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PLAY CRITICISM.

BEFORE we launch out into our subject, we feel that an apology may be due, not only to those whom we have taken upon ourselves to advise, but also to those who believe in an arbitrary interpretation of the dictum, 'There is a time for everything,' and hold that the time for discussion of the Play is the Play Number and not before. To the latter, if an answer is necessary at all, we reply with proverb for proverb, and observe briefly that 'Forewarned is forearmed'; to the former we can only plead out of an experience of four years on the Dormitory Stage, that in each case we have suffered from a lack of criticism, a reasonable use of which, we are convinced, would have a great effect on our Westminster actors.

Criticism, we hasten to repeat, not coaching; for never, we believe, was more time and trouble spent in that department than at Westminster; but it is a coaching in detail, of each little point, of separate sentences and separate gestures; and we miss a survey of the part as a whole. It must inevitably happen that one or more members of our cast should have but a small command of the histrionic art themselves, and without the excellent and thorough drilling which they receive would be feeble in the extreme, yet surely they would feel themselves more at home in their part if the nature and character of the *persona* they represent were sketched out for them broadly beforehand, and they were told subsequently to fill in that outline, instead of presenting a series of separate strokes, often without connection and forming no harmonious whole. Perhaps we are only splitting

hairs, perhaps other actors have not suffered in the same way, but we argue from our own experience, and out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh. So much for the want, if it is a want, of a careful explanation of each character as Plautus or Terence drew it. We now turn to criticisms of the actual rendering given by each member of our cast, and here we feel we are standing on surer ground, for indeed a more open and accurate judgment on each actor's impersonation seems to be sorely needed. A schoolboy loves above all things to know and to be clearly told his own merits and defects. When he plays a game he asks any friend who may have been watching him to say candidly whether he played well or ill; when he shows up a prose in form he is unhappy till he learns whether it is worth an *a* or a *β*; he forms his own opinion himself, but he likes others who know better to give him the benefit of their saner judgment. The same love of criticism follows him to the stage, but here he finds a difficulty—to whom is he to turn for advice? He asks a fellow-actor first, who gladly tells him what he thinks, but in his own inexperience is as often wrong as right. He asks a master, and is answered with a monosyllabic 'yes' or 'no,' and told to act his part straight ahead, and he will come off all right. He waits until the First Night has passed off, and looks eagerly at the critiques in the morning papers, when instead of the plain and sensible comments he expected, he finds either nothing at all, or, what is worse, a dozen varieties of opinion. One will commend him as good, another censure him as bad, a third lauds him as excellent, and a fourth damns him as a fool and a bore; and he goes on to the stage again uncertain whether his acting has been really good or unspeakably bad, half inclined to give up his former interpretation and strike out an entirely new line, and altogether in the worst condition for a performance possible. We shall be told, of course, that we are exaggerating absurdly, that we are wrong in our assertions, and that as a proof of our error actors are always better on the Third Night. We do not intend to argue the point; we simply reply

that actors are better on the Third Night, when in spite of all disadvantages they have some confidence, and almost always bad on the Second, when they are in the position which we have described; and that if our opponents had a better acquaintance with the world behind the scenes, they would not accuse us either of exaggeration or of inexactitude. Or it may be said that a frank expression of opinion would be bad for a boy; that if he received praise, he would be inclined to grow conceited; if blame, he would become disappointed and dispirited. Again we reply bluntly (for we have no space for a long debate), that if so, then all open praise or blame, in work or play, must be wrong; nor do we believe that it is only the thought of praise or blame that moves a boy to seek criticism, so much as a right and reasonable desire to know his own worth, and see himself as others see him. Let us in conclusion make a practical suggestion: that either after the Undress or the Dress Rehearsal, or even after the First Play, the Masters should give each actor their genuine opinion of his performance as a whole, together, perhaps, with a more minute examination of each scene, explaining where he over-acts and where he puts too little life into his part, where he is too wooden and where he has not fully grasped the spirit of the character he is playing; and the result, we are confident, will be a vast improvement in the acting on all three nights of the Play.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

THREE new prize funds have lately been given to the School. Sir Walter Phillimore, O.W., has made permanent the two prizes (for an English Essay and Translation into English) which were originally given annually by his father, Sir Robert Phillimore, forty years ago. The Rev. William Batley has given a fund for establishing Divinity Prizes in memory of Augustus Toplady, O.W., the celebrated writer of hymns. Sir Henry Waterfield, O.W., and Mr. William Waterfield, O.W., have jointly founded a prize for Latin and Greek Prose Composition. Regulations for the award of the prizes have been

made by the Governing Body, and will be printed in the Book of Statutes, &c., in the following form:—

(1) PHILLIMORE PRIZE FUND, 1866-1906.

