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OLD WESTMINSTERS OF FICTION.

THE invigorating Aristotle once remarked, in one of those slightly spasmodic treatises which not even the eccentricities of copyists have been able to deprive of all their value, that History was inferior to 'Poesis,' in that the latter has to discourse of what is likely to happen, while the former has only to relate what actually did happen, and does not need to concern itself with the question whether its relation is conformable to human nature or not. Now, 'Poesis,' though habitually translated 'Poetry,' much more nearly corresponds to

'Fiction.' It is difficult here to escape from the allurements of the problem, 'Would Aristotle have considered "The Master Christian" as "discoursing of the kind of things which were likely to happen"?' but that has nothing to do with the present investigation. My only reason for dragging Aristotle into the matter—for I cannot be suspected of wishing to impress upon my readers the fact that I once read him, since that feat, with the assistance of Mr. Bohn, is within the reach of anyone—my only reason, I repeat, is to give weight to the suggestion that, if the biography of a single 'Westminster Worthy' shows us what one Old Westminster—very possibly from causes altogether outside his schooling—actually was, a study of the Old Westminsters of fiction should teach

us what an Old Westminster is likely to be, and what the novelist in each instance conceived to be the net results of a Westminster training.

The field of investigation is an enormously large one, and I cannot pretend to do more than nibble at the edges of so vast a subject. Not only is it quite impossible for any one student to cover the whole range of English fiction, but a novelist's allusions to the antecedents of his characters are often so casual that it requires a stricter attention than most novels deserve, to detect every O.W. even in the works of fiction I know best. I am not aware that Robinson Crusoe, Lemuel Gulliver, Lovelace, Silas Marner, or Wilfred of Ivanhoe could claim to be O.W.W.; but, on the other hand, I dare not absolutely assert that they were not, whatever the improbability in some of the cases, an improbability which in the last instance, at any rate, recent discoveries in the Abbey archives have gone far to remove. I shall, therefore, be satisfied by merely mooted the topic, and shall be much indebted to any of the readers of *The Elizabethan* who will assist me by supplying further instances from their own reading.

Of course, several cases may be quoted where such loyal sons of Westminster as Smedley, Dasent, Grenville Murray, and Henty have made O.W.W. their heroes and endowed them with all possible, and some impossible, virtues; but these studies of character can claim very little more credence than the panegyrics of an autobiography; and no one has yet done for Westminster what Tom Hughes did for Rugby, or even what Blackmore did for Blundell's. It is rather in the works of outsiders that we must search for the typical Westminster character; but, if we believe that the outsiders were well informed, the results are far from flattering.

Of the two great Victorian novelists, Thackeray was too loyal to his old school to educate his principal personages anywhere else; but Charterhouse is welcome to all the credit it can get out of the Pendennis, Philip Firmin, and Clive Newcome, whatever we may think of the

Colonel. In connection with the scene of the Colonel's death an interesting question arises. When the small gown-boy ran in to tell the dying veteran that there was a match at cricket going on 'between Greyfriars and St. Peter's,' in which the latter were having the worst of it, did Thackeray, with that prophetic insight which belongs to true genius alone, refer to the Westminster and Charterhouse match of 1900, or possibly some other year, to which the same description might apply? At any rate, there was no such match till long after the very latest date to which Colonel Newcome's death can be referred. The only O.W. I have ever succeeded in detecting in the works of the great Carthusian is a certain Gosling, in 'The Book of Snobs,' who 'used to get his dry old port at a gin-shop in Westminster till he quitted that seminary, in 1844,' and at a later stage of his career was in the habit of saying, 'What's port, now? disgusting thick, sweet stuff—where's the old dry wine one *used* to get?'

The one O.W. of Dickens is scarcely a more substantial figure, being one Nickits, a Coketown magnate, whose mansion on his bankruptcy passed into the hands of Mr. Bounderby. There is, however, a touch of actuality about the description given of him—'Nickits, who used to act in Latin, in the Westminster School plays, with the chief justices and nobility of this country applauding him till they were black in the face, is drivelling at this minute—drivelling, sir!—in a fifth floor, up a narrow dark back street in Antwerp.' As for the comment on the behaviour of Westminster boys in general, which the misguided 'Boz' inserted into a passage in 'Pickwick,' we can only view his want of taste with what Miss Fanny Squeers would describe as 'unliquidated pity.'

But Dickens is not the only genius who has been strangely blind to the merits of Westminster. Miss Austen is even more to blame than the creator of Sam Weller. She has given us two O.W.W., in Henry Crawford and Robert Ferrars, of whom any school might be ashamed. I may be deceived; but it seems to me that the imbecile foppishness of the younger Ferrars

is no more a characteristic production of the Abbey precincts than the unselfish gallantry with which Crawford runs away with another man's wife, while himself warmly attached to another woman. A contempt of the claims of others in affairs of the heart would seem to be Miss Austen's idea of the predominant Westminster characteristic, since Robert Ferrars runs away with his brother's *fiancée*; but is it some faint recollection of the play which reflects itself in the excellence of Crawford's acting in the futile rehearsals at Mansfield Park?

The authoress of 'The Heir of Redclyffe' is likewise afflicted with a groundless prejudice against Westminster—the more inexcusable in her case, because she knows enough about the School to send her Queen's Scholar home for Saints' Days, and to pass him on to the House when he went up to Oxford. But the two Owen Sandbrookes, in 'Hopes and Fears,' can hardly be welcomed as Westminster types. The father, after starting as a missionary with the loftiest ideals, 'backslod,' if that is the correct aorist form, into a fashionable preacher, and cruelly jilted the heiress, to whom he was affianced, for a General's daughter of more family than fortune. The son, having requited the idolatrous affection of his adopted mother with post-obits, eloped with a village school-mistress, though he straightway set about repairing that wrong by killing her with neglect. None the less the stern moralists who grow up round the tomb of Mrs. Aphra Behn will hear with disgust that, when fetched to the bedside of his dying wife, he was found in the midst of a flirtation with an innocent girl. It is true his character was a little rehabilitated by a prairie fire in which he was crippled for life; but a reputation which demands so violent an application of cautery is not one we should desire for our schoolfellows.

