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## ELOQUENCE AT WESTMINSTER.

WE come forward, somewhat ashamed of ourselves, to address our readers once more. Having put off the writing of a leading article to the last moment in the hopes of something turning up, we look up old numbers of THE ELIZABETHAN to get ideas, and, by a cruel irony of fate, we open a volume at an article entitled *Sic itur ad Duces*, a wicked parody of the efforts of luckless editors to serve up an old dish in a new form. We are told by the hard-hearted writer of that leader that we foist upon our readers the same old stories, not in a new form, but with a different title! And to this accusation we must indeed plead guilty now, for our imposing headline only conceals that much hackneyed subject, the Debating Society. We fear that our effort to divert the reader's attention has miserably failed, and

tremble ere we proceed to jot down a few remarks on a subject that has perhaps occupied as much attention as any other School topic. We wonder, when we hear of those Cabinets of past centuries which contained large numbers of Old Westminsters, whether the Debating Society existed for them in their school days as it does for us. Where did they, our great-grandfathers and our grandfathers' great-grandfathers, where did they learn to speak or cultivate the faculty of eloquence? Surely we must suppose that they had societies of some sort for the 'social interchange of ideas' on interesting subjects. Perhaps we shall be told that the art of oratory is dead; that the severe practicality of modern life has sounded the knell of eloquence, at least for the great majority of men, and that it is only those who have not lost the sentimental associations of antiquity that can hope to practise that glorious art. If that is the case, Westminster

should be second to no school in sending forth orators to the world; yet this is not the case. Old Westminsters in Parliament are the exception, and have been so for many years now.

Surely it is one of the primary objects of a Debating Society to inspire its members with confidence in expressing their opinions, and, that once gained, eloquence, or some degree of eloquence, should not be far to seek. Let us now enquire how far the Debating Society of Westminster School fulfils its duties in this respect. Considerable blame must be bestowed on those members of the School who, without good reason, don't care to join the Society, as it is very clear that a large audience is more likely to produce effective speaking than a small, inasmuch as the speaker feels less inclined to lay himself open to ridicule. Again, of those who do belong to the Society, all do not speak, nor do they seem at all inclined to do so. No doubt this is due to natural timidity, but it is also due to a very unnatural stupidity. What enjoyment can such a member find in listening to the opinions of other members week after week, without being able to rouse himself to speak occasionally? This class of members only speak when they are compelled: that is, once a session. It is doubtful if they really think which way they vote, and it is certain that, if they do, they decide that before the debate is begun. Then there is another class—in every way a more desirable class of members. They make a point of speaking on nearly every occasion, and though they may not be good speakers naturally, yet they will attain to a certain degree of fluency and self-confidence, and will certainly stand a better chance in after-life of expressing their thoughts without embarrassment. There is nothing more detrimental to a cause than lameness in its champion. It is the bold speaker who convinces, the confident speaker that inspires confidence. Intermediate between these two extremes there are several species of debaters. The attempt at facetiousness is fairly common, and there is certainly none more painful to the audience, while real wit is as welcome as it is rare. The most amusing is certainly the inaudible speaker; this kind is not so rare as it might be; his self-enjoyment is evident from the pleased expression of his face, and his remarks are rendered still more inaudible by the enthusiasm of the audience. There is the bombastic speaker who has copied out a few phrases from the

daily papers, and delivers them with an enviable flow of oratory, which has just begun to enchant the House, when it abruptly breaks the spell by a sharp termination and a sudden withdrawal into the depths of the orator's chair. Such, then, are a few types of Westminster eloquence, with which we hope we have not occupied our readers too long.

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### NOTICE.

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We take this opportunity of informing our readers that, on account of the early breaking-up of this Term, there will be no April number. Accordingly we have decided to issue an August number, which will appear towards the end of Election Term.

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### Historical Notes.

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THERE has lately been sold a manuscript scrap-book which at one time belonged to William Bromley, the Speaker, and was probably compiled for him about the year 1710. It contains an epilogue for Shakespeare's *Henry IV.* as it was acted here on December 8, 1709. One of Bromley's sons (not the eldest, as he is called in the 'Alumni') was then in college, and was elected Head to Christ Church in 1710. It may, however, be conjectured that *Henry IV.* was a Town Boys' play in 1709. Perhaps some authority will inform us whether there is any other record of the performance. An attempt to secure the manuscript for the Scott Library was unhappily forestalled.

The lately published Part III. of the Admissions to St. John's College, Cambridge (1715-1767), has the names of a good many Westminsters, some of whom have perhaps not before been known as such. Thomas Seward, Johnson's friend, appears in the 'Alumni,' but Sir William Burrell, the Sussex antiquary, does not figure as a Westminster in the Dictionary of National Biography. Cowper's friend 'Billy' Robinson was in our records, but we do not find there Henry Brydges, Duke of Chandos. There are also several sons of Hilkiah Bedford, who had kept a boarding-house for Westminster. Horne Tooke figures as an Etonian, for Westminster soon discarded his eccentric personality. But the most interesting entry is the admission of Charles Churchill (written Churchil) on July 8, 1748. All his biographers say that he was entered at Trinity in 1749, but Trinity has no record of him. It has been supposed that he never resided at Cambridge, but this entry makes it probable that he did reside at St. John's. His residence must have been cut short by the discovery of his Fleet marriage. The marriage seems to have taken place in 1748, when he was about seventeen, but was for some time kept secret.

OUR LATIN SPEECH.

