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ARCHITECTURE AT WESTMINSTER.

'CHARITY begins at home' is an old saying now worn threadbare. But a new version of it applicable to every Westminster is not far to seek—'The study of English Architecture begins in the Abbey.' It is not pedantic archæology we wish to recommend, but an enlightened interest in our ancient buildings, and, above all, in the glorious edifice from which we draw our name. It is not a tedious study, for a few hours' reading will be a hundred times repaid by the pleasure derived from understanding the labour of the medieval craftsman. There is not a village in England hardly that does not possess an ancient church and some old house worthy of examination. To the majority, perhaps, Gothic architecture savours too much of a stately perambulation through some cathedral, accompanied by the monotonous drone of a decrepit verger with the inevitable anecdote

concerning the late bishop. A little knowledge of architecture adds an entirely new interest to such visits to our great churches. The history of the edifice stands clearly written on its walls, and even a beginner in the study will be able to roughly understand for himself its whole development. The same holds good with the smallest parish church; the growth of the village or town is plainly shown by the enlargement or improvement of its place of worship.

There is scope enough in England for such a pastime, as it may be most fittingly called; for some ten thousand medieval churches still survive. The old domestic architecture, unfortunately, remains in fewer instances. Yet it is the greatest of fallacies to imagine that Gothic limited itself to religious buildings. Men could not live only in churches, and from the Norman Conquest to the time of the foundation of the school Gothic architecture flourished undisturbed. Enough is left to show us how well fitted Gothic was to domestic purposes. Late Gothic, indeed, has never yet been surpassed for

building houses, at once beautiful and homely. Unbounded admiration is often lavished on the old half-timbered farmsteads, still common in England. These are Gothic, even though when built long after the Renascence, for the traditions of medieval building continued almost unchanged in country districts till the beginning of the last century.

It is this universal distribution of the remains of Gothic in England that lends such a charm to the study of them. Wherever we go for our holidays, Gothic is always with us, and we could not do better than set about examining the architecture of the neighbourhood. An uninteresting walk, or an otherwise pointless bicycle ride, will lose all dulness the moment there is a definite object in view. Gothic never becomes monotonous, for it offers countless variations of every part of a building. It is justly called the most free and supple of all architectural styles. Originality is visible in every Gothic building.

There are yet other reasons that should encourage the study of Gothic architecture. It is the only form of art which England can claim as her own. In painting, music, and sculpture, Englishmen have always followed, never led; but in architecture they cut out a new path for themselves, and though the style came from abroad, it soon lost all foreign character. Indeed, Perpendicular Gothic stands by itself in the history of architecture. A celebrated French art-critic, writing on English art, could not contain his admiration for Henry VII.'s chapel. Westminster may be justly proud of possessing such a building, which has but two rivals in England, both of them avowedly inferior to it in magnificence.

At the present day, when architects are struggling to form a new style, the study of Gothic, if only more widespread, would go far towards educating the public taste in architecture. We do not want to copy the works of medieval builders; it is impossible to do this satisfactorily. But a more general comprehension of their principles and artistic canons would be of the greatest benefit to modern architecture. The five centuries covered by Gothic present such a perfect logical evolution of a style of art as to be worthy of study, if only as such. Restoration is slowly destroying much of what is left, and in many country villages even a little knowledge of Gothic architecture might save an ancient fragment from the ignorance of the rustic mason.

'The ghost of the great church at Westmin-

ster' can teach us much, even though the interior has been transformed into the storehouse of three centuries' worth of rejected Academy sculpture, and the exterior has been treated by successive restorers, from Wren downwards, with as little reverence as a blackboard on which to try the working of some new architectural formula. About Westminster, there is enough to illustrate every style—from the Early Norman pillars beneath up-School—to the great west window of the Abbey. The library contains enough books, while two or three shillings will suffice to purchase a handbook containing rudiments of a study and pastime which must always remain an infinite source of pleasure to those who have submitted to the delightful process of initiation.

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WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 55.—SIR EDMUND BERRIE GODFREY.

'SOME are born great,' wrote the counterfeit Olivia to Malvolio, 'some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.' The subject of this memoir was of good but not exalted birth; he achieved of himself a moderate distinction, and he had thrust upon him a posthumous greatness which renders his name familiar to every student of English history, however slight his studies. Of him it may truly be said that 'nothing in his life' exalted 'him like the leaving it' though we may not accept the legend of a contemporary model. 'Moriendo restituit rem E. Godfrey:' yet it must be acknowledged that all the recorded facts of his life sink into insignificance in comparison with his death.

It is true that two historians so widely read and so generally accurate (and here I say no more than I am prepared to prove, for the 'inaccuracy' of Macaulay as an historian, so freely denounced, shrinks on examination to the charge that he gave a single sentence a turn which no authority can be brought to justify) as Macaulay and J. R. Green, to say nothing of less conspicuous offenders, habitually miscall him Sir Edmondsbury Godfrey—but if it comes to that, how many writers have mis-spelt the name of the author of Hamlet (which for obvious reasons I do not particularize), and yet even the dramatic critics of *Punch* and the *Saturday Review* would allow that he was famous.

Sir Edmund Berrie (or Berry, since there is ample authority for either spelling) Godfrey was born probably at Sellinge in Kent, where his father's monument is still to be seen, on 23rd December, 1621, being the eighth son of Thomas Godfrey, M.P. successively for Winchelsea and New Romney, by his second wife Sarah, daughter of Thomas Isles. He was christened, as we learn from his father's diary, which is still extant, on January 13, 1621-2. 'His godfathers were my cousin John Berrie, captain of the foot company of Lydd; his other godfather

was . . . Edmund Harrison, the King's Embroiderer.' He was educated at Westminster School, but was not on the foundation, says Mr. Lee in the 'Dictionary of National Biography'—but on the memorial in Cloisters, if my memory does not deceive me—my readers, if curious, are many of them in a position to judge for themselves—his name is marked with a cross, which 'adnotat electos in Regios Alumnos,' and in the inexplicable absence of my copy of the 'Alumni' that evidence appears to me conclusive. He matriculated at Oxford as a commoner of 'the House' November 23, 1638, and entered at Gray's Inn December 3, 1640, but owing to a defect in his hearing—which, we may presume, was afterwards overcome—never proceeded to his degree or practised as a barrister. He went into business as a woodmonger at Dowgate, in partnership with a certain Harrison, probably some relation of his godfather, but in 1658 dissolved this partnership and set up for himself at Hartshorn Lane, near Charing Cross, his private residence being close by 'in Green's Lane in the Strand, near Hungerford Market.'