So much for a 'Short study on a great subject'; the smallest contribution towards making it more complete will be thankfully received.

IN EGYPT.

WHILE we are carefully following the careers of the O.W.W. at the front, it is interesting to note what they are doing in other parts of the world. Readers of *The Elizabethan* will be interested to hear that C. F. Armstrong, who is in His Highness the Khedive's coastguard service, has already greatly distinguished himself, although it is barely three months since he reached the land of the Pharaohs. He is now stationed at Cheffakhana, where he is often for days entirely alone with his blacks. At midnight on September 1 he was awakened by a Bedouin, who knew of a consignment of contraband on the desert. Armstrong assembled his men and they rode for five hours into the desert, where they then found a gathering of Arabs by some old huts. It appears to be the custom of the officer to ride on some distance in advance of his men, in order to give the Arabs a chance of the voluntary opening of their stores. This Armstrong did, but the Arabs were immovable. When he had fired some blank cartridges at them, they retired to a heap of straw and fumbled for their loaded weapons. While they were so doing, Armstrong jumped over a wall into one of the huts, and there found a quantity of dynamite; but as the Arabs were collecting and coming in a body towards him he was compelled to retire to a boulder. Here he had recourse to 'sniping,' and had emptied the saddle of the Arab commander before his men came up—none too soon. In the fight which ensued, his horse was shot under him, and one of his two N.C.O.'s was killed. The Bedouins were ultimately scattered, and some prisoners taken, together with large stores of powder and baksheesh.

Le Phare d'Alexandrie concludes its account with the following sentence: 'Cette expédition a été conduite avec une adresse et une célérité qui font honneur à l'excellent Moulazim-Awel.—C. ARMSTRONG.'

E. F. G.

WESTMINSTERS IN THE WAR.

THE following is a list of Westminsters who are, or have been at the front, as complete as possible from the information to hand. We shall be glad to receive corrections or additions from any of our readers:—

At the School	Name	Rank, Regiment, &c.
1865-70	Rawson, H. E.	Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.
1867-69	Knight, E. F.	<i>Times</i> Correspondent.
1870-76	Vyvyan, C. B.	Major, The Buffs.
1872-75	Haines, Rev. W. C.	Chaplain to the Forces
1875-79	Stephenson, W. J.	Lord Loch's Force.
1876-79	Aston, G. G.	Major, Royal Mar. Art.
1880-82	Logan, E. T.	Capt., Cheshire Militia.

At the School	Name	Rank, Regiment, &c.
1881-85	McHardy, A. A.	Capt., Royal Gar. Art. ; Staff.
1882	Blakeney, R. B. D.	D.S.O. Lieut., R.E.
1882-87	Prothero, F. L.	Capt., Welsh Reg. ; <i>killed.</i>
1882-87	Roos, G. O.	2nd Lieut., Thorneycroft's Horse ; <i>wounded at Spion Kop.</i>
1883-87	Stapleton, T. H.	Border Mounted Rifles.
1883-87	Balfour, A. M.	Oxfordshire Yeomanry.
1883-88	Prothero, A. G.	Capt., Welsh Reg. ; A.P.D.
1883-88	Wilkins, F. A. P.	Lieut. and Adj., Suff. Reg. ; <i>killed at Rensburg.</i>
1884-89	Preece, P. J.	Lieut., Vol. Co. Rifle Brigade.
1885-86	Garrard, J. R. L.	Lieut., 5th Dragoon Guards.
1885-87	Macnab, C. L.	Capt., Northumberland Fus.
1885-87	Davson, H. M.	Capt., R.A.
1885-89	Hoskins, A. R.	Capt. (Brevet Major), North Staffs. Reg. ; A.D.C. 14th Brigade.
1885-93	Scott, G. H. G.	C.I.V.
1886	Barnes, R. W. R.	Capt., 4th Hussars ; <i>wounded at Elandslaagte.</i>
1886-89	Balfour, C. E.	Lieut., King's Royal Rifles.
1887-89	Madge, C. A.	Lieut., Royal Warwick Militia ; Staff.
1887-90	Brudenell-Bruce, G. W. J. C., Earl of Cardigan	Capt., Royal Wilts Yeomanry.
1887-90	Davidson, F. C. D.	Lieut., King's Own Lancaster Reg. ; <i>killed.</i>
1887-90	Paul, W. H. H.	Lieut., Loyal North Lancashire Reg. ; <i>taken prisoner at Lindley.</i>
1887-91	Brailey, W. H.	Lieut., C.I.V.
1888-91	Stapleton, L. H.	Lieut., Oxford Light Infantry.
1888-92	Knapp, P. E.	Lieut., Indian Staff Corps.
1889-91	Colville, A. G.	C.I.V.
1889-91	More, R. H.	Shropshire Yeomanry.
1889-93	Clapham, D.	Lieut., R.A.
1889-93	D'Arcy, L. K.	2nd Lieut., Loyal North Lancashire Reg.
1889-94	Underwood, E. A.	Lieut., Shropshire Light Inf.
1890-94	Bird, C. G.	Lieut., Royal Marines.
1890-95	Simonds, J. W. G.	Capt., Northumberland Volunteers (Ammunition Supply Column).
1890-95	Smith, H. Castle	C.I.V.
1891-92	Guy, M. C. Ferrers	Lord Loch's Force.
1891-92	Stephen, A. A. L.	Lieut., Scots Guards.
1891-93	Eadham, J. F.	1st Dragoons.
1891-94	Willet, F. W. B.	Lieut., Royal Sussex Reg.
1891-94	Stewart, A. E.	Lieut., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
1891-94	Muriel, S. H. F.	2nd Lieut., Border Reg. ; <i>wounded at Venters Spruit.</i>
1891-95	Kirkpatrick, H. J.	Lieut., Durham Militia.
1891-96	Hogarth, A. H.	Imperial Yeomanry.
1892-97	Grahame, M. C. R.	Scottish Sharpshooters.
1893-96	Hughes, C. H. M.	Imp. Yeomanry Field Hospital.
1893-96	Sewell, I. G.	Lieut., Royal Fusiliers.
1893-96	Weekes, H. F.	C.I.V.
1893-96	Kennedy, W. H. C.	Paget's Horse.
1893-97	Roche, de R.	Hampshire Carabineers.
1894-96	Redman, H. E.	2nd Lieut., Royal Warwick Militia.
1894-98	Wells, J. B.	2nd Lieut., Loyal North Lancashire Reg.
	Battersby, Harford	<i>Morning Post</i> Correspondent.

