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CHRISTMAS.

HAVING written that one word at the top of the page, it seems a difficult and unnecessary task to find anything to say about it. It has the same fundamental meaning for us all, however we spend it. Now, indeed, new associations are added to it, and it rings like the cry of a trumpet above the dreary and disheartening battlefield. We are not likely to forget the extraordinary scenes that took place last Christmas at the Front; how men whose one object was to kill each other voluntarily agreed to a truce and met and fraternised between the lines of death.

It always seems to us that this incident provides a most satisfactory answer to the pessimist who declares that the desire to fight

is fixed ineradicably in the breast of man, that there will be war until there is a new Heaven and a new Earth. It has shown us that there is something deeper, something more fundamental in man than this desire to kill—something which the most vital moment of Christianity is able to bring out in all its power and appeal. It seems to show that if mankind could be gripped by Christianity as it is gripped by it at Christmas, there would be some hope, nay, there would be every hope, that rifles and machine-guns and all such 'inventions of the devil' are eventually doomed to glut the all-receptive maw of the museum of the future.

But no doubt a School Magazine is not the place to air these Utopian dreams. We are bound down by reality, especially in these times, and perhaps not even Christmas should be

allowed to drag us away from the relentless present. 'But it does ; and therefore we do not intend to give our readers sage advice as to whether a postman's lot is happier than that of a porter, which is the kind of practical advice many are seeking. 'Do the thing that is next you' is always a sound exhortation, and if nothing seems next you, well, then, go and find it. And if, even then, you return perforce empty-handed, keep Christmas and think about it, and you will not have failed in your duty towards the world.

Historical Note.

We have to thank Captain Whitmore (O.W.) for the following additions to the list of O.W.W. mentioned in the Dictionary of National Biography :—

BACON, MONTAGU, b. 1688, l. 1705, d. 1749. Scholar and Critic.

BARWELL, RICHARD, b. 1741, d. 1804. Anglo-Indian. Supporter of Warren Hastings.

BOYLE, JOHN, 5th Earl of Cork and Orrery, b. 1707, d. 1762. Author.

BROWNE, LYDE, b. 1759 (?), adm. 1768, d. 1803. Soldier ; shot by Emmet's mob in Dublin.

BURRELL, Sir WILLIAM, Bart., b. 1732, d. 1796. Antiquary.

COTTON, Sir ROBERT, Bart., b. 1669, d. 1749.

DIGGES, WEST, b. 1720, d. 1786. Actor.

ELLIS, GEORGE, b. 1753, adm. 1772, d. 1815. Author.

FITZHERBERT, Sir WILLIAM, Bart., b. 1748, d. 1791. Author.

GRANT, Sir JAMES, Bart., b. 1738, d. 1811. Chief of the Clan Grant.

HAMILTON, Sir WILLIAM, b. 1730, d. 1803. Diplomatist and Archæologist ; husband of Lady Hamilton.

HAWKESWORTH (afterwards FAWKES), WALTER RAMSORN, b. 1769, adm. 1781, d. 1825. Miscellaneous writer ; patron of Turner.

HOTHAM, CHARLES, b. 1615, d. 1672 (?). Divine.

HOTHAM, DURANT, b. 1617 (?), d. 1691. Author and translator.

HOWARD, Sir GEORGE, b. 1720 (?), d. 1796. Field-Marshal.

HOWELL, THOMAS JONES, adm. 1806, left 1811, d. 1858. Editor of 'State Trials.'

LEGGE, HENRY BILSON, b. 1708, d. 1764. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

LINTOT, HENRY, b. 1703, d. 1758. Publisher.

LUTTRELL, HENRY LAWES, 2nd Earl of Carhampton, b. 1743, d. 1821. Soldier and politician.

MILBANKE, MARK, b. 1725 (?), d. 1805. Admiral.

MONTAGU, JAMES, b. 1752, d. 1794. Captain in the Royal Navy.

MONTAGU, JOHN, b. 1655 (?), d. 1728. Divine ; Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

MONTRESOR, JOHN, b. 1736, d. 1788 (?). Major, Royal Engineers.

MORRIS, ROGER, b. 1727, d. 1794. Lieutenant-Colonel ; American Loyalist.

PACKER, JOHN, b. 1570 (?), d. 1649. Clerk of the Privy Seal.

PERRYN, RICHARD, b. 1723, d. 1803. Baron of the Exchequer.

ROBERTS, JOHN, b. 1712 (?), d. 1772. Politician ; Private Secretary to Henry Pelham.

