphy on his College colours. He played twice in goal for the team, and put up a sterling defence against Bradfield, as a result of which a sprained wrist has kept him out of action since. The League has not done badly. George and Blair play for the second XI and Moonan, D. and Baker for Colts. Preparations for the Play are in full swing. Lastly, the Literary Society enjoyed its reading of 'The School for Scandal,' but not that of 'Richard II.'

A.HH.—We are sorry to lose the cheery Darlington, who left at half-term, and wish him luck for the future. We welcome Dams into the House to take his place.

Congratulations to Keily on his Pinks and to Chisholm on Pink-and-Whites. The latter now plays regularly for the first XI, where Beattie has also appeared on several occasions. Milliken-Smith and G. Stonier have played for the second XI, and we are glad to see so many members of the House in Colts. Congratulations to those who played in the Very Junior XI which routed the Choir School. Also to L. Lund on being in the School Chess team.

Fives Ties progress as is right, and Racquets Ties languish as is usual. Finally we have every confidence of beating H.BB. in the first round of Seniors, and in winning the Shield in the final.

As we go to press, we must congratulate Chisholme on his 'Pinks.'

R.R.—The shortage of news prevents us at any rate from taking up forty-eight lines of the space allotted to House Notes. We have to apologise, first of all, to Ham, Blaker and Thomas for omitting to congratulate them on their cricket

Thirds. The first round of both Yard Ties and Fives Ties have been played off, and we expect to finish both soon. Lastly we are looking forward to seniors, for which our chances seem quite bright.

H.BB.—We apologise to Morris, who left us last term, for omitting to congratulate him on his cricket House Colours.

A few congratulations are due since the last issue of the Elizabethan; to Lowe on Pinks, gained after the Lancing match; to McFarlane, on playing for the second XI; and to Witherby, Harvey and Massingham on playing for the Colts. We entertain hopes that by the time this appears in print we shall have defeated Ashburnham, despite their many pinks, in the first round of Seniors.

In other quarters there is little to report. Ross, Taylor, and McFarlane are taking the Certificate A Examination this term; and knowing them as we do we feel confident that they will pass with all honour. In the musical sphere Isaacs is prominent, having contrived to pass the Final Examination at the Royal Academy of Music. Chamings is becoming extremely proficient in the dissection of dumb animals, e.g., rabbits, frogs, beetles. Finally, let us say that we are ardent social reformers, and visit the School Mission on Thursday nights with the utmost regularity.

G.G.—Our first duty, one that should have been performed in the last edition of House Notes, is to congratulate J. A. Brownell on winning the Junior sculls down at water last summer.

Congratulations are also due to J. R. Peacock on regaining, and to W. L. Hartley and S. Jacomb-Hood on being given their Pinks. Also to W. B. Frampton for representing the School at Chess against St. Paul's.

Here our fount of knowledge dries up. It only remains to congratulate the Literary Society on having finished a very successful reading of 'The Mikado' and to wish our Senior team the success it deserves.

 *

 DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Thursday, October 14, to discuss the motion, that, 'in the opinion of this house, a day school is inferior to a boarding school.'

Mr. Simpson (proposer) said that the only argument of the opposition would be that of morals and manners, yet he doubted whether one could tell if a public school man one met had

been a boarder or not. Work and games were both better for boarders than for day boys, who suffered from two evils—lack of time, and parents. Here the speaker read the society extracts from letters which he had received from anxious parents asking for their sons to be excused station.

Mr. Holmes (opposer) said that boarders were cooped up and lacked experience. Boys were not monks; they could do better if comfortable. Boarders might have more time than day boys, but they certainly made no use of it. Finally, boarders thought only of their school to the exclusion of everything else.

Mr. Eyton Jones (seconder) said that surely the opposer had forgotten the holidays, when he said that boarders thought only of their school. A boarding school had this great advantage, that it gave one a proper idea of one's own importance, new boys were always pleased with themselves, but if they were boarders they soon changed their minds, whereas day boys, in his opinion, retained their good opinion of themselves till they left.

