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EDITORIAL.

It must always be that a School Magazine has its critics. A public school, in its most general sense, is a collection of widely different people, ranging from the new boys to those who are proud to call themselves old boys; what one will tolerate is bound to offend another, for the interests of the younger generation cannot be expected to coincide in any large degree with those of the men for whom the School organ is in many cases the only link with their own school days. Year after year we are beset by requests for a 'brighter ELIZABETHAN,' the only brightness of which at present is its exceptionally lurid cover. It is naturally the former members of the School from whom such requests come; for inasmuch as THE ELIZABETHAN is properly the official chronicle of the School's activities, it is taken up mainly with contemporary news, such as can hold little or no interest to the majority of O.W.W.

It is to meet this deficiency that the Elizabethan Club has resorted to the remedy included herein; the Club has made an effort, for which it is entirely

responsible itself, to bring ELIZA into closer touch with those whose school days are past. It is to be hoped that such a long-needed step will be appreciated by all concerned, and that O.W.W. will realise the heroism of the Elizabethan Club in introducing two pages of exclusively O.W. news. It is an innovation which should at once find justification from all.

School Notes.

THERE are 48 new boys this term, making the total numbers 368.

We welcome this term three new assistant masters: Mr. C. H. Taylor (Westminster, 1917-1922), Mr. A. H. Franklin, and Mr. C. H. Fisher. Mr. Franklin is in command of Water, assisted by Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Watkins left us last term.

There was a lecture up School on Friday, October 1, by Mr. Hope Jones, on 'Heredity and Environment.' There is another lecture this

term on 'Brittany,' by the Comte A. de Croze (partly in French), Friday, November 25.

The dates of the Play are Saturday, December 18, Monday, December 20, Wednesday, December 22. The Play to be performed is the 'Rudens' of Plautus, cancelled last year owing to the death of H.M. Queen Alexandra.

The Dean admitted the new King's Scholars up School on Monday, October 4.

On Monday, October 25, there will be an informal concert up School at 5 p.m. On Monday, November 15, Mr. Harold Samuel will give a Piano Recital up School at 3.55 p.m. On Friday, December 3, there will be a programme of Christmas music by the Madrigal and Orchestral Societies at 4.15 p.m.

'Abbey' now takes place every morning in the Choir, as in old days, instead of the South Transept. In every way it is a desirable restoration, especially with regard to the acoustic advantages of the Choir. Seating is by Houses.

ELECTION, 1926.

Elected to Christ Church.—P. May, A. J. D. Winnifrith, G. P. Young.

Elected to Trinity.—S. Chapman, A. B. L. Murison, A. E. Howell.

Elected to a Christ Church Exhibition.—J. S. H. Shattock.

Samwaies Exhibitions were awarded to S. Chapman, A. B. L. Murison, A. E. Howell.

Triplett Exhibitions were awarded to W. A. Macfarlane, H. Pagan, J. S. H. Shattock, T. G. Hardy.

The Hinchliffe Scholarship was awarded to P. A. M. Morrah.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

THE following are the officers for the ensuing year :

Captain.—C. H. V. Sutherland.

Monitors.—G. M. E. Paulson, E. L. Franklin, F. W. Allen.

Captain of K.SS.—C. H. V. Sutherland.

Prin. Opp.—G. M. E. Paulson.

Head of Grants.—J. A. Cook.

Head of Rigauds.—G. M. E. Paulson.

Head of Home Boarders.—A. Clare.

Head of Ashburnham.—D. Cragg Hamilton.

Captain of Football.—J. A. Cook (GG.).

Captain of Cricket.—J. A. Cook (GG.).

Head of the Water.—D. F. A. R. Freeman (H.BB.).

Captain of Racquets.—J. A. Cook (GG.).

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Captain of Fives.—E. F. Barlow (K.SS.).

Captain of Fencing.—B. E. Petitpierre (A.HH.).

Captain of Shooting.—H. B. Ripman (A.HH.).

C.S.M.M.—E. W. Lloyd (H.BB.), J. D. Carleton (H.BB.).

C.Q.M.S.—A. J. Ropes (RR.).

THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE following are the officers for the year :—

Editor.—C. H. V. Sutherland.

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PRINCIPAL SCHOOL PRIZES

AWARDED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR
ENDING ELECTION, 1926.

Phillimore I.—*Essay* : I. I. Bowen ; *Translation* : P. May.

Mure Scholarship.—A. J. D. Winnifrith.

Ireland Prizes.—*Latin Verse* : S. Chapman ; *Greek Verse* : S. Chapman and P. May.

Gumbleton Prize for English Verse.—A. B. L. Murison.

Waterfield Latin Prose Prize.—Prize not awarded.

Vincent Prize.—*Senior* : G. N. Gabell ; *Junior* : C. M. Harrison.

Henry Troutbeck Prize for Orations.—*Senior* : A. J. D. Winnifrith ; *Junior* : G. A. Ellison.

O.W.W. Masonic Lodge Prizes for Science.—*Essay* : A. B. L. Murison ; *Practical* : A. Macfarlane.

Phillimore II.—*For Greek and Latin Compositions* : S. Chapman ; *for English Compositions* : S. Chapman and G. N. Gabell.

Toplady Prizes for Scripture Knowledge.—*Senior* : H. B. Carter-Locke ; *Junior* : F. D. Paterson.

Clifton Gordon Reading Prizes.—*Senior* : F. R. Rea ; *Junior* : J. C. P. Elliston.

Goodenough Medal for French.—A. E. Howell.

Marshall Memorial Prizes.—*VII (Classics)* : H. B. Ripman ; *H.VII* : I. Bowen ; *Mod.VII* : W. A. Macfarlane.

Marshall Prizes.—*VI¹ (Classics)* : H. L. Jones ; *VI² (Classics)* : J. C. P. Elliston ; *M.VI (Classics)* : M. F. L. Haymes.

Cheyne Prizes for Arithmetic.—*Senior* : A. J. Ropes ; *Junior* : I. I. Milne.

Rev. A. Jones' Prize for Geometry.—T. G. Hardy.
Eastlake Prize for Drawing.—1st, F. W. Allen ;
 2nd, A. A. G. Black.

Knapp Fisher Prizes for Music.—F. R. Rea and
 R. R. Holmes.

Duke of Devonshire's Essay Prize.—I. I. Bowen.
Rouse Ball Mathematics Prizes.—R. M. More,
 J. H. Lee.

THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

THE first War Memorial Scholar to be admitted to the School, as the son of an Old Westminster, who gave his life in the War, has just passed the Entrance Examination, and has joined as a Boarder this term. There are at present six other boys who are beneficiaries of the Fund while being educated at Preparatory Schools for admission to Westminster when they reach the right age ; and the mothers of two more are in communication with the Committee of the War Memorial Fund.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP.

WESTMINSTER has been regularly represented at the Duke of York's Camp, but never, certainly, have its representatives been given such a splendid week as at the recent camp. Perhaps when we all assembled at the Royal Mews we felt a trifle shy ; this mantle of reserve was, however, cast off during the course of an excellent lunch, followed by a tour of the Mews, and later by a railway journey down to New Romney. The Camp, a permanent one, is situated two or three minutes' walk from the seashore, and has a standing record for fine weather, a record which was well preserved this year.

The Camp is run on routine lines, but the routine is one of freedom. An early bathe, breakfast, team games, lunch ; such the morning programme ; the latter part of the day is spent in bathing, reading or games, as one likes, and ends with a delightful hour or two in the entertainment tent.

So much for the practical side, which only serves as a means of attaining the theoretical object, namely, to promote a spirit of friendship and confidence between the potential employers and the potential workers of the future. The four hundred guests of the Duke are split up into two groups of two hundred public schoolboys, and two hundred less fortunate boys ; there are twenty sections, of twenty persons each—ten members from each group. Everyone realises what a tremendous amount he has to learn from one who works for his living ; the latter, in their turn, per-

ceive what is called ' the public school spirit,' and are thus given a chance of capturing its meaning.

One of the most enjoyable days was that upon which the Duke honoured the Camp with a visit ; in his speech he emphasised the fact that the Camp is only an example. Only if other Camps run on similar lines are instituted can the aim of the Camp be at all widely realised. His Royal Highness was welcomed most enthusiastically throughout the Camp ; for the few short hours he was there, he entered thoroughly into the spirit of fun and informality with which the whole place was imbued. In conclusion, I should like to say that the Camp Commandant, Captain J. G. Paterson, together with his assistants, deserve great gratitude for the energy and success with which they organised and ran the Camp ; only at the cost of much worry and hard work on their part can such an enjoyable week be given.

THE FIELDS.

CRICKET.

CHARACTERS OF CRICKET ELEVEN, 1926.

A. M. SHEPLEY-SMITH.

What we have done for the good of the School cricket, both on and off the field, cannot be over-estimated. A clever and discerning captain, and a batsman who, modelled as he is on sound principles, should have a future before him. Needs a little more power, and confidence in his own ability to punish the loose ball. Kept wicket very creditably at times. Can look back on his cricket career at Westminster with satisfaction in the knowledge of duty well and nobly done.

M. F. L. HAYMES.

Much improved batsman. He times the ball well on both sides of the wicket. Has played many good innings for his side. His vulnerable spot is still the leg-stump, and he is inclined to play ' a bit careless ' when apparently well set for a big score. A good and quick moving cover point. Can bowl a good off-break.

K. J. GARDINER.

Delightful batsman to watch when once he gets going. A splendid ' timer ' of the ball. But he is still a careless player, and is imbued with the idea that every ball, even at the outset of his innings, can be safely dispatched to the boundary. Plays back with a cross bat, instead of an upright or vertical one. Active in the field. An accurate bowler.

J. A. COOK.

With his weight and power should be able to strike the cricket ball very much harder than he does. Began to find his true form towards the end of the season. He must not bend the right knee in the act of driving the half-volley. A fair bowler, but needs to throw his right arm higher into the air.

G. M. E. PAULSON.

Bowled well at times. Must take care to cultivate a free, loose and rhythmic action, letting the arm and body swing over with a will. Is just beginning to learn the art of finger-spin; needs more variation in flight. A Jessopian type of batsman who can flog the ball with a will; his best defence lies in his attack, though evidently he does not always consider this to be so.

M. G. STRATFORD.

A bowler who uses his brains and never gives up trying. His action, though awkward and laboured, has the merit of being often very disconcerting to the batsman. In batting he keeps his elbows too close to his sides and the full force of the blade is rarely presented to the ball. Not an active fieldsman, but a splendid 'trier.'

S. CHAPMAN.

A typical 'tear-away' fast bowler, who, considering last season was his first experience of serious cricket, did very well. He certainly presented to the batsman a terrifying and alarming aspect, and often led the latter to believe that he was a better bowler than he actually was. Bowled too much on the leg and middle stump for a fast bowler. As a batsman he was, we fear, almost negligible. Caught several catches involving on his part strenuous gymnastic contortions.

N. L. FOSTER.

A most promising all-round cricketer. Batted confidently and well, while his bowling had a deceptive flight and was often difficult to play. Has still a great deal to learn, but, as in the case of Shepley-Smith, looks like developing into a real cricketer, with a future in front of him. The best field in the eleven. Active, keen and alert.

D. R. P. MILLS.

Played a great match-winning innings against Sherborne, but after that was dreadfully disappointing. Too prone to nibble at the off-ball, and to make matters worse he nibbled at it with the blade turned out in the direction of cover-point. A poor field.

R. G. A. MORDAUNT.

A moderate batsman with insufficient confidence in his scoring abilities. When bowling googlies, sometimes bowled two good balls an over, but never more. A splendid out-fieldsman, endowed with a beautiful return to the wicket—in a word the best thrower we have had here for many a year.

D. A. BOMPAS.

A young wicket-keeper, who was prevented by nerves from showing his true form till towards the end of the season. He then showed great promise. As a batsman was possessed of a beautiful free style, which entirely deserted him when playing in a match. With his nervousness and diffidence conquered should make a useful and efficient cricketer.

D. J. K.

AVERAGES.

THE list of averages for the cricket season 1926 is unavoidably held over till the next issue.

SCHOOL COLOURS, 1926.

The following colours were awarded:—

Pinks.—A. M. Shepley-Smith, J. A. Cook, G. M. E. Paulson, M. G. Stratford, M. F. L. Haymes, K. J. Gardiner, N. L. Foster, S. Chapman, D. R. P. Mills, D. A. Bompas, R. G. A. Mordaunt.

Pink and Whites.—A. Clare, A. A. G. Black, H. L. Jones, T. G. Hardy, P. C. Carter, C. W. Myring, S. H. W. Levey, E. L. B. Hawkin.

Thirds.—L. J. D. Wakely, J. Thurlow, H. B. Graham, A. W. I. Symington.