ROBINSON (afterwards ROBINSON-MORRIS), MATTHEW, 2nd Baron Rokeby, b. 1713, d. 1800. Pamphleteer.

ROBINSON, THOMAS, b. 1714, d. 1747. Legal writer.

RUDGE, EDWARD JOHN, b. 1792, adm. 1808, left 1811, d. 1861. Antiquary.

SCROPE, Sir ADRIAN, d. 1667. Royalist.

SEYMOUR, HENRY, b. 1729, d. 1805. Politician.

SHIRLEY, WASHINGTON, 5th Earl Ferrers, b. 1722, d. 1778. Vice-Admiral.

TAYLOR, ROBERT, b. 1714, d. 1788. Architect.

WATSON, CHARLES, b. 1714, d. 1757. Admiral.

WRAY, Sir CECIL, Bart., b. 1734, d. 1805. Politician.

School Notes.

THE Term ends on Saturday, December 18.

There is no Play this year.

A lecture has been given up-School by Major Baker on 'The Work of an Intelligence Officer at the Front.'

Orations were won by J. R. Brandon-Thomas and J. B. Herbert. The piece for recitation was chosen from "Richard II."

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. BRADFIELD COLLEGE.

(Lost, 2-3.)

On the morning of October 30 a heavy fog hung over Westminster. It was only towards lunch time that it seemed at all likely that the match could be played ; when, however, the fog did lift, the weather turned out to be ideal.

The Visitors' train was delayed for some considerable time, and consequently it was not much before three o'clock when the match was begun.

The game was pretty even at the start, but the School forwards got away and sent in two shots, neither of which scored. Clarke, the Visitors' captain, playing outside right, then took the ball up and put in a good centre, Greig, however, saved the good shot that resulted, Bennett retaliated, running right forward, and sent in a high shot. After about fifteen minutes of the game had elapsed, Radermacher shot the first goal. The Visitors began to press hard, and Hewins miskicked, but recovered in time to clear. Stewart, their outside left, then put in a good long shot, which was easily cleared. Then there came an exciting moment when Dunnett, inside right, missed an easy shot, which Greig had failed to clear. Smith took the ball into the opponents' half, and sent in a good shot, which went high. Next, Bennett, again running up with the forwards, passed to Andrews, who was given off side. From the free kick Stevenson, after some good combination with Dunnett, sent in a bad shot. Just before half-time Greig made two good saves, only punching the ball to Farquharson, which rather took him by surprise, so that he gave a corner. Fawcus took the kick and took it well, from which Clarke succeeded in equalising the score. The whistle blew for half-time when the score was 1-1. An alteration was now made in the School forward line, Andrews changing places with Ker; the former was certainly an improvement in his new place, but Ker was less useful outside left.

After the interval for a minute Bradfield pressed very hard, but Andrews was soon given the ball, and proceeded to put in a good shot, which was, however, saved. We continued to press, and finally Brookman scored our second goal (2-1).

Clarke looked like scoring every minute, but was hindered by Davison, who sent the ball down to Ker, but the latter failed to make any use of it.

Bradfield's left wing now took the ball up, but were very soon checked by Smith. The left wing again in possession of the ball sent in a good centre, from which Dunnett scored the Visitors' second goal (2-2).

Greig, who played well throughout the game, now made his best save, a good shot by Kingdon, who, still determined, scored the next minute, from an excellent centre from Clarke, Bradfield's third goal. This was within three minutes from the end of the match.

The School defence was very good from beginning to end of the game, but the forwards were not good, and showed a tendency to bring the ball back too much in order to get round their opponents.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. G. F. Greig; M. G. Hewins and M. G. Farquharson; R. Smith (capt.), A. M. Bennett and E. Davison; R. L. F. Forster, J. Brookman, T. M. Ker, D. A. Radermacher, and N. P. Andrews.

BRADFIELD COLLEGE.

C. A. Thorp; R. E. O'Brien and A. D. Gordon; C. S. Collins, J. G. Stevenson and C. L. D. Fawcus; C. G. Clarke (capt.), Le Dunnett, F. D. Kingdon, A. C. Kidson, H. G. Stewart.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, GREENWICH.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

(*Won*, 1-0.)

Though the result of this match was in our favour, it cannot be said that it was at all creditable to the School.

The School were without doubt the better side, but failed to recognise it. The whole game consisted of attacks made alternately by either side; although it was very seldom that one was pushed anywhere near home. The School defence was sound and superior to that of their opponents, while the reverse held in case of the forwards. The School forced a corner, but no score resulted. At half-time there was no score at all.

