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## FOOTBALL SEASON 1913-1914.

It was anticipated at the end of last season that the season just past could hardly be a very successful one, and it must be admitted that the anticipation has in many ways proved only too true. A glance at the record of matches played will fully bear this out. At the same time it is probably the case that the figures given exaggerate the weakness of the side. Individually there were many players of some merit, but as a team they did not combine well. It is also noteworthy that it was very seldom that the whole team played well. If the backs were playing well,

then the forwards had an off day, and *vice versa*. Not only was this the case, but the backs, who had shown sound defence in the Play Term, became rather unreliable in the Lent Term. The team too did not have the best of luck in losing various members owing to accidents, Hodgson being disabled during the first part of the Play Term and the latter part of the Lent Term besides being absent for the first three weeks of the latter term.

Carless made a good captain. He was energetic himself and kept his team up to the mark, and was always willing to make experiments to see if he could improve the side.

As a goalkeeper he saved many goals, and if his methods did not always inspire confidence in those who did not know him, they were at any rate seldom unsuccessful. But to become really first-class he must learn to throw himself and become more skilful in running out. He is unusually good at anticipating where a shot will come.

Hodgson at right-back was generally sound in defence both in tackling and kicking, but he lacks pace and must learn to use his head more.

Thompson at left-back played excellently during the Play Term, but fell off rather in the second term. On his day he tackles and kicks excellently, and is possessed of a fair turn of speed and is not afraid to go into an opponent.

Paul at right-back was an energetic, bustling player, but, like all the halves, he fed his forwards badly. He must learn to keep his eye on the ball when he tackles instead of making rather a blind dash for it.

Veitch at centre-half was a useful defensive half. He was sure of his kick at any angle, and this was often of great value; but he was too apt, when he had plenty of time, to kick the ball in the air instead of putting it to his forward's feet. He showed some improvement, however, after the Charterhouse match, and it is a pity that he will not be here for another season.

Smith at left-half was better with his head than anyone else in the defence, but he was uncertain in kicking. He and Paul both hung back too far, probably for the reason that they did not possess sufficient pace.

Charlton occupied various positions in the forward line. Though he finally secured his Pinks as an outside-right, it is probable that he was better as an inside. He worked hard and could dribble and pass well, but he was too slow for an outside and hardly strong enough for an inside.

Julian at inside-right was the most promising of the forwards. He was fast and fairly enterprising, but he was often guilty of not trying to get a pass unless he was quite certain that he would get it before his opponent.

Brodie started at full-back, and afterwards took the position of centre-forward. His worst

fault was his inability to put his passes where he intended, and his other great fault was his distrust of his own powers. He was, however, the only one of the forwards who looked able to score a goal by himself. Next year he should prove very useful if he can overcome his faults.

Sankey did not come into the side till after Christmas. Without being a great forward, he often took the ball some way down the field, and was always bustling and energetic.

Furze, like Brodie, used to play back, but was given the position of outside-left, a position which he filled fairly well. Unlike most of the outside-lefts of late years, he could centre with his left leg. He was rather an uncertain player, one day taking the ball down quite well and eluding the defence, and another day seeming quite unable to get past any opponent.

Of those who did not get into the XI. Ashley was easily the best. After Carless's injury, he played regularly for the School, and played very well, some of his saves being magnificent. He is certainly deserving of sympathy that he should have had no chance of gaining his Pinks. Feasey also played in many matches, but, though he was a good shot and combined well, he lacked resolution. Waterson was prevented by an accident to his knee from showing whether he was going to fulfil the promise of earlier years.

For next year probably there will be three forwards, one half, and one back left. To fill the vacancies there are several promising players. Robinson should make a good outside-right; Spence, Rathbone and Bennet are all good halves, and if Kitchin stops he and Thompson would make a good pair of backs. There is, so far as one can see, no really good goalkeeper staying, but doubtless one will turn up. At any rate the team should be much stronger than this year, and we may look forward, even those of us who are pessimists, with some confidence to next season.

FIRST XI. RECORD.					
Matches Played	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Matches Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against
26	2	18	6	29	82
SECOND XI. RECORD.					
18	7	10	1	67	62

School Notes.

THE Waterfield Prize for Greek Prose has been won by L. H. Chidson, and the Ireland Prize for Greek Verse by R. W. Stannard.

The winning league this season is F, captained in Play Term by F. H. Philpot, and in Lent Term by G. R. D. Gee.

Home Boarders have won the Gymnasium Competition from the holders, King's Scholars.

We observe with regret that it has been found necessary to cut down some of the fine old trees that surround Green, and trust that but few windows will be broken by footballs in consequence.