He was in the commission of peace for the City of Westminster, and during the plague of 1665 distinguished himself by the resolution with which he remained at his post: for his conduct during this visitation and during the terrible fire of the succeeding year he was knighted by Charles II. and presented with a silver tankard. This tankard—or more probably a replica of it made for Sir Edmund and presented to a friend—is still in the possession of the corporation of Sudbury, and is described at some length in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1848. In the centre are the Royal Arms and those of Godfrey himself, viz.: Sable, a chevron between three pelicans' heads erased, or, vulning themselves proper; on the chevron for difference a crescent surmounted with a mullet. On one side the inscription runs 'Ex dono E. B. G. militis irenarchæ seduli intigerimi quem, post egriam in fugandâ peste præstitam operam, Carolus secundus, semper Augustus, assensu Procerum e secretis Concilij, in perpetuam tantæ pietatis Memoriam, argenteo donavit Oenophoro et vere regio hoc ampliore modo Insignito.' Here follows a curious illustration of two coffins being carried to a plague pit symmetrically adorned with skulls and crossbones. 'Gratiâ dei et Regis Caroli secundi pestis aliis, sibi salus. E. B. G. 1665.' On the other side a briefer inscription surrounds another illustration of the City of London involved in very conventional flames. 'Vir re vera Reipublicæ natus Cum urbem Imanis vastabat Ignis Dei providentiâ et virtute suâ Flammâ medio tutus et Illustris. . . Deinde cogente Rege (Ac merito) emicuit Eques Auratus E. B. B. [sic] 7^{bro} 1666. Cætera Loquentur Pauperes et Trivia.'

His Court favour, though well-earned, was not of long continuance. Pepys records (May 26 1669): 'One Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, a woodmonger and Justice of the Peace in Westminster, having two days since arrested Sir Alexander Frazier for about 30l. in firing, the bailiffs were apprehended, com-

mitted to the porter's lodge, and there, by the King's command, the last night severely whipped; from which the Justice himself very hardly escaped, to such an unusual degree was the King moved therein. But he lies now in the lodge, justifying his act as grounded upon the opinion of several of the judges, and among others my Lord Chief Justice, which makes the King very angry with the Chief Justice as they say: and the Justice do lie and justify his act, and says he will suffer in the cause for the people and do refuse to receive almost any nutriment. The effects of it may be bad for the Court.'

When Pepys wrote this entry he can have had no idea how ominous the name of Godfrey was to sound for himself personally, or how 'bad for the Court' Godfrey's death eventually proved. But, as Sir Alexander Frazier was one of the King's physicians, Charles II. was only consistent in upholding his great principle of the insolvency of the royal household, the only principle, perhaps, to which the Merry Monarch was never false.

From this point we find no mention of Godfrey's name in contemporary records for nine years, though we are told he continued to be active both in the commission of the peace for Westminster and in the parish affairs of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Burnet tells us that, towards the end of his life, he was 'entering upon a great design of taking up all beggars and putting them to work,' of which one would be glad to learn further particulars. In 1678 he travelled to Montpellier for his health—with small grounds for foreseeing the dark fate in store for him. He was 'esteemed the best justice in England,' says Burnet, ' . . . He was thought vain and apt to take too much upon him. But there are so few men of a public spirit that small faults, though they lessen them, yet ought to be gently censured. I knew him well and never had reason to think him faulty in that way.' His reputation and his failing alike rendered him the fittest man to whom Titus Oates, 'doctor of Salamanca,' should carry his amazing information. For what followed I will quote an authentic, if not very trustworthy, account—the doctor's own: for in a case of so much mystery it is only fair to give readers as much as possible in the very words of the informants.

'Upon the 6th of September I did go before Sir Edmundbury Godfrey and there upon Oath gave in several Depositions, and after I had made oath of those depositions we took the Record along with us home again. And on the 28th of September, after we had taken two or three copies of this record we went before Sir E. Godfrey again and swore all the copies we had taken and so made them records. After that the business was made known to the Council by myself, and upon Monday Mr. Godfrey came to me, which was I think the 30th of September, and did tell me what affronts he had received from some great persons (whose names I name not now) for being so zealous in this business. . . That week before Sir E. Godfrey was missing, he came to me and told me that several Papist lords . . . had threatned him and asked him what he had to do with it. . . . He was in a great

fright and told me he went in fear of his life by the Popish party and that he had been dogg'd several days. . . . I did then ask him why he did not take his man with him : he said he was a poor weak fellow. I then ask'd him why he did not get a good brisk fellow to attend him, but he made no great matter of it'—curiously enough if he was in a great fright. 'He said, he did not fear them if they came fairly to work, but yet he was often threatned and came sometimes to me to give him some Encouragement, and I did give him what Encouragement I could, That he would suffer in a just cause and the like.' Thomas Robinson, 'Chief Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas,' an old schoolfellow, gave more trustworthy evidence to the same effect. On October 7 he had met Godfrey at dinner at the Head-Bailiff's, and the following conversation passed between them :—

'I said . . . I understand you have taken several examinations about this Plot that is now made public. Truly, said he, I have, but I think I shall have little thanks for my pains . . . I did it very unwillingly and would fain have had it done by others. Why, said I, you did but what was your duty to do . . . but I should be glad to understand that the depth of the matter were found out? I am afraid, said he, of that that it is not : but, discoursing further, he said to me Upon my Conscience I believe I shall be the first Martyr. Why so, said I, are you afraid? No, said he, I do not fear them so they come fairly, and I shall not part with my life tamely. Why do you not go with a man, said I, if you have that fear upon you? Why, said he, I do not love to : 'tis a clog to a man.'

This conversation took place on the Monday ; on the Saturday of the same week Sir Edmund went abroad in the morning and never returned. He was said to have been seen about one o'clock near St. Clement's in the Strand, but this rests on doubtful evidence. At night, as he did not return, his servants were surprised, but concluded he had gone to his mother's at Hammersmith, so next morning they sent to inquire after him. It was then supposed that he had absconded from fear of arrest for debt, but when his affairs were looked into this explanation proved untenable. The Privy Council debated the mystery, but were soothed by the Duke of Norfolk, who proffered a variety of explanations—that he was 'indecently married,' and the like. Thursday, the fifth day after his disappearance, arrived, yet no traces of the missing man had been discovered.

(To be continued.)

School Notes.

THE cricket season so far has been far from disappointing considering the number of new players in the XI. More is keeping up all his old form, as is shown by his fine innings against West Kent, while Blaker has surpassed himself, his cutting and leg hitting being a treat to watch. More's bowling, too, has been the mainstay of the attack, and the

enormous amount of work he has gone through in this department is only equalled by the success that has attended his efforts. Nine for 64 (*v.* Kensington Park), 4 for 26 (*v.* Incogniti), and 8 for 32 (*v.* West Kent), on batsmen's wickets, are exceedingly fine performances. Of the others, perhaps Cotterill has shown most improved form, while Young will find the slower wickets more to his liking, but we have no doubt he will soon accommodate his game to the hard and fast pitches that Elson's care has produced up-Fields. Flack's batting, we fear, has improved at the expense of his bowling, but one is almost as useful as the other. Gwatkin has shown good form behind the wickets, and has stood up pluckily to all kinds of bowling. One word more : we feel sure that Young's lobs will come off sooner or later, and in one match, at least, they may prove of the greatest value.