On resuming the game the Naval College forced two corners running. Both were, however, cleared. Again there followed an uneventful period. There were some very easy shots missed, both by Radermacher and by Brookman. Towards the end of the game, however, the latter put in an excellent shot. This was the only score of the whole game, thus ended a most uneventful match (1-0).

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. G. F. Greig; M. G. Hewins and R. M. Neill; E. F. Lutyens, A. M. Bennett and E. Davison; R. L. Forster, J. Brookman, N. P. Andrews, D. A. Radermacher and F. R. Oliver.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE.

Lieut. Smart; Lieut. Rednall and Sub-Lieut. Holt; Lieut. Tancy, Lieut. Lister and Lieut. Wilson; Sub-Lieut. Trevan, Lieut. Evans, Lieut. Pengelly, Lieut. Evington and Lieut. Blackman.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI. *v.* 18TH CO., R.A.M.C.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

(*Won*, 8-2.)

With the ground in excellent condition the School kicked off in what proved to be a one-sided game, for they pressed from the very beginning, Robertson and Croome scoring with good shots. At this period of the game each side was deprived of a man through injuries, though both returned shortly afterwards. The Visitors managed to

score through their inside left, but immediately afterwards Brookman replied with a splendid run through, netting easily. Just before the interval, he was again successful with a good shot in the corner after some clever passing.

The second half was rather monotonous to watch as the Visitors were thoroughly outclassed; they scored through their centre forward shortly before time, but the School forwards played well throughout, and four more goals were added by Croome, Robertson and Brookman. Neill was very steady at back, while Harcourt-Smith and Proger worked hard at half. The forwards were all very good and displayed much clever combination.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI.

F. P. Dyson; R. M. Neill (capt.) and H. J. Salwey; T. M. Ker, H. C. Harcourt-Smith and G. W. Proger; G. P. Walsh, J. Brookman, C. A. A. Robertson, V. Croome and T. I. Bate.

R.A.M.C.

J. C. Archbold; H. Dickinson and L. Kelly; F. R. Holland, R. Hardman and C. L. Mingay; P. Moore, H. C. Bull, N. Malyon, B. Isham and J. Dickinson.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* R.M.C., SANDHURST.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

(*Lost, 0-5.*)

Sandhurst kicked off, and play soon settled down into our half. Fortunately, however, their shooting was weak, and despite several attempts they failed to score. At last we managed to get the ball away, but our forwards met with no success, and Sandhurst again taking up the attack, Phillips scored after twenty minutes' play. The School woke up at this reverse, and kept their defence busy for a time, but the shooting was poor, and at half-time the score was still 1-0 in our opponents' favour.

On restarting we were again severely pressed, and very soon they scored again as the result of some good combination. Although we pressed more than in the first half, no goal resulted, which was due in no great measure to the excellent goal-keeping of Macintyre. Our opponents scored three times more, the final score being 5-0 in their favour. The R.M.C. were one of the best sides we had played this year, and though our defence played well, they were undoubtedly outpaced by the clever and speedy Sandhurst forwards, whose good combination was in marked contrast to that of our own front line, which was poor.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. G. F. Greig; M. G. Hewins and M. G. Farquharson; R. Smith (capt.), A. M. Bennett and E. F. Lutyens; R. L. F. Forster, J. Brookman, N. P. Andrews, D. A. Radermacher and F. R. Oliver.

R.M.C., SANDHURST.

D. H. Macintyre; Lewis and F. C. Letts; W. S. Ruxton, F. W. A. Carter and B. E. A. Marshall; P. L. Leighton, G. M. L. Smith, R. M. Phillips, Massey, and B. Martyr.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY F.C.

NOVEMBER 20.

(*Won, 4-1.*)

The Visitors won the toss, and at first pressed us hard, forcing a fruitless corner, but we soon got away, and Forster put in a good shot which just topped the bar. We continued to press, and after a few minutes' hot play in front of goal Andrews put the ball in. Shortly afterwards Forster scored with an excellent shot from the wing, which went through the goal-keeper's legs. The rest of the half consisted of vigorous play in mid-field, in which we more than held our own, though the Canadians were always dangerous.

During the second half the Canadians had most of the game, though the forwards were playing up and combining well. After several dangerous rushes their right back scored with a magnificent shot. After that Greig was kept very busy, but he was not so safe as usual, and showed much uncertainty.

Andrews then scored again after a run down the field, but afterwards the play was very even till just before the end, when Brookman scored with a fine shot.