1. The income of the Fund shall be applied to providing two prizes—one for an English Essay, the other for a Translation into English.

2. Each prize shall be of the value of half the income of the Fund for the year.

3. The subject of each prize shall be set each year by the Headmaster, who shall also be judge of the essays and translations, and shall have power to divide a prize or to vary its amount, or to withhold it in any year if no exercise be sent in which in his judgment is deserving of reward.

4. If in any year a prize is not awarded, the value of that prize shall be retained until the accumulations amount to such sum as would purchase £10 of Consols, but the Headmaster shall have power in the meantime to award out of such accumulations a second prize of such value as he shall think fit.

Note.—The Prize Fund consists of £250 2½ per cent. Consols.

(2) TOPLADY MEMORIAL PRIZE FUND.

1. The income of the Fund shall be applied to providing two prizes for Divinity, a Senior Prize open to all boys above the Under Fifth Form, and a Junior Prize open to all boys below the Upper Fifth Form.

2. The value of the Senior Prize shall be three-fifths of the income; the value of the Junior Prize shall be two-fifths of the income.

3. The prizes shall be awarded annually by an examination in Divinity. The subjects of the examination shall be set by the Headmaster, who shall be judge of the papers sent in, and shall have power to divide either prize or to vary its amount, or to withhold it in any year if no paper be sent up which in his judgment is deserving of reward.

4. Each prize shall consist of an English Bible, a Concordance, or some other aids to Biblical study, and, if the Fund permits, there may be added the Bible in the original tongues, or George Herbert's Poetical Works, or Cowper's Poetical Works, or John Bunyan's Works, or Thomson's 'The Land and the Book,' or any Church history which in the opinion of the Headmaster fairly represents that Protestant school of theology to which Topladay belonged.

5. If in any year a prize is not awarded, the value of that prize shall be retained under similar provisions to those hereinbefore enacted with regard to the Phillimore Prizes.

Note.—The Prize Fund consists of (£210 not yet invested).

(3) WATERFIELD PRIZE FUND, 1906.

1. The income of the Waterfield Fund shall be applied to providing a prize for Latin and Greek Prose Composition.

2. A passage or passages for Latin Prose and a passage or passages for Greek Prose shall be set in alternate years.

3. The passage or passages shall be set each year by the Headmaster, who shall also be judge of the compositions, and shall have power to divide the prize or to vary its amount, or to withhold it in any year if no composition be sent in which in his judgment is deserving of reward.

4. If in any year a prize is not awarded, the value of that prize shall be retained until the accumulations amount to such sum as will purchase £10 of India 3 per cents., which £10 is to be added to the Prize Fund, but the Headmaster shall have power in the meantime to award out of such accumulations a second prize of such value as he shall think fit.

Note.—The Prize Fund consists of £180 India 3 per cent. stock.

ORATIONS: PLAY TERM, 1906.

WE have been favoured with the following notes on the performances of the candidates:—

For a good recitation, three things are necessary: First, accurate and unhalting memory; secondly, distinct enunciation and phrasing, so that listeners may follow the sense with ease; thirdly, expression of feeling by gesture and modulation of the voice. Briefly, the piece must be so delivered as to seem spontaneous, the very thought of the reciter. The passage selected for this term's competition was the celebrated speech of John of Gaunt in Shakespeare's *Richard II.*, Act II., sc. 1, ll. 31-68. It is not an easy piece to remember, because lines may be dropped here and there without injury to the sense. On the other hand, it presents few difficulties of enunciation and expression, for the sentences are not complicated, and there is a gradual culmination and fall of passion. Gordon was almost first-rate, but showed a slight tendency to clip the ending of words. Benvenisti was excellent in phrasing and expression, but his enunciation was marred by a slight foreign accent, and he made four little slips in accuracy. Waterfield was correct and good on the whole, but he pitched his voice on too low a note, and at times, when he hurried his delivery, he was indistinct. Bonner also was good, but rather cold and argumentative, with the result that his emphasis was frequently false. Usher had the same faults to a greater degree, and was frequently undignified. Adrian failed in memory, as well as in other requisites.

School Notes.

THE match with Old Reptonians having unexpectedly been scratched, a Sat: Sun: Mon: was given on November 10, 11, 12.

On Friday, November 9, Miss Paget gave a delightful lecture Up-School on 'Programme Music,' with illustrations. We heartily echo the Headmaster's words of thanks to the Lecturer herself and to the ladies who so kindly assisted her.