AN enterprising German gentleman of Bremerhaven publishes, under the title of *Civis Romanus*, a little newspaper in the Latin tongue. In a late number he prints our Prologue and Epilogue with brief notes and friendly comments. He writes of Westminster as *Latinitatis patronam*, and as proving Latin to be *neque mortuam neque obsoletam*, and in our own verses he sees *elegantiam in scribendo, subtilitatem in iocando*. His almost enthusiastic praise is qualified by one complaint. He cannot away with our pronunciation. He accounts it barbarous, uncultivated, abhorrent to the ears of Quintilian. We must have our own institutions, he cries, but let us at least teach Latin after the use of ancient Rome. Well, we speak our Latin as a living tongue, while we try to write it after the ancient models. And we observe with some surprise that our critic's devotion to the ancient use is not quite unqualified. Our worshipper of the ancient sounds even allows himself the use of novel forms and unprecedented quantities. Thus he writes *defossit*, an aorist form which may have been known to Quintilian, but is, at any rate, of so shy a nature as to have eluded the notice of the grammars and lexicons. And when we read the original verses in *Civis Romanus* our eyes and ears are so foolishly classical as sometimes to be puzzled by the scansion. Let us take one of them :

*'Piscibus omen atrum vae tertia immergitur undis.'*

We see by the company it keeps that this is an hexameter, a fact of which no convincing proof is supplied by the line itself. We cannot but congratulate the writer on his temerity in innovation. We admit that Westminster has less courage, that we should not have ventured upon the slight liberty which he has taken in the first syllables of his third and sixth words. Our craven and imitative pen will neither shorten a long vowel nor count two nasals as one. Perhaps on consideration Herr Lommatsch, who cannot really have any quarrel with a double consonant, will allow us to strike a balance. We must plead for leave to set off our pedantic adherence to ancient forms and quantities against a method of speech which claims other justification than a consonance with Quintilian's.

School Notes.

THE School witnessed the State pageant connected with the opening of Parliament on February 2.

The Saints' Day offertories on the festivals of the Conversion of St. Paul and the Purification amounted respectively to £3. 17s. and £3. 17s. 6d.

The offertory on St. Matthias' Day was £3. 7s. 3d.

The Pancake Greaze took place as usual on

Shrove Tuesday. H. F. Saunders was successful in securing the pancake almost whole.

The Gymnasium Competition will take place on Tuesday, March 22.

J. K. Hepburn received his 'Pinks' after the Charterhouse match, and R. G. Gardner after the match *v.* Pembroke College, Camb.

The Scientific Society invited the School to an interesting lecture on 'Rome' by Mr. Sargeant on February 19.

On February 23 Dr. J. S. Flett, F.G.S., gave a lecture Up-School on 'The Volcanic Eruptions in the West Indies.'

Mrs. Murray Smith has promised a lecture for February 26 on 'The Monuments of the Abbey'; Sir Frederick Bridge for March 18 on 'Henry Purcell'; and Mr. Piggott has consented to lecture on 'Robert Schumann,' but has not fixed a date.

Mr. R. R. Campbell has kindly offered to present an Inter-House Fives Cup.

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

			1903.
Sat.	Sept. 26	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers.	(Lost, 1—3.)
"	Oct. 3	<i>v.</i> Old Harrovians.	(Won, 6—1.)
"	" 10	<i>v.</i> Emeriti.	(Lost, 0—7.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Won, 6—1.)
"	Oct. 17	<i>v.</i> Casuals.	(Lost, 0—3.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI.	(Won, 3—1.)
Wed.	Oct. 21	<i>v.</i> Barnes.	(Lost, 1—7.)
Sat.	" 24	<i>v.</i> Beckenham.	(Lost, 0—1.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	(Lost, 1—5.)
"	Oct. 31	<i>v.</i> Kenley.	(Lost, 1—6.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> King's College 2nd XI.	(Lost, 0—1.)
"	Nov. 7	<i>v.</i> R.M.A., Woolwich.	(Scratched.)
"	" 14	<i>v.</i> Selwyn College, Camb.	(Lost, 1—2.)
Wed.	" 18	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters.	(Lost, 2—9.)
Sat.	" 21	<i>v.</i> Old Felstedians.	(Drawn, 0—0.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Emeriti 2nd XI.	(Drawn, 0—0.)
"	Nov. 28	<i>v.</i> Christ Church.	(Lost, 1—4.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI.	(Lost, 0—6.)
"	Dec. 5	<i>v.</i> Hertford College, Oxon.	(Scratched.)
			1904.
Sat.	Jan. 16	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers.	(Won, 1—0)
"	" 23	<i>v.</i> Old Carthusians.	(Drawn, 2—2.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> King's College 2nd XI.	(Scratched.)
"	Jan. 30	<i>v.</i> Brasenose College, Oxon.	(Lost, 0—1.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	(Won, 6—1.)
"	Feb. 6	<i>v.</i> Clare College, Camb.	(Lost, 2—6.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	(Lost, 2—3.)
Wed.	Feb. 10	<i>v.</i> University College, Oxon.	(Won, 4—3.)
Sat.	" 13	<i>v.</i> Royal Engineers.	(Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Foresters 2nd XI.	(Won, 6—1.)
Tues.	Feb. 16	<i>v.</i> Trinity Rest.	(Lost, 1—6.)
Sat.	" 20	<i>v.</i> Charterhouse, at Vincent Sq.	(Lost, 0—1.)
Wed.	" 24	<i>v.</i> Pembroke College, Camb.	(Lost, 0—6.)
Sat.	" 27	<i>v.</i> Old Etonians.	
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI.	
"	Mar. 5	<i>v.</i> An Eton XI., at Eton.	
"	" 12	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters.	
Wed.	" 16	<i>v.</i> L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	
Sat.	" 19	<i>v.</i> T.B.B. <i>v.</i> K.S.S.	

The following is the Card of the Debating Society filed up to date:—

'That this House approves the action of Japan in the present crisis.' Proposer, D. S. Robertson; Seconder, G. B. Wilson; Opposer, H. B. Philby. Carried by acclamation.

'That in the opinion of this House the practice of Game Preserving is to be deprecated.' Proposer, J. S. Lewis; Seconder, H. D. Adrian. Opposer, E. W. D. Colt-Williams. Lost, 5-11.

'That this House considers the education of the Lower Classes is conducted on wrong principles.' Proposer, A. G. R. Henderson; Seconder, A. P. Waterfield; Opposer, H. B. Philby. Carried, 7-6.

'That this House disapproves the proceedings of the Anti-Vivisection League.' Proposer, E. W. Lane-Clayton; Seconder, F. H. Budden; Opposer, H. B. Philby. Carried, 13-1.

'That this House would welcome some limitation in the number of Public Houses in England.' Proposer, P. T. Rawlings; Seconder, H. I. P. Hallett; Opposer, R. G. Gardner.

'That this House would welcome arbitration as a means of settling National Differences.' Proposer, A. C. Bottomley; Seconder, H. I. P. Hallett; Opposer, F. S. Fleuret.