The defence was good as usual, and much improved by Smith changing places with Bennett, while the forwards displayed excellent combination, and their shooting was much improved.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. G. F. Greig; M. G. Hewins and M. G. Farquharson; A. M. Bennett, R. Smith and E. Davison; R. L. F. Forster, J. Brookman, N. P. Andrews, B. G. Scholefield and F. R. Oliver.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY F.C.

C. L. Houston; J. Brooks and A. Cottain; A. P. Baxter, M. C. Wylie and J. Cottain; R. Grant, C. J. Christie, J. R. Humphries, L. C. Peake and C. L. D. Fondfoot.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI. *v.* 35TH CO., R.A.M.C.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

(*Lost, 5-2.*)

The Visitors kicked off, and at first play was very level, until P. Walsh put in a good dropping shot, and the ball was rushed into the net. We were then severely pressed, but the defence was good, and they only scored one goal before half-time, while we added another as the result of an excellent shot by Croome. After the interval we were on the defence almost continually, our forwards not getting together well, and our opponents scored four times, one an especially

good shot by their inside right, the final score being 5-2 against us.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. R. Rowlands ; R. M. Neill (capt.) and H. S. Salwey ; E. F. Lutyens, H. C. Harcourt-Smith, and G. W. Proger ; G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, C. A. A. Robertson, V. Croome, D. A. Radermacher, and T. I. Bate.

GRANT'S v. ASHBURNHAM.

SENIORS.

(Grant's beat Ashburnham, 4-0.)

This match was played on November 24, on big game ground. Though Andrews and Salwey were unable to play, Grant's were successful (4-0). It should be mentioned that Ashburnham were without Ker.

Neill won the toss, and Grant's kicked off from the Hospital end, monopolising the play after the first few minutes, and both Mackintosh and Croome soon put in some fruitless shots. Ashburnham's left wing then took the ball down the field, finishing up with a good shot which Jenkins punched out excellently. A few minutes later their forwards put in another good shot. Oliver now got the ball, and taking it right down scored the first goal for Grant's with comparative ease. Grant's were now continually pressing, and Smith got in a very good long shot, which hit the crossbar, but Forster failed to score off the rebound. He made up for this a moment later, however, by scoring a second goal with a good left-foot shot. Two minutes later Grant's scored again, Mackintosh putting a good long shot into the corner. After some even play Forster centred neatly, and Croome put it cleverly into the net.

Half-time now arrived with the score at 4-0.

The second half was most unexciting both as regards the play and the score, the latter remaining unchanged throughout. Neill and Mackintosh both sustained minor injuries, the former temporarily leaving the field.

Horton and Graham put in some good shots which were well saved, while for Grant's Smith got in some excellent long shots.

The deciding factors in the match were Grant's superior speed and better combination, their defence was steady, and both Hewins and Smith distinguished themselves, while the forwards worked together excellently, Oliver being especially prominent. The Ashburnham backs and goal played well, but their halves, with the exception of Munro, were weak, and their forwards seemed slow, but Horton and Dixon both played well.

Teams :—

GRANT'S.

J. G. A. Jenkins ; M. G. Hewins and N. A. Garrard ; J. R. Brandon-Thomas, R. Smith (capt.) and L. E. Calvert ; R. L. F. Forster, N. A. Mackintosh, V. Croome, G. L. S. Kohnstamm and F. R. Oliver.

ASHBURNHAM.

W. E. Gerrish ; R. M. Neill (capt.) and A. C. Harcourt-Smith ; H. H. Munro, A. M. Dobbie and O. Darlington ; A. S. Dickson, J. C. Horton, C. J. Graham ; T. I. Bate and R. H. Morison.

RIGAUD'S v. HOME BOARDERS.

SENIORS.

(Home Boarders beat Rigaud's, 3-2.)

The result came as a surprise to the School in general, but not so much to people who really knew the teams.

From the very beginning Homeboarders played a good game. Among the forwards Brookman, Robertson, and G. Jackson combined especially well. Their halves had a good idea of the game, while Stones and Ritherdon made a reliable pair of backs, and Lasbrey a good goal.

Rigaud's missed several chances during the first half. In the forward line Scholefield played a good game, but received little help from other forwards. Bennett played an energetic game, but was generally too far up the field to render much assistance to the defence when hard pressed. Davison played an excellent game at left half, but was left far too much work to do. The backs were poor, but Rowlands played well in goal.

Teams :—

RIGAUD'S.

Rowlands ; Howell and Isaacs ; G. Proger, Bennett (capt.) and Davison ; Leslie, Fletcher, Scholefield, Moss and Fleischmann.

HOME BOARDERS.