POETRY.

SIMS REEVES, OCTOBER 25, 1900.

AND so the glories of thy voice are passed.
 They are but memories, sweet memories
 And sad regrets : what nobler gift than this
 Did heaven ever grant to man on earth,
 To stir the heart, to elevate the mind,
 To pierce the inmost soul with power of voice ?
 A voice at which men wondered, women wept ;
 Which lifted all from thought of shame and care ;
 And placed them where they never hoped to be :
 And when it ceased they went out, some, maybe,
 To good, and some, perchance, to sin ; but still
 The better. . . .
 Such was thy voice, and now there but remains
 Thy name ; a name which takes men back
 To hours when, sitting dazed, they listened
 To that which no one e'er again shall hear
 Until that happy time when all shall join,
 Forgetting discord, in sweet harmony,
 Singing a song of praise and thankful joy.

G. S.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting was held in the Old Sixth Form Room, at Westminster, on July 27, 1900.

Mr. Walter Tomlinson, M.P., presided, and there were also present : Mr. W. F. Adams, Mr. R. R. Campbell, Mr. Milford Hallett, the Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P., Mr. T. S. Oldham, Mr. W. A. Peck, Mr. Alan H. Stenning, and Dr. Samuel Hatch West.

The Report of the Committee for 1900 was adopted, subject to the insertion of statistics as to the number of boys at the school, should such information be obtainable.

It was proposed from the CHAIR, seconded by Mr. HALLETT, and unanimously resolved : 'That Sir Clements Markham be re-elected President of the Club, and that Lord Stalbridge and Mr. Lowther be re-elected Vice-Presidents.'

Mr. Smyth (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. Oldham (Hon. Treasurer) were re-elected to those offices respectively.

On the motion of Mr. TOMLINSON, seconded by Mr. PECK, the re-appointment of the following members of the Committee was carried, viz. :—Mr. W. F. Adams, Mr. C. M. Barker, Mr. C. L. Eastlake, Mr. C. D. Fisher (Oxford), Mr. E. M. Loughborough, Mr. R. J. Mure, Mr. W. A. Peck, Mr. A. H. Stenning, Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., Mr. H. B. Tritton, and Mr. J. G. Veitch.

A letter was read from Mr. R. K. Gaye (Cambridge),

resigning his seat on the Committee, and Mr. S. A. Sydney Turner was elected in his place.

The question of the date of the Annual Meeting was raised, and after considerable discussion the feeling of the meeting was embodied in the following resolution, which was unanimously supported, on the motion of Mr. R. R. CAMPBELL, seconded by Mr. STENNING, viz.: 'That it is not desirable that the practice of holding the Annual General Meeting immediately after the Annual Dinner should be allowed to lapse.'

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR meeting of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2,233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Tuesday, October 16. The following members were present:—W. Ashton Ellis, W.M., J. Barnes Liberty, F. G. Hallett, Thomas Wakley, jun., C. W. Stephenson, S. H. West, H. Sutherland, Walter Tomlinson, W. E. Horne, W. J. Armitage, Philip S. Lee, Thomas S. Lee, W. M. Meredith, and C. C. Sharpe. Bro. R. L. Devonshire (Royal Somerset and Inverness Lodge) was the only guest present.

W. Bro. Henry Sutherland, P.G.D., who since the foundation of the Lodge has rendered continuous and highly valued service to it, first in the office of Steward and subsequently in that of Secretary, was elected as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. W. Bro. T. Wakley, jun., P.M., was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to W. Bro. Ellis in token of the appreciation by the members of his services during his year of office.

The name of an Old Westminster was proposed and seconded as a candidate for admission into Freemasonry in the Old Westminsters' Lodge. The brethren and their guest subsequently partook of the usual pleasant banquet. The Worshipful Master in the course of proposing some of the toasts took occasion to read a letter addressed to the Lodge by W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Rawson, R.E., P.M. It was very gratifying to the members to learn that Bro. Rawson had passed through the campaign without injury and was in excellent health. Bro. Ellis also read a letter from an Old Westminster, W. Bro. H. G. Barron, in acknowledgment of a telegram of greeting from the Old Westminsters' Lodge sent to Bro. Barron on the occasion of his becoming Worshipful Master of the County Palatine Lodge (Southport).

School Notes.

JUST before going to press we read, with the deepest regret, the following announcement in the *Standard*:—

The Governing Body of Westminster School, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, received with great regret information from the Headmaster, Dr. W. G. Rutherford, that he intended to vacate the office at the end of next Election Term.

Beyond reiterating our sincere regret, we defer all comment to our next number.

The offertories in Abbey on Michaelmas and St. Luke's Days were £5. 2s. 2d. and £4. 12s. 10d. respectively.

We were very glad to read the names of four O.W.W. as playing in the Cambridge Freshmen's Match—viz., S. S. Harris, K. B. Anderson, A. A. Milne, and A. S. Gaye. We offer them our hearty congratulations. R. E. More was tried in the Seniors' Match at Oxford, and both he and Harris have since played for their respective Universities.