The following is the Cricket Card filled up to date :—

May 5	Sat.	XI. <i>v.</i> XXII. XI., 72 and 177 ; XXII., 199 and 49 for 4 wickets.
" 15	"	<i>v.</i> Lords and Commons. Scratched.
" "	"	<i>v.</i> R. Tanner, Esq.'s, XI. XI., 234 ; Mr. Tanner's XI., 90 for 5 wickets. Drawn.
" 22	"	<i>v.</i> Kensington Park. XI., 119 and 52 for 4 wickets ; Kensington Park, 165. Lost by 46 runs.
" 29	"	<i>v.</i> Incogniti. XI., 223 ; Incogniti, 102 for 7 wickets. Drawn.
June 5	"	<i>v.</i> I Zingari. XI., 161 ; I Zingari, 271 for 7 wickets. Lost by 110 runs.
" 9	Wed.	<i>v.</i> Eton Ramblers. XI., 145 ; Eaton Ramblers, 155. Lost by 10 runs.
" 12	Sat.	<i>v.</i> West Kent. XI., 269 for 9 wickets ; West Kent, 113. Won by 156 runs.
" 19	Sat.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters. XI., 262 for 6 wickets ; O.WW. 191. Won by 71 runs and 4 wickets.
" 26	Sat.	<i>v.</i> Old Carthusians. XI., 214 ; O.C.C., 213. Won by 1 run.
July 3	Sat.	<i>v.</i> Oxford University Authentics.
" 9	Fri.	} <i>v.</i> Charterhouse, at Vincent Square.
" 10	Sat.	
" 17	Sat.	<i>v.</i> M.C.C.
" 24	Sat.	<i>v.</i> Harrow Blues.
" 26	Mon.	Q.SS. <i>v.</i> T.BB.

It will be noticed that owing to the exeat the West Kent match was played on Saturday June 12, instead of being played on Wednesday, June 23.

R. Balfour was placed in the Third Division of the First Class, Classical Tripos, and T. N. R. Griffin in the Second Division of the First Class, Theological Tripos.

L. J. Moon represented Cambridge University *v.* A. J. Webbe's XI., *v.* Sussex, *v.* Yorkshire, having an average of 18.39 for the matches.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to W. C. Mayne on getting the Stewart of Rannoch Scholarship for Classics at Cambridge, and also to R. Balfour on getting the Winchester Reading prize.

Orations were held up-School Friday, June 4,

when Lord Tennyson's "Ænone" was recited. F. Waterfield was placed first, and so wins the prize for the past year.

The letter from Mr. A. G. Scott which appears among the correspondence should be read by all who do not make Vincent Square their resort on Saturday afternoons. The attendance has certainly been better, but needs further improvement.

We quote from the *Daily Chronicle*: 'It is officially announced that the Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir George Thomas Michael O'Brien, her Majesty's Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, to be her Majesty's Consul-General for the Western Pacific Islands.' It will be remembered that Sir George O'Brien came down only the other day to ask for a play in honour of his being appointed Governor of Fiji.

In a form match—Sixth v. Fourth—on June 16, G. H. Bernays, playing for the Sixth, scored 16 in one hit, 11 being run out, while 5 were from an over-throw. We must congratulate him on establishing a unique school record.

At lawn tennis R. F. Doherty was in the semi-final of the Irish Championship at Dublin. His play was greatly admired. H. L. Doherty is the mainstay of the C.U.L.T.C., and F. J. Plaskitt plays for O.U.L.T.C.

We beg to apologise for saying in the account of the sports that Gaskell's throw in the junior cricket ball was a record. We find that the real record was established by Mr. R. S. Owen, who threw 81 yards odd in 1876.

In the Junior House matches this year the following was the draw for the first round:—College beat Grants; H.B.B. beat Rigauds. Ashburnham a bye. The second round is College v. Ashburnham; H.B.B. a bye.

There were 20 seats allotted to Q.S.S. and boarders in the Abbey at the Commemoration Service, Sunday, June 20. We have to thank the Dean and Chapter for being so good as to give them.

In the Jubilee Procession forty members of the School had a grand view of everything from the stand erected by the Board of Works in Parliament Square.

We offer our best congratulations to F. Young, H. R. Flack, and E. E. Cotterill on their Pinks.

Among the Jubilee honours were the names of the following O.W.W.:—Adm. George G. Randolph, C.B., and Lieut.-Gen. William H. Goodenough, C.B., were promoted K.C.B.; and Col. A. E. Turner, C.B. (civil), was promoted C.B. (military).

We must also congratulate Sir J. F. Bridge on the honour conferred upon him. Although not an O.W., yet Sir J. F. Bridge takes such an interest in the School that his distinction will be welcomed by all.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. KENSINGTON PARK.

THIS match was played up-Fields on Saturday May 22, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 46 runs. More won the toss, and sent Blaker and Young to face the bowling of Abney and Campbell. Runs did not come very fast at the outset, but Blaker got most of the bowling and scored 25 out of the first 33, when he stood in front of a straight ball from Campbell, while Young succumbed to a good catch by Nicholas for a steadily played 18. Cotterill made some lucky hits in his innings of 16. More continued to play very fine cricket, but could find no one to stay with him, Wade's lobs seeming to be too effective for the remaining batsmen. More was last out, being well caught in the long field by Campbell. In his innings of 48 there were two fives, and all through he played sterling cricket. Kensington Park began their innings at half-past three, sending Lee and Donaldson against the bowling of More and Flack. Donaldson began by making some very effective drives off Flack, and some very neat leg strokes. More was bowling very well, and with the score at 46 he held a very hot return from Lee, who retired with 21 to his credit. Campbell and Donaldson continued to hit, but at 65 Donaldson was bowled by a superb ball. Campbell left at 91, and after that no one was able to do anything with More's bowling, except Surtees, Whittow, and Abney, who made 9 each. The innings closed for 165, or 46 runs ahead of our score. The School began their second innings at half-past five, losing 4 wickets for 28 runs, owing to Wade's invincible lobs, but Lonsdale, who shows great promise, and Flack played out time.

The feature of the match was More's good bowling. He bowled unchanged, and took 9 wickets for 64 runs, no small feat considering that the wicket was a batsman's wicket. His innings also was very good. The fielding of the team was not all it might be, a good many runs being lost owing to their inability to get to the ball quickly. Appended are the scores:—

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>	<i>Second Innings.</i>
R. N. R. Blaker, l.b.w., b. Campbell 25	c. and b. Wade 22
F. Young, c. Nicholas, b. Wade 18	c. Campbell, b. Wade 0
R. E. More, c. G. Campbell, b. Wade 48	b. Campbell ... 0
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Campbell..... 16	b. Wade 0
B. H. Willett, st. Whittow, b. Wade 0	not out 13
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Wade 2	not out 15
W. C. Stevens, b. Campbell 1	
H. R. Flack, b. Campbell 0	not out 15
S. M. Anderson, c. G. Campbell, b. Wade 1	
C. E. L. Johnston, b. Wade..... 0	
H. W. Beveridge, b. Campbell 0	
F. A. S. Gwatkin, not out 1	
Extras 7	Extras 2
Totals..... 119	(for 4 wkts.) 52

KENSINGTON PARK.