Colts' Caps.—F. Mangeot, D. E. Barker, C. E. Lonsdale, J. K. Luard, J. A. Evetts, K. H. L. Cooper, P. Gibson, P. Aitken, C. Charrington.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD MALVERNIAN.

(Draw, 3-3.)

Played October 9 at Vincent Square. The first match of the term ended in a most creditable draw, played as it was in a very strong wind. The foundations of our success were laid soon after the start by a goal from Cooper, to be followed later by one from Sturdy. The Old Malvernians then opened their account with us, after which play continued equal for both sides till Gardiner scored our third goal. The visitors scored two goals in the second half, which was mainly distinguished by the goalkeeping of Clare.

Westminster.—A. Clare; J. A. Cook, W. J. R. Jeremy; T. W. Thurlow, C. E. Lonsdale, A. C. Bird; J. B. Sturdy, K. J. Gardiner, K. H. L. Cooper, R. W. D. Carr, G. M. E. Paulson.

Old Malvernians.—N. E. Conden, K. T. James, F. M. B. Reade; S. Kunzen, C. F. Morice, H. S. Bird; W. Marlow, J. S. Millen, J. A. Weid, C. A. W. Robson, G. E. W. Benson.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI v. OLD CHOLMELIANS
2ND XI.

(Won, 5-3.)

Played October 9 at Vincent Square. The 2nd XI covered itself with glory by winning a match. The Old Cholmelians missed many opportunities of scoring from corner kicks. Foster, who scored three goals, and Ropes, who performed some spectacular work in our own goal, contributed largely to our victory.

Westminster.—A. J. Ropes; C. H. V. Sutherland, J. D. Evans; H. D. Wakely, H. L. Jones, J. G. Sahler; F. J. Hunter, M. Mackenzie, N. L. Foster, H. B. Graham, R. Broadie-Griffiths.

Old Cholmelians.—Thornton; Ferguson, Cole; Day, Killick, Dickenson; Elbourne, Hay, Watling, McPeake, Williamson.

CHESS.

A MATCH was played between Westminster School Chess Club and the City of London School Chess Club on Friday, October 8th.

Result.

WESTMINSTER.		CITY OF LONDON	
1. R. M. Mere	...	1	B. R. Hall ...
2. C. N. Popper	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Collision...
3. J. P. Winckworth	...	0	A. E. Page ...
4. H. A. Burt	...	0	S. P. Smith ...
5. L. J. D. Wakely	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. C. Stait ...
6. W. E. Heard	...	1	P. Q. Newson...
		3	3

THE CONCERT.

THE Madrigal and Orchestral Societies gave their terminal concert up School on Friday evening, July 23, before a large and enthusiastic audience.

The concert opened with Purcell's 'Soul of the World,' a beautiful and dignified little piece, extracted from his setting of Nicholas Brady's 'Ode on St. Cecilia's Day,' in which the chorus, 'made up of various parts one perfect harmony.' The programme erroneously ascribed the words to Dryden, and although Brady (the collaborator with Nahum Tate in the metrical version of the Psalms) shared with Dryden the advantage of a Westminster education, we doubt if Dryden would have been altogether pleased had he known that at his own School, 200 years after his death, Brady's somewhat feeble verses would be taken for his.

Bach's Concerto in D minor for two violins followed, the solo parts being played by Miss Dorothy Lofthouse and R. R. Holmes. Considering the inexperience of the young performers, the

rendering of this by no means easy work was highly creditable. The players seemed to gain confidence as they proceeded, and the lovely Largo, which is the gem of the work, made its usual deep impression.

A quartet of Grantites, R. Clark, C. Ivimey, F. R. Rea, and A. J. Negus, then sang in a pleasing manner Ford's time-honoured part-song, 'Since first I saw your face,' with its quaint words and old-world music.

Next came Mendelssohn's ever-popular Hebrides Overture, which with its vivid representation of the winds and waves of the sea prepared the way for the 'Sailor Shanties' that followed. These hilarious and amusing pieces, arranged for men's voices by R. R. Terry, and orchestrated and adapted for School use by Mr. Goldsbrough, seemed to hit exactly the fancy of both performers and audience, and the roof of the old monks' dormitory re-echoed to the choruses of 'Blow the man down,' 'When Johnny comes down to Hilo, poor old man,' 'So fare ye well, my pretty young gel, For we're bound for the Rio Grande,' 'All on the Plains of Mexico,' 'And me Nancy kitted me fancy, Oh, me charming Billy Boy.' The tunes have such a lilt and swing that one can forgive their more or less idiotic words to which the sailors sing them. As we read in 'Moby Dick,' 'Such a funny, sporty, gamy, jesty, joky, hoky-poky lad is the ocean, oh!' The solo parts of the Shanties were sung by Mr. George Parker with the requisite vivacity and vigour.

The second part of the concert began with Bizet's orchestral suite, 'L'Arlésienne' (No. 1), a delightful work, the Minuetto of which had, unfortunately, to be omitted. This omission evidently puzzled the audience, who at the end of the Carillon, expecting a fourth movement to follow, sat quite silent for some seconds before they ventured to applaud.

F. R. Rea then sang in an appropriately breezy style John Ireland's setting of Masfield's poem, 'I must go down to the seas again,' after which, instead of going down to the seas, as we expected him to do, he seized a baton and conducted with remarkable sangfroid a very hearty performance by a crowd of big and little Grantites of Balfour Gardiner's arrangement for unison chorus of the ballad, 'Sir Eglamore.'

The Home Boarders' Orchestra, under R. R. Holmes's leadership, then gave a meritorious performance of the March from Handel's 'Scipio,' which in old days used always to be played behind the scenes at the Westminster Play. We noticed among the members of this orchestra a player on the French horn, who took no part in the other orchestral pieces. He seemed to be handling his

instrument with considerable discretion, and we shall look forward to seeing him again and to hearing him at future concerts.

Then followed a very spirited performance of an effective Choral Fantasia, arranged by P. E. Fletcher, from Wagner's 'Die Meistersinger,' in which the solo parts were well sung by Mr. Bonhote and Mr. George Parker. We thought that the voices of the chorus sounded particularly well in the beautiful chorale with which the opera opens. In the final chorus, which brought the work to a brilliant conclusion, the exuberance of the orchestra almost overpowered the voices.

After the 'Carmen Feriale Westmonasteriense' had been sung with all due fervour by the whole assembly, the concert concluded with the National Anthem.