The following is the past season's Football Card, filled in :—

		1913.	
Sat.	Sept. 27	v. Clapham Rovers.	Lost 0—1.
	2nd XI.	v. H.A.C. 2nd XI.	Lost 0—3.
Sat.	Oct. 4	v. O.WW.	Lost 0—4.
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A).	Lost 2—3.
Sat.	Oct. 11	v. Casuals.	Lost 0—8.
	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	Lost 3—5.
Wed.	Oct. 15	v. R.M.A., Woolwich.	Lost 1—4.
Sat.	„ 18	v. Beckenham.	Won 1—0.
	2nd XI.	v. Old Aldenhamians (A).	Lost 0—6.
Sat.	Oct. 25	v. R.M.C., Sandhurst.	Lost 1—4.
	2nd XI.	v. Bank of England 2nd XI.	Lost 2—4.
Sat.	Nov. 1	v. Old Wykehamists.	Drawn 3—3.
	2nd XI.	v. King's College (A).	Won 4—3.
Sat.	Nov. 15	v. Old Foresters.	Lost 1—3.
	2nd XI.	v. H.A.C. 2nd XI.	Won 9—8.
Sat.	Nov. 22	v. Old Cholmelians.	Lost 0—2.
	2nd XI.	v. Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.	Lost 3—4.
Wed.	Nov. 26	v. Old Carthusians.	Drawn 0—0.
Sat.	Nov. 29	v. Old Aldenhamians.	Lost 0—4.
	2nd XI.	v. Old Foresters 2nd XI.	Won 4—1.
Sat.	Dec. 6	v. St. Thomas's Hospital.	Lost 1—4.
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A).	Lost 3—6.
Sat.	Dec. 13	v. Lancing Old Boys.	Drawn 2—2.
	2nd XI.	v. Old Cholmelians (A).	Drawn 3—3.
		1914.	
Sat.	Jan. 17	v. Emeriti.	Lost 0—3.
	2nd XI.	v. St. Gabriel's Mission.	Won 10—1.
Sat.	Jan. 24	v. Old Felstedians.	Lost 2—3.
	2nd XI.	v. School Mission.	Lost 2—4.
Wed.	Jan. 28	v. Outcasts.	Drawn 4—4.
Sat.	„ 31	v. Old Berkhamstedians.	Lost 0—2.
	2nd XI.	v. „ „	2nd XI. Won 4—1.

Sat.	Feb. 7	v. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).	Lost 1—4.
Wed.	Feb. 11	v. Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	Lost 2—4.
Sat.	„ 14	v. Old Bradfield Boys.	Drawn 0—0.
	2nd XI.	v. St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI.	Scratched.
Sat.	Feb. 21	v. Casuals.	Lost 0—8.
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A).	Won 7—2.
Tues.	Feb. 24	v. Christ Church.	Won 2—1.
Sat.	„ 28	v. O.WW.	Lost 1—5.
	2nd XI.	v. King's College (A.).	Lost 2—4.
Thurs.	Mar. 5	v. Winchester College (at Winchester).	Lost 2—3.
Sat.	„ 7	v. Old Brightonians.	Lost 3—4.
	2nd XI.	v. Bank of England 2nd XI.	Won 8—2.
Sat.	Mar. 14	v. Old Etonians.	Drawn 2—2.
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A.)	Lost 1—2.
Wed.	Mar. 18	K.SS. v. T.BB.	Drawn 0—0.

The Football Teams have been made up follows :—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>Thirds.</i>
*H. A. Carless.	*J. O. M. Ashley.	M. A. Robinson.
M. A. Thompson.	*A. C. Feasey.	R. C. May.
*E. L. Hodgson.	*G. R. G. Byham.	S. L. Holmes.
*D. G. Veitch.	*S. F. Waterson.	J. H. Spence.
C. R. Julian.	*A. L. Leighton.	D. H. Kitchin.
*G. C. Paul.		*H. B. Thacker.
N. F. Furze.		E. M. Plaskitt.
K. Brodie.		J. V. Rathbone.
R. Smith.		R. G. Bennett.
*C. M. Sankey.		*L. H. Chidson.
*A. N. Charlton.		R. R. Turner.
		F. R. Oliver.
		W. W. Dolton.

\* Will probably have left by next season.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. O.WW.,  
FEBRUARY 28.  
(Lost, 1—5.)

THOMPSON won the toss and chose to defend the Church end. The School goal was attacked vigorously, and Cardew opened the score from an excellent corner-kick by McCulloch. Soon after Lang scored from another corner-kick by McCulloch. Brodie followed up a free kick for off-side and got clear, but shot over the goal. Clarke then scored their third goal with a shot which might have been saved. Miles and McCulloch each added another goal, but just before half-time Julian scored off an excellent centre from Furze. Half-time (1—5).

In the second half the play was more even and no goals were scored, though Ashley had some difficult shots to save, which he did in fine

style. The game was very fast throughout, as the ball was very light and the ground dry though slippery in places; to add to the difficulty of controlling the ball, a strong wind was blowing from the Hospital end.

Teams :—

O.W.W.

R. E. Nott-Bower; A. C. Estall and G. G. Feasey; A. B. Johnson, C. G. Cardew and A. E. Rice-Oxley; A. C. V. Miles, J. W. H. McCulloch, F. C. K. Clarke, E. Coleby and W. I. Lang.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. O. M. Ashley; E. L. Hodgson and M. A. Thompson; G. C. Paul, D. G. Veitch and R. Smith; A. N. Charlton, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie, A. C. Feasey and N. F. Furze.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* WINCHESTER COLLEGE (played at Winchester), MARCH 5.

(Lost, 2-3.)

WINCHESTER won the toss and started playing down the hill. Rain fell steadily during the progress of the match, and the ground was in a very sodden condition, besides being on what seems, compared to Vincent Square, a considerable slope.

Westminster forced a corner right at the beginning, and generally the play was in their favour for some time after the start. Our opponents, however, were the first to score, about fifteen minutes from the kick-off. After some good work by Ashton and Gregson, the latter sent the ball across to Campbell, who shot for goal. Ashley fumbled badly, and Williams had no difficulty in scoring (0-1). Both sides forced corners, and Ashley made one or two good saves. A *mêlée* in front of the home goal resulted in Julian equalising shortly before half-time (1-1).

The School were now favoured by wind and the ground, but Brodie had unfortunately got somewhat hurt, and this weakened the attack. Resuming, Ashton missed an easy chance for Winchester, and, though Gregson at outside-right was often prominent, it was not till a quarter of an hour before the finish that any further scoring took place. Campbell, after several shots from the other forwards, put his side ahead with an excellent one from the left wing (1-2), and Williams soon followed his example (1-3). A few minutes, however, before the close, Thompson reduced the margin with a grand dropping shot, which should certainly have been saved (2-3).