'That this House would regret to see any increase in the numbers of the School.' Proposer, G. R. Y. Radcliffe; Seconder, H. I. P. Hallett; Opposer, F. C. Failes.

'That in the opinion of this House the past year has been eminently satisfactory.' Proposer, J. M. Craig; Seconder, J. K. Hepburn; Opposer, L. G. Kirkpatrick.

## GAMES COMMITTEE.

### BALANCE SHEET, 1903.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1902	143 7 1	Wages	223 12 6
Levies	417 5 6	Loam and Seeds	47 13 0
Sports Entries	15 7 6	Footballs	18 2 1
Elizabethan Club	10 0 0	Cricket Goods	43 6 10
Masters' Fund	20 0 0	Prize Bats	11 4 0
Refunded for Bulbs	1 3 6	Repairs, Machines,	
Shop Profits	28 10 2	Clock, &c.	11 9 0
		Sports Prizes	34 2 0
		Gas Account	2 6 10
		Horse Hire and Brakes	24 7 0
		Printing	7 5 6
		Luncheon Account	39 6 0
		Painting XI. Boards	5 10 0
		Expenses of Ground—	
		Lent Term	4 8 3
		Election Term	9 10 6
		Play Term	5 15 7
		Secretary and Treasurer's	
		Expenses	2 8 6
		Balance	151 6 2
	<u>£635 13 9</u>		<u>£635 13 9</u>

Audited and found correct (R. TANNER, *President*.)  
(H. B. PHILBY, *Hon. Secretary*.)

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

(Drawn, 2-2.)

This match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, January 23, in a dense fog for the most part, though at times it was possible to see from one goal to the other.

Although the game began half an hour late, three of the visitors' team failed to turn up at the kick-off, but O. E. Wreford-Brown put in an appearance just before half-time. Substitutes for the other two absentees were found in F. C. Failes and E. Coleby. Vernon lost the toss, and Corfield kicked off for the School from the Guards' Hospital end. The visitors immediately pressed and quickly obtained two corners, but failed to score off either of them. This put the School on their mettle, and after some excellent passing between Johnson and Vernon, the latter passed to Corfield, who scored from an excellent shot (1-0). The visitors, however, quickly equalised, Trower putting in a long shot in the corner of the net which Colt-Williams failed to reach (1-1). Wreford-Brown then arrived, and immediately rushed down and put in a good shot which was well saved. Half-time was called with the score at 1-1. Soon after the recommencement the visitors scored through Litchfield (1-2), but after an excellent run down Vernon centred to Corfield, who again scored (2-2). After this the fog grew so dense that very little of the play could be seen, and as there was no further score the match, as stated above, ended in a draw. The School showed much better combination. Johnson and Houdret were best, while Cobb played a much-improved game. Litchfield and Wreford-Brown showed up excellently for the visitors.

The teams were:—

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

E. W. D. Colt-Williams (goal); B. G. Cobb and J. K. Hepburn (backs); M. C. Houdret, J. M. Craig, and F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); S. F. Johnson, J. C. Vernon, E. T. Corfield, R. W. Geddes, and A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

#### OLD CARTHUSIANS.

Capt. Moody (goal); W. U. Timmis and J. M. Hulston (backs); B. Tuff, A. G. Whitting, and G. H. Fox (half-backs); P. C. Litchfield, O. E. Wreford-Brown, R. A. B. Trower, E. Coleby (sub.), and F. C. Failes (sub.) (forwards).

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. BRASENOSE COLLEGE, OXON.

(Lost, 0-1.)

Played on Saturday, January 30, resulting in a win for Brasenose by one goal to none. The slippery ground was against combination, but notwithstanding this, the School ought to have made a better show against the moderate Brasenose team. Vernon lost the toss, and Corfield kicked off for the School at 3 o'clock. Kirkpatrick immediately ran down, but ended by shooting weakly. An even game followed, which the incessant rain made very unpleasant both for players and spectators, and at half time the score stood at (0-0). About five minutes after the interval Grundy scored with a shot which gave Colt-Williams no chance (0-1). The visitors then continued to press until within fifteen minutes of time, when the School improved, and Vernon had hard luck in not scoring with a shot which hit the crossbar. The defence, however, was too good, and successfully resisted any

attempt of the School to score. For the School Hepburn and Johnson were best; for the visitors, Cleave showed to advantage.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

E. W. D. Colt-Williams (goal); B. G. Cobb, J. K. Hepburn (backs); M. C. Houdret, J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); S. F. Johnson, J. C. Vernon, E. T. Corfield, L. G. Kirkpatrick, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

BRASENOSE COLLEGE.

T. Auberlin (goal); T. A. Leach, R. C. Halse (backs); F. R. Sampson, J. R. Cleave, R. N. Reid (half-backs); H. A. Street, E. C. Thompson, S. E. Grundy, J. A. Merewether, C. K. Hoghton (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v.  
CLAPHAM ROVERS 2ND XI.

(Won, 6-1.)

This match was played Up-fields on January 30 in a drizzling rain that continued until the end of the game. The School started well by scoring within the first few minutes, and steadily pressed all through. By half-time the home forwards had added two more goals. Soon after recommencing play, however, the visitors broke through the School defence and scored (3-1). This was followed almost immediately by a run down by Gardner, who scored with a very hot shot (4-1). For some time after this the play was quite even, until the visitors took another run down, and were rewarded for their pains by a corner. So far were they, however, from converting this into a goal that they allowed Geddes to get away with the ball, which he took down the whole way by himself. Considering the dreadful condition of the ground, it was a very pretty run down, and fully deserved the goal which he was able to score. It was not until the last few minutes of the game that Gardner scored the last goal, bringing up the total to 6-1. The inequality of the two teams and the wretched weather prevented the game from being wildly exciting, but on the whole the School played very creditably.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

O. Lewis (goal); W. J. Winfield Bonser, S. McKenna (backs); J. S. Lewis, W. R. Birchall, G. Castle-Smith (half-backs); H. B. Philby, E. Coleby, R. W. Geddes, R. G. Gardner, R. W. Reed (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2ND XI.

A. N. Other (goal); Lindsay, Connor (backs); R. C. Oppenheimer, H. D. Oppenheimer, Coutts (half-backs); More, Dottridge, Thomson, Gilbey, Gorrige (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLARE  
COLLEGE.