There was an *exeat* from Saturday, November 3, at 1 P.M., to Tuesday, November 6, at 9.30 A.M.

The Rev. C. B. Knight, under whose auspices the Mission is now being carried on, has made a request for cast-off clothing to distribute amongst the boys. All contributions should be sent to 51 Gloucester Street, Warwick Square.

We congratulate H. Castle-Smith and H. E. Weekes (O.W.W.) on receiving their commissions.

We offer our hearty, though tardy, congratulations to H. S. Gaskell on passing eighth out of Woolwich into the Royal Engineers.

The Right Hon. J. Lowther, Sir Howard Vincent, and Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson (O.W.W.) were returned for Isle of Thanet, Central Sheffield, and Preston respectively in the recent parliamentary elections.

The following are Captains of 'Leagues' this term:—

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| (A) Blane. | (E) Law. |
| (B) Sefi. | (F) Lowe. |
| (C) Mavrogordato. | (G) Dickson. |
| (D) Hubback. | (H) Sonnenschein. |

Mr. Tanner, who presented a cup for the Junior House matches in cricket, has kindly promised a corresponding one for football. The matches will be played on the League system, and no one who is over seventeen, or who has played for the School, may be included in the teams.

The following is the Football Card filled in up to date:—

		1900.	
Sat.	Sept. 29	Clapham Rovers.	(Lost 2—3.)
"	Oct. 6	R. N. R. Blaker's XI.	(Lost 2—9.)
Wed.	" 10	Old Carthusians.	(Lost 0—7.)
Sat.	" 13	Emeriti.	(Lost 0—4.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Won 5—4.)
"	Oct. 20	Casuals.	(Lost 0—1.)
"	2nd XI.	v. London Hospital 2nd XI	(Won 5—2.)
"	Oct. 27	St. John's College, Oxford.	(Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	v. A. B. Challis's XI.	(Lost 2—3.)
"	Nov. 3	Old Foresters.	(Scratched.)
Wed.	" 7	R.M.A., Woolwich.	(Lost 4—6.)
Sat.	" 10	Christ Church, Oxford.	(Lost 0—4.)
"	" 17	New College, Oxford.	(Lost 0—3.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Forresters 2nd XI.	
"	Nov. 24	Old Harrovians.	
"	Dec. 1	Old Westminsters.	
"	" 8	Old Felstedians.	
"	2nd XI.	v. Technical College 2nd XI.	
Dates not fixed.		{ H. O. C. Beasley's XI.	
		{ L. J. Moon's XI.	

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Sat.	Jan. 19	Clapham Rovers.
"	" 26	Old Wykehamists.
"	2nd XI.	v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.
"	Feb. 2	Selwyn College, Camb.
"	2nd XI.	v. O.W.W. 2nd XI.
"	Feb. 9	University College, Oxford.
Wed.	" 13	Old Etonians.
Sat.	" 16	Old Westminsters.
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Foresters 2nd XI.
"	Feb. 23	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
"	Mar. 2	Old Brightonians.
Wed.	" 6	L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Sat.	" 9	An Eton XI.
"	" 16	Casuals.
"	" 23	T.BB. v. Q.SS.

The following is the Card of the Debating Society with results to date:—

October 4.—'That the Late Government is worthy of censure for its procrastinating policy in China.' Proposer, R. D. Kitson; Seconder, T. Mavrogordato; Opposer, C. W. Adams. Lost by acclamation.

October 11.—'That British shipyards should not be allowed to build armaments for other nations.' Proposer, H. A. Roberts; Seconder, G. N. Ford; Opposer, W. A. Greene. Lost, 10—11.

October 18 and 25.—'That the Boers have been treated with too great clemency.' Proposer, D. Whitmore; Seconder, M. Castlesmith; Opposer, J. A. C. Highmore. Carried by acclamation.

October 25 and November 1 and 8.—'That this House would welcome a universal system of motor-cars.' Proposer, P. T. Browning; Seconder, C. B. H. Knight; Opposer, E. C. Stevens. Lost, 4—16.

November 8.—'That this House would regret the abolition of the School Mission.' Proposer, C. M. Page; Seconder, F. H. Nichols; Opposer, A. Beney.

November 15.—'That active measures should be taken to suppress the large number of foreign sailors employed by British merchant vessels.' Proposer, W. A. Greene; Seconder, F. W. Hubback; Opposer, H. A. Roberts.

November 22.—'That Bull-Fighting is unworthy of a civilised Nation.' Proposer, G. K. A. Bell; Seconder, A. G. Sefi; Opposer, W. T. S. Sonnenschein.

November 29.—'That the Underground Railways should be compelled to use Electric Traction.' Proposer, T. Mavrogordato; Seconder, P. T. Browning; Opposer, A. T. Willett.

December 6.—'That Oliver Cromwell helped to lay the foundation of the British Empire.' Proposer, C. M. Page; Seconder, P. M. Battle; Opposer, W. T. Kennedy.

December 13.—'That this House disapproves of the Higher Education of women.' Proposer, G. K. A. Bell; Seconder, W. A. Greene; Opposer, C. W. Adams.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. EMERITI.