Mr. Whillamsmith (4th speaker) was almost inaudible, but seemed to say that the only reason for which one went to school was to develop one's manners and character, and that since the proposer had admitted that a day boy did this better than a boarder, the debate was at an end.

Mr. Simpson maintained that it was impossible to distinguish day boys from boarders in after life. And added that it was far easier to work in uncomfortable surroundings.

Mr. Burford mentioned, in connection with work, that when a day boy he had been, on several occasions, quite unable to do his 'prep.' owing to his next door neighbour's efforts to play the trombone.

The motion was carried by 10 votes to 6.

The Society met on Thursday, October 28, to discuss the motion, that, 'this house deplores the use of char-à-bancs in this country.'

Mr. Lloyd (proposer) said that few people used them and fewer had a good word for them; they were ugly and terrifying; he himself had been frightened out of his wits by twenty of these monsters passing him as he rode home one dark night. Not only were the char-à-bancs themselves a nuisance, but also the passengers, who were most of them drunk.

The Secretary (opposer) said that he had ridden in a char-à-banc and come back sober and that he thought this was true of most of the people who rode in char-à-bancs. They were cheaper than trains and the nuisance they caused was exaggerated; it was only because they were new that they were disliked.

Mr. Taylor (seconder), after lamenting the way in which char-à-bancs cut up the roads, and mentioning the incompetence of the drivers, said that the passengers, whatever anybody might say, were not the kind that nice people like to associate with (cries of 'Snob!' 'Shame!') and that anyhow the world would be better without them.

Mr. Storrs (4th speaker) first quoted from a speech of Sir Eric Geddes in favour of the use of char-à-bancs and then directed an attack against Weston-super-Mare, the proposer's native town.

Mr. Simpson said that England was being ruined as it was and that char-à-bancs were merely one more horror.

The Treasurer supported the use of char-à-bancs and foretold a great future for road transport. They were certainly not perfect yet, but it was short-sighted to cry them down for that reason.

The President said that char-à-bancs did undoubtedly strew paper and orange peel over the country and that they certainly did tear up the roads. But since the upper classes must now inevitably give up their privileges, and any of us might find ourselves working a coal mine in the near future, it was of no use to grudge the people their amusements.

The motion was carried by 9 votes to 8.



SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

MEETINGS have been held with great regularity; and although (or perhaps, because) the lectures have been within the realm of only very elementary science, the attendances have been good, and a fair amount of enthusiasm has been shown.

R. F. L. Moonan lectured on cinematography. He confined his remarks almost entirely to the mechanism of the projector, which he explained very lucidly with the aid of much apparatus. As the lecture was rather short, he very kindly ran through a short film at the end of it.

Mr. J. R. Humphreys (Secretary of the Proportional Representation Society) lectured on Proportional Representation. He was very interesting and gave us all a much clearer idea of the working of P.R. than we had before. A miniature ballot was held at the meeting and the counting of the votes gone through, step by step, for the edification of those who did not know how it was done. The Unionists got home rather easily. The head-master attended the meeting.

M. C. Petitpierre made a gallant effort to explain how weaving was carried out; but the subject was unsuited for a short lecture, and we are afraid that only a few people came away with more

than the vaguest idea of the mechanism of the loom.

Mr. W. J. N. Burch gave a very interesting lecture on the manufacture of glass ware. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides which showed the various processes through which the glass has to go before it becomes the finished article. Mr. Burch finished a very interesting lecture with an exhibition of how ordinary laboratory glass work ought to be done. There was an excellent attendance.

D. S. F. Vernon gave a lecture on the mechanisms of the organ and piano. He was interesting, but obviously handicapped by lack of apparatus.



THE SCHOOL MISSION.