Conductor and performers alike are to be congratulated on the great success achieved on this occasion by their efforts, and Mr. Lofthouse in particular deserves hearty thanks for the unflinching patience and enthusiasm, only known to those behind the scenes, with which he has laboured to train the orchestra and chorus, and bring them to such a fair level of proficiency. The thanks of the School are also due to the several ladies and old Westminsters, who at this and many previous concerts have lent their services to strengthen the orchestra, among whom we would particularly mention Mrs. Knapp Fisher, Mrs. Nixon, Lady Holmes, and Miss Bartlett. P. G. L. W.

RECITAL.

ON October 11 we were privileged to hear a Two-Piano Recital by Mr. Goldsbrough, formerly Music Master in the School, and Mr. Lofthouse. The programme was as follows:—

1. Sonata in D Mozart (1756-1791)
2. Suite Arensky (1862-1906)
3. No. 1 from Suite 'En Blanc et Noir'
Debussy (1862-1918)
4. Grosses Duo Parry (1848-1918)

The most striking feature of the programme lay, perhaps, in its variety. Each member of the audience, whatever his particular taste in music, was given the pleasure of hearing one type at least which especially appealed to him. In all four pieces the pianists seemed equally at ease, and their playing was a pure delight to hear. We regret that never before have we been given the opportunity of hearing Mr. Goldsbrough and Mr. Lofthouse play simultaneously on two pianos. It mattered not at all whether they were interpreting Mozart for the delectation of the more classical

souls amongst us or a dainty melody from Arensky's Suite, to each we were compelled to listen. The pianists took full advantage throughout of the acoustic properties of School, particularly in the exquisite pianissimo passages of the piece by Parry. It would be impossible to point out all the beauties of their recital, but it is our sincere wish that before very long we may once again enjoy a similar performance. E. F. B.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

LANCELOT ANDREWES, 1555-1626.

THE tercentenary of the death of Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, recalls the fact that it was his custom, when Dean of Westminster, to 'take the School work for a week together, and at other times took over the boys' exercises. In the evenings he would send for the elder boys to the Deanery and teach them Greek and Hebrew from eight to eleven o'clock.' It is pleasant to record that three centuries later the tradition is being carried on, and that one at least of the King's Scholars is learning the elements of Hebrew at the present time from perhaps the most learned member of the Abbey Chapter.

But Bishop Andrewes' enthusiasm went further, for 'even in his walks he had with him a brace of this young fry, and in that wayfaring leisure had a singular dexterity to fill those narrow vessels with a funnel.' On which John Sargeaunt makes the dry comment, 'Bishop Hachet, one of the vessels, was filled too full, for his learning oozes out of every crack.'

AN INFANT PRODIGY.

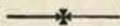
'COLBURN, ZERAH; born September 1, 1804; admitted September 19, 1816; left Whitsuntide, 1819.'

That is all the Register tells us of this Old Westminster. But he was once a person of some celebrity. In his birthplace, Cabot, Vermont, U.S.A., he soon became famous as a ready reckoner. Like his contemporary in this country, George Parker Bidder, he possessed the power of visualising numbers; he lisped in numbers and the numbers came. He could as a child work out problems in his head without stopping his play; the cube root of such numbers as 413, 993, 348, 677 presented no difficulty to him. It just came into his head when the question was put to him, and he would answer in a few seconds. How his talent was first discovered does not appear; but the

luckless infant when six years old was exhibited as a phenomenon by his father, who saw that there was money in him and brought him to England in 1812.

Lord Bristol is said to have been instrumental in placing him at Westminster, where cube roots were nothing accounted of in the days of Page; and his stay there was undistinguished. When he left, he studied for the stage; was for a short time a schoolmaster; returned to America in 1824, by which time his arithmetical talent had deserted him; was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church; and finally became Professor of Language and Literature at Norwich, Vermont, where he died on March 2, 1839. So his brief life did not lack variety.

The late John Carrick Moore, who came to the School in 1815 and lived till 1898, remembered Colburn as having been in the same form with himself, and described him as a red-haired boy who was rather dull and carefully concealed his powers of calculation from his schoolfellows. From which it may be inferred that, dull though he may have been, the youthful Zerah was in his generation wiser than the self-advertising children of the world.



House Notes.

K.SS.—Last term there left us S. Chapman (Trinity), A. B. L. Murison (Trinity), M. F. L. Haymes, A. A. G. Black (Ch. Ch.), W. A. Macfarlane (Balliol), A. J. D. Winniffrith (Ch. Ch.), J. R. Homfray, H. Pagan (Jesus, Cambs.), A. E. Howell (Trinity), P. May (Ch. Ch.). We welcome in their place ten juniors, J. G. Lea, J. R. C. Engleheart, J. E. Rich, F. E. Pagan, C. E. G. Wickham, J. R. Cheadle, J. D. Argyle, L. D. S. ten Doesschate, B. P. C. Bridgewater, L. E. de St. Paër.

We added to our collection of cups last term by acquiring the Swimming Cup; we also won a half-share in the K.SS. v. T.BB. Water Cup, the race ending in a dead heat for the second time on record. No doubt the Drill Cup will soon be ours.

Congratulations are due to Cooper and Evetts on Cricket Colts' Caps, and to Lucas and Harrison on their well-deserved Water House Colours. In matters military, Sutherland and Lloyd-Jones are Sergeants; F. W. Allen and Franklin, Corporals; and Barlow and H. L. Jones, Lance-Corporals.

A.HH.—Last term there left C. W. Myring (Head of House), L. E. Barker and J. S. H. Shattock (monitors), G. P. Young, P. A. M. Morrah, J. D. Evans, P. S. Peak, H. P. G. Fisher and W. N. L. Hogg. In their place we have 13 new boys. We wish them every success. J. H. K.

Thomas, to whom we bade farewell last term, we now welcome back again. Our next duty is to congratulate all those who gained colours last term, of whom there is a large number. Last term we retained both the Shooting Cups and at Water we won both divisions of the Jeffreys Cup, although unfortunately we lost the rudder, which we had held since 1920. To those among our band of happy warriors who have risen in rank we offer our congratulations. This term H. B. Ripman and H. A. P. Phillips are monitors, and D. Cragg-Hamilton is Head of House. B. E. Petitpierre is Captain of Fencing, and A. C. Bird House Captain of Football. (The latter won the Junior Sculls last term.) B. B. Coleman has chosen Grants as his new abode and J. O. V. Edwards has gone to Busby's.

RR.—Our first duty is to say good-bye to Hill from Upper, and Hodgson and Grove from Under. Gatty has come into Upper and Macdonald, Aitken, J., and Evans into Under. We also welcome Walker, Gorer and Bourke as new boys.