(Lost, 2-6.)

This match was played on February 6, the visitors proving a very strong team. The condition of the ground had undergone a noticeable improve-

ment, and this no doubt accounted for the fast and interesting game which ensued. The visitors won the toss, and Corfield kicked off from the hospital end at 2.30. For some time the play was concentrated in the middle of the field, but at last the School forwards got together, and after some hard work scored through a mistake by the right back. The play now became very fast, and just before half-time Mackrill scored with a beautiful shot from the wing. On resuming play the pace of the visitors, coupled with the fact that they had the wind in their favour, broke down our defence completely, and it was not very long before Trechman and Lowe each added to their score. Corfield, however, retaliated for the School. Clare added three goals now in quick succession, their success being chiefly due to their pace and individual merit.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

E. W. D. Colt-Williams (goal); R. G. Gardner, J. K. Hepburn (backs); M. C. Houdret, J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); S. F. Johnson, J. C. Vernon, E. T. Corfield, L. G. Kirkpatrick, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

CLARE COLLEGE.

Quill (goal); England and Aitchison (backs); Hendricks, Mackerrow, and Birch (half-backs); Mackrill, Trechman, Lowe, Hancock, and Lowndes (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v.  
O.W.W. 2ND XI.

(Lost, 2-3.)

This match was played on February 6, 1904, and resulted in a win for O.W.W. by 3 goals to 2. Geddes kicked off against the wind, which was blowing very strongly, and about ten minutes from the start O.W.W. gained a corner, from which Rayner scored (0-1). The first half was fairly even, O.W.W. having rather the best of it. About twenty minutes from the start Geddes ran through past Pemberton and beat Foster from close range (1-1). Before half-time O.W.W. added another through Malcolm. Half-time (1-2). The second half we pressed most of the time, and about fifteen minutes from the kick-off Newman scored from a pass by Philby (2-2). After a lot of play in mid-field Pedler rushed out to clear, but the ball rebounded off Malcolm into the net (2-3). The School then pressed hard to the end, trying in vain to equalise, and time came with the score 2-3.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.).

H. C. G. Pedler (goal); B. G. Cobb, W. J. W. Bonser (backs); J. S. Lewis, W. R. Birchall, G. Castle-Smith (half-backs); P. T. Rawlings, K. E. Newman, R. W. Geddes, E. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE, OXON.

(Won, 4-3.)

This match was played on Wednesday, February 10, and resulted in a win for the School by 4 goals

to 3. Vernon won the toss, and Fell kicked off for the visitors at 2.50. At first the School pressed, but bad shooting prevented any scoring; a rush by the visitors enabled Gardner to score from a pass by Hartnell about six minutes after the commencement of the game (0-1). The School then pressed continually, and twenty-five minutes later Vernon scored from a run down the field (1-1). Then, however, the visitors played up, and just before the interval Fell gave them the lead (2-1). In the closing stage the forwards were seen to great advantage, Davey scoring once and Kirkpatrick twice, the last of Kirkpatrick's shots being particularly fine (4-2). Just near the close University scored through Morrison (4-3). The condition of the ground suited the School, who played a much better game than usual, the forwards, of whom Kirkpatrick showed to advantage, combining well, while Gardner and Hepburn were excellent at back.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

E. W. D. Colt-Williams (goal); R. G. Gardner, J. K. Hepburn (backs); M. C. Houdret, W. R. Birchall, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); S. F. Johnson, J. C. Vernon, E. T. Corfield, L. G. Kirkpatrick, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXON.

C. Grice-Hutchinson (goal); G. Maxwell, M. Stone (backs); R. C. Morgan, A. L. Preston, A. R. Cheale (half-backs); E. W. Morrison, S. Hartnell, M. A. Fell, D. Gardner, J. E. Bankes (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. OLD FORESTERS 2ND XI.

(Won, 6-1.)

The above match was played Up-fields on Saturday, February 13, and resulted in an easy win for the School by 6 goals to 1. As the First XI. match was scratched the School put a very strong team in the field. Kirkpatrick won the toss and the Foresters kicked off at 2.50. It was at once evident that the School were much the stronger side, and although the visitors at times seemed dangerous, yet at half-time the score was 3-0 in our favour, through Kirkpatrick, Newman, and Geddes. In the second half the School showed better combination, notwithstanding they were playing against the wind, and added three more goals to their score through Kirkpatrick, while the visitors scored through their centre forward. For the School 2nd XI., Kirkpatrick and Houdret were good, and Aglionby did well what little he was called upon to do.

Team:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. H. Aglionby (goal); R. G. Gardner, J. K. Hepburn, (backs); M. C. Houdret, W. R. Birchall, J. S. Lewis (half-backs); S. F. Johnson, K. E. Newman, R. W. Geddes, L. G. Kirkpatrick, H. B. Philby (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	R.	K.S.S.	G.	A.H.	H.B.B.	POINTS
RIGAUD'S .	—	W 1-0	W 1-0	W 1-0	W 5-0	8
K.S.S. . . .	L 0-1	—	W 3-0	W 4-0	W 9-0	6
GRANT'S .	L 0-1	L 0-3	—	D 1-1	W 1-0	3
A. H. . . .	L 0-1	L 0-4	D 1-1	—	W 5-1	3
H.B.B. . . .	L 0-5	L 0-9	L 0-1	L 1-5	—	0

THE LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	PTS.
A		W 1-0	D 1-1		L 1-2				3
B	L 0-1		L 1-3	L 1-4	L 0-3				0
C	D 1-1	W 3-1		D 1-1		W 4-0			6
D		W 4-1	D 1-1					L 3-6	3
E	W 2-1	W 3-0				W 4-0	W 5-0		8
F			L 0-4		L 0-4		W 3-1	L 0-5	2
G					L 0-5	L 1-3		W 3-2	2
H			W 6-3			W 5-0	L 2-3		4

Captains.

A.—L. F. Thompson. E.—S. McKenna.  
B.—F. H. Budden. F.—G. B. Sankey.  
C.—A. C. Bottomley. G.—H. V. Argyle *vice* P. T.  
D.—E. W. Lane-Clayton. Rawlings.  
H.—A. H. Aglionby.