It will no doubt be a satisfaction as well as a matter of interest to many Old Westminsters to know that the School Mission enterprises are once more in full swing. During the war the Clubs naturally languished to some extent, and since the armistice the restoration of former activities has been hampered by the long absence of the Vicar of St. Mary's, Vincent Square, through illness, and by certain difficulties which arose over the organisation of the Clubs.

There are now in working order two Clubs. The Junior Club for younger boys is composed of scouts from the St. Mary's troops. This Club meets every week-day evening except Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Napier Hall. The Scout Master and his two assistants are responsible for its welfare. Each of the five Houses at the school has chosen one night for sending down two or three of the senior fellows to take part in the operations of the Club, thus bringing the school, to some degree at any rate, into active and close personal touch with the Mission. It is hoped that in the course of time this personal association will become closer still; and the presence of Old Westminsters would be warmly welcomed at the Clubs, whether they can only find time for an occasional visit or if—a still better thing—they were able to allocate a night for regular attendance.

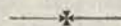
The Senior Club to which belong boys from sixteen onwards, meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 till 10 p.m. The help of Old Westminsters in this Club is especially desired. Those who could become well acquainted with the working of things could render valuable assistance by serving on the Committee which regulates the use of Napier Hall. On Saturday afternoons this Club plays football at Clapham Common, and much heart-burning over the selection of teams for matches

would be escaped if some Old Westminster could join the football committee and thus be in a position to dissipate grievances among the candidates for a place by exercise of a skilled and detached judgment.

There is, moreover, much work among the girls of the mission area, for which the assistance is greatly desired of ladies connected with the school and with the families of O.W.W. Girl Guides, a Girls' Club on Monday evenings and Girls' Friendly Society on Friday evenings would all welcome such help as we can give.

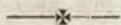
The Cadet Company, of which Mr. T. A. Kirkham has for some time taken charge with unsparing devotion, after many wanderings in search of permanent headquarters, has now good prospect of obtaining a home in Tufton Street. Here again there is need for further assistance.

May this short outline of the work doing and to be done be fortunate in catching the friendly eye of some who can spare an hour or two in behalf of a worthy cause!



PRESENTATION TO DR. GOW.

ON Dr. Gow's retirement from the Head Mastership a Committee of Old Westminsters was formed for the purpose of making a Presentation to him in recognition of his work for the School. The Committee decided to purchase a portrait of Dr. Gow painted by the late Mr. Andrew Gow, R.A., and to present it to the School. This picture was exhibited in last year's Royal Academy. Dr. Gow had himself intended to present it in order that it might be added to the collection of portraits of former Head Masters which are hung in the Head Master's House. It was also decided to present Dr. Gow with a sundial, books, and a cheque. The presentation was made on Tuesday, July 27, at Cam House, when there were present Lord and Lady Phillimore, Mrs. Gow, the Bishop of Bangor, General Sir R. Egerton, Mr. H. F. Manisty, Mr. T. S. Oldham, Major G. R. Y. Radcliffe, Mr. L. E. Tanner, Hon. Secretary of the Elizabethan Club, and other old Westminsters. Lord Phillimore made the Presentation and Dr. Gow replied, thanking the subscribers for their gifts.



PRESENTATION TO MR. R. TANNER.

THE portrait of Mr. Ralph Tanner, which had been subscribed for by a large number of Old Grantites and other Westminsters, was presented to him at the Annual Dinner of the Elizabethan

Club, which was held at the Imperial Restaurant on Friday, July 2. The President, the Bishop of Bangor, was in the Chair and there was a large gathering of Old Westminsters of several generations. The Head Master and Mr. Tanner were the guests of the evening. The Presentation was made by Mr. H. F. Manisty, and Mr. Tanner gratefully acknowledged the gift. The portrait, which was painted by Mr. Hugh Rivière, bears the following inscription:—

RADULPHO TANNER

DE SCHOLA WESTMONASTERIENSI PER ANNOS
PROPE XL OPTIME MERITO TESTIMONIO
AMORIS DEDERUNT WESTMONASTERIENSES
A.S. MCMXX.