Rigauds was well represented at camp, having the second largest platoon. The weather was fine, and we had quite an enjoyable time.

We congratulate the following on promotions: Ropes to C.Q.M.S., Foster and Paulson to L.-Sgts., and Gatty and Bartlett to Corporals. There is a great array of stripes in the House, and our prospects for the Corps Competition seem quite bright.

Last term we lost the Cricket Shield to Grants after an interesting game, in which Foster greatly distinguished himself, as did Wakely for Grants. We hope to have our revenge next year.

Our football prospects are doubtful. We have quite a number of people in big game, and there is a fair sprinkling of Rigaudites in the 2nd XI. There are also some very promising junior players.

H.BB.—As usual we complain of the lack of material to make up our House Notes. This term we have 86 boys in the House. Our monitors are A. Clare, D. F. A. R. Freeman (Head of the Water), and H. B. Magnus (Editor of the *Trifler*). We rejoice at there only being six in the Upper again. Tardy (we think this is the correct ELIZABETHAN phrase) congratulations are due to our House IV on winning the T.BB. rudder from A.HH. By merit of our having Freeman up the House we hold T.BB. v. K.SS. Water Cup for six months. Promotions in the Corps are too many to be enumerated.

As we go to press we gather that the new seating in Abbey is not too popular, as it increases the risk in being absent from the service!

GG.—Last term there left us A. M. Shepley-Smith, D. R. P. Mills, A. B. Lousada, F. G. Hardy, M. G. Stratford, R. B. Grange, R. P. Adler, R. G. A. Mordaunt, A. G. Hildesley and B. P. C. Bridgewater, whom we congratulate on winning a scholarship into College; we wish them every success in the future. In their places we welcome Coleman (from A.H.H.), Colt Williams, Gaye, Gedge, Labertouche, Masterman and Lonsdale as boarders, and Craies, Reed, Stratford and Wootton as half boarders.

We must heartily congratulate the Cricket Seniors XI on bringing back the shield to its rightful place. We finished the season with seven pinks and two other School colours.

This term J. A. Cook is head of House as well as being captain of cricket, football and rackets. He is assisted by W. T. Mallinson and C. T. Clark, boarders, and F. M. Oppenheimer half boarder. As regards football, we have great hopes of keeping the shield, as Cook, Gardiner, Lonsdale and Carr have represented us in the 1st XI and Wakely and Hunter in the 2nd XI. Great keenness is being shown in the House leagues, and we hope to maintain our unbeaten record.

Likewise Water is in a fairly healthy state under Wykeham Martin, assisted by another pink and two pink and whites.

We are afraid that our record in the Corps competition is likely to be broken.

Last but not least we hope to retain, as usual, the rackets and chess cups, the latter game especially is in a high state of cultivation, seeing that we have five members out of six in the team.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting held on September 22 the following were elected as officers for the year:

President—C. H. V. SUTHERLAND.

Vice-President—H. B. MAGNUS.

Secretary—F. W. ALLEN.

An Advisory Committee was also formed.

On Monday, October 4, the Society met to discuss the motion 'That this House sympathises with Mr. A. J. Cook in his heroic fight for liberty.'

R. H. LLOYD-JONES (*Proposer*) gave the Society a touching vignette of 'our hero.' His speech was pure poetry, and as such will not bear condensation.

A. J. ROPES (*Opposer*) took some time to recover from this gas attack. On coming to, he gave the Society an engrossing account of the public and

private life of Mr. Cook, a mere tyrant, a bundle of childish arrogance, who represented nobody but himself, hypnotising the miners by the force of his personality. Mr. Cook found his power rather indigestible, resulting in a mental stomach-ache, or pain in the mind, but he will soon take the pill which will remove the swellings from his head. Then perhaps he will retire into the private life in which alone he shines. During an acquaintance of many years, lasting from their Borstal days, the Opposer had always found Mr. Cook scrupulously honest, devoted to wife and little daughter, in short a model of domestic virtue. Yet in spite of his affection for the man, he could not, as a representative of the governing classes, sympathise with the subverter of that order. If a man hit you on the nose, were you to turn the other nose also?

H. A. P. PHILLIPS (*Seconder*) could not, as a middle classman, contend with Mr. Ropes and the governing classes. The Society was obviously 'on the make,' so was Mr. Cook. He had (so he said) lived in a miner's cottage, and he knew that, though paid as well as a good cook, the miners lived in awful conditions. Now, unimaginative as we are, we should never have realised this had not Mr. Cook impressed it upon us.

J. D. CARLETON (*Fourth Speaker*) pointed out that both his opponents were Welsh. He invited the Society to look at their furtive expressions, their shifty eyes, their faces radiating deceit and stealth.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT had withdrawn his support from the 'bold bloody Barons and death-dealing Dukes.' None of the miners he had accosted amid the filth of their surroundings objected to longer hours so long as the vampires of Park Lane went down the mine with him.

The motion was put to the vote and lost by acclamation.

'INHLOBANE.'

By CLAUD GREENING. Price 2s. (to O.W.W. 1s. 6d.)

Though doubtless the outcome of the best of intentions, the poems included in the volume entitled 'Inhlobane' do not, in our opinion, justify the embellishment of its cover with the School colour and motto. Its author is an O.W., and it is in the columns of THE ELIZABETHAN that he wished a notice to appear. Out of regard for truth we fear we cannot place this verse in the first rank of poetry; it is indeed not the subject matter which requires notice, but the fact that the colour and motto which Westminster calls its peculiar property should be used as a vehicle to

recommend a work of such undeniable mediocrity. Copies may be obtained from the author from his address: 13, Crockerton Road, Upper Tooting, S.W. 17.

The Elizabethan Club.

President—The LORD PHILLIMORE, D.C.L., LL.D.

Treasurer—SIR ERNEST GOODHART, Bart.

Secretary—Mr. D. C. SIMPSON.

By the courtesy of the officers of THE ELIZABETHAN arrangements have been made for the Elizabethan Club to publish Old Westminster news and notices on these pages of the Magazine. It has long been a complaint among Old Westminsters that THE ELIZABETHAN loses its interest for them within a few years of their leaving School, occupied as it must be with matters and persons unknown to them.

There are two ways of removing the grounds of these complaints: first by increasing the circulation, and thus making it possible to enlarge the Magazine; and secondly by sending written contributions. It is sometimes difficult for those who are working abroad to realise that their every-day life may have a novel interest for us at home, and that Westminsters of all generations would welcome letters from them to THE ELIZABETHAN.