This match was played 'Up-Fields' on Saturday, October 13, in seasonable weather. The School winning the toss, the Emeriti kicked off at 2.55. The game at first was fairly even, but the visitors soon showed they were the better team. Harrison made some good runs, but the Emeriti retaliated with several good shots which Knight cleared successfully; Everett, after about twenty minutes' play, obtained the first goal for our opponents (0—1). After this they again pressed, and Knight saved a good shot from White. The School then ran down, but Battle was ruled off-side from a pass by Coleby. Lewis then shot weakly and Sutton cleared. Half-time arrived with the score 0—1. On re-starting the School attacked, and Lock put in a good shot which was cleared. The Emeriti forwards made Willett concede a corner, from which Pease shot their second goal (0—2). From the kick-off the Emeriti ran down, but Everett shot over, and the School getting the ball, ran down, Willett putting in a good shot which was saved at the expense of a corner. This proved ineffective, but the School continued to press and Browne conceded another corner, which was also unavailing. The Emeriti then broke away and Everett again beat Knight (0—3). After this they did most of the attacking, and soon Nockolds with an excellent shot from half-back scored their fourth goal (0—4). In the few remaining minutes no further goals were added, and the match ended with the score 4—0 in favour of the Emeriti. For the visitors Nockolds played a good game. For us Ashley showed most promise. Referee: L. Y. Barnby.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); E. C. Stevens (capt.), H. A. Roberts (backs); P. F. Lock, F. N. Ashley, A. T. Willett (half-backs); P. M. Battle, A. T. Coleby, F. I. Harrison, D. H. Whitmore, E. A. Lewis (forwards).

EMERITI.

E. W. Sutton (goal); L. A. M. Fevez, R. G. Browne (backs); C. W. Game, H. J. Nockolds, A. L. Foster (half-backs); C. E. Pease, S. H. Brown, B. Everett, A. F. White, C. W. Lewis (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CASUALS.

Played October 20, Westminster kicked off at 3 o'clock. The Casuals were without one of their team, A. C. Barnby, but Brodie did more than enough work to make up for his absence from the forward line. The first half of the game consisted in a continuous bombardment of the Westminster goal; luckily the Casuals did not get near enough to be dangerous. Our forwards only made one good run during the first half and then Scott failed to shoot. After half-time Harrison made two good runs, but on each occasion he shot over Grant's head. Barnby twice got away, but was pulled up without much difficulty by our backs. Ten minutes before time Brodie at last got away from Ashley, who was marking him very well, and scored the only goal of the match. The School defence was much better than usual. Our forwards made a very weak display against the vigorous tactics of Williams and Brydone.

Teams:—

CASUALS.

A. S. Grant (goal); R. H. Williams, P. Brydone (backs); C. E. Carpenter, H. A. Rauthmell, H. P. Westby (half-backs); C. Knight, L. Y. Barnby, H. W. Brodie, C. Mackintosh (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

C. B. Knight (goal); H. A. Roberts, E. C. Stevens (backs); E. A. Lewis, F. N. Ashley, A. T. Willett (half-backs); L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, R. D. Kitson, R. B. J. Scott, P. M. Battle (forwards).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON October 11 the House met and discussed the following motion: 'That British shipyards should not be allowed to build armaments for other nations.'

A lively debate ensued which produced several good speeches on both sides.

H. A. ROBERTS (the Proposer) was very long-winded. We fear that his elaborate statistics had the effect of a soporific on many members of the House, in spite of his frantic attempts to secure attention by waving his notes about and by repeating himself. He began by dwelling on the great benefit of trade, which he described as the mainstay of Empire. The manufacture of warships, he declared, was one of the great arms of trade, but to send out men-of-war was to give patterns to the countries who bought, which they were quick to copy. The speaker gave as instances Germany and the Argentine Republic, the latter of which in 1892 possessed a cruiser of British manufacture which was then the fastest in the world; he then proceeded to quote long statistics to point out the increase of vessels exported. He concluded by demanding that more attention should be paid to the British ships, and strongly censured the promiscuous

manner in which vessels were sent to Powers irrespective of their hostility or friendliness.

W. A. GREENE, who opposed, made a very creditable speech. He criticised the Proposer's arguments, and maintained that ships were only built for third-rate Powers; the ships we had built for Germany were obsolete, and the majority of Powers for whom we built were not hostile to us. It was the Government's fault if it had not bought any successful patents or did not grant enough money; surely the shipbuilders should not be blamed for making some profit out of other Powers when they had the chance.

G. N. FORD, who seconded, was extremely short. He said that even a combination of third-rate Powers might prove a nuisance. After emphatically denying the Opposer's statement that we never built for first-rate Powers, he supplemented the statistics quoted by the Proposer with more from the Naval Budget of 1900. He also expressed a fear that Japan might be alienated from us as it grew in strength.

After a short argument between H. A. ROBERTS and R. D. KITSON about submarine boats, the OPPOSER again rose. He averred that if England were to give up the trade France or Germany would obtain it and thereby increase their prosperity. Cases had been known where our own ships had broken down, so that they could not be so very superior. The combination of third-rate Powers was extremely unlikely. Here the speaker was interrupted by the adjournment of the House.

At the next meeting the OPPOSER continued his speech with a few brief remarks.

Subsequently the House divided:—For the motion, 10 votes; against, 11 votes.

The motion was therefore lost.

The House met on October 18 to discuss the following motion: 'That the Boers have been treated with too great clemency.'

The motion did not produce a good debate, the House being extremely one-sided in its opinion; and also on account of unseemly disturbances which rendered the speeches of many members almost inaudible.

The PROPOSER (D. Whitmore) made a very creditable maiden speech, which was, however, unhappily, inaudible to many on account of the turbulence of certain members on the other side of the House. He opened with the statement that in civilised warfare it was usual to treat the enemy as men who have a sense of good feeling; the Boers, on the contrary, had behaved like an uncivilised nation. They had frequently shot wounded prisoners and abused the white flag. Up to the present time clemency had been fairly satisfactory, but the attempt on Lord Roberts had shown that it was a bad thing. After defending Lord Kitchener's refusal of the armistice at Paardeberg, the speaker went on to censure the severe treatment of English

prisoners by the Boers, and concluded by declaring that, had severity been employed by the English before, there would have been no chance of a rising afterwards.