On the run of the game Winchester probably deserved their win, but Westminster played well throughout, and showed greatly improved form as compared with the Charterhouse match. The defence were best, and both the backs played a splendid game all through, Hodgson being safer than ever before in the season. Thompson was the pick of the defence on either side, but Winchester's forwards were a good deal the better

attack. Gregson was the most prominent figure on the field, and he and Ashton combined exceedingly well. It should also be said that Winchester were without Eden for most of the second half.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. O. M. Ashley; E. L. Hodgson and M. A. Thompson; G. C. Paul, D. G. Veitch and R. Smith; A. N. Charlton, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie, C. M. Sankey and N. F. Furze.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

D. H. Macintyre; W. L. Barnard and J. G. Macintyre; R. V. H. Roseveare, G. B. Eden and G. Macpherson; D. N. K. Gregson (capt.), G. Ashton, P. V. Williams, A. G. Macdonell and K. G. Campbell.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD BRIGHTONIANS, MARCH 7.

(Lost, 3-4.)

THE Visitors kicked off from the Hospital end. The Visitors' forwards played very well at first, especially the insides, who, on the slippery ground, completely outplayed the School defence, who were without Hodgson. Hoffmeister and M. H. Clarke scored two goals each in the first twenty minutes, and then took things rather easily. The Visitors continued to press most of the first half, and Ashley played very well in goal. Half-time (0-4).

In the second half the School forwards started well, and Sankey scored almost immediately (1-4). Ashley then had some difficult shots, which he saved, and Furze and Sankey took the ball down the left wing and Sankey scored (2-4). Brodie got away and shot, but the ball was stopped and Sankey put it through. The Visitors' forwards then attacked vigorously, but did not recover their form at the beginning, though Hoffmeister should have scored but hit the post, and the whistle blew with the score (3-4) in their favour.

Teams :—

OLD BRIGHTONIANS.

W. N. Bach; G. Betcher and G. M. Dawbarn; S. F. R. Hulbert, A. N. Corbett and L. F. Dower; Rev. A. H. Betcher, C. E. Hoffmeister, M. H. Clarke, D. H. Clarke and F. L. B. Stikes.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. O. M. Ashley; D. H. Kitchin and M. A. Thompson; G. C. Paul, D. G. Veitch and R. Smith; A. N. Charlton, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie, C. M. Sankey and N. F. Furze.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* MR. K. S. NICHOLL'S XI., SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

(Drawn, 2-2.)

THE School kicked off from the Church end and the game was confined to one side of the ground owing to a light ball and strong cross-wind. There was no score until just before half-time Winterbottom scored from close quarters.

On resuming play the Visitors' forwards attacked our goal vigorously and forced two corners in quick succession, but both were cleared and the ball taken down to the Visitors' goal. Kitchin dropped the ball in front of their goal, and Furze, following up, scored (1-1). The rain then began to fall and the ground, which was only dry on the surface, soon became slippery. Twining got the ball cleverly in front of goal and scored, though he should not have been allowed to shoot. Just before the end, Thacker, who had been playing excellently, misjudged a shot from Furze, and the game ended in a draw.

Teams :—

MR. K. S. NICHOLL'S XI.

H. B. Thacker (sub.); G. A. Ridley and G. H. M. Cartwright; E. G. Payne, E. L. Findlay and C. L. Bruton; F. G. C. Dickinson, O. D. Winterbottom, R. H. Twining, K. S. Nicholl and the Hon. G. Freeman-Thomas.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. O. M. Ashley; D. H. Kitchin and M. A. Thompson; G. C. Paul, D. G. Veitch and A. L. Leighton; A. N. Charlton, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie, C. M. Sankey and N. F. Furze.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI.

v. KING'S COLLEGE (A), FEBRUARY 28.

(Lost, 2-4.)

THE School kicked off, but it was not long before the Visitors' inside-right got away and scored. Waterson then took the ball down the field, but shot over. After two corners and a wide shot by Oliver, Holmes sent the ball well into the corner of the net (1-1). Immediately after, however, the Visitors scored again, and half-time came with the score 1-2. Soon afterwards Waterson had to leave with an injured knee, and a *mêlée* in the goal-mouth resulted in a third goal for the Visitors. Byham, however, with an excellent shot brought the score to 2-3, but before time the Visitors' outside-right found the net again. Score, 2-4.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI.

E. R. Hicks; E. M. Plaskitt and D. H. Kitchin; G. R. Byham, A. L. Leighton and J. H. Spence; M. A. Robinson, S. F. Waterson, S. L. Holmes, F. R. Oliver and C. M. Sankey (capt.)

KING'S COLLEGE (A).

Andrews; Wolestancroft and Leenian; Blanchard, Mitchell and Workshop; Moody, Regan, Jones, Lodge and Burrows.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI. v.

BANK OF ENGLAND SECOND XI.,

MARCH 7.

(Won, 8-2.)

SPENCE opened the score for us with a beautiful long shot, and Feasey soon followed his example

(2-0). The Visitors forced a corner, but Holmes put the School further ahead. They, however, scored once before half-time (3-1). Oliver scored again with an excellent shot, and Thacker saved well. Feasey then got three goals in succession, and the Visitors and Robinson each added one (8-2).

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI.

H. B. Thacker; E. M. Plaskitt and G. R. Byham; J. H. Spence, A. L. Leighton, and J. V. Rathbone; M. A. Robinson, F. R. Oliver, A. C. Feasey (capt.), L. H. Chidson and S. L. Holmes.

BANK OF ENGLAND SECOND XI.

E. C. Luxon, A. F. Dawson, W. Bryce, C. A. Rickett, A. M. Bennett (sub.), A. P. Garratt, G. A. Palfreyman, J. A. Saddler, O. L. Irwin, D. F. Taylor and A. Hodgson.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI. v.

O.WW. (A), MARCH 14.