First Innings.

D. C. Lee, c. and b. More.....	21
J. D. Donaldson, b. More.....	45
J. D. Campbell, b. Beveridge.....	26
G. T. Brown, b. Beveridge.....	6
M. A. Nicholas, b. More.....	1
A. A. Surtees, l.b.w., b. More.....	9
C. F. Wade, b. More.....	2
A. Whittow, st. Gwatkin, b. More ...	9
G. Campbell, b. More.....	7
S. Christopherson, c. Blaker, b. More	4
L. E. G. Abney, b. More.....	9
D. H. Nicholas, not out.....	6
Extras	20

Total..... 165

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER. First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
L. E. G. Abney.....	15	6	25	—
J. D. Campbell.....	21	5	42	5
C. F. Wade.....	19	3	29	6
H. D. Nicholas.....	4	—	16	—

Second Innings.

C. E. Wade.....	12	4	17	3
G. Campbell.....	6	3	13	1
L. E. G. Abney.....	8	2	14	—
S. Christopherson.....	4	1	6	—

KENSINGTON PARK.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More.....	24	7	64	9
H. R. Flack.....	7	—	23	—
H. W. Beveridge.....	12	2	47	2
R. N. R. Blaker.....	4	—	12	—

WESTMINSTER v. INCOGNITI.

This match was played up-Fields, Saturday, May 23. Westminster won the toss, and Blaker and Young opened the School innings, Blake and Elliott being the opposing bowlers. Runs came pretty fast, the batsmen seeming to have great confidence. Blaker hit well, but was bowled by Blake with the score at 53. His innings of 34 contained no less than seven 4's. More came in, and he and Young added twenty before the last-named was bowled (73-2-28). Young's innings of 28 was a very patient one. More did not survive him long, being out for 18, and Cotterill for 17; but Lonsdale and Stevens offered a stubborn resistance, occasioning a double change of bowling; but at 139 Stevens was well caught by Nelson. Yet Lonsdale was scoring all round the wicket, and found a most useful partner in Johnston, Flack and Anderson not having troubled the bowlers much. Johnston treated the spectators to some hitting, obtaining four consecutive 4's off an over of Nelson's; but he was caught in the long field by Elliott. Lonsdale followed almost immediately, having played excellent cricket for his 55, considering it was only his second match. The innings closed for 223, leaving Incogniti one hour and a half to get it. The Incogniti sent out E. G. Moon and Seton to face More and Flack. More began bowling very well, and at 20 succeeded in bowling Seton with a splendid ball. The next

wickets fell cheaply enough, but Nelson and Rebow offered a most determined stand, and resisted all attempts to dislodge them, and they were thus able to play out time; Nelson being not out for a rather lucky 26, and Rebow for 17.

The fielding of the XI. was not yet perfection, but we hope for better in the other matches. It was a distinct improvement all round in batting. More again bowled finely, taking 4 wickets for 26 runs.

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, b. Blake.....	34
F. Young, b. Abney.....	28
R. E. More, b. Abney.....	18
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Blake.....	17
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Pares.....	55
W. C. Stevens, c. Nelson, b. Abney.....	12
H. R. Flack, c. Blake, b. Nelson.....	1
B. H. Willett, b. Nelson.....	1
S. M. Anderson, st. Moon, b. Abney.....	3
C. E. L. Johnston, c. Elliott, b. Pares.....	31
H. W. Beveridge, not out.....	4
F. A. S. Gwatkin, b. Pares.....	1
Extras.....	18

Total..... 223

INCOGNITI.

E. G. Moon, b. More.....	21
W. J. Seton, b. More.....	4
F. G. Thorne, b. More.....	0
T. W. Hemmerde, b. More.....	12
B. Pares, b. Flack.....	2
M. G. Nelson, not out.....	26
C. B. Elliott, st. Gwatkin, b. Beveridge.....	3
R. K. Causton, M.P., c. More, b. Beveridge ...	0
H. G. Rebow, not out.....	17
L. E. G. Abney, } C. H. Blake, } did not bat.	
G. P. Wilson, }	

Extras..... 17

Total (for 7 wickets)..... 102

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. H. Blake.....	22	2	62	2
C. B. Elliott.....	4	—	18	—
T. W. Hemmerde ...	1	—	9	—
L. E. G. Abney.....	26	5	55	4
M. G. Nelson.....	11	2	45	2
B. Pares.....	31	—	10	3
E. G. Moon.....	2	1	5	—

INCOGNITI.

R. E. More.....	26	13	26	4
H. R. Flack.....	16	7	31	1
H. W. Beveridge.....	4	1	10	2
R. N. R. Blaker.....	5	2	18	—

WESTMINSTER v. I ZINGARI.

This match was played up-Fields Saturday, June 5. I Zingari won the toss. Elson had prepared a splendid wicket, and it was evident that the first side in would gain the advantage. Napier and Kemp started the batting, while More and Flack took up the attack. Runs came fast, the left-hander being especially brilliant, but at 56 Kemp was out leg before wicket to Flack. Bridgeman made 5 before

being well caught at point by More off Beveridge. Whatman helped Napier to add 44 runs before he was out, while with Gore in a long stand was made. The score mounted rapidly, but More resumed bowling at 150 and clean bowled Napier for a brilliant 92. He gave two chances, but otherwise played sound cricket. Foley was bowled without scoring, and Gore was run out from a splendid throw-in from the long field by Blaker, after he had made 35. Heseltine and Ind made a still greater stand, the Hampshire amateur being especially severe on the slower bowling.

With the score at 271 for 7 wickets, the closure was adopted, Heseltine being not out 59, and Ind not out 19.

The School innings was opened by Blaker and Young, and not too auspiciously, as at 5 Young was bowled by Heseltine, and with only one more added More was bowled by Leveson-Gower. Cotterill made 10, and Lonsdale was bowled without scoring. But Stevens and Blaker brought the score to 54 before the first-named was caught by Foley. With Flack in the bowling was completely mastered, and Blaker made some splendid strokes all round the wicket, being especially strong on the leg side. At 130, however, just as he was on the way to a century, he was bowled by Napier. Anderson and Johnston did not give much trouble, while Flack was caught at 147; after nearly being run out by Clay, who immediately after did succeed in running out Gwatkin. Clay made 17 before being caught, and the School innings closed at 161, or 110 runs behind.

The scores are as follows :—

I ZINGARI.