A replica, which has been hung up Grant's, was also painted by Mr. Rivière. It has the following inscription:—

RALPH TANNER

A MASTER FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS, HEAD OF
THE STAFF FOR MORE THAN TWELVE, MASTER
OF GRANT'S FROM 1890 TO 1919.

*By his energy and skill, by his tact and urbanity,
displayed under three Head Masters, he won
the gratitude and affection of many generations
of Westminsters.**

Old Westminsters.

Col. R. E. A. Hamilton, C.I.E., has succeeded his uncle as the 11th Lord Belhaven and Stanton.

The Bishop of Ripon, D.D., G.B.E., has been elected to an Honorary Studentship at Christ Church.

Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, C.B., has been elected M.P. for the Hemel Hempstead Division of Hertfordshire.

Mr. B. G. Scholefield is playing in the Oxford University Rugby XV against Cambridge University.

Mr. G. D. Johnston has become a life-subscriber to the 'Elizabethan.'

* A photogravure reproduction of Mr. Tanner's portrait can be obtained from Messrs. Gillam & Co., The Broadway, Westminster, S.W. 1 (price, 10s.).

Births.

On October 25 the wife of Major G. C. B. Loch, of a daughter.

On November 14 the wife of W. Norman Winckworth, of a daughter.

Marriages.

CARGILL—ROBERTS.—On October 14, at Rio de Janeiro, Donald Cargill to Cicely, younger daughter of Arthur H. Roberts, West Malling, Kent.

COZENS—STEWART.—On November 9 Frederick Cyril Cozens to Jessie McLean, youngest daughter of W. Stewart, of Glasgow.

Obituary.

We have to regret the death of Lieut.-Col. Arthur Longley, who until his old age was a frequent visitor to the School. A younger son of Archbishop Longley, who was admitted in 1807, he was at the School from 1853 to 1856. He entered the Army and held a commission in the 43rd Foot. He saw service in New Zealand and in the Afghan War of 1879-80. He died at Bournemouth on October 26.

We also have to regret the death of Leopold John Manners De Michele, the third son of Charles Eastland De Michele, who was admitted in 1822. He was admitted to the School in 1856 and afterwards became a Barrister.

CAPTAIN SUMPTER.

IN our last number we recorded the death of Captain George Sumpter, D.S.O., M.C., who was admitted as a K.S. in October, 1906. The following accounts of some of his work, which have been sent us by Mrs. Sumpter, will be of interest to all:—

Major G. Sumpter, D.S.O., M.C., joined the 25th Divisional Artillery at Frome in Somerset in December, 1914. At that time he was suffering from two wounds which he had received whilst in action in the 1st Battle of Ypres with the 7th Divisional Artillery. He soon became known amongst the Officers and men of the 25th Divisional Artillery as a fearless, clever and popular officer whom everyone was proud to know. On