We invite the co-operation of all members of the Club in this attempt to unite by a closer bond all Westminsters of whatever age and in whatever place they may be.

Correspondence for these pages should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, 20, Great College Street, S.W. 1.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Club was held on Wednesday, July 14, at the New Princes' Restaurant. The Dean of Westminster was the guest of the evening. It was fourteen years since the last occasion on which a new Dean of Westminster was entertained by the Club, and on both occasions the Headmaster was also present; on both occasions the Princes' Restaurant was chosen; and if modern conditions do not favour an entertainment quite so elaborate as was possible before the war, still in the main the same procedure was adhered to.

The day is memorable as being the hottest of the year, and although all the windows were thrown open, and abundance of ice brought in, all attempts to keep cool were unavailing. However, our tempers were not affected, nor our

enjoyment diminished. There were over 70 Old Westminsters present, and with the exception of the years 1864 and 1865 no period during the last seventy years was unrepresented.

In proposing the Dean's health, the Chairman, Lord Phillimore, spoke of his courtesy on the many occasions on which they had been brought together to discuss controversial matters, and especially as Chairman of the Governing Body; he referred to his interest in education, and warned us of his ability as a caricaturist.

The Dean, in his reply, at once secured the goodwill and enthusiasm of Old Westminsters, as he had on a previous occasion secured that of the School, by a speech in which he blended humour and sincerity with a fine touch. He promised his full support to the School as long as he should hold office, and reassured us of his experience of old scholastic foundations by reminding us that at York he had had to deal with a school dating from the seventh century. We also had the privilege of being the first to hear from the Dean of the handsome gift to the Abbey by their Majesties and the Royal Family of a copy of the book known as Ackerman's 'History of Westminster Abbey,' printed in 1812 on vellum, and containing the original water colours.

Lieut.-General Sir Raleigh Egerton then proposed Floreat. He referred briefly to the activities of the School and to the distinctions of Old Westminsters in University sport.

In reply, the Headmaster paid a tribute to Mr. D. J. Knight, who has the credit of having coached the three cricket Blues of 1926. He then spoke of his hopes for the future, and paid a graceful tribute to the Dean, to whom were chiefly due the amicable relations existing at Westminster.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams proposed the health of the Chairman, his exact contemporary at School. After a short reply by the Chairman a very pleasant evening was brought to an end.

THE WESTMINSTER BALL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1926.

A SPECIAL effort is being made this year on behalf of the School Mission, and the proceeds of the annual ball will be devoted to that object.

It is therefore hoped that all O.W.W. who cannot attend the Ball will send a contribution—it does not matter how small—to the Ball Secretary, 222, Strand, W.C.

The preliminary circular has been sent out to all members of the Elizabethan Club, and to all other O.W.W. known personally to the Committee,

but there must still be a very large number to be circularised, and it is hoped that O.W.W. who have not received notice of the Ball will communicate with the honorary secretaries.

The ball will be under distinguished patronage, and the committee will represent every generation from 1900. Every effort is being made to make it official in every sense of the word, and yet to keep it well within the purse of the younger generation, as it is fully realised that without the latter it cannot be a success.

The Abbey will be represented by the Dean, the School by the Headmaster, the Elizabethan Club by Lord Phillimore and Mr. R. T. Squire, and the Mission by the Rev. S. Shepley-Smith.

CRICKET SEASON, 1926.

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

AFTER an auspicious opening, with the first three matches won outright, Old Westminster cricket suffered a set back in a series of reverses, and ended the season with only four matches won out of a total of 13, of which 7 were lost and the remaining 2 drawn.

This sad state of affairs was due mainly to lack of support on the part of cricketing O.W.W., who hide themselves away out of reach of the tentacles of a worried and harassed Secretary and Captain, and either through excessive modesty or for other reasons fail to reveal their whereabouts or their possible desire for a game.

However, the season was not altogether devoid of compensation, witness another very close and exciting win over Byfleet C.C., when the home side with 6 wickets to fall and only 17 runs to make were literally rattled out by the bowling of A. C. Feasey, who obtained the last five wickets for 0 runs, thus enabling the Old Westminsters to win by the narrow margin of 8.

P. W. G. Kann, who captained the side capably throughout the season, as well as being the sole member to play in every match, secured the only century obtained for us this year, *v.* Lancing Old Boys at Vincent Square, who after declaring with their score at 267 for 9 wickets, leaving a little over two hours to get the runs, must have been somewhat surprised and not a little startled to find us replying with 251 for 6 wickets, of which Kann's share was 116.

Other good individual performances were as follows:—P. W. G. Kann, 79 n.o. *v.* Bank of England; L. Clare, 79 *v.* Sidcup C.C.; E. R.

Munt, 67 *v.* Highgate School; and W. E. Gerrish, 55 *v.* Cryptics. **BOWLING.**—A. C. Feasey, 7 wickets for 25 *v.* Highgate School, 6 wickets for 36 *v.* H.A.C., and 6 wickets for 40 *v.* Byfleet C.C.; W. S. Lonsdale, 7 wickets for 55 *v.* Sidcup C.C.

The batting averages for 1926 are as under. The bowling analysis unfortunately was not kept throughout the year, but the leading number of wickets taken were:—A. C. Feasey, innings 9; wickets, 29. W. S. Lonsdale, Innings, 7; Wickets, 27. P. W. G. Kann, Innings, 11; wickets 19.

BATTING AVERAGES, 1926.

	Inns.	Total.	H.S.	Not out.	Av.
P. W. G. Kann	... 13	404	116	1	33.66
W. E. Gerrish	... 9	211	55	0	23.44
E. R. Munt	... 7	146	67	0	20.85
W. S. Lonsdale	... 10	120	33	0	12.00
A. M. Shepley-Smith	3	35	19	0	11.66
H. A. Meyer	... 4	41	32	0	8.00
A. C. Feasey	... 9	59	20*	1	7.37
D. H. Kitchen	... 7	21	8*	3	5.25

The following also batted:—W. N. McBride, 43; H. R. Munt, 42.

* Indicates not out.

FOOTBALL.

(Secretary—C. J. PINDER, 3, Coleherne Road, S.W. 10.)

AFTER a lapse of some years the Club has entered for the A.F.A. Cup, and appears in the first round proper on December 11.

Our opponents in the first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup are again the Old Wykehamists. This tie will most probably be played at Vincent Square on January 15. It is hoped that O.W.W. will turn up to encourage the team.