D. R. Napier, b. More.....	92
G. Kemp, M.P., l.b.w., b. Flack	25
W. C. Bridgeman, c. More, b. Beveridge.....	5
A. D. Whatman, c. Blaker, b. Beveridge	16
F. Gore, run out	35
H. St. G. Foley, b. More	0
C. Heseltine, not out.....	59
Hon. Claud Lambton, l.b.w., b. More	3
A. E. B. Ind, not out	19
Hon. T. Egerton, } did not bat	
T. Chaplin, }	
C. Leveson-Gower, }	
Extras	17
Total.....	271

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, c. Bridgeman, b. Napier	72
F. Young, b. Heseltine	3
R. E. More, b. Leveson-Gower	0
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Heseltine	10
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Heseltine	0
W. C. Stevens, c. Foley, b. Gower	11
H. R. Flack, c. and b. Ind.....	36
S. M. Anderson, b. Ind	0
C. E. L. Johnston, b. Ind	0
W. H. C. Clay, c. Lambton, b. Napier.....	17
F. A. S. Gwatkin, run out	0
H. W. Beveridge, not out	2
Extras.....	10
Total.....	161

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

I ZINGARI.		Runs	Wickets	
Overs	Maidens			
R. E. More.....	25	6	71	3
H. R. Flack	13	1	56	1
H. W. Beveridge	15	2	56	2
W. C. Stevens	6	—	23	—
S. M. Anderson.....	5	1	12	—
F. Young	3	—	19	—
R. W. R. Blaker	4	—	17	—
WESTMINSTER.		Runs	Wickets	
Overs	Maidens			
D. R. Napier.....	63	—	26	2
C. Heseltine	14	3	47	3
C. Leveson-Gower.....	11	2	40	2
A. E. B. Ind	4	—	17	3
Hon. C. Lambton.....	5	1	21	—

WESTMINSTER v. ETON RAMBLERS.

This match was played up-Fields, on Wednesday, June 9, and resulted in a win for the visitors by the narrow margin of 10 runs. Owing to a drizzling rain, it was agreed upon to begin play at a quarter to two. The Ramblers won the toss, and sent in Bridgeman and Gosling. More and Flack started the bowling, and at 41 More got Bridgeman well caught in the slips by Flack. Lord Henry Scott came in, and he and Gosling made a good stand, but on Stevens coming on Scott was clean bowled. Of the next few, Snagge was about the only one to make much resistance against Stevens, who was bowling splendidly. But Willett, who proved far too serviceable a substitute, and Bathurst put on 45 runs for the ninth wicket. At last Willett was run out for a lucky 23, and Bathurst was caught off More. The innings closed for 155.

The School innings was opened by Blaker and Young. Young remained till 24, when he was bowled for a single. More and Blaker took the score to 65, when the former was l.b.w. to Bathurst. Blaker was playing finely, but at 76 was splendidly caught one-handed by Farmer. His 51 was the result of very fine and plucky hitting. Cotterill hit up 16, but unfortunately hit his wickets in playing back to Bathurst. Lonsdale only made 4. Stevens made 16 before foolishly running himself out at 136, and Clay made 24, and with 18 runs to win and one wicket to fall, 8 was added before Gwatkin was yorked by Gosling. So the match was lost by the narrow margin of 10 runs. Blaker batted very well considering it was a bowler's wicket. It was hard luck losing after getting them out for so few runs.

ETON RAMBLERS.

W. C. Bridgeman, c. Flack, b. More.....	14
W. S. Gosling, b. More	38
Lord Henry Scott, b. Stevens.....	15
G. H. Duckworth, b. Stevens	7
C. E. Farmer, b. More	2
J. A. Gibbs, c. Clay, b. More	21
F. R. Harvey-Bathurst, b. Stevens.....	3
J. Heywood-Lonsdale, b. Stevens	18
E. Snagge, b. Stevens	0
B. H. Willett (sub.), run out	23
A. C. Robinson (sub.), not out	0
Extras	14
Total	155

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, c. Farmer, b. Bathurst	51
F. Young, c. and b. Gibbs	1
R. E. More, l.b.w., b. Bathurst	19
E. Æ. Cotterill, hit wicket, b. Bathurst	16
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Farmer, b. Lonsdale	4
W. C. Stevens, run out	16
H. R. Flack, l.b.w., b. Bathurst	4
W. H. C. Clay, b. Bathurst.....	24
C. E. L. Johnston, st. Duckworth, b. Bathurst...	0
S. M. Anderson, not out	3
F. A. S. Gwatkin, b Gosling	5
Extras	1

Total 145

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ETON RAMBLERS.

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	
R. E. More	20	4	48	4
H. R. Flack	7	1	33	1
W. C. Stevens.....	14.2	1	48	5
F. Young	2	—	12	—

WESTMINSTER.

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	
Lord Henry Scott ...	14	3	42	—
J. A. Gibbs	6	2	20	1
W. S. Gosling	11.2	1	28	1
H. Bathurst	15	2	48	6
J. H. Lonsdale.....	4	2	5	1

WESTMINSTER v. WEST KENT.

This match was played up-Fields Saturday, June 12, resulting in a win for the School by 156 runs. More won the toss, and at 12 o'clock sent Blaker and Young to face the bowling of Probyn and Coode. Runs came fast from Blaker's hitting, while Young played patiently till the score was 25, when he was bowled by a good ball from Probyn. Then More came in, and the great stand of the day was made. He almost immediately began hitting the bowling most unmercifully, while Blaker was playing with no less energy. This brought about a change of bowling, and at 110 Probyn gave way to Murray. More showed his appreciation of this new bowling by a terrific drive to the pavilion, and Blaker made some fine leg hits. At 130 Blaker reached his fifty with a splendid hit for 5, and More was not long in following his example. They succeeded in bringing the score to 198, the stand realising 177 runs, when Cornwallis beat Blaker, who retired for 85, including a 7, two 5's, and seven 4's, while without any other run being scored More was bowled for 96, including a 6, two 5's, and nine 4's. Then three wickets quickly fell, Cotterill, Lonsdale, and Stevens leaving. Willett stayed a short time with Flack, but was caught in the slips for 7. Clay was bowled without scoring, and Anderson joined Flack, who made a useful 27, and the innings was declared at 269 for 9 wickets, Anderson being not out for 23. Cornwallis and Watney began the batting for the visitors, and at 35 the latter was caught and bowled for 18. More bowled Probyn without another run added, but Oliver stayed for some time with Cornwallis, whom More bowled at length for 31, the score being 74. Oliver was bowled shortly after for 24. Coode was bowled by More for a single

at 87, and Dixon went out at the same score. Wilson went out at 103 for 20, and the rest of the team gave not much trouble, the whole side totalling 113. This was the first victory of the School, and we congratulate the team on it. More's all-round cricket was the main factor in the success of the XI., as he scored 96 and took 8 wickets for 32 runs, a fine performance. Score:—

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, b. Cornwallis	85
F. Young, b. Probyn	4
R. E. More, b. Coode	96
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Cornwallis.....	0
H. R. Lonsdale, c. More, b. Cornwallis	4
W. C. Stevens, b. Coode.....	3
B. H. Willett, c. Probyn, b. Coode	7
H. R. Flack, c. Waring, b. Murray	27
S. M. Anderson, not out	23
W. H. C. Clay, b. Coode	0
C. E. L. Johnston, not out	1
F. A. S. Gwatkin did not bat.	
Extras	22

Total (8 wickets) 269

WEST KENT.