(Lost, 1-2.)

THE Visitors began to press, and Macpherson put in two shots, one of which found the net, the other being well saved by Turner. Denza then scored again for them. Feasey replied with a hot one, and, after some play in our half, Feasey received a pass from Holmes and nearly scored, just before half-time (0-2). On the resumption of play Oliver nearly scored for the School, but, after a corner against the Visitors, a sharp storm made the conditions for football extremely difficult. Both sides, however, made repeated rushes, and shortly before time Holmes scored with a good shot. Time, 1-2.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI.

R. R. Turner; E. M. Plaskitt and A. M. Bennett; J. H. Spence, G. R. G. Byham and J. V. Rathbone; F. R. Oliver, M. A. Robinson, A. C. Feasey (capt.), L. H. Chidson and S. L. Holmes.

O.WW. (A).

D. B. Butterfield; A. C. Estall and C. B. Bonner; G. L. Worlock, A. W. Peacock and E. Parker; A. C. V. Miles, H. C. Macpherson, E. Coleby, L. C. Denza and O. A. Derry.

K.SS. v. T.BB., MARCH 18.

(Drawn, 0-0.)

VEITCH, who was acting as captain, Carless being still unable to play, won the toss and Holmes kicked off for K.SS. from the Guards' Hospital end punctually at 2.30. For the first ten minutes T.B.B. did most of the pressing, but they found Kitchin and Thompson difficult to pass. Then the K.SS. forwards got more together and forced a corner, which, however, proved fruitless. Shortly afterwards Holmes was unfortunately tripped by Paul when he had got past him and might easily have scored a goal. It was not long before the

K.S.S. forwards were again dangerous, but they shot poorly or else refrained from shooting at all. Then Furze ran down and forced a corner, which was well put, but Thompson managed to clear after some anxious moments in front of goal. Julian was soon afterwards prominent, but Turner by coming out on several occasions successfully saved. After the K.S.S. had conceded another corner without result, half-time came with the score 0-0. After the re-start, College did most of the pressing, Holmes being particularly noticeable. The Town-boy forwards seemed quite incapable of passing the College half-backs, though Julian and Feasey tried hard to outpace Lutyens, but found that Thompson was too quick for them. The Town-boy defence seemed frightened and kicked the ball rather wildly instead of feeding their forwards. However, as time drew near, the T.B.B. forwards improved, and for the last ten minutes they made frequent attacks, but were unable to break through, and after a scrambling game, which was, however, full of interest, the whistle blew without either side having scored.

For College, Holmes was the best of the forwards; Charlton and Phillimore both worked hard, but the former by his anxiety to help the defence tended to spoil the combination of the forwards. Robinson was not at his best, his centres often being too far back, while Pakenham-Walsh lost several good opportunities from not being able to centre at once when the ball was put out to him. All the half-backs played well, and it was highly creditable to them that they should have kept in check forwards who were considerably faster and heavier. The backs were sound and kicked well, and Turner did all that was necessary in goal, though at times rather slow in clearing. For T.B.B. the forwards were disappointing. They never managed to get together, and for most of the time they seemed to be incapable of outwitting the College halves. Veitch did a great deal of useful work in defence, and but for him College would probably have won. Smith was more than a match for Robinson. Byham had not a strong wing against him. The backs were weak, both being uncertain in their kicking and hanging much too far back. Thacker in goal made several excellent saves and came out of the match with great credit, as he has had but little practice in keeping goal.

Teams :—

#### KING'S SCHOLARS.

R. R. Turner; D. H. Kitchin and M. A. Thompson (capt.); M. G. Farquharson, G. R. D. Gee and E. F. Lutyens; M. A. Robinson, A. N. Charlton, S. L. Holmes, M. A. Phillimore, and G. P. Pakenham-Walsh.

#### TOWN BOYS.

H. B. Thacker; E. M. Plaskitt and G. C. Paul; G. R. G. Byham, D. G. Veitch (capt.) and R. Smith; A. C. Feasey, C. R. Julian, K. Brodie, C. M. Sankey and N. F. Furze.

Referee; Mr. A. T. Willett.

## O.T.C.

THE following promotions have been made :—

Lc.-Corpl. Clode to be Corporal; Cadet Thomason to be Lc.-Corpl. (Band).

At the practical examination for Certificate A, held on Friday, March 6, all candidates were successful. As Clode, Leighton, Vernham and Besson qualified in the written examination in November, they will receive the Certificate.

On Tuesday, March 17, a field-day was held on Banstead Downs. For the first time on a field-day the Corps was divided into two companies, about 140 of all ranks being present on parade. The contingent detrained at Kingswood at 10.30, and with several other schools marched to the hamlet of Mogador, a distance of about three miles. Here a halt was made for lunch, and the plan of operations was issued. The scheme was an attack by twelve companies against a small force holding the high ground round the Windmill at Banstead Newton. Westminster formed the left of the reserves. A Company eventually held a position from which they could cover the advance of the firing-line by overhead fire. B Company, suffering from inexperience of work in the field, were detached to carry out an attack against the enemy's right flank, which was only partially successful.

After the fall of the enemy's position the war-worn troops marched back to Kingswood Station with the band, which had successfully reached the rendezvous after a slight skirmish with inquisitive civilians. The station was reached an hour and a half before the train was due to leave, so about two-thirds of the contingent moved in marching order to Chipstead, and met the remainder there. The weather, except for a small shower, was fine, and the ground was dry. As a field-day it was not a great success, and B Company, in spite of heroic efforts on the part of section and squad leaders, proved that it had very much to learn. The band, however, was an unqualified success, and made the stretches of marching quite enjoyable.

## GYMNASTIC COMPETITIONS.

THE Inter-House and Senior competitions took place on Monday, March 23.