September 25, 1915, he went to France with the Divisional Artillery as the youngest Battery Commander in the Division. He was commanding the 4.5" Howitzer Battery D110 R.F.A. In May 1916 this Battery was very heavily engaged on Vimy Ridge and the whole of the Divisional Artillery was talking about the coolness and capability shown by Major Sumpter at a very critical moment. About June 30, 1916, Major Sumpter was very badly wounded in the left side whilst reconnoitring positions for his Battery opposite the Leipsic Salient near Thiepval in readiness for the battle of the Somme, July 1, 1916. This wound would have kept most men out of the fighting line for the rest of their lives, but Major Sumpter returned in March, 1917, although a considerable part of his left side was missing; he was unable to walk without a stick and had to mount his horse on the wrong side. He now took command of D112 Battery, R.F.A., and went with them to the Battle of Messines Ridge, May 7, 1917. During this battle Major Sumpter's Battery was continually under the fiercest fire and suffered many casualties, but it fought with such courage and endurance under the wonderful leading of Major Sumpter that it gained the name for being the best fighting battery in the Division. During this battle Major Sumpter won the M.C. for rescuing some men in one of his gun detachments, who were overwhelmed and buried under the heaviest shell fire. On June 30, 1917, Major Sumpter's Battery took part in the great British attack in front of Ypres. The shell fire that this Battery had to endure in their position in front of the school at Ypres during this battle can be imagined when it is realised that Major Sumpter's Battery had 28 casualties one day and 32 another, and that the usual number of men at the guns is about 35 for a battle like this. Although Major Sumpter lost four officers at once on this occasion he displayed moral courage even surpassing his physical courage. By all the rules of war his unit should have been completely demoralised by its fearful losses, but so high was the spirit of Major Sumpter that he built up and increased the reputation of his battery in this battle. In the German offensive of March, 1918, Major Sumpter again proved his wonderful courage and ability as a leader by fighting a most skilful rearguard action from Lagnicourt to Colin Camps, often shooting the attacking infantry over open sights, and for this he received a bar to his M.C.

On April 9, 1918, Major Sumpter was engaged again in the German attack on the River Lys and again he proved his genius in very fierce fighting.

On May 26, 1918, Major Sumpter was again

involved in a very fierce battle. The 25th Division was then on the River Aisne with three other British Divisions, and they were attacked by such overwhelming forces that the enemy made a complete break through. Major Sumpter was the only Battery Commander in the Division to save all his guns. After this battle his name became a bye-word in the Divisional Artillery for courage and ability, and he was awarded the D.S.O.

On August 13, 1918, Major Sumpter took command of B Battery, R.H.A., where he lived up to his great reputation until the Armistice.

He himself writes of his time in Russia:—

DJANKOI,

February 7, 1920.

'In November I was wired for to go to Kier. After three weeks' travelling I was still five hundred miles from my destination and had to abandon my attempt at Kharkov owing to Bolsheviks and the Green Army doing in the railways. On Xmas Day my train was rammed, and I spent most of the day pulling people out of the wreckage. . . . It took me another three weeks to get back from Kharkov and there I found everything in perfect chaos and no one to give me any fresh orders. So I joined a Russian cavalry regiment and spent a month with them and had a very interesting time. I commanded three Lewis guns, eighteen men and twenty horses, and it was great fun—just like being a subaltern again, and we had two splendid battles against the Bolshevik cavalry. . . . Typhus rages in Russia; it's a bad thing to get and all the Russians have it or have had it. Every other house in the villages has got a cross on it. That is no wild statement, but the result of my own observations, when I was billeted with the cavalry. We used to put a cross on the houses with typhus. You cannot avoid it if you live in native houses, so we live in a railway train, and my office (!) is the upper bunk in my compartment.'

A fellow-officer, who was with him in Asia Minor, writes:—

'I am sure he met the noble end he would have wished. The only Englishman in the field, he was killed instantaneously after rallying the Greeks in the shock of a surprise. There is no doubt that his gallantry prevented a panic and great loss of life. The Greeks, although they lost heavily, spoke only of "the English Captain" when coming from the action.'

'Captain Sumpter spent his last night with me in my room at the Greek Headquarters. . . . I remember meeting him late at night on the Ismidt Road and riding in with him. He breakfasted with me early the next morning and moved off with the column. Soon after midday I received

a message that the column had been cut up and the English captain killed. Within half an hour I moved out with the remainder of the Greeks and a section of English artillery. Shortly afterwards we met the remains of the column falling back in disorder, and I found Captain Sumpter's Turkish groom, who told me that he had seen his master shot, and the Greek officer, who had tried to get to him, killed also. . . . A party of Greeks found the bodies of Captain Sumpter and the Greek officer side by side. . . .