C. N. Watney, c. and b. More	18
A. W. Cornwallis, b. More.....	31
S. C. Probyn, b. More.....	0
F. G. Oliver, b. Stevens	24
S. G. Wilson, b. More.....	20
C. P. Coode, b. More	1
W. H. Dixon, l.b.w., b. More	0
R. E. Murray, run out	0
J. F. More, l.b.w., b. Young	7
T. G. More, l.b.w., b. More	0
R. L. Marshall, not out	4
E. L. Waring, c. and b. More.....	1
Extras	7

Total 113

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	
S. C. Probyn	16	5	61	1
C. P. Coode	26	7	64	4
R. E. Murray.....	6	—	30	1
Cornwallis	16	3	40	3
J. F. More	2	—	26	—
T. G. More.....	3	—	13	—
C. N. Watney	3	—	7	—
S. G. Wilson	3	—	13	—
W. H. Dixon.....	2	—	10	—

WEST KENT.

Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	
R. E. More	24	11	32	8
H. R. Flack	9	—	39	—
W. C. Stevens	13	3	8	1
F. Young	6	—	22	1

WESTMINSTER v O.W.W.

Played on June 19, and resulted in a victory for the School by the substantial margin of 71 runs and 4 wickets. O.W.W. won the toss, and sent in L. J. Moon and F. L. Rawson. The latter scored fast, the bowling being rather loose, as More could not find his length for a few overs. Rawson hit up 57 in half an hour and was then well caught at mid-off. Moon was out l.b.w. to More, having made 20 by

graceful cricket. A. Willett and J. F. More effected a good stand, putting on nearly 90 runs, but at length Willett was bowled by More and J. F. More was well taken at the wicket off Stevens. Stevens and More soon accounted for the rest of the side, who were out for 191. More's analysis was very fine—6 for 45. The fielding was not good, Cotterill being the worst offender. Blaker was a brilliant exception.

The School began with Blaker and Young, who played very steadily for some time, Young making some good leg strokes. With the score at 80 he was caught at slip for a meritorious 28. Blaker continued to hit freely, and was at length caught at point for a brilliant 65, including seven 4's and a 5. More seemed uneasy at first, but soon settled down, though he was more careful than usual. He was eventually bowled off his pads while trying to place a ball to leg. His 38 contained a couple of 4's and a couple of 5's. Cotterill and Flack then became associated, and took the score to over 200, Flack making the winning hit, a four to leg. Cotterill did most of the scoring, driving well and hard. He played on at 217, and retired with a good 50 to his credit, his first for the School. Johnston seemed in a hitting mood, but time was soon called, Johnston being not out 16, including three 4's, and Willett not out 15, which comprised a couple of good leg strokes. Moon bowled most successfully for O.W.W., taking three wickets for 62.

Score and analysis:—

O.W.W.	
L. J. Moon, l.b.w., b. More	20
F. L. Rawson, c. Young, b. More	57
J. A. Robertson, c. Willett, b. Stevens	0
J. A. Willett, b. More	29
J. F. More, c. Gwatkin, b. Stevens	42
H. H. Gordon, b. More	1
S. H. Gregory, b. More ..	11
R. E. Murray, l.b.w., b. Stevens	8
C. H. Gregory, b. Stevens	5
E. G. Burton, b. More	0
A. Whittow, not out	0
Extras	18
Total	191

WESTMINSTER.	
R. N. R. Blaker, c. J. F. More, b. Moon	65
F. Young, c. Moon, b. Whittow	28
R. E. More, b. Moon	38
E. E. Cotterill, b. Rawson	50
W. C. Stevens, b. Willett	9
H. R. Flack, c. sub., b. Moon	29
B. H. Willett, not out	15
C. E. L. Johnston, not out	16
J. B. Wells,	} did not bat.
F. A. S. Gwatkin,	
H. W. Beveridge,	} did not bat.
Extras	
Total (6 wickets)	262

ANALYSIS.

O.W.W.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	26	9	45	6
H. R. Flack	10	—	50	—
H. W. Beveridge	4	1	23	—
W. C. Stevens	14.4	2	42	4
C. E. L. Johnston	3	1	11	—

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. G. Burton	15	2	50	—
J. A. Willett ..	21	6	57	1
R. E. Murray	4	1	12	—
A. Whittow	7	—	19	1
L. J. Moon	16	2	62	3
F. L. Rawson	11	6	17	1
S. H. Gregory	6	1	23	—

The following are the Averages up to and including the O.W.W. match.

BATTING.

	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Total	Average
R. N. R. Blaker	7	—	85	354	50.57
R. E. More	6	—	96	219	36.50
H. R. Flack	7	1	36	112	18.83
E. E. Cotterill	7	—	50	109	15.57
H. R. Lonsdale	6	1	55	75	15.00
F. Young	7	—	28	82	13.66
W. H. C. Clay	3	—	24	41	13.66
C. E. L. Johnston ..	6	2	31	48	12.00
S. M. Anderson	5	2	23*	30	10.00
W. C. Stevens	6	—	16	52	8.66
H. W. Beveridge ..	3	2	4*	6	6.00
B. H. Willett	5	1	15*	23	5.75
F. A. S. Gwatkin ..	4	1	5	7	2.33

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Averages
R. E. More	135	50	286	34	8.41
W. C. Stevens	43.4	6	116	10	11.60
H. W. Beveridge ..	35	5	136	6	24.33
F. Young	11	—	53	1	53.00
H. R. Flack	62	9	222	2	111.00
R. N. R. Blaker ..	13	2	47	—	—
S. M. Anderson ..	5	1	12	—	—
C. E. L. Johnston ..	3	1	11	—	—

THE CONCERT.

THE Annual School Concert was held up-School, Friday, June 9. On the whole it was a great success, and the thanks of the whole School are due to Mr. Ranalow for the care and attention he bestowed on the preparation for it. Mr. F. B. Ranalow's singing was the feature of the evening.

Below is the programme:—

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. CHORUS ... 'The Queen's Song' ... *Eaton Fanning*
2. PIANOFORTE SOLO Andante and Rondo Capriccioso
M. G. BAILLIE. *Mendelssohn*
3. CHORUS ... 'The Vikings' ... *Eaton Fanning*
4. SONG ... 'The Donovans' ... *Alicia A. Needham*
5. SCHOOL SONG *C. H. Gore*
6. VIOLIN SOLO ... Air varié ... *Charles Dancla*
(sur un thème de Weigl)
A. R. ASTBURY.
7. CHORUS ... 'Forth to the Meadows' ... *Schubert*
8. SONG ... 'To Anthea' ... *Hatton*
9. SOLO AND CHORUS 'Rule Britannia'
R. C. JEWESBURY.