Lasbrey ; Ritherdon and Stones ; Macfarlane, Friedberger and P. Jackson ; Pulvertaft, Robertson, Brookman (capt.), G. Jackson and D. Simpson.

FIVES.

The Semi-Final of the School Fives Ties has been drawn as follows :—

G. G. F. Greig and G. L. Kohnstamm	} v. {	W. E. Gerrish and R. L. F. Forster
H. C. D. Davies and P. D. T. Powell	} v. {	P. T. E. Jackson and M. G. Hewins

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, November 4, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House the Press has done more harm than good during the War.'

The Proposer (The SECRETARY) said that the Press had criticised and attacked many of the

leading statesmen of Britain, and had given a great deal of information to our enemies, and neutral countries believed a great deal of what the Press said, as the British Press was quite different from that of other nations; and it created a very bad impression in neutral countries when our Press criticised our politicians. The French newspapers had been reduced to one page of official news. Could we not do this in England?

The Opposer (The VICE-PRESIDENT) said that the Secretary's main point was the effect upon neutrals. He denied that the Press had any effect upon them. They got their news from reliable sources. All newspapers were censored. It was no fault of the Press what news was published. The Secretary had scoffed at the articles by the various Naval and Military correspondents, but these, after all, were only the views of one person, who knew a good lot, who did not pretend to be a prophet, but was merely expressing his opinions. The papers, he said, had done a lot of good as regards conscription.

The Seconder (Mr. MEYER) harped mostly upon the newspaper placards. These, he said, were made in order to make the paper sell, and, to the passer-by, usually gave an entirely wrong impression.

Mr. KIRKMAN, who spoke instead of the Treasurer, who was ill, said that, judging by the number of rumours and extracts of articles from the *Figaro*, *Matin*, and other French papers which are printed in our daily papers, it was absurd to suppose that the French papers had been cut down to one page of purely official news, as the Secretary had said.

The PRESIDENT said that the Press was there primarily to be accurate, and the Vice-President himself had said that it was not accurate.

Mr. HARROD asked what we should do without a Press? The numbers of rumours that would get about would be enormous.

The SECRETARY said that Mr. Harrod was off the point.

From here the meeting resolved into violent arguments on the subject of Lord Northcliffe.

The motion was then put to the vote, and lost by 7 votes to 13.

J. M. K.

The House met on Thursday, November 11, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House Britain's unreadiness for the War was entirely due to the negligence of the Government.'

The Proposer (The PRESIDENT) said that it might seem presumptuous for schoolboys to discuss such a motion, but he considered that the members of the House formed part of a most valuable class in Society. Before he dealt with the question he asked the House not to

treat it as one of party politics, for it only happened that a Liberal Government was in power. He conceived that he had three things to prove: That there was danger; that we were unready; that the Government saw the danger. The first needed little proof in the light of what we know now, though some may have known of the literature of Anglophobia, semi-official in character, published in Germany. As to the second, the President said that the mere fact that only two-thirds of our expeditionary force was sent across at first would prove it, but even our full Expeditionary Force was absurdly inadequate, as every eminent soldier knew. But most of all we were morally unprepared. Now the Government had had six distinct warnings. The Morocco incident, where Germany tried to break the Entente; the acceleration of the German Naval programme in 1908; the third warning in 1910, of which little was known; the famous Agadir incident; the extraordinary mission of Lord Haldane, which fully enlightened the Government, according to Mr. Asquith; and, lastly, the German Army Bill and Loan of 1913. This last showed that Germany's best hour to strike would be somewhere in the year 1914, when we were being told that we were on the best terms with Germany, and when Lord Roberts was being insulted in Parliament for telling the truth.

The Opposer (Mr. ABRAHAMS), in a short speech, said that he fully admitted the President's three points, but contended that nothing else could have been done. The Government received from their predecessors the ideals of Peace, Retrenchment and Reform. The Imperial Defence Committee had advised that no form of National Service was necessary, and no one of either party listened to Lord Roberts. The majority had always been against a large army, and while the Government were trying to get such an increase, as the President suggested, sanctioned by the people, Europe would see what was up, and Germany would attack us. The fault lay not with the Government, but with English history.

The Seconder (Mr. BRANDON-THOMAS), in a fluent but rather irrelevant speech, began by comparing the Opposer to Parliament, which always does what their forefathers did, and then blames them. We ought to have learnt our lesson from the Boer War, but we didn't, and all our armchair critics laughed at Lord Roberts. The Government was always leaving things to be done afterwards, so they never got done at all. In peace they refuse to listen to the demands of the War Office and the Admiralty; and when war finds the country unprepared, they are offered up as a scape-goat. The Government was always afraid of something—of the people, or of Germany, or of itself. Mr. Brandon-Thomas drew a glowing picture of the elder Pitt's measures, and proceeded

to deliver a venomous attack on Lord Haldane. He finished by saying that the Government had always crushed patriotism, and were horrified at any lack of it when disaster came.