The standard of the work done was much higher than has been seen for many years. The exercises set were harder than usual, and the style in which they were performed by individual competitors was more finished. These improvements are due to the keenness shown by the boys themselves. Almost without exception they have worked hard and have spared no pains in practising the exercises.

The school is fortunate in having such an accomplished gymnast as J. C. A. Davis. He showed last year that he was in the forefront of public-school gymnasts by gaining a high place in the competition at Aldershot, and we may well expect that he will do even better this year. The School second string, N. M. Vernham, has made much progress during the last twelve months, and we may reasonably look forward to a greater success at Aldershot than we have attained for many years.

W. H. V. Nelson is a good gymnast and was last year very nearly good enough to represent the School. On this occasion he was a little below his usual form and made several unexpected mistakes.

C. L. Bayne gave a very good performance and might with perseverance become a creditable gymnast. F. Besson makes up in strength and energy for what he lacks in style. It is a pity that he has not been able to give more time to practice. J. H. Spence has made much progress. He tries to be neat and is fairly skilful; if he had a little more muscular strength he would be a very good gymnast. R. C. Blundell has been handicapped by illness, but it must be confessed that he is not a hard worker. If he and Spence would make an effort, they might develop into a creditable pair for next year's House competition. R. Ritherdon made a very sporting attempt to learn the difficult exercises and reached a remarkably high standard for so young a boy. We expect that in another year or so he will be one of the best gymnasts in the School.

We have already said that we have every reason to hope that our pair will give a good account of themselves at Aldershot, but we cannot speak with the same confidence of next year. Two of the four best boys will certainly have left, and the duty of maintaining the reputation of the School may possibly fall upon some of the younger boys. We would venture to support the appeal made in the last number of the ELIZABETHAN for a little more specialisation at Westminster. The gymnasium offers plenty of opportunities for healthy exercise and affords an excellent means of working for the School. The present School representatives are a striking example of what can be done by regular practice and perseverance. A few years ago they were not particularly good gymnasts; but they have persevered, and, aided by their natural ability and the advice of the Instructor, have developed into a pair of whom any school would be proud. We trust that our appeal may have some effect with boys of sound constitutions and resolute wills, and that some will come forward and fit themselves to maintain the high place among the public schools in this particular branch of activity which Davis and Vernham have won for Westminster.

We would like to repeat what was said in a similar place in the ELIZABETHAN some years ago, that the representatives of the School in gymnastics have never received their proper rewards. Even in such a year as the present they have no colours that they can wear. In their own line they are certainly not inferior to other School representatives whose efforts are acknowledged by visible rewards. When the gymnasium receives its proper recognition some of the congestion of Fields will be automatically removed. Until that day a boy will prefer a poor chance of football 'thirds' at the end of his career to a good chance of gymnastic 'pinks.'

The results of the Senior competition were as follows:—

J. C. A. Davis.....	96
N. M. Vernham.....	81
W. H. V. Nelson. } .....	74
C. L. Bayne. } .....	
F. Besson.....	68
R. C. Blundell.....	64

House competition:—

Home Boarders .....	127
King's Scholars } .....	124
Rigaud's } .....	
Grant's.....	104

*School Representatives in the Public Schools Gymnastic Competition:—*

J. C. A. Davis.  
N. M. Vernham.

*Fencing (foils):—*

R. G. Garvin (holder of the Public Schools Championship).

The results of the Junior competition will appear in the next number of the ELIZABETHAN.

## FIVES.

ON March 4 a match took place *v.* Cambridge Old Westminsters. A. N. Charlton made up the four in the absence of Carless, and the School were successful, after some hard fights, by 4 games to love.

In the College Court, Feasey and Charlton were both very consistent, rarely missing a shot, but their game is rather stereotyped. In the Big Court, Greig was the best, volleying with great power, and Julian was brilliant at times, though rather prone to miss easy ones.

For the Visitors, Goodall was excellent, and all the others worked hard.

Scores:—

A. C. Feasey	} beat	{ F. C. Cozens
and		
A. N. Charlton		and
		P. W. G. Kann
		15—13; 18—17.

G. G. F. Greig	} beat	{ F. C. Cozens
and		
C. R. Julian		and
		P. W. G. Kann
		15—9; 8—15; 18—14.



A. C. Feasey and A. N. Charlton } beat { J. F. Goodall and J. C. Hansen  
19-16; 15-12.

G. G. F. Greig and C. R. Julian } beat { J. F. Goodall and J. C. Hansen.  
15-10; 12-15; 18-14.

In the first round of the Inter-House competition, played in the Big Court, A. C. Feasey and C. R. Julian, representing Home Boarders, easily defeated the Rigaudite pair, N. M. Vernham and L. N. Kerpen, by two games to love.

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
A		W 4-0	W 5-2	L 1-2	L 0-1	L 0-3		L 1-4	= 4 points
B	L 0-4		L 3-8		L 2-6	L 0-7	W 2-1	L 0-12	= 2 points
C	L 2-5	W 8-3		W 5-1	D 1-1	L 2-4	W 2-1	L 0-4	= 7 points
D	W 2-1		L 1-5			L 0-5	W 4-3	L 1-2	= 4 points
E	W 1-0	W 6-2	D 1-1			L 0-3	L 2-3	L 0-3	= 5 points
F	W 3-0	W 7-0	W 4-2	W 5-0	W 3-0		W 5-2	W 4-1	= 14 points
G		L 1-2	L 1-2	L 3-4	W 3-2	L 2-5		W 3-1	= 4 points
H	W 4-1	W 12-0	W 4-0	W 2-1	W 3-0	L 1-4	L 1-3		= 10 points

- A.—S. L. HOLMES (R. R. TURNER).
- B.—F. R. BURFORD.
- C.—N. KOHNSTAMM.
- D.—T. R. DAWSON.
- E.—L. H. CHIDSON.
- F.—F. H. PHILPOT (G. R. D. GEE).
- G.—M. A. PHILLIMORE.
- H.—C. W. FOWLER.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, February 26, to discuss the motion 'That this House views with apprehension the suggested increase in Naval Expenditure during the coming year.'