FIVES TIES.

THE following is the draw for the first round of the Inter-House Fives Ties:—

K.S.S. beat Rigaud's (15-4, 17-15.)  
Ashburnham beat Grant's (15-1)  
H.B.B. a bye (15-5)

Semi-Final.

Ashburnham v. H.B.B.  
K.S.S. a bye.

The following is the draw for the first round of the School Ties:—

H. B. Philby } beat { F. H. Budden (15-5)  
P. M. Bartlett } W. H. A. Whitworth (15-6)  
A. L. Crossman } v. { J. C. Vernon  
F. M. Maxwell } R. W. Geddes  
H. F. Saunders } beat { A. G. R. Henderson (15-10)  
A. C. Bottomley } H. L. Geare (15-8)  
E. T. Corfield } a bye  
O. H. Walters }

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, January 21, to discuss the following motion :—

‘That this House approves the action of Japan in the present crisis.’

The PROPOSER (the Vice-President) said that most people supported Japan because she was the weaker nation, and Russia’s power in the East was a menace to England. Moreover Russia had no right to Manchuria, for were she to encroach on China, Japan would be in danger ; and she was less likely to overwhelm the East than Russia, and had won Korea fairly.

The OPPOSER (the President) defended Russia. He said Japan had no more right to Korea than England had to France. Russia, as she had been checked in Turkey, had every reason to expand ; she was in favour of peace if possible. Japan does not want English help, but if she were defeated we should be drawn into the struggle. Although it is the general opinion that Russia is simply delaying to get troops ready, the Czar, who is all-powerful, is himself in favour of peace. To favour Japan because she is the smaller nation is absurd and unpractical.

The SECONDER (G. B. Wilson), in a maiden speech, said that because civilisation advances quickly, it need not necessarily be superficial. The rapid increase of Japan’s population needs Manchuria for an outlet. Russia makes treaties and breaks them. The only reason she did not want war is that she is afraid her bad organisation will bring her into difficulties. It is to our interest to side with Japan, because, if once Russia gets Manchuria, she will advance to India.

P. T. RAWLINGS said that Japan’s fleet would save her from being overwhelmed by Russia. Russia could not take her troops through the Baltic or the Black Sea.

A. C. BOTTOMLEY said that war sooner or later was inevitable, if Russia persisted in pushing her way in the Far East.

H. I. P. HALLETT, in a maiden speech, quoted statistics to show that Japan had far more interest in Korea than Russia. If the Czar was in favour of peace, he probably was not aware of the insolent note which had been sent to Japan. If Russia beat Japan she would probably extend towards India, and our Empire would be in danger of breaking up.

J. S. LEWIS then spoke. He said Japan was a thriving nation and must expand somewhere ; the question was, where ? The Russians would keep her from Korea, and China was full ; the only place left was the East Indian Archipelago, which Australia wants. This would lead to war between England and Japan. Surely it was better for us to fight Russia with Japan (hereby giving Japan Korea as an outlet for her surplus population) than to fight Japan ourselves.

Mr. GREENE, who was present, then said that Russia simply ignored her treaties, while England

broke hers and then pretended that she had kept them. Russia had a very good reason for her policy, and that was that she needed a more extensive sea-board.

After some remarks by J. S. Lewis the motion was put to the vote and carried by acclamation.

The House met on Thursday, January 28, to discuss the following motion :

‘That in the opinion of this House the practice of Game Preserving is to be deprecated.’

The PROPOSER (J. S. Lewis) said that the practice of game preserving is to be condemned both morally and on grounds of expediency. In the first place it is cruel : many birds, when shot in the wing, die lingering deaths. Although shooting affords excellent exercise to many men, they might easily take to football, cricket, or other games, which would provide more employment than shooting possibly could. In the second place much land is wasted : the soil in many parts of England, where game is preserved, is particularly fruitful. The chief argument against this practice is that it leads to poaching. Game preserving is simply putting temptation before a poor man.

The OPPOSER (the Treasurer) first dealt with poaching. He said that rabbits are poached more than anything, and that does more good than harm. The Proposer objected to game preserving on the ground that it involves great cruelty ; but there would be just as much cruelty if there were no preserving, and game would be exterminated. It was absurd to say much land was wasted through preserving ; for pheasants are chiefly preserved in woods, which would have to be cut down before the land could be used for agriculture. It was urged that men could indulge in other sports such as football, &c. ; but all these sports are spoiled by professionalism ; in fact, shooting is about the only sport indulged in simply by gentlemen.

The SECONDER (H. D. Adrian), in a maiden speech, said that birds would be much hardier if they were not preserved, and it would be better sport shooting them.

G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE said that no cruelty resulted from game preserving ; many birds died instantaneously, and were saved from a natural death, which would probably be far more painful. Now preserving does not destroy agriculture ; it fosters it ; for many farmers grow corn simply for the sake of the partridges, for which it is necessary ; also farmers make a good deal out of shooting rents paid them, and most men compensate for any damage that is done. Game preserving also gives employment to many.

The PROPOSER again spoke. He began by absolutely denying the last speaker’s statement that no cruelty resulted from game preserving ; he also denied that, if it were not for preserving, agriculture

would die out in two-thirds of England. It would be a very good thing if pheasants were exterminated in England, owing to the amount of damage they do.

The PRESIDENT suggested that game protection would be an excellent substitute for preserving.

The motion was then put to the vote, the House dividing as follows : Ayes, 5 ; Noes, 11. The motion was therefore lost by 11 votes to 5.

The following new members were elected : S. McKenna, F. W. I. V. Fraser.

The House met on Thursday, February 4, to discuss the following motion :—

‘That in the opinion of this House the education of the lower classes is conducted on wrong principles.’

The PROPOSER (the Secretary) said that education could be attacked either because it is excessive or because it is deficient ; he attacked it on the former ground. It is impossible to teach the lower classes Greek, Latin, &c., thoroughly. By education men are encouraged to migrate from the country into the towns, a thing which is most unfortunate at a time when our rural population is steadily decreasing. Discipline is very badly enforced, and this causes a spirit of insubordination. In conclusion, he condemned the excessive education of women, saying that it would be far more expedient if they were taught how to manage a house. Owing to excessive education it is now practically impossible to get servants.