The debate was then adjourned till the next meeting.

The House met on Thursday, November 18, to continue last week's debate.

Mr. HARROD quoted the President as demanding that England should have been told, so that her armaments might have been increased; but he held that that policy would have been fatal, for they would have inoculated us with the desire of war, and an outburst would have been the inevitable result. And what good could such information be to the average Englishman, when it was no good to the Government? We could never have caught up Germany's military supremacy, and an exhausting struggle in armaments would have been the only result, whereas the Government saw our proper sphere was in the struggle for industrial supremacy. Mr. Harrod then attacked Mr. Brandon-Thomas's speech, especially his exercises in invective against Ministers. Mr. Brandon-Thomas demanded something theatrical, but he was content with the solid virtue and far-sightedness of the Government. Mr. Harrod is rather apt to repeat himself.

The VICE-PRESIDENT then rose and attacked most of Mr. Harrod's statements. He pointed out that efficient mobilisation was due to a General Officer, and declared that nothing could have been worse than Lord Haldane's administration of the War Office. He also quoted our lack of munitions as pointing to negligence on the part of the Government.

Mr. BRANDON-THOMAS then defended himself against Mr. Harrod's attacks, chiefly by the use of an all-embracing ridicule.

Mr. OLIVER scoffed at the idea that the eight battalions removed by Lord Haldane were of any use. He thought it would be tyrannous if the nation has to support a large army and a large navy.

The PRESIDENT deprecated the attacks on Lord Haldane, who simply did not realise that Germany had changed since the time of Hegel. As for the impossibility of catching Germany up, Germany had got the start; because she had got the start she was at the end of her resources, whereas Britain had not began to draw on them. Lord Roberts was a brave man, speaking the truth; the Government insulted him. The democracy was told by its leaders that there was no danger when there was danger. For the want of a little courage and few more men, Belgium had been ravaged and made desolate. Could a Christian believe all this necessary and right?

Mr. GERRISH got up and started the old question by declaring that Britain had a Navy which was quite sufficient for her needs.

The PRESIDENT declared that it was not sufficient for the needs of Europe.

Mr. HARROD brought the debate to a conclusion by pointing out the inconsistencies in the speeches of the Vice-President and Mr. Brandon-Thomas, and accused the latter of getting hold of a piece of a phrase and making great fun of it, while completely avoiding the point.

The motion was then put to the vote, and lost by 7 votes to 11.

C. L. B.

The House met on Thursday, November 25, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House America's behaviour during the War has been unjustifiable.'

The Proposer (The VICE-PRESIDENT) said that he proposed the motion on two grounds; that her acts all through had been double dealing, and that she had not fulfilled her rôle as a party to the Hague Convention. The Red Cross had been violated by Germany, open towns bombarded, neutral shipping destroyed, and non-combatant civilians had been murdered, but America's only reply had always been a useless Note.

The Opposer (Mr. GREIG) said that America had done her best in sending Notes to the Germans when they violated the Hague Convention. Her army was very small and her navy, though of a good size, was not well manned. America, he said, was half German, and it would be very difficult for her to come in on either side.

The Seconder (Mr. HOLLINS) said that there had been no complaints about Germany's barbarism in Belgium. The Americans had been very slack with regard to the various German officials in America who had been plotting to blow up their munition works. America ought not to interfere with European affairs.

Mr. KIRKMAN pointed out that we had all invited the American Ambassadors to look after our affairs in enemy countries, and this was asking America to interfere with European affairs. Her best way of looking after our affairs was to send Notes, for her army and navy were both weak.

Mr. SHARPE called our attention to the resignation of Mr. Bryan.

Mr. MEYER said that America's whole principle was wrong. They should take proper action, and not be a mere Note-sender.

Mr. BRANDON-THOMAS said that America was not a first-class power, and should not try to be one.

Mr. HERBERT said that she would ruin herself with internal strife if she went into the war.

The PRESIDENT said that no one had dealt with the amazing statements of the Opposer and fourth speaker. America had failed in her duty

to the world. Self-interest was not the only thing. Her only hope lay in a big upheaval.

After various quarrels of a more or less personal nature, the motion was put to the vote, and carried by 10 votes to 6.