The Proposer (G. F. WALEY) made a very eloquent maiden speech. He maintained that to

say that a nation's security lies in its armed forces is to condemn nations to achieve an impossibility. He said that for a long time we had been giving all our efforts to preparation for war, instead of trying to remove the obstacles which lie in the way of permanent peace. It was a thorough understanding and nothing else which had kept Canada secure from American interference. He argued that nothing was really gained by increasing our armaments as other nations increased theirs at the same time. He declared that the extra expense had to be borne by the tax-payers, and was a very heavy burden to them. The expenditure on armaments was an economic waste, and the money ought to be spent on more productive purposes.

The Opposer (the PRESIDENT) admitted that the Proposer had dealt excellently with the question, but thought he had dealt with it from an ideal point of view. He did not see how we could cut down our armaments until other nations agreed to do the same. It was impossible to rely on arbitration. He said that no one could deny that Germany had powerful reasons for coming against us. The Admiralty had to provide a North Sea fleet, a Mediterranean fleet, and one in far seas to defend our colonies. This, he maintained, was no light task, and necessarily involved heavy expenditure. He said that if we were not careful we should have lost our superiority by the year 1916. The money must come from taxation, and he did not think that we were overtaxed, but he thought that the money spent on old-age pensions might be better spent on the defence of the Empire.

The Seconder (G. R. D. GEE) denied that arbitration was impossible. He said there were many reasons in favour of it, such as the more humane feelings of mankind. The enormous sum spent by European nations on armaments was a drain on the prosperity of Europe. He asserted that Germany did not really want to go to war with us, and commercial reasons were all against a war.

Mr. W. H. V. NELSON started by reminding the Society of the Morocco crisis. He contradicted the Seconder's statement that arbitration was successful, and quoted the recent Balkan war as an example. He said that if we did not defend ourselves properly Germany would attack us at once for the sake of our Colonies. He emphasised the fact that we must be ready to fight at any time, and proved from numerous statistics that in order to be safe it was absolutely necessary to lay down two extra ships every year. For the moment he said we might be quite safe, but it was necessary to look forward several years, as it would be impossible to build the necessary ships in time when war broke out.

The motion was then put to the House and lost by acclamation. The standard of the speeches in this debate was exceptionally high.

T. R. D.

THE House met on Thursday, March 12, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House the man of science is more useful to the community than the man of letters.'

The Proposer (J. C. AINSWORTH DAVIS) enumerated the numerous things which the modern world owes to the man of science. Improved means of transport and of communication were all due to the man of science. To him also we were indebted for electric light, large houses, musical instruments, cheap clothing, sanitation and medicine. 'The men of letters, he said, had to get their knowledge from science.'

The Opposer (F. R. BURFORD) drew some very foolish comparisons between certain men of his acquaintance interested in science and in classics.

The Seconder (J. M. E. SHEPHERD) said that men of science were indispensable, as every modern convenience was due to them.

Mr. H. L. HELSDON thought that the man of science was the greatest pest of modern times. Street noises and the bustle of modern life were due to him. If he did not exist, wars would not be so terrible, lunatics and cripples would be allowed to die off. To the man of letters, on the other hand, we owe literature which refreshes our minds. It was a distinctly clever speech.

Mr. R. W. STANNARD thought that both were necessary for the well-being of the nation. The man of letters had the organising brain, and that was the quality needed at the present day. Men of letters alone can solve social problems.

Mr. A. C. FEASEY suggested that men of letters could have done nothing without the scientist to invent their alphabet for them.

Mr. R. R. TURNER pointed out that letters and science are inseparable. He said that Aristotle did just as much as scientists for civilization.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost by 10 votes to 9.

— T. R. D.

THE House met on Thursday, March 19, to discuss the motion 'That this House disapproves of the erection of commemorative monuments.'

The Proposer (the VICE-PRESIDENT) first stated that he was only going to refer to commemorative monuments which were of no practical utility. These, he said, kept a man's memory green, but so did history books. They were supposed to make men emulate the achievements of others, but this could be better done by other means. He thought that at the present time they were always extremely inartistic, and the epitaphs inscribed on them were ridiculous. Finally he urged that the money spent on them ought rather to be given to other objects.

The Opposer (R. W. STANNARD) said that the Proposer was trying to break up a tradition which had lasted in all countries for thousands of years.

He said that the sight of these monuments was a great encouragement to a large number of people. He did not think that people were as likely to remember what they read in history books as the monuments which they often saw. He said that monuments were not only erected to individuals, but also to virtues, as, for instance, education and art.

The Seconder (The PRESIDENT) said that he disagreed with the Opposer on the question of breaking the tradition by abolishing commemorative monuments. He maintained that tradition itself is of very little importance. He asserted that monuments had no utilitarian value, and did not serve as incentives to individuals. He did not think that we should lose much if all commemorative monuments were done away with. They were useless except as monuments, and a large number were extremely inartistic. He mentioned Westminster Abbey as a beautiful building which had been ruined by commemorative monuments.

Mr. A. G. PITE said that the question was not one of great importance, but one of great interest. He said that a beauty could be expressed by art in monuments, which cannot be obtained in buildings erected for entirely utilitarian purposes. Monuments in churches were of definite value. Westminster Abbey would not be half so interesting without its monuments. He denied that monuments had no utilitarian value. History books, he said, were not read by the average person, but a monument forces itself on everyone's eye.