His General wrote of him :—

'As an old subaltern of mine I felt so proud of how brilliantly he had done in the War, and looked forward to a really successful career as a soldier for him. . . . By his death the Regiment has lost one of its best young officers, and, in saying this, I am paying him what to me is the highest tribute possible.'

Correspondence.

THE following is an extract from a letter from Mr. R. S. Summerhayes, O.W., which will be of interest to those of our readers who know anything of horses and horsemanship :—

I recently took part in the first Endurance Test ever held in England, which was under the auspices of the Arab Horse Society, and took place on 5 consecutive days, the course being approximately 300 miles, or about 60 miles a day. I was riding Mrs. H. V. M. Clark's Bay Stallion 'Mustapha Kamel' and got 4th place, and about which the *Live Stock Journal* wrote on the 5th November :—

'Mustapha Kamel was the oldest horse in the test, and though not possessing any great speed, seemed as if he could go for ever. He made an average gain of an hour a day on his previous performance, and on the last day took 52 minutes less time than the best time (the winner's) on the first day. The writer saw him a mile from home at the conclusion of the test, and so fresh and gay was he that he looked as if he had just come out of his stable instead of returning there after a severe five days' test. Three stone of his 13 stones' burden were lead.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—A harassed secretary besought me at the eleventh hour to write the O.W. letter, so perhaps you will forgive any lack of wit and polish, which are apparently such essential things in a letter of this kind.

Rumour has it that Dr. E. D. Adrian, who is President of the C.O.W.S., contemplates taking up Futuristic Art as a pleasant alternative to Physiology, but our Medical Correspondent assures us that this supposition is entirely unfounded.

Our other senior members, Mr. D. S. Robertson, Mr. R. Hackforth and Mr. A. Sedgwick, live much as other Dons do, eating dinners and giving lectures.

We must now turn our attention to the more interesting section of the community, more interesting because libellous statements about its members can be made with greater impunity than about the Dons, who are as gods upon earth.

Mr. Flint seems to be the oldest O.W. up at present; he left school in 1910, but beyond the fact that he can generally be seen in a blue overcoat at any time of the

day, we know little about him. Mr. Pite is full of altruistic motives, but we doubt whether he will ever succeed in proving that black is white. Mr. Calkin is back from America, and appears to hold a roving commission as an educational research student. Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Robertson know each other—but we don't. Mr. Young belies his name for he is still up here.

Mr. Thompson is teaching Mr. Stevens how to play bridge, but Mr. Stevens finds his car somewhat of a distraction. Mr. Chidson met Mr. Pulvertaft outside the Blue Boar on Armistice night: these coincidences will happen!

Mr. Graham is leaving us at the end of this term, and would like to seize this opportunity of letting all and sundry know that he has a perfectly good surplice to exchange for an old B.A. gown.

To err is human, but we really cannot forgive Mr. Lowe for walking across Great Court with his shoe-lace undone. Mr. Wylie is reputed to have dyed his hair. Mr. Horne can walk and talk, and what is more he can talk in at least ten different languages at once; avoid controversy with him, for in the matter of abuse he has a larger vocabulary to fall back on. Mr. Cahn works. Mr. Turberville has been seen furtively smoking brown-paper in Trinity Lane.

We sympathise with Mr. S. A. S. Montagu on losing his cheque-book in May week. A little faith goes a long way, but we feel convinced that Mr. Perkins would find it difficult to materialise the spirit of Abu-Hassan the Great in Bishop's Hostel. Mr. Vatcher has a neck. Mr. Mellor, in company with Mr. Felix-Jones, still keeps silent, while Mr. Proger is at present laid up with clergyman's throat.

Another strong silent man is Mr. Blundell, who has come to the conclusion that if everyone talked there would be no one to listen.

Mr. Sankin belongs to the Ancient Order of Palmers, but has so far deceived no one. We look with suspicion upon Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Barclay-Smith, who have come up with other R.E.'s to do a little work.