J. M. K.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 12, the Vice-President (Mr. E. F. Lutyens) gave a lecture to the Society on 'Microphones.' He divided his lecture into four parts. Firstly, he discussed the meaning of the word; secondly, the theory of microphones; thirdly, their construction; and fourthly, their uses. The theory, he said, was that vibrations set up in one conductor caused alterations in pressure between this and another. These caused varying resistances which produced changes in the electric flow which was passing along the wire. He described various forms of microphones, illustrating his remarks with diagrams on the board. Mr. Lutyens had constructed one piece of apparatus, which was quite effective. The sound of matches dropping, and even words spoken into, in one room were distinctly audible in a telephone receiver that was passed round among the audience. Mr. Lutyens explained that the telephone receiver was merely a complicated form of microphone. It was obvious, he said, that if such a roughly made apparatus gave such results, what sounds could be heard in a delicately made instrument? These delicate instruments, he said, were used for the detection of Zeppelins, submarines, and such things.

On November 19 a very interesting lecture was given to the Society by Mr. M. C. F. Perkins on 'Evolution.' He divided it into two parts, the first part dealing mainly with fishes, the second with insects. Larvæ, he told us, are produced from eggs having very little nourishment. When the egg has more nourishment, the animal passes through the larva stage inside the egg. Some lizards and frogs lay eggs inside themselves and hatch them inside. The tsetse fly lays a very simple egg inside itself, and the larva comes out just before turning into a chrysalis. The hatching and growing of the embryo shows the evolution of the animal from the earliest times. Sharks lay a very well-provided-for egg, producing healthy animals which resemble the most primitive fishes that we know of. With regard to the second part, the evolution of the insect, he told us that the existence of a chrysalis was somewhat complicated. He carefully explained and showed us specimens of nearly all the various classes of insects, from the lowest and most primitive to the highest. The primitive, he said, were the 'protozoa,' which were a mere mass of jelly.

He described at length the 'anulosa' or ringed animals, such as worms and leeches. Worms and leeches have hairs all over the body, with which they move along, whereas in the higher class, the centipede, these have become feet. A centipede has one foot on every segment, twenty-two in all.

It was an exceedingly interesting lecture, and Mr. Perkins showed us many excellent mounted specimens, and also numerous lantern slides.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We must start our House Notes by congratulating Storrs and Kirkman on becoming Lance-Corporals in the Corps. Lutyens has represented the School, for which Farquharson and Greig and Radermacher play regularly. We had four representatives in the 'Colts' match, Cocks, Gorman, Crane, and Hame.

The Literary Society has read 'Love's Labour's Lost' and 'Macbeth,' and is starting on 'King Henry VIII.'

Finally, we regret to have to announce the death in action of K. T. D. Wilcox, who left us at the end of Election Term, 1913.

ASHBURNHAM.—We must begin this month with an apology for not congratulating Ker on his Thirds. We congratulate him now.

Next, we have the pleasant duty of recording our success in Juniors against H.BB., in which we won 3-0. The whole team plays together well, and gives us no small hope of success this season.

Leagues also have finished for the term, leaving us ahead both in the First and Second Elevens, which is very satisfactory. We hope to maintain our position next term.

In Seniors we lost to Grant's, 0-4, our team failing to get together until the second half, when we at least held our own.

We heartily congratulate Dobbie, Horton, Dickson, and Munro on gaining their House Colours.

The second round of the Fives Ties has been played off successfully, if a little late.

Lastly, the Roll of Honour contains the names of two old Ashburnhamites, Lieut. N. G. B. Lechmere and Captain T. P. Blane.

GRANT'S.—We must first offer our congratulations to Hollins and Forster on their promotion to Corporal and Lance-Corporal respectively, and to Andrews on his promotion to Lance-Corporal and well-deserved Thirds, which he received on the day of the Bradfield match. We have come through the first round of Seniors with flying colours, beating Ashburnham 4-0, although Andrews and Salwey were unable to play for us, owing to injuries. The team played very well together, and we look forward with confidence to the final.

In the second round of Juniors we again drew, this time with Ashburnham 1-1; and in Leagues we have finished equal second in the first round, securing four points. We are still well represented in the 1st XI. by Smith, Oliver, Hewin, Forster and Andrews.

Finally, we wish all success to Forster and Jenkins in their examinations.

H.BB.—Since our last notes many things have happened. To begin with, our Juniors defeated King's Scholars (2-1), but afterwards succumbed to Ashburnham (0-3). In Seniors, however, we did much better, gaining a very creditable victory over Rigaud's in the first round, owing to the good all-round form and keenness of our team. Our two backs, Ritherdon and Stones played a very good game, and were duly awarded their House Colours. They kept out the Rigaud attack extremely well, and should make a very strong pair for the House next year.