J. A. C. HIGHMORE, in opposing, was prolix but inconclusive. Most of his speech was read from a pamphlet on the war, of what nature we are ignorant. He too interspersed his speech with elaborate statistics. He pointed out that the Boer army consisted not only of Boers, but also of the 'scum of Europe,' while their want of discipline was the cause of their abuse of the white flag. After giving many instances of the good effect of clemency, he discussed the history of the Transvaal up to the outbreak of war, which he affirmed was due to Kruger and his misrepresentations alone. He mentioned a typical old Boer who had expressed his anger at the lies by which he had been persuaded to fight, and who offered to fight for us against the Zulus. He contended that we should treat the Boers themselves well, but hang the ringleaders; we had not policed the country sufficiently. Our present reputation for justice must be maintained at all costs.

The SECONDER (M. Castlesmith) made a very short speech. He had only heard of one man offering to get fifty men to fight for England. But the Zulus, he said, would have destroyed the Boers. If we had not been so lenient at first, the risings after Lord Roberts proceeded to the front would not have taken place.

P. T. BROWNING dilated on the happy time spent by the Boers in St. Helena and Ceylon. He mentioned that the Boer women in Pretoria were supplied with food which they gave to their husbands who were fighting against us. The Boers had been very mean throughout the war.

The OPPOSER then rose, but was interrupted almost immediately by the adjournment of the House.

At the next meeting of the House the OPPOSER continued his speech. He answered a number of the various objections raised. He stated that it was a German who started the attempt on Lord Roberts. The risings were due to insufficient policing of the country, thus forcing the neutrals to take up arms again. Lord Roberts had been breaking records in marches, consequently his communications had not been well protected. He also pointed out to P. T. Browning that Boers had been shot at St. Helena. The aim of the Government was to pacify the Transvaal as soon as possible, which was best done by clemency, as the insurrection of 1881 showed.

After further remarks by the SECRETARY, E. C. STEVENS and M. CASTLESMITH, the PRESIDENT rose. He criticised the speeches already made, but said nothing worthy of special record.

The PRESIDENT then put the question to the House, when the motion was carried by acclamation.

motion: 'That this House would welcome a universal system of motor-cars.'

This debate lasted a considerable time, and was always lively and interesting, many good speeches being made.

The PROPOSER (P. T. Browning) made a long speech, containing very many statistics, to illustrate the superiority of the motor-car in speed, health, safety, and cleanliness over all other vehicular traffic. He argued that we should soon get used to their appearance, while the smell was decreasing with experience and improvements. The noise, too, was imperceptible with steam and electric cars; but noise was desirable as a warning. The speaker proceeded to discuss the question of expense, which he made out to be less than that of a horse and carriage, both in the initial cost and the expense of keeping. This he illustrated by many statistics.

E. C. STEVENS, in opposing, promised no statistics. Speed, he said, was no advantage on account of rail-ways. For health he compared motors with riding horses, much to the advantage of the latter, dwelling on the greater chances of viewing the scenery on the ride. A universal system was absurd, for there were many who would not care to do away with the quaint and picturesque horse and cart to be seen in the country. He referred the Proposer to the electric cabs, scarcely one of which was now to be seen in London.

The SECONDER (C. B. H. Knight) opened his speech by calling attention to the lack of preparation evinced in the Opposer's speech, and straightway continued in a manner which showed plainly that his own preparation had been almost *nil*. He declared that a universal system of motor-cars did not entail the abolition of horses. Horses contributed largely to disease. He then startled the House by declaring that motors, being rubber-tyred, could not make much noise, and actually did not. Among the chief advantages of motors were comfort, cleanliness, and health. He said that the comfort consisted in the better condition of the roads, which were not damaged by rubber tyres; therefore fewer men would be employed to clean the roads, which meant reduction of rates.

After a few remarks by C. M. PAGE the House adjourned.

At the next meeting of the House the motion was continued.

C. M. PAGE rose to continue his speech. He contended that occupants of motor-cars looked far from comfortable after a journey, partly owing to the vibration of the car. If a universal system were to be adopted, the country too would be overrun by motors, which were not so much in harmony with the surroundings as was the rustic cart.

W. A. GREENE said that it was impossible to drive motors on greasy roads, especially in towns. On the car itself the noise was not noticed much, but off, it was very different. This noise was owing to the machinery. The smell also was no small deterrent to many. Men on motors were much the same

as cyclists, in that they rarely went for rides to see the country.

G. N. FORD pointed out that punctures were of frequent occurrence, causing delay and annoyance.

The SECONDER again rose. He pointed out to W. A. GREENE that motor-cars would do away with greasy roads, so that there would be no danger from that source. It was far more pleasant and healthy to travel by motor-cars than by suburban trains. The smell also was very inconsiderable, indeed hardly noticeable.

After a short discussion between the PRESIDENT and W. A. GREENE about the Place de la Concorde, the House again adjourned.

At the next meeting of the House :—

P. T. BROWNING rose very disconsolate at the unfavourable opinion of the House. He suggested that the motion should be amended to the following :— 'That in the opinion of this House a universal system of motor-cars in towns would be advisable.' Motors, he said, could be stopped dead at the shortest notice, far more quickly than horses.

The PRESIDENT argued that a universal system would throw all the coachmen and grooms out of work.

After a few remarks by the VICE-PRESIDENT, J. A. C. HIGHMORE, and the OPPOSER, the motion was put to the vote.

For the motion, 4 ; against, 16.

The motion was therefore lost.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—We have to congratulate Lock, Roberts, and Harrison on their regular appearances for the School. Coleby, Hubback, and Baker have also played for the 2nd XI. The Fives Ties are progressing favourably under the auspices of Roberts. The Literary Society has started again, and is now reading 'The School for Scandal.' The College Chess Club is in the middle of a competition. Junior College seem to have very good prospects. They have already beaten Home Boarders (4-0).

RIGAUDS.—We have not much news to chronicle this number, but the little we have is extremely gratifying. In Juniors we secured an unexpected victory over Grants by one goal to love after a most exciting game, and we expect to make a good show in this competition. We must congratulate C. M. Page on representing the School against R. N. R. Blaker's XI., and R. D. Kitson, who has been playing regularly ; our congratulations are also due to both of these on obtaining their 3rd XI.'s. Yard ties have made good progress and have now reached the semi-

final stage, the following Captains being still left in :—A. T. Willett, R. D. Kitson, C. Powers, and A. Beney.