Mr. Amos and Mr. Russell have a motor-bicycle, whilst Mr. Ruegg has eight sisters. Mr. Clegg was found in his rooms the other day, half-strangled by a piece of string; on coming round he was heard to murmur 'Fish-in-a-dish,' 'Yam-thief.'

We are glad that Mr. J. D. Walker and Mr. Curry like each other. Mr. Pettitt abounds in adipose tissue. Mr. Samuel is psychic. We agree with Mr. Guymer that after all the University is a very small place. Mr. Morris reminds one of a centipede. Mr. Raikes continues to indulge in apoplectic utterances at the Union; we fear he must be an Irishman. Mr. Lea and Mr. Gibb-Smith are both enthusiasts. We know nothing about Mr. Walker and Mr. McKinnon-Wood except that they don't share rooms.

We are glad to see a goodly number of Freshmen this term, the majority of whom have come to Trinity. Mr. Painsell wears a subtle smile, but Mr. Fleming has one still subtler.

Mr. Thomas cannot make out why Newton didn't go to Ginnham instead of to Trinity.

Mr. Bentwich is burly, but not so burly as Mr. Bevan. Mr. Harden and Mr. Rattenbury play Fives with Mr. Hobday and Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Evans is long but not so long as Mr. Lord is short. Mr. I. Montagu is *nonchalant*, in contradistinction to Mr. Cowan. We have not yet made the acquaintance of Mr. Mellor and Mr. G. Norris.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WESTMON. ET CANTAB.

November 20, 1920.

PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE.

WE have been asked to say that the Editors of Public School Verse are preparing a second volume, owing to the success of that published last year, and cordially invite contributions of serious verse, original or translations of all kinds; everyone who has not yet left school is eligible, and they hope to hear from younger as well as older contributors.

Contributions should be written out clearly and sent in before February 1 to

THE EDITORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL VERSE,
C.O. HOLYWELL PRESS,
OXFORD.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the following:—*The Rossian*, *The Eton College Chronicle* (5), *The Tonbridgian*, *The Wellingtonian*, *The Felstedian*, *The St. Peter's College Magazine*, *The Blundellian*, *The Malvernian*, *The Pauline*, *Our Boys' Magazine* (2), *The Wykehamist* (2), *The Radleian*, *The Meteor*, *The Salopian* (3), *The Harrovian*, *The Alleynian*, *The Bradfield College Chronicle*, *The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *The Stonyhurst Magazine*.

'THE ELIZABETHAN' CLUB.

THIS Club was founded in the year 1864, and consists of Old Westminsters. Its objects are to promote intercourse among Old Westminsters and to preserve the associations and further the interests and prosperity of the School. The subscription to the Club is 10s. 6d. per annum, or on the payment of £3 3s. all future payments will be compounded for. There is an entrance fee of one guinea.

Old Westminsters who wish to join the Club should communicate with the Secretary, LAWRENCE E. TANNER, Esq., 6 Dean's Yard, S.W. 1.

OLD WESTMINSTERS LODGE, No. 2233.

THIS Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminsters. It meets in London 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., 3 Whitehall Court, S.W. 1.

NOTICES.

ALL contributions to the February number of THE ELIZABETHAN should reach the Editor at 3 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1, not later than January 21, 1921.

Contributions must be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents must enclose their names with contributions, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Back numbers are obtainable from the Editor, price 1s. each.

Subscribers are requested to notify any change of address to the Secretary, 3 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1.

The terms of subscription to THE ELIZABETHAN are as follows (payable in advance):—

	£	s.	d.
ANNUAL (payment in advance)	0	5	0
TRIENNIAL	0	14	0
LIFE COMPOSITION	5	0	0
" " (after the age of 30)	4	0	0
" " (" " 40)	3	0	0
" " (" " 50)	2	0	0

Subscriptions now due should be forwarded at once to I. F. SMEDLEY, Esq., Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. 1. (not addressed 'The Treasurer').

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

floreat.