PART II.

1. CANTATA ... 'The Rose Maiden' ... *F. H. Cowen*
- GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A regular meeting of the Old Westminster Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, May 7th. The following members were present:—C. W. Stephenson, W.M., S. H. West, S.W., W. Ashton Ellis, J.W., Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C., Thomas Wakly, Jun., P.M., F. J. Pearse, P.M., Henry Sutherland, P.G.D., H. E. Rawson, J. B. Liberty, Walter Tomlinson, F. G. Hallett, W. E. Horne, P. S. Lee, A. E. Turner, C.B., and W. J. Armitage.

The guests were:—Col. Ritchie, P.D., G.S.B. (Ubique Lodge), G. H. Hopkinson, P.D., G.D.C. (Tuscan Lodge), E. M. Brandram (Globe Lodge), C. T. R. Bedford [O.W.] (Warden Lodge), H. E. R. Bedford (Warden Lodge), and H. B. Dain (Warden Lodge). In view of the fact that at the coming meeting in December next the Old Westminster's Lodge will have completed the tenth year of its existence, a committee, consisting of Bro. Wakley, the Treasurer, Bro. Rawson, the Secretary, and Bro. Sutherland, the Steward, was appointed to consider the best means of suitably celebrating the occasion, and to report thereon to the Lodge at the meeting to be held in October. The brethren subsequently assembled at the usual banquet, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. The toast of the health of Bro. Colonel Alfred E. Turner, C.B., a newly joined member, was specially proposed by the W.M., and cordially received. Bro. C. Y. R. Bedford, O.W., in responding to the toast of 'The Visitors' made a humorous and excellent speech.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Nothing of great importance has taken place since the last issue of the *Elizabethan*. Young, Flack, Johnston, Cotterill, Lonsdale, and Gwatkin have been regularly assisting the School XI. in all the matches. Clay and Wells have also played. Congratulations to C. D. Fisher on his cricket and classical successes at Christ Church, and also to F. Waterfield on getting the orations prize. We wish best luck to Johnston in his coming Sandhurst examination. The prospects at cricket are fair, but slackness among some is rather too prevalent. In the Juniors, Junior College easily beat Junior Grants. A good number of Q.S.S. witnessed the Jubilee procession in Parliament Square, and Gwyer represented College at St. Paul's. A mania for early rising has been noticeable of late. Later: Hearty congratulations to Young, Flack, and Cotterill on their Pinks.

RIGAUDS.—More, Blaker, Anderson, and Willett have played for the XI. in most matches, Blaker's average being the highest in the team. We sincerely hope he will keep it above 50 for the whole season. In the Juniors we were beaten by H.B.B. after a promising start. Thompson bowled well. Rigaudites turned out in good numbers to cheer the Queen on June 22.

GRANTS.—Nothing of interest has occurred. We were badly beaten by College in the Juniors, our bowling being weak. Stevens has been playing for the School, and his bowling has been of great service. We hope he will bowl as well in the House matches, as the greater part of the work will fall upon him.

H.B.B.—There is nothing of importance to note. In the Juniors we beat Junior Rigauds, thanks to good batting by Robinson. We hope to do something in the Seniors.

ASHBURNHAM.—There is no news to be chronicled except that Beveridge played for the School in three matches. Collins and Kirlaw have left, besides Young and Weeks. We are drawn against College in the Juniors, and have no doubt as to the result.

Obituary.

ONE more of the long list of Westminster sportsmen has passed away at a ripe old age. The Rev. BENJAMIN BUCKLER GIFFORD LUDFORD-ASTLEY entered the School in 1830, and went up to Oxford in 1837. He was ordained in 1842, and was Vicar of Merevale, and afterwards Rector of Cadeby, Leicestershire. He also held for forty years the sinecure rectory of Pitney, Somerset. He was twice married, and was known as an enthusiastic fox-hunter and a keen shot. He has been inaccurately described as the last of the old school of sporting parsons. He died at Cheltenham, on April 22, within a few days of completing his eightieth year.

We regret to announce the death of Lieut.-General JOHN WALPOLE D'OYLY, in his seventy-sixth year. He was admitted to the School in 1834, matriculated from Exeter College, Oxford, in 1840, and entered the army in 1841.

We also regret to announce the death of EDWARD BECHER LONGHURST, Second Lieut. K.O. Yorkshire L.I., second son of Dr. A. E. T. Longhurst, of Eaton Square, London, which took place at Nasirabad, India, on May 18.

We regret the death of W. R. GILBERT, who was at the School from January 1892 to Election 1894. He died on June 2, aged 20, after a very short illness. He was studying at St. Thomas's Hospital.

The *Guardian* of April 28 contains a sympathetic and justly laudatory notice of the character and labours of the Rev. DOUGLAS STUART, Vicar of Ipplepen, whose death we regretted in our last number.

We must also regret the death of the Rev. W. S. Cox, who was at the School 1884-89. He died on the voyage home from Africa at the beginning of the month, after missionary work on the West Coast.

It is again our duty to record the death of one who had perhaps lived to be the oldest Westminster. JAMES ALLEN was the eldest of four brothers who were at Westminster in the reigns of George III. and George IV. Born on July 11, 1802, the son of David Bird Allen, rector of Burton, Pembrokeshire, he entered the School in 1815. After graduating at Trinity College, Cambridge, he was ordained by Bishop Monk to the curacy of Miserden. From 1839 to 1872 he was vicar of Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, and from 1847 to 1870 he was second Cursal Prebendary of St. David's, the Queen being the first. In 1870 he became Canon and Chancellor, and in 1878 Dean of St. David's. He resigned the Deanery three years ago, but continued to live at St. David's, and was lately present at the enthronement of the new Bishop. In fact for half a century his life was devoted to the Cathedral, much of which he found in ruins, and spent his money on repairing. The frugality of his personal life tempted his friends to invent the story that, when Archbishop Benson visited him, he cooked the dinner with his own hands. In his own country he was famous for his strength of will and grim humour. Dean Allen married, in 1852, Isabella Dorothea, daughter of Peter Richard Hoare, of Kelsey Park, Kent. His wife died before him, and he is survived by an only daughter.

Marriages.

On April 28, in Calcutta Cathedral, Cecil Henry Bompas to Geraldine, daughter of James Banton, C.E., of Farnreg, Dundalk.

On April 29, at St. George's, Hanover Square, Ernest Victor Buckley Rutherford to Alice Maud Julia Oliver.

Birth.

On June 10, at Hastings, Sussex, the wife of Harry W. Waterfield of a daughter.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—There were very few bumps in the eights this year, and consequently there was but little alteration in the order of the boats, only three experiencing any great change of position. Of these, St. John's and Wadham went down four places; and the House, thanks to the excellence of the crew and the coaching it received, went up five. On the first day we caught Queen's; on the second there was unfortunately a bump above us, which ruined our chances of making six bumps; but after that our upward career was unchecked, and we caught

St. John's, B.N.C., Hertford, and Exeter without much difficulty. These successes were duly celebrated by a bump-supper, followed by the usual bonfire. It is doubtful whether the boat has yet found its proper level; it remains to be seen what it does at Henley.