The OPPOSER (the President) said that learning Latin and Greek cultivates a man’s mind. The present system of education tends to encourage patriotism. He disagreed with the Proposer about the education of women ; it has done them much good to learn such things as physiology, especially those who intend to become nurses. Education is badly needed : politicians would not then be able to make speeches to the ordinary crowd which they would be ashamed to utter in the House of Commons. Education in the country encourages agriculture : when children return from school they are only too glad to go and work on their parents’ farm. To see how great an evil a bad education is, it is only necessary to look at Ireland. America, where education is good, is very prosperous.

The SECONDER (A. P. Waterfield), in a maiden speech, said that the Opposer had complained that a politician can move a crowd with inferior speeches ; if this is so, the system of education is obviously unsatisfactory. It would be far better to teach scientific farming instead of Latin and Greek. In towns education is bad.

E. W. LANE-CLAYPON said that women are not taught physiology thoroughly. He then gave the House his opinions about the value of Cicero. He advocated teaching cookery.

H. I. P. HALLETT said that Latin and Greek are only useful for literary people ; they are of no use to a house painter. Primary education is fairly good, but its benefits are spoiled by the unsatisfactory state of secondary education. In English schools French is taught, whereas in German schools both French and English are taught.

The OPPOSER again rose. He said he could not see how a smattering of French and German would do a farmer more good than the same amount of Latin and Greek.

After some remarks by the PROPOSER, the motion was put to the vote and the House divided as follows : Ayes, 7 ; Noes, 6. The motion was therefore carried by 7 votes to 6.

## WESTMINSTER GLEE SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, February 6, the Glee Society gave a most enjoyable concert Up-School. The attendance was most enthusiastic and fairly numerous, the visitors, especially the fair sex, being more *en évidence* than at the last concert. After a very creditable rendering of Leslie’s ‘Awake ! Awake !’ Mr. Piggott gave us Handel’s Suite in E major, for which he very deservedly received an encore. Mrs. Gow, who had a very cordial reception, then sang an old ballad song, which was loudly encored. Mrs. Gow’s second song ‘My Garden’ was, if possible, better received than the first ; we can only express a hope that she will, in other concerts, again give us the pleasure of hearing her. After the charming effect of Mrs. Gow’s songs, Argyle’s rendering of ‘The Rose’ fell rather flat, though by no means badly sung. We know what we have to look forward to in Dickson, and we were not disappointed, his playing throughout being excellent. A. C. Bottomley, though suffering from a bad cold, gave us a good song in ‘The Diver,’ and W. Browne was excellent in ‘Frühlingsrauschen.’ A great feature in the programme was the recitation by Mr. A. J. Hock. His impersonations of Mr. Squeers and Uriah Heap were good, but as Fagin in the condemned cell he surpassed himself ; may we hear him again soon. The programme closed with a part song, ‘Sir Knight, Sir Knight,’ after which the National Anthem was sung by all present. We take this opportunity of expressing a hope that in future these concerts will be better attended by members of the School than has been the case up to the present. The Glee Society, and especially Mr. Ranalow, who is the life and soul of the Society, take great pains to get up these concerts for the School, and the least that the School can do is to support them by attending them. Anyone who has ever had to sing or recite in public will sympathise heartily with those who have to sing to row after row of empty seats, as has been the case, not in this concert, but in those preceding it.



The following was the programme :—

PART SONG	...	'Awake! Awake!'	...	Henry Leslie
PIANO SOLO	...	Suite in E major	...	Handel
		Prelude, Courante, Air with Doubles		H. E. PIGGOTT, Esq.
SONG	...	Old Ballad, 'Lord Randal'	Mary Carmic's	...
SONG	...	'The Diver'	...	E. J. Loder
		A. C. BOTTOMLEY.		
PIANO SOLO	...	Frühlingsrauschen	...	Sinding
		W. BROWNE.		
SONG	...	'My Garden'	...	Theodore Marzials
		Mrs. GOW.		
VIOLIN SOLO		(a) Romance in A	...	Schumann
		(b) Allegro from Sonatina in G	...	Dvorak
		J. D. H. DICKSON.		
SONG	...	'The Rose'	...	Noel Johnson
		H. V. ARGYLE.		
RECITATION	...		...	Charles Dickens
		A. J. HOCK.		
SONG	...	'Where'er you go'	...	Lord Henry Somerset
		W. A. R. HADLEY.		
PART SONG	...	'Sir Knight, Sir Knight'	...	C. A. Macirone

### House Notes.

K.S.S.—There is very little news to chronicle this number. Our Junior Team defeated Grant's fairly easily and finished second in the Junior House competition. Accordingly we have to surrender the Cup to Rigaud's till next year. We have to congratulate R. G. Gardner on playing back for the School, and on his 'Pinks'; our representatives against Charterhouse were E. W. D. Colt-Williams and R. G. Gardner. The Literary Society has finished *Love's Labour's Lost*, and is now reading *Henry VIII*. The first round of the Fives Ties is nearing the end, and we hope to finish them this Term. The Racket Ties are also in an early stage; we see with pleasure that the interest in Rackets has increased considerably. We sincerely condole with R. E. Nott-Bower on his unfortunate accident, and hope he will soon be quite well again. The unsettled weather has claimed a few victims from our midst, and we hear with sorrow that B. G. Cobb has been ordered a change of scene and air to recuperate his fast failing strength. We rejoice that he has returned safe and sound. We understand that many of us will be absent about the middle of this month for University examinations. We take the liberty of wishing ourselves luck, but have no great expectations of success. Such is the extent of our doings. The rest next number. We forgot to condole with Mr. F. W. Hubback (O.W.) on being forbidden to box or row on account of a strained heart. We hope this is only temporary.

ASHBURNHAM.—Although the standard of Ashburnham football has not of late been a very brilliant

one, it is a great satisfaction to us to be able to say that Mr. S. S. Harris, the captain of the victorious Cambridge football team, was a member of this House. We congratulate S. F. Johnson on his 'pink and whites,' also H. F. Saunders, who, as representative of the Modern Sixth, was successful in the Pancake Greaze. There is little else to record. The Fives Ties progress very slowly, but we hope to finish them before the end of this Term.