We sincerely hope to see such good form shown again in the final against Grant's.

Nothing more of any importance has happened, except that one or two Fives Ties have been played off, so we therefore conclude by wishing Jackson, P., all success in his attack on the Merton College examiners.

RIGAUD'S.—As is usual, reports have to be made both of successes and of failures.

Under the former title we offer our congratulations to Mr. T. E. Rodocanachi (O.R.) on gaining a coveted reward, namely, the Military Cross. Also to Mr. D. A. MacManus, who has returned from the Front and obtained a Commission in the R.A.M.C. His younger brother has been wounded, but is recovering rapidly.

Among present Rigaudites congratulations are due to E. Davison on his 'Pinks,' which he received before the Bradfield match; to B. G. Scholefield on his re-appearance for the School and subsequent 'Thirds,' and again on being raised in rank to a full Corporal; to Proger, G., and Moss on their House Colours.

A voice is volunteering the entry of Seniors as a way of filling up space, but we had better not mention such things.

A great number of Rigaudites have been suffering from injuries lately, but have mostly recovered by now, among them is Powell, who will soon be in School again. He has been accepted for Sandhurst, where he will proceed after this term.

Fleischmann is leaving before the end of the term.

Fives Ties are being played off gradually; Yard Ties, on the other hand, have not even been commenced, but no doubt in Bennett's hands they will be finished before the end of the term.

In the O.T.C. there has been an average of 39 Cadets on every parade. And an average of

28 per cent. absent on each parade. This might easily be improved.

At the last meeting the Literary Society finished 'King Lear,' though the absence of so many readers made the cast rather complicated. At its final meeting the Society intends to read passages from various plays.

Finally, we would wish all Rigaudites who are taking examinations, military or otherwise, all that they themselves wish.

Old Westminsters.

MR. H. F. MANISTY, K.C., has been appointed Attorney-General of the County Palatine of Durham.

Sir Theodore Morison, K.C.I.E., Member of the Council of India, has obtained leave of absence in order to take a Commission and serve with the Indian troops.

Marriages.

PEMBERTON—HUFFER.—On November 20, Capt. Max Joseph Pemberton, East Surrey Regiment, to Constance Catherine, youngest daughter of Mrs. Huffer, of Nottingham.

GASCOYNE-CECIL—WATSON.—On November 25, Capt. Victor Alexander Gascoyne-Cecil, Hampshire Regiment, to Stella, daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. H. E. Watson, of the Silver Birches, Colchester.

Obituary.

PRO PATRIA.

CAPTAIN JAMES PITCAIRN BLANE, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Captain HUGH BARBY CROWE, Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Lieutenant KENNETH THEODORE DUNBAR WILCOX, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, Corporal WILLIAM WHYTE STUART FLOCKHART, London Scottish.

Captain BLANE was a son of the late Captain Rodney Blane, R.N., and next brother to Sir Charles Rodney Blane, and heir presumptive to the baronetcy. He was at the School from May 1896 to Election 1901, and was in the Cricket Eleven. He was afterwards in Africa, and came home for the war. He fell on the Western front.

Captain CROWE was the only son of Colonel Percy Barby Crowe, and an Officer in his father's Battalion. He was at the School from September 1907 to Christmas 1911. He was wounded at Ypres, and lost his life by drowning off Gallipoli.

Mr. WILCOX was the only son of the Rev. G. A. Wilcox, Vicar of St. George's, Battersea Park, and temporary Chaplain to the Forces. He came to the School as a Town-boy in May 1905, was elected a K.S. in 1909, and went to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1913. He died of wounds on the Western front, and was laid to rest by his father.

Mr. FLOCKHART was a son of Mr. William Flockhart, architect, of Gloucester Terrace. He was at the School from May 1900 to Christmas 1903.

We have also to regret the death of HERBERT BISCOE TRITTON, a popular Westminister, who was at the School from 1880 to 1886. He was in the Cricket Eleven in his last year.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Might we suggest that in future 'Sut's' provide cups of tea (in addition to the present cake and biscuits) at the close of afternoon School.

We are sure that this would prove very welcome, not only to the half-boarders and home-boarders, who stay behind for the Debating and Scientific Societies' meetings, and the numerous Corps' lectures now being given, but also to the boarders, who do not, we believe, have any tea served to them in their houses till 6.15 p.m.

Trusting you will give the matter your earnest attention.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

C. B. HOLLINS.
R. T. SHARPE.

Westminster,

November 22, 1915.

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