As regards cricket, Fisher made 38 for the XII. *v.* the XVII., and has since played for the House. Yesterday he compiled a capital 114 against New College. Severn made 63 for the House against Free Foresters, and 108 *v.* Eton Ramblers. Corfield and Berens have been doing useful things for Pembroke.

The Slade Exhibition at the House, usually given for German, but this year for proficiency in Latin prose and knowledge of Cicero, was awarded to Fisher. He was also in for the Hertford, but could not be expected to do much when suffering from acute toothache. Greats are rampant.

Yours, etc.,

June, 17.

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

WESTMINSTER SPORTS CHALLENGE CUP.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Let me begin by congratulating the School on the possession of a Sports Challenge Cup. But why should marks for it be awarded for the handicap events? The best regulated handicaps are proverbially unsatisfactory, and when there are only two of them in the whole programme, it seems to me that the fairest course would be not to reckon them for the cup. I have no wish to depreciate the handicappers, who doubtless act to the best of their ability, but a glance at some of the past half-mile winners will bear me out that the starts given are not all they should be. True, the race has been won from scratch, but how often? while the number of times it has been won from one of the limit marks would be hard to reckon. The same remarks apply, though not quite so emphatically, to the 300 yards (over 16) handicap; and for some small boy with a large start to win such a race is hardly a fair recommendation for any house to the cup.

Yours, etc.,

CUCULLUS.

[It would perhaps be better in future years.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In your last number you published a letter from some one signing himself 'Fair-Play,' who complains of the enormous fields for some of the events at the last sports. The remedies which he suggests are very short-sighted, and would do the sports no inconsiderable amount of harm. One of the great obstacles to good performances at Westminster is the reluctance of competitors to come forward, and numerous expedients have been resorted to in order to induce more to do so. As soon as a good number do come forward, 'Fair-Play' must needs take upon himself to write and propose the adoption of measures for reducing the numbers again! He thinks that because some starters do not intend to finish, all such should be forbidden to start at all, or should be excluded by means of age limits; and, apparently, completely overlooks the fact that such runners tend to improve the time for the race, by making the pace during the earlier stages. As 'Fair-Play' remarks, an overcrowded field for the quarter is most undesirable. But surely the most obvious, as well as most simple remedy, would be to run off such races in heats, which even might have been done last April, despite the assertion in 'School Notes' to the effect that nothing could have been done this year. I must confess to considerable surprise that this was not seen to by stewards who showed so much enterprise in other directions.

Believe me, etc.,

CODLIN (NOT SHORT).

[The stewards, not having the gift of prophecy, were unable to foresee that the fields would be so large, and, consequently, did not think it worth while to run heats.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I feel it my duty to complain of the inefficiency of the cricket screens up-Fields. Firstly, they are not half tall

enough, and a high-handed delivery cannot be seen; secondly, the whitewash on them is so exhausted and so faint that it is really impossible to see a fast ball. Another great fault is the pavilion. When in an ordinary game a medium bowler is on it is very difficult to see the ball when bowled from the front of the pavilion. Could not the lower part of the pavilion be painted white, and so benefit the eyes of

Yours truly,

Westminster, June 8.

BLANCHO.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In bringing forward the following suggestions, I wish to impress upon those of your readers to whom this letter may be of interest that it is with the greatest regret for everyone concerned in it, and without reference to anyone, that this letter is written. The first suggestion is that the captain at cricket or football should be elected. Of course the captain who is captain by seniority is generally the best man in the team, and for the last few years, as at present, the persons who did or do hold the captaincy at either game would have undoubtedly been elected if the captaincy had been a matter of election. This mode of procedure is carried out in nearly all public schools, and it is quite evident that it would be a means to make Pinks buck up to gain the coveted distinction of being captain of cricket or football at Westminster.

The second suggestion is that all Pinks should have to regain their Pinks in the second year. It is a remarkable fact that members of school elevens often fall off in their play after their first year, and their ejection is considered bad form, and so they keep out better men.

Hoping the elevens will always be fortunate, and hoping these suggestions will be considered,

Your obedient servant,

WELSHMAN.

[With regard to the first suggestion, we can only remark that on the whole the present system has worked remarkably well; and though cases might arise in which the captain by seniority might not be the best man for the post, it will be best to wait until such a thing actually occurs. As to your second idea, we prefer to express no opinion. The radical spirit in Westminster at the present time surprises us.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I ask what is the constitution of the committees which regulate the school games, sports, &c.?

Are they supposed to be representative bodies or not?

If so, why have they of late years co-opted to fill vacancies in their number instead of appealing to the school which is to be represented; and if not representative, why used elections to be held, at which every one of shell form rank had a vote?

Hoping to receive an answer through your columns, I am, with the usual apologies,

Yours obediently,

ALCIBIADES.

[The constitution of the Games Committee is as follows:—A President and Treasurer, nominated by the Head Master, the captains of cricket and football, the captain of the school, the head T.B., and one other member co-opted. In the sports two additional members are co-opted. This last alteration was made a year or two ago by a Masters' meeting, owing to certain difficulties which unhappily arose owing to the old system.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—It has long been the custom at Westminster, and rightly so, to give a bat for a score of fifty or over. Yet the bowler who takes (say) five wickets for a small cost, and perhaps wins the match for his side, receives no acknowledg-

ment of his services. Surely this can be remedied. Let the Games Committee fix a standard (taking into consideration state of wicket, weather, &c.), and let the bowler who reaches this standard be presented with a bat if he is a batsman also, and if not, a ball or some other memento of his performance. It is the bowling of the school that wants especial encouragement; the batting, one is glad to be able to say, is right enough. Hoping to see some suggestion like this adopted,

I remain, your obedient servant,

L. B. W.

[The only difficulty seems to be the fixing of a suitable standard, but this surely can be overcome.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—On Saturday afternoon last my youngest son, recently down from Winchester, joined me on the Playing Fields; at dinner that evening he remarked on the small number of boys he had seen looking on, adding that at Winchester every fellow had to be present at a match.

Might I suggest that what is evidently found to be a good rule at one Royal College should at least have a trial at another—the School of Fisher and Moon. Its existence may perhaps to some extent explain how that, with considerably less than half the number of boys, Winchester manages to beat Eton at cricket.

Very faithfully yours,

ARTHUR GUILLUM SCOTT.

Union Club, 1897.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I draw attention to an error in your last issue? In one of the House Notes it was said that 'A. R. Severn played in the Seniors' match at Oxford.' This is incorrect, and the House Notes which congratulate Probyn on being the 'only Westminster representative' in that match are right.

I am, yours truly,

SCRUTATOR.

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