The provisional fixture card till the end of the year is:

	1st XI.	"A" XI.
Oct. 9—R.M.C.		H.A.C. "A."
" 16—Brentwood School.		
Forest School.		
" 23—Lancing Coll.		Lancing College 2nd.
" 30—Old Cholmelians.		Middlesex Hospital.
Nov. 6—Guy's Hospital.		R.M.A. 2nd.
" 13—R.M.A.		Christ Church.
" 20—Wellingborough School.		
" 27—Old Foresters.		Old Cholmelians "A."
Dec. 4—St. Thomas' Hospital.		St. Lawrence College.
" 11—1st Round, A.F.A. Cup.		St. Bart's Hosp. 2nd.
Guards Depôt.		
" 18—Westminster School.		Westminster Sch. 2nd.
" 27—Lancing Old Boys.		

GOLF.

(Secretary—R. W. HARTLEY, Broomhill Lodge, Bickley, Kent.)

THE annual meeting was held at West Hill on October 13, when Mr. W. L. Hartley won the 'Sutherland' Cup, 18 holes under handicap, with a return of $76 + 2 = 78$. Mr. W. B. Enever was second with $93 - 13 = 80$, and Mr. R. W. Hartley, with $78 + 3 = 81$, tied with Mr. G. B. Sutton, with $86 - 5 = 81$, for third place. The brothers Hartley won the bogey Foursomes with a return of 4 down, Mr. L. R. Walton and Mr. G. B. Sutton being a second with 5 down.

FIVES, RACKETS, SQUASH
RACKETS.

(Secretary—W. E. GERRISH, Ashburnham, Sandown Road, Esher.)

THE annual meeting will be held at the School on October 20, at 6 p.m.

SQUASH.

During last month 8 matches were played, with results as follows:—

Bank of England	lost	3—2
Bank of England	won	3—2
A Queen's Club side	lost	5—1
Esher	lost	2—1
A Conservative Club side	won	2—1
A Conservative Club side	lost	2—1
An R.A.C. side	won	3—0
An R.A.C. side	lost	3—0

About 10 matches have been arranged for the present season.

FIVES.

Matches have been played with the School and with the Cambridge O.W.W., and interesting games took place between Pre-War and Post-War O.W.W., and between footballers and non-footballers.

In addition a large number of O.W.W. have enjoyed the privilege kindly granted by the Headmaster of practice games in the School Courts during the holidays.

Matches have been arranged as follows:—

Oct. 26—v. The School.

Jan. 8—v. C. O.W.W. (at Westminster).

„ 15—v. Old Citizens (at Blackfriars).

LAWN TENNIS.

Two matches were played during the summer, Esher and Westfield being our opponents. Both were lost 5—4, the final set deciding the match in each case.

A match is being played against Wimbledon L.T.C. on October 10.

Old Westminster.

SIR HUGH LANSDOWN STEPHENSON, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., has been appointed Governor of the Province of Bihar and Orissa. Sir Hugh Stephenson has had a very distinguished career in India, and has lately been Acting Governor of Bengal during the absence of Lord Lytton.

Sir Stanley Fisher, Chief Justice of Trinidad, has been appointed Chief Justice of Ceylon. This is usually regarded as the most important of the Colonial Chief Justiceships. Sir Stanley Fisher was formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Cyprus.

Mr. Gordon Ambrose de Lisle Lee, C.B., C.V.O., Norroy King of Arms, has been appointed Clarenceux King of Arms and Principal Herald of the South, East and West parts of England.

Mr. Robert M. Rattenbury has been elected a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. Rattenbury gained first class honours in both parts of the Classical Tripos 1921 and 1923. He was John Stewart of Rannock Greek and Latin Scholar in 1922 and George Charles Winter Warr Scholar for Classical Research in 1923.

The late Mr. William Stebbing, who died in May last, aged 95, has bequeathed the sum of £150 to the School for an annual prize for English Verse or Prose.

At Oxford Mr. K. MacGregor was placed in the First Class of the Final Honours School of History, and Mr. G. H. Samuel was in the First Class of Modern Greats.

Mr. MacGregor has since passed fourth into the Home Civil Service.

Mr. A. G. N. Cross has been elected to the Harmsworth Law Scholarship, Cambridge University.

Mr. P. Simpson has been ordained and appointed to a Curacy at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds.

The Rev. Edward Williamson, M.A., has been appointed Warden of St. Michael's College, Llandaff.

Birth.

HODDER-WILLIAMS.—On August 25, the wife of Ralph Hodder-Williams, of a son.

Engagements.

CLAREMONT-MARTIN.—The engagement is announced between Louis Edmund Claremont, L.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.D.S. (Eng.), only son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Bennett Claremont, and Margaret Florence, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin, of Churchill, Somerset.

NEAL-BULLARD.—The engagement is announced between Daniel J. Neal, of 2, Routh Road, Wandsworth Common, London, and Margrette Bullard, of Windsor, Vermont.

Marriage.

RANDOLPH-CANTY.—On July 15, at Porterville, Cal., U.S.A., of Bernard Nolan Randolph to Verna Canty.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death of SIR LEICESTER PAUL BEAUFORT, formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Labuan, and of the State of North Borneo, which took place in August in South Africa. He was the younger son of the Rev. Daniel Augustus Beaufort, Rector of Lymm, Cheshire, by Emily Nowell, second daughter of Sir John F. Davis, Bart., K.C.B., and entered the School in 1867. In 1869 he was elected into College and left in 1871. After leaving Oxford he was called to the Bar and became a member of the London School Board. He was Governor of Labuan and North Borneo from 1895 to 1900. In 1901 he became Chief Justice, North-Eastern Rhodesia, and retired in 1918. He was knighted in 1919 and lived after his retirement at Wynberg, Cape Colony.

A distinguished Westminster scholar and contemporary of the above has passed away in DR. EDWARD VERNON ARNOLD, D.Litt., late Professor of Latin in the University College of North Wales, who died on September 19, in his 70th year. He was a son of the Rev.

C. M. Arnold, Vicar of St. Mark's, South Norwood, and was admitted to the School in 1867. He was elected into College in 1871 at the head of his Election. He acted in the 'Phormio' in 1873 and as Captain spoke the Prologue, and acted Callicles in the 'Trinummus' in 1874. It is interesting to record that in 1924, in order to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary he and almost the whole of his Election dined together and came on to the Play afterwards. In 1875 he was elected head to Trinity College, Cambridge. At Cambridge he won the Bell Scholarship and took a first in Classical and Mathematical Tripos. He was elected to a Fellowship at Trinity, and from 1884 to 1924 he was Professor of Latin at Bangor. He wrote two important books, one on the subject of the Vedic metre (1905), and the other on Roman Stoicism (1910). His death is no small loss to classical scholarship, in which he had justly made a name for himself as a teacher and as a writer. He was a vice-president of the Classical Association, and took a keen interest in all its affairs, especially as one of the editors of the *Classical Quarterly*.