GRANTS.—Nothing of much importance has happened since the last number. H. Castlesmith and G. Scott have come home with the C.I.V. Castlesmith has obtained a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers, on which we congratulate him. Sonnenschein is coming up as a boarder for the rest of the term ; we hope he will remain so. We were beaten by Rigauds in the first draw of Juniors, mainly owing to bad shooting on our part. The Granite Debating Society continues to express its learned opinion on the affairs of the nation every week.

H.BB.—We are glad to see such great enthusiasm over Fives this term in the House ; many of the younger fellows show great promise. There are twenty entries for the Ties, and the first round is nearly finished. Hearty congratulations are due to C. B. H. Knight on playing for the School and obtaining his 3rd XI.'s, and to R. B. J. Scott, who represented the School *v.* Casuals, and received his House Colours and 3rd XI.'s. We were beaten in the Juniors by College (0-4), when we were without P. Napier. We hope to do much better in the remaining matches with our full team. J. B. Whitmore has been made a monitor.

ASHBURNHAM.—There is nothing of much importance to record since last issue. Lewis has been playing regularly for the School. We congratulate Parker on playing once, and Wallis on playing twice, for the 2nd XI. The Fives Ties are progressing favourably, and the finals have been drawn. Our heartiest congratulations are due to S. S. Harris on playing for his University.

Obituary.

WE have to announce, with much regret, the death of HERBERT BARNES, which occurred on October 7. Born in 1842, the youngest son of Henry Hickman Barnes, of Hackney, he entered the School in 1854. He was admitted a solicitor, and at the time of his death had been for a considerable period solicitor to the Public Works Loan Commission. His sons were at the School between 1884 and 1898. The elder entered the East India Civil Service in 1894 ; the younger was lately head of Grants.

Correspondence.

WE have received the following Review from a correspondent:—

Ernest Needham* has just brought out a new book on Association Football. One is apt to grow weary of reading the same sentiments as those of former writers on the same subject, couched in a more verbose and less interesting style. There is no denying that his hints on play are exceedingly useful, but he is unfortunately late in placing them before the public. For 'Pros' and league men the book is excellent; but for the amateur, who studies the game from a mere sportsmanlike view and from love of play, it is likely to be found tedious and difficult to peruse to the end. The book is a sermon on the text, 'Waterloo was won on the playing fields of England.' His article on training is perhaps the most interesting in his work. One passage seems to be unique in touching a point, unwritten heretofore. 'The overtrained men will be distressed before half time, while those just a little undertrained will have matters in their own hands in the last half, and show increasingly better form up to the last sound of the whistle.' His personal critique of individual players is the duller part of his book, and quite unnecessary in a work such as this. The beginner who hopes by reading the book to gain an adequate knowledge of the game is more than likely to be annoyed by the introduction of numbers of league 'Pros,' some, and most, of whom must be utter strangers to him.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I will do my best to give you what you ask, namely, a Cambridge Letter, though I fear it will have to be short, owing to the scarcity of Westminster news in these parts.

This term we welcome as new arrivals A. S. Gaye, A. A. Milne, S. D. Kennedy, B. G. Brown, W. S. Osborn (Trinity), S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas (Pembroke), and K. B. Anderson (Clare)—not a very long list. It leads one to ask, 'What becomes of all the fellows who leave Westminster?' They do not go to Oxford either (that we might perhaps excuse). One could call to mind many who have not come up who had the opportunity, and who, had they taken it, would have benefited both themselves and Westminster. But I digress.

With R. N. R. Blaker and F. Young, Captain and Secretary respectively of the C. U. A. F. C., Westminster is well represented in football; indeed, there is material for a very sound Cambridge O.W.W. team, and it is to be hoped that next term it will play some matches. E. M. Eustace, we hear, is playing a strong game for Sidney, of which College he is captain; S. S. Harris, who has also appeared for the 'Varsity, does great things in the Pembroke front line; and K. B. Anderson is, of course, the Clare goal-keeper; and when I say that he is as good as ever, I have said enough for anyone who followed Westminster football last year. Other players must excuse me if I do not mention them each by name; this letter becomes too like a catalogue.

R. K. Gaye is senior O.W. up, and there is some talk of an O.W.W. dinner, but at present it is only talk; and our head is difficult of access, as he spends most of his time teaching the young ladies of Newnham their Greek and Latin grammars, and very engrossing work he seems to find it. Still we hope.

Old Westminsters seem to have deserted the river, and rumour says that Third Trinity are at their wits' end. Certain it is that they are trying to tempt some of us away from football and other improving occupations, but in vain. After all, is it

to be expected that men who have been playing some particular game for the last five years or more should suddenly abandon it, and take up another sport of which they probably know nothing, merely for the pleasure of paying down £10? However, whether they are expected to do so or not, they do not, and there's an end on't.

Next week Æschylus' 'Agamemnon' is acting at the New Theatre. The cast is small, and, unfortunately, contains no O.W.W., though by way of apprenticeship three of our number are acting as 'maidens' to Clytemnestra, thereby adding greatly to the picturesqueness of the play.

This leads me on to condole with you on having no Play this year, and with ourselves, too, who thus miss our annual opportunity of meeting our Westminster friends, past and present.

Next month we shall hope to see some representatives of Westminster up for the Scholarship examinations.

I am,

Yours, &c.,

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

November 6, 1900.

MAJOR VYVYAN AT MAFEKING.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I have been asked to send to you—and herewith I send—copies of a telegram of congratulation sent to me second in command at Mafeking on the relief of that place in May last, and of the reply which was received from Major Vyvyan.