The TREASURER thought that the average monument was a thing that on no account ought to be allowed on the face of the earth. He said that if monuments do appeal to historical interests, they appeal in the wrong way, as monuments are put up to commemorate such undeserving people.

Mr. R. W. STANNARD said that it was wrong to suppose that if monuments were not erected, the money that would have been spent on them would be given to some deserving object.

The motion was put to the House, and carried by 7 votes to 6.

T. R. D.

## THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, February 14, A. L. Leighton read a Paper on 'High and Low Temperatures.' He first explained how high temperatures are reached by means of the blast furnace, and for what purpose these furnaces are used. Then he described the electric furnace, and mentioned that the highest temperature that had ever been attained, a temperature 3,500° C., was attained in an electric furnace. He explained how rails were melted and

welded together by the heat evolved in the combustion of a mixture of iron oxide and aluminium known as 'thermit.' He said that low temperatures were obtained by evaporation, and by means of freezing mixtures. He then gave a description of the method used to liquefy air, and mentioned the use of liquid air to obtain low temperatures. He outlined the various methods used for measuring temperatures. He said that mercury thermometers could only be used for measuring temperatures within certain limits; for very high temperatures the platinum resistance thermometer had to be used. The most sensitive thermometer was the bolometer, which had been used to detect the heat given out by the Moon.

ON Saturday, February 21, the President read a Paper on 'Scientific Method.' After explaining the objects of science, he proceeded to describe at length a few researches which illustrated the methods used by scientists. He showed how Liebig had to observe and then to make experiments before he discovered the fact that plants get their carbon from the carbon dioxide in the air, and not from the soil. The lecturer then explained the old phlogiston theory of combustion, and showed how it was disproved and why the present theory is held. He also described how Professor Baker, after carrying out researches on the action of sodium on water, had come to the conclusion that hydrogen peroxide must always be present for action to take place. He said that the discovery of the planet Neptune was due to an observer who had noticed that the course of one of the planets was not as might be expected. His last example was the discovery of the gases argon, neon, and xenon by Lord Rayleigh, who had observed that nitrogen obtained from the air was always a little heavier than nitrogen obtained by other means. He ended his excellent Paper by saying that the scientific methods of observation and deduction from facts could be used in all matters, whether scientific or not.

ON Saturday, February 28, C. P. Warren read a Paper on 'Röntgen Rays.' He introduced his Paper with a few words on cathode rays and the various theories concerning them, and then traced their relation to the X-rays.

He described the properties of the rays and several experiments on them carried out by Röntgen and other physicists which revealed the nature of the rays. He described in detail the method of producing the rays, and showed diagrams of the apparatus used. Finally, he explained the use of the rays in surgery, and showed pictures of some skiagraphs which had actually been taken of fractured arms and hands.

ON Tuesday, March 3, G. S. Hopkins, Esq., gave a very good lecture on 'Bridge Building.' The first part of the lecture dealt only with the superstructure of bridges. The lecturer shewed diagrams and pictures of different types of fixed and movable bridges. He said that the material at hand for building had great influence on the type of the bridge. He then traced the evolution of bridges from earliest times. The first bridge was probably the trunk of a tree. The early Romans built a wooden bridge over the Tiber. He said that stone arched bridges were probably copied from natural arched bridges.

In Europe the next type was the iron bridge. The lecturer showed pictures of several modern European bridges. He then said something about the substructure of bridges, explaining what materials were used for the foundations and how they were laid down. He ended with a few remarks on the methods used to reconstruct old bridges.

ON Saturday, March 7, the Secretary read a Paper on 'Combustion.' He first defined combustion, and showed how the terms 'combustible' and 'supporter of combustion' are interchangeable. He explained the combustion of coal and of a candle, and why some substances are spontaneously inflammable. He explained the nature of flames, and showed how their structure depended on the substances taking part in the combustion.

ON Tuesday, March 10, H. P. Hollis, Esq. (O.W.), gave a lecture on 'Greenwich Observatory.' He traced the history of the Observatory from the time of its foundation by Charles II. to the present day. He described the lives and works of Flamsteed, Nevil Maskelyne, Halley, Airy, Christie, and the other Astronomers Royal. Finally, he explained how the observing is carried out at the Observatory, how chronometers are tested and the meaning of Greenwich mean time. The lecture was extremely interesting, and was illustrated by a number of lantern slides.

ON Saturday, March 14, N. Kohnstamm read a Paper on 'Comets.' He first traced the history of comets from the time of the Fall of Troy, with special reference to Halley's Comet. He then mentioned the different theories held in early times as to the nature of comets, and Newton's theories. He next described in detail the physical and chemical properties of comets as far as they are known. He explained how they were identified by their orbits, how their masses had been determined, and the various theories concerning the nature of their tails.

## House Notes.

K.SS.—We have first and foremost to record a very creditable draw against Town Boys, and to congratulate S. F. Waterson on Pink and Whites, S. L. Holmes, D. H. Kitchin and R. R. Turner on Thirds, and the other members of the team on College Caps. The Gym. Cup has unfortunately been lost by a very small margin to Home Boarders, but the Sports Cup may well return to us, and we should also beat T.BB. in the tug.

In the recent field day all but three members of College in School were on parade, *i.e.*, over ninety per cent.

The Literary Society has finished the term's reading with 'The Tempest,' and looks forward to next term's meetings with enthusiasm.

Col.-Sergt. Waterson, we are glad to say, has returned in time to take command of the College Section for the Drill Competition.