GRANT'S.—The Literary Society has read the *Merchant of Venice*. The Debating Society has had another meeting. We regret to record that L. G. Kirkpatrick and H. C. G. Pedler have again had trouble with their knees. In Juniors we lost to College (3-0). H. V. Argyle and O. Lewis have played for the 2nd XI., and K. E. Newman has again played for the 1st XI. M. C. Houdret has been told to order his Pinks. Another yard-tie has been played. At the Glee Society Concert J. D. H. Dickson distinguished himself as usual.

H.BB.—There is little fresh matter to record this month. Our Juniors were beaten by Junior Rigaud's (0-5) after a very one-sided game, in spite of the fact that G. F. L. Circuitt in goal and Turner at back played up well for us. In the House Fives Ties, Vernon and Longhurst easily beat G. Circuitt and Vigor (15-1) (15-0), while A. J. Circuitt and Turner had little more difficulty in overcoming Massingham and Thoresby-Jones. Our representatives in the Inter-House Ties, in the first round of which we have drawn a bye, will be E. T. Corfield and P. M. Bartlett; we wish them every success. Congratulations, which, though tardy, are none the less hearty, to Mr. B. G. Brown (O.W.) on passing the second part of his History Tripos. Our prospects for Seniors are none of the most brilliant; in fact, we may compare our team, with all due respect, to a cake with only three plums in it; we hope, however, that the other eight members may prove of the best dough.

RIGAUD'S.—We have to congratulate our Juniors on finishing their successes by defeating Home Boarders by 5 goals to nil. Both Junior Cups are now under our care, which ought to brighten our prospects for the future; we also have the Cricket Shield, so we now only covet the Football Shield to complete the set. Our prospects for the Sports are not brilliant, but we hope the unexpected will happen. Our congratulations are due to S. McKenna on playing for the 2nd XI. against the 2nd XI. Clapham Rovers. We had three representatives playing against Charterhouse. The semi-final round of the Yard Ties has arrived, in which Craig, J. K. Hepburn, and McKenna are left. We are drawn against College in the Fives Ties.

## Old Westminsters.

At Oxford Mr. W. F. Fox is elected to the Eldon Scholarship. Mr. Fox was in the First Class in the School of Jurisprudence in 1899, and was Vinerian Scholar in 1901. He is the first Westminster who has been Eldon Scholar.

At Cambridge the Hare Prize is adjudged to Mr. R. K. Gaye, Fellow of Trinity.

Mr. H. F. Manisty, K.C., is elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn.

The Rev. H. L. Thompson has written a book on his church. The title is 'The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford: its Relation to some Famous Events of English History.' The publishers are Constable & Co.

The Rev. M. R. Bethune is presented by the Bishop of Winchester to the Vicarage of Woodham, near Woking.

Mr. H. McKenna was called to the Bar in November, and his name should have appeared in our Annual Records.

Mr. H. L. Henderson is appointed to a clerkship in the Secretary's Department of the Admiralty.

Mr. J. Poyser is appointed to a clerkship in the Vote Office of the House of Commons.

Mr. A. J. Blaxland is admitted L.R.C.P.

The following is the Football Card for 1903-4, with results:—

		1903.	
Sat.	Oct.	3 v. Ealing, at Ealing.	(Lost, 0-5.)
"	"	10 v. Old Brightonians, at Walthamstow.	(Won, 6-4.)
"	"	17 v. Casuals (first round, London Charity Cup).	(Lost, 2-4.)
"	"	24 v. Ilford, at Ilford.	(Scratched.)
"	"	31 v. Dulwich Hamlet, at Dulwich.	(Scratched.)
Wed.	Nov.	4 v. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at Winchmore Hill.	(Lost, 3-6.)
Sat.	"	7 v. Old Etonians, at Catford.	(Won, 7-4.)
"	"	14 v. Old Salopians.	(Lost 0-4.)
Wed.	"	18 v. Westminster School, at Vincent Square.	(Won, 9-2.)
Sat.	"	21 v. Old Reptonians.	(Won, 7-1.)
"	"	28 v. Cambridge University, in London.	(Lost, 1-3.)
Wed.	Dec.	2 v. R.E. Chatham, at Chatham.	(Won, 5-2.)
Sat.	"	5 v. Clapton, at 'Spotted Dog.'	(Lost, 1-7.)
Fri.	"	11 v. 4th Royal Fusiliers, at Woolwich.	(Scratched.)
Sat.	"	12 v. Casuals, at Tufnell Park.	(Lost, 3-4.)
"	"	19 v. Shepherd's Bush, at Wormholt Farm.	(Lost 2-5.)

1904.

Sat.	Jan.	2 v. Leytonstone, at Leytonstone.	(Scratched.)
Wed.	"	6 v. Emeriti, at Merton Cricket Ground.	(Won, 6-0.)
Sat.	"	16 v. Cheshunt, at Cheshunt.	(Lost, 0-2.)
"	"	23 v. Hampstead, at Hampstead.	(Scratched owing to fog.)
"	"	30 v. R.M.A., at Woolwich.	(Scratched by R.M.A.)
"	Feb.	6 v. Ealing, at Ealing.	(Scratched; Ealing engaged in Cup Tie.)
"	"	13 v. War Office.	(Scratched; War Office engaged in Cup Tie.)
"	"	20 v. Old Foresters, at Snarebrook.	
"	"	27 v. Dulwich Hamlet, at Dulwich.	
"	Mar.	5 v. Old Malvernians, at Norbury.	
"	"	12 v. Westminster School, at Vincent Square.	
"	"	19 v. Barnes, at Barnes.	
"	"	26 v. Civil Service.	
"	April	2 v. Old Harrovians.	

O.W.W. wishing to join the O.W.F.C. should communicate at once with A. L. Foster, 4 Malcolm Road, Wimbledon.