The Elizabethan Club propose to print this correspondence in the next issue of our 'Pink Book,' with the Annual Report, &c., but we think that meanwhile it would be interesting to the readers of *The Elizabethan* if you would insert the enclosed in your next publication, should you have room for it and care to take it in.

Very truly yours,

T. STAVELEY OLDHAM.

Copy of telegram sent by the Elizabethan Club on May 21, 1900, to Major Courtenay Bouchier Vyvyan, a member of the Club, second in command of the force besieged in Mafeking:—

'Heartiest congratulations to you and Baden-Powell on your relief.

ELIZABETHAN CLUB.'

In reply to the above telegram, the following letter was received by Mr. W. A. Peck, the late Hon. Secretary of the Club, of whose resignation this year Major Vyvyan was doubtless unaware:—

'MY DEAR PECK,—It was most kind of the Elizabethan Club to remember an O.W. representative in Mafeking, and I beg you to convey to them my hearty thanks for their message of congratulation, which reached me on the 28th, and gave me very sincere pleasure.

'General Baden-Powell also desires to join me in thanking the Club for including him in their felicitations, to which he has at present no time to reply in the midst of the press of work necessitated by the events of the moment.

'It is difficult for us in this quiet, out-of-the-way corner of the Empire to quite realise the intense interest which the siege of Mafeking has aroused elsewhere, and of the extraordinary enthusiasm which has been called forth by its successful termination.

'We are all proud to have been able to hold our own under so gallant and capable a leader, and to know that his efforts and ours have been so warmly appreciated as the hundreds of congratulatory telegrams received here indicate.

* *Association Football.* By Ernest Needham (Skeffington).

'It is due to the people of Mafeking, as no one will be more ready to own than General Baden-Powell, that he has been able, through their stout and loyal assistance, to check what might easily have proved a very serious invasion of the territory north of the colony, where the unimpeded presence of Boer forces might have had a disastrous effect among the native tribes both in the Bechuanaland Protectorate and in Rhodesia, as well as giving an additional encouragement to the disaffected Dutch colonists in the south and west, and making the position of Kimberley even more precarious than it already was.

'Charterhouse may well be proud of the achievement of one of her sons, and I am glad to think that our dear old School has also had a share in the work, though a minor one.

'I should have replied by telegram thanking you for the message, but unfortunately I have not your address with me, and do not know how to reach you except by roundabout means. Still, I hope you will be able at one of the summer gatherings to assure the Club of the grateful sense I experience of the honour they have done me and of my wish to be able before many months pass to renew my thanks in person.

'Until then, with all good wishes for the success of the School and the Club, and kindest remembrances to yourself and other old friends,

'Believe me,
'Sincerely yours,
'C. B. VYVYAN.'

SHOUTING 'UP-FIELDS.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—'Up-Fields' the other day I was struck by a fact which in my opinion evinces a great lack of patriotism in present Westminsters. In my young days it was considered a point of honour that every member of the School 'Up-Fields' should do his best to cheer on the team. Now it is quite the exception to hear anybody doing so, except 'the railings'; though, as I can testify from experience, such encouragement does much to spur on the players.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,
ALUMNUS.

THE ELIZABETHAN'S COVER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Merely a suggestion, 'encroaching on your valuable space.' In looking over some of my numbers of *The Elizabethan* of past times I have noticed in more cases than one that the outer leaves have come apart from the inner ones (I dare say from carelessness in putting them away), and that these leaves have become crumpled and somewhat soiled. *The Elizabethan* does possess a cover; now, why not have that cover attached to the contents by a small wire, or sewn on? It would be then much less likely to get soiled and would be compact, instead of a few loose papers.

With the usual apologies, &c.,
I remain ever, Sir, yours,

X.

[Your suggestion shall receive due consideration.—ED.]

THE ELECTION PHOTOGRAPHS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I think I shall be expressing not only my own view but that of many, if I suggest that the Masters should be

photographed in Election Term in the same way as we are. I have often heard it said how welcome and how much patronised such a course would be. Beyond wide circulation in the School, I feel tolerably certain in my belief that a large number of O.W.W. would be only too glad to possess a copy.

Believe me, Sir,
Ever yours,
V. KEENE.

INTER-HOUSE FIVES TIES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The growth of Fives during this term has aroused much spirited enthusiasm among the larger and smaller members of the School. May I venture to suggest that inter-house Fives ties, on the same lines as those in vogue in the School ties, be instituted? If this can be satisfactorily arranged, it is highly desirable that they should be begun at the earliest convenience. With apologies.

I am, Sir, &c., &c.,
R. W.

O.W.W. FOOTBALL.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I know not whether it be slackness in applying for places or inability to attend, that causes places in O.W.W. teams to be vacant until the last moment. Against C.U.A.F.C. the other day two 'names' appeared in the *Sportsman* representing a back and a forward for O.W.W. These 'names' were A. Rotter and A. N. Other. It does not speak well for the keenness of O.W.W. Again, against R.M.A., Woolwich, a team of eight O.W.W. went down as representatives of one of the best amateur clubs in the South of England. Truly, a want of organisation on the part of the secretaries and application on the part of members. I hope, Sir, this will be seen by some footballers whom it will stir to more interested efforts.

I am, Sir,
Yours ever,
LOYALLY INDIGNANT.

Our Contemporaries.

WE have received, with thanks, the following:—*The Carthusian* (2), *The Cheltonian* (2), *Ulula*, *The Alleynian*, *The Haileyburian* (2), *Picture Postcard Magazine*, *The Wykehamist*, *The Culhanite*, *The Bowdonian*, *The Radleian*, *The Quernmorian*, *The Rossallian*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *The Clavinian*, *The Marlburian*, *The Newtonian*, *The Meteor*, *Our Boys' Magazine*, *The Penn Charter Magazine*, *The Working Men's College Journal*, *The Malvernian*, *The Blue*, *The Cliftonian*, and *The Blundellian*.

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