ASHBURNHAM.—Nothing of great moment has happened since we last penned these notes, but a week hence should settle the fate of several Cups. Our success in the Sports is uncertain, since Fowler is still unable to run, whilst Carless is also a non-starter. Still, there is an array of talent up the House sufficient to bring in the necessary points if enough keenness can be aroused. We must congratulate most heartily Paul and Brodie on well-earned Pinks, Byham and Leighton on Pink and Whites, and Plaskitt, Rathbone and Dolton on Thirds. Also Byham and Plaskitt on Town Boy Caps. Finally, we must congratulate Mr. L. E. Rice-Oxley (O.A.) on winning the Stanhope at Oxford.

GRANT'S.—Since we have nothing to say this month, we shall not intrude at great length on your valuable space. We must congratulate Veitch, Smith, and Sankey on gaining their Pinks. We must also condole with Hodgson on having once more met with misfortune, and being incapacitated from playing for T.BB. We wish Hopwood, Hewins, Shepherd, and Hodgson success in their respective exams. This year, as we have a fortnight for training for the Sports, we hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity for training. Last, but not least, it is our pleasant duty to congratulate Mr. G. E. Tunncliffe on passing his Final Examination for the Law with Honours, and Cadet C. B. Starkin on being gazetted into the 3rd N. Staffs R.

H.BB.—This month we must first congratulate various of the athletic members of the House on well-earned footer colours, Julian and Furze on their Pinks, Ashley (to whom we apologise for not congratulating him before) and Feasey on their Pink and Whites, and May and Chidson on their Thirds. We must also congratulate Julian on being made a House Monitor.

It is our unpleasant duty to have to condole with Ashley for falling a victim to the mumps, and we wish him a speedy recovery in time to return for the Sports and the Inter-House Drill Competition.

We must not forget to congratulate Chidson on winning the Waterfield Greek Prose Prize, and Stannard on the Ireland Greek Verse.

Our prospects for keeping the Drill Cup are very bright, and the House section are all drilling keenly for it.

Finally, we wish our Gym. pair success in the competition, and all the members of the House in the Sports.

RIGAUD'S.—We are glad to be able to state that the military spirit of the House is being kept up. Both Vernham and Besson are the proud possessors of the red label. We congratulate them accordingly.

It is our painful duty to tender our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Fox on his recent sad bereavement.

We must felicitate Bennett on gaining his first step to preferment—his 'thirds.' Congratulations are also due to C. N. Brand on having made his way into the Bank of England after a stern struggle—in breaking through the ranks of the examiners.

The Literary Society has steered through the 'Tempest.' It now intends to discard Bacon, and to have recourse to Sheridan's 'Rivals.' We are glad that our shepherd has conquered the fiend of influenza and is now once more in the fold. And we also congratulate him on returning in time to make his positively last appearance at the Debating Society, where he did not leave a dry eye.

In taking our leave of these historic pages, we wish luck to all our stout warriors who are to take part in the competitions for the 'Gym.' and Sports Cups.

## Old Westminsters.

At Oxford the Stanhope Prize for an Historical Essay has been awarded to Mr. L. Rice-Oxley. The last Westminster to win it was the Hon. R. D. Denman, now M.P. for Carlisle, in 1898.

Mr. M. L. Gwyer, Fellow of All Souls, has been appointed Lecturer in Private International Law.

Mr. R. R. Sedgwick has been elected to a Senior Scholarship for History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

There died last month the widow of the tenth Earl of Devon. Her husband was admitted to the School in or perhaps before the year 1789. Her father-in-law was admitted to the school when Henry Pelham (O.W.) was Prime Minister and George II. was King. A man born in 1741 was the father-in-law of a lady who died in 1914. As we speak of links with the past we may add that there still lives a God-child of Catherine, Lady Throckmorton, the friend of Cowper. Cowper was admitted to the School in 1741.

Some of the monuments to O.W.W. placed in the arcading of the Cloisters have long been almost illegible for darkness, distance, and dirt. They have now been removed into the dark cloister and cleaned. Among them are the monuments of John Savage, whose life is in the 'Dictionary of National Biography', James W. Dodd, the well-known usher, George Preston, the undermaster, E. A. Webber, and the joint memorial to Walter Hawker and William Franklin.

In the Oxford and Cambridge Boxing Contest Mr. R. R. Rawson won as a heavy light-weight for Cambridge.

### Birth.

ON March 8, the wife of the Rev. Desmond Fitzmaurice, of a son.

### Correspondence.

#### SCHOOL MISSION.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—As the parent of a present Westminster boy, I have read with interest the notice of the School Mission, and can sympathise with your feeling of deep regret that there are only three Old Westminster boys who assist regularly in any department. I have just recently been over the Shrewsbury School Mission in the slums of Liverpool, and perhaps you will allow me to offer the following suggestions.

No doubt there are one or more of the Masters of the School who are beloved by both past and present boys, and if they could be induced to go down to the Mission once a week, or once a fortnight, or would spend a week-end there or a few days during the holidays, they would quickly attract some of the older boys, who would soon be filled with a desire to emulate their example, so that it would be looked upon as a privilege to be allowed to go down to the Mission on that evening or that week-end with their Master and friend.

Again, if the Mission were to get up a Summer Camp, and the School could persuade the Headmaster to come down and inspect it and make it a special red-letter day of ceremony for the Mission Camp, I feel confident that many an old boy would somehow find his way there so as to be present at such inspection.

Now, fortunately, young people are soon attracted by high ideals, and once their interest is aroused during the school age, to be able and allowed to do something to help forward their ideal becomes a dominant note in their character, and the result will be seen not only in the quick response of both past and present boys keen to be allowed to go down and work in the Mission, but throughout the whole School will its refining and elevating influence be felt.

To an onlooker, then, what is evidently wanting in the first place is Masters with high ideals to set the example by self-sacrifice, and within a few years the seed so sown is bound to bear its own true fruit. As the Shrewsbury Missioner told me on parting, 'Our Masters have always been such a help.'

I am,

Yours, etc.,

'WELL-WISHER.'

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