## OLD WESTMINSTER DINNER AT CALCUTTA.

A VERY successful Old Westminster Dinner was held at the Golightly Hall, 13 Russell Street, last night, when, thanks to the energetic efforts of Mr. R. Waterfield, twelve O.W.W. sat down to an excellent menu. The unfortunate indisposition of the Hon. Sir F. W. Maclean, K.C.I.E., prevented his taking the chair, his absence being greatly regretted by all present. In his stead Mr. J. M. Macpherson, C.S.I., took the post of honour. In default of reliable records, it is believed that the last Old Westminster Dinner held in Calcutta was in the time of Warren Hastings, when he himself occupied the chair. It is to be hoped that this dinner will now become an annual institution. No difficulty should be experienced in making it so, since there are said to be no less than eighty-two O.W.W. now in various parts of India. Appended is a list of O.W.W. present last night, from which must be excepted Sir Francis Maclean and the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth-Shore, unavoidably absent:—

Hon. Sir F. W. Maclean, K.C.I.E.	Grant's, 1859-62.
J. M. Macpherson, C.S.I.	Grant's, 1866-71.
Ven. A. Kitchin	Grant's, 1866-71.
Major A. W. Alcock, C.I.E.	Home Boarders, 1875-76.
Hon. Mr. T. Morison	Grant's, 1878-82.
G. H. Sutherland	Rigaud's, 1878-83.
Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore	Grant's, 1880-84.
H. L. Stephenson	Q.S., 1883-90.
L. D. Petrocochino	Rigaud's, 1884-88.
W. N. Winkworth	Grant's, 1884-88.
R. Waterfield	Q.S., 1888-93.
G. F. Martin	Q.S., 1890-95.
N. W. Gardiner	Rigaud's, 1892-94.
D. Baker	Q.S., 1898-1901.

From the 'Calcutta Englishman' of January 7, 1904.

[We regret that want of space forbids us to print more elaborate accounts of the above dinner, which

we have received from Messrs. R. Waterfield and D. Baker, both of whom we take this opportunity of thanking. We cordially agree with them in hoping that the dinner will be a recognised annual event. We are asked to state that the O.W.W. at Kohat telegraphed their best wishes for the success of the above dinner.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN.']

### Births.

BRUDENELL-BRUCE.—On January 26, the Countess of Cardigan, of a son.

BEDFORD.—On February 11, the wife of Francis D. Bedford, of a daughter.

### Marriage.

DENMAN—SUTHERLAND.—On February 11, the Hon. Richard D. Denman to Helen Christian, only daughter of Sir Thomas Sutherland, G.C.M.G.

### Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of the EARL OF DEVON, the oldest Westminister. Born on July 15, 1811, he was at the School from 1822 to 1829, when he went to Oxford. He was ordained in 1835, was thirty-two years Rector of Mamhead and twenty-six years Rector of Powderham. From 1876 he was a Canon of Exeter, and took his turn there to the last. He succeeded his nephew, the twelfth Earl, in 1891. We believe that Lord Devon was the last survivor but one of Dr. Goodenough's Head Mastership. His successor in Westminister's seniority, Mr. Moysey, of Batheaston Court, was only a few weeks under Dr. Goodenough.

We have to regret the death of Sir FREDERICK SEAGER HUNT, who was at the School from 1848 to 1853. After spending some years in India he returned to England as head of the firm of Seager, Evans & Co. After unsuccessfully contesting Marylebone in 1880 he was elected M.P. for West Marylebone in 1885 and again in 1886 and 1892. In the last year he was created a baronet. He sat for Maidstone from 1895 to 1898. He died at Ramsgate on January 21, aged sixty-five. It will be remembered that some time since, when his nephews were at the School, he gave us the flag-post Up-Fields.

### Correspondence.

#### THE SCHOOL MILE.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—The School mile, to the best of my recollection, has not been done in good time for a very great number of years. This has been to some extent accounted for by bad weather; but when the weather is fine the times for the distance are equally bad, and that is because on a fine day such a crowd start that the time must needs be slow. I have known as many as 100 names down to run in it, and, if the weather is fine, I think quite half of this number actually start.

If a shilling extra were charged for the mile, it would probably prevent all those from entering it who did not take it seriously.

Trusting this suggestion may meet with your approval,  
I am, yours, &c.,  
February, 1904. C. O. W.

#### ROYALTY AT THE PLAY.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—Your interesting Play Number contains two allusions to which I would like to refer if you will allow me space. The mention of the visit of the present Duke of Connaught to the play in 1867 brings to my recollection an amusing peep which I had (as a town boy in my first term) of the two torchbearers rehearsing their difficult part of walking down the dormitory steps *backwards* torch in hand. In this respect the proceedings differed from those described by you on page 325, vol. X.

Again, I see that 'Epos' advocates the abolition of fleshings, and believes that they are 'an innovation of the last twenty years.' My first play was in 1869 (when I prompted), and I am certain that fleshings were worn then, as also when I acted in '71 and '72. We each bought our own, and my young man's silk 'tights' were rather an expensive item!

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
W. STEPNEY RAWSON.

12 Drayton Court, Drayton Gardens,  
S. Kensington, January 28, 1904.

#### DEBATING SOCIETY.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed to point out an error in the report of my remarks in the Debating Society during the discussion of the motion that 'This House would welcome the return of the Liberals to power'?

I am made to say 'Factories are closed all over the country,' which would infer that in my opinion the trade of the country was on the decline. As one who is firmly convinced that Mr. Chamberlain's proposed fiscal reforms would do the utmost harm to the prosperity of this country, I could never have made such a misleading and utterly unfounded assertion, and I certainly did not do so on that occasion.

Hoping that your reporter will be more careful in future,  
I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
A. C. BOTTOMLEY.

#### CADET CORPS.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—In your last number there appears a letter from a member of the Cadet Corps, advocating the wearing of putties in lieu of the short gaiters at present in vogue. A most admirable suggestion! But may I venture to add yet another suggestion which to my mind would increase the smart

appearance of the corps far more than would the wearing of putties?—I mean the wearing or rather the non-wearing of gloves. At the Public Schools' Field Day last term, I observed that there was absolutely no uniformity in this respect among members of the Corps. The great majority wore no gloves: some wore kid gloves, and others again wore woollen ones of various barbaric patterns. The effect thus produced was not 'smartness'—far from it. In my humble opinion gloves are *absolutely unnecessary*, but, if they are allowed to be worn, cannot some uniformity be introduced? Let the whole corps wear gloves of *the same material* (not some wearing kid and others woollen), or let gloves be forbidden, except of course in the case of officers.

Yours &c., G.

ERRATUM.—Vol. X., page 327, line II of the Prologue: for 'as' read 'an.'

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