JOHN EDWARD YONGE RADCLIFFE, who died as the result of an accident on July 24, was the eldest son of His Honour Judge F. R. Y. Radcliffe, K.C., and was up Grant's from 1896 to 1901. He was afterwards at Christ Church, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple, and as a barrister was well-known for his industry, his knowledge of law and quickness in grasping and unravelling difficult points.

We have received the following appreciation from an O.W.:—'A marked personality and a loyal O.W. has gone in Jack Radcliffe. He sat often as deputy for his father, and the writer appeared sometimes against and often before him in Berkshire and Oxfordshire. A scupulously fair advocate and a fair-minded Judge, he was very outspoken. If a witness did not tell the truth, Jack made no ado about saying so and threatening penalties. His impulsiveness sometimes landed him in difficulties. For instance, his pride in Westminster had to be expressed, even when it was liable to be misunderstood. A solicitor who failed to grasp this was upset by a reference in the opening sentence of a judgment he gave to the fact that he and the barrister in whose favour judgment was going were O.W.W. who had been at the House together; but such things

in reality in no way affected the invariable equity of his judgments.'

EDWARD DOUGLAS ASKWITH was the son of the Rev. Dr. E. H. Askwith, for many years Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge, and sometime Assistant Master at Westminster, by Mary Douglas, daughter of Sir Douglas Fox. He was in College from 1909 to 1913. He afterwards became an engineer, and was drowned at Rhosneigr, Anglesey, on September 12.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As a lover of School traditions I greatly regret that apparently two old customs have been dropped: (1) The visit on St. David's Day by a member of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn's family to ask for an Early Play and to give each Welsh boy, and Monos, a sovereign (nowadays a £1 note would do). (2) The gift to the King's Scholars in October of brown and sausage meat from Oxford, and four Stilton cheeses from Cambridge, by those who were last elected.

Yours very truly,

R. BRUCE DICKSON (1855-61).

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Surely it is time the bronze boss of John Sargeant in the sixth form room was cleaned. It is really disgracefully dirty. Also what about the brass tablets to O.W.W. on the way 'up School'? Most of them are so dirty that they cannot even be read. This seems hardly the way to commemorate O.W.W. It cannot be a very great trouble to give them a polish occasionally. Hoping I have not wasted too much of your time.

Yours sincerely,

FLOREAT WESTMON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I appeal through your columns to all those who like myself combine a love of Westminster with a love of music to support Mr. Lofthouse in his gallant efforts to lay the foundations of a good School orchestra, by subscribing to his fund for the purchase of instruments? It was stated in your last number that this fund then amounted to £12 15s., and that £13 13s. more was required to pay for the clarinet and double bass which had been already provided. Since then Sir George Sutherland has most kindly defrayed the outstanding debt. But the insatiable Mr. Lofthouse is now asking for more money to enable him to purchase a set of tympani, which will cost at least £20, and an oboe, and I trust that he will not ask in vain.

What Mr. Lofthouse desires is to make Westminster take its place with Winchester and Harrow as one of the great public schools where the serious study of music is not neglected. The House competitions which he has instituted should do much to secure this object, but the formation of a good and fairly complete School Orchestra capable of playing the best classical music should do even more.

Many years ago—more than I like to remember—I wrote you, sir, a letter making two suggestions: (1) That the concerts, then held in College Hall, should be given up School, and (2) that a School orchestra should be formed. In those far away days both ideas were regarded as Utopian dreams. But after a comparatively short interval the concert was transferred to School with most satisfactory results, and in more recent years the nucleus of an orchestra has been established. It now rests with the friends of the School to help Mr. Lofthouse in fostering the growth of the orchestra, so that boys as they come to Westminster may be encouraged to begin the study of orchestral instruments.

Several of my contemporaries have already subscribed to Mr. Lofthouse's fund, but there must be many other musical men who have passed through the School during the last half century and have, perhaps, not yet heard of the fund's existence. If some of these are not incited by this letter to send a subscription I shall be disappointed. *Bis dat qui cito dat.* The smallest subscription will be gratefully received, and also the largest.

Yours faithfully,

P. G. L. WEBB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—One of the volumes of the Town Boy Ledger is missing, and we believe has not been heard of for four years. Those who have had the opportunity and the curiosity to examine the interesting places up Library will know that there are several large volumes of this ledger, giving a continuous record of School activities since 1815. It would be deplorable if a break were to occur.

Two things are necessary: first to find the missing number—and for any information on the subject we should be very grateful; the book in question started in 1914, and naturally the record of the War years has a special interest. Secondly, to collect what information is available of the years which have not been recorded—1922-1926. The co-operation of Head Town Boys and others is earnestly desired. May we, therefore, through your columns appeal for their assistance?

We are, sir,

Yours faithfully,

D. C. SIMPSON,

Hon. Sec. Elizabethan Club.

G. M. E. PAULSON,

Prin. Opp.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should be much obliged if you would insert in the next issue of THE ELIZABETHAN that the Annual Meeting of the School Mission Committee will be held in the Old Library, Westminster School, on Friday, November 5, at 5.30 p.m., and that all friends and subscribers will be welcomed.

Yours truly,

J. R. WADE.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

Reptonian, *Wellingtonian*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *Wykehamist*, *Our Boys' Magazine*, *Dovorian*, *Rossallian*, *Chellonian*, *Britannia Magazine*, *Cliftonian*, *Salopian* (2), *Marlburian*, *Eton College Chronicle* (5), *Beaumont Review*, *Felstedian*, *Shirburnian*, *Haileyburian*, *Manchester Grammar School Magazine*, *Stoneyhurst Magazine*, *The Portcullis*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Ousel*, *Harrovian*, *Tonbridgian*, *Meteor*, *Lancing College Chronicle*, *Radleighian*, *Johnian*.

OLD WESTMINSTERS LODGE, No. 2233.

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

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

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

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

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

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

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, B. F. Hardy, Esq., Westminster School. Offers of service and of gifts in kind should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, J. R. Wade, Esq., O.W., 22, Norman Avenue, Twickenham.

NOTICES.

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