The Offertory on All Saints' Day amounted to £3. 12s. 6d.

An Inter-House Gymnastic Competition has been instituted, and will take place, it is hoped, at the end of this Term.

On Wednesday, November 21, the VIIth Form played the Rest of the School, and won by two goals to one.

Two new prizes, the Toplady Memorial and the Waterfield Prizes, have been founded, and a third, the Phillimore, made permanent. See p. 342.

At the first trial of Orations, held Up-School on Friday, November 23, R. E. C. Gordon was first, out of six competitors. We print an account elsewhere.

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

1906.

Sat.	Sept. 29	v.	Clapham Rovers.	(Won, 1-0.)
"	Oct. 6	v.	Old Harrovians.	(Lost, 0-2.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster A.	(Lost, 1-4.)
"	Oct. 13	v.	R.M.A., Woolwich.	(Drawn, 1-1.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	King's College and Hospital A.	(Drawn, 2-2.)
Wed.	Oct. 17	v.	Jesus College, Cambridge.	(Lost, 0-3.)
Sat.	" 20	v.	Old Carthusians.	(Lost, 1-2.)
"	" 27	v.	Old Malvernians.	(Lost, 0-2.)
"	Nov. 3	v.	Barnes.	(Won, 4-3.)
Wed.	" 7	v.	Old Foresters.	(Lost, 2-3.)
Sat.	" 10	v.	Old Reptonians.	(Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters A.	(Scratched.)
"	Nov. 17	v.	Old Felstedians.	(Won, 4-1.)
Thurs.	" 22	v.	Cambridge Old Westminster.	(Won, 1-0.)
Sat.	" 24	v.	A Cambridge XI.	(Won, 5-1.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	St. Thomas's Hospital A.	(Won, 5-0.)
"	Dec. 1	v.	Brasenose College, Oxon.	
"	" 8	v.	Casuals.	
"	" 15	v.	Old Westminster.	
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster A.	

1907.

Sat.	Jan. 19	v.	Clapham Rovers.
"	" 26	v.	Casuals.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster A.
"	Feb. 2	v.	Beckenham.
Wed.	" 6	v.	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.
Sat.	" 9	v.	Christ Church.
"	2nd XI.	v.	King's College and Hospital A.
"	Feb. 16	v.	Exeter College, Oxon.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters A.
"	Feb. 23	v.	Winchester College (at Vincent Square).
Wed.	" 27	v.	Old Westminster.
Sat.	Mar. 2	v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Wed.	" 6	v.	R.M.C., Sandhurst.
Sat.	" 9	v.	Old Etonians.
"	" 16	v.	Old Aldenhamsians.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster A.
"	"	v.	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
K.SS.	"	v.	T.BB.

The following is the card of the Debating Society for Play Term 1906, filled in to date.

Oct. 4.—'That this House would approve of the School being moved into the country.' Proposer, A. E. F. Wood; Seconder, F. G. Turner; Opposer, D. J. Jardine. (Lost, 10-20.)

Oct. 11.—'That this House disapproves of Phonetic Spelling.' Proposer, W. R. Birchall; Seconder, G. G. Williams; Opposer, E. R. Mason. (Carried, 20-4.)

Oct. 18 and 25.—'That this House disapproves of Vivisection.' Proposer, R. R. Harley; Seconder, R. M. Barrington-Ward; Opposer, H. G. F. Longhurst. (Lost, 9-16.)

Nov. 1.—'That this House would welcome Female Suffrage.' Proposer, J. L. Benvenuti; Seconder, A. C. Boulton; Opposer, G. G. Williams. (Lost, 11-13.)

Nov. 8 and 15.—'That this House would welcome Fiscal Reform.' Proposer, F. G. Turner; Seconder, C. C. Gover; Opposer, B. V. T. Worthington. (Carried, 25-5.)

Nov. 29.—'That this House disapproves of Party Politics.' Proposer, M. H. B. Lethbridge; Seconder, J. C. Gow; Opposer, J. W. Ferguson.

Dec. 6.—'That this House would not welcome any rapprochement between England and Germany.' Proposer, A. P. Waterfield; Seconder, M. T. Maxwell; Opposer, D. J. Jardine.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. OLD WESTMINSTERS A.

This match, which was played up Fields on Saturday, October 6, resulted in a defeat for the School by 4 goals to 1. As usual, weakness in front of goal prevented the 2nd XI. from giving a better account of itself. The fact that O.W.W. scored three of their goals in the first half and the other one early in the second half shows that the School, with a determined effort, could at least keep their opponents out. Goodale scored our only goal with an excellent shot after a spirited run down the left wing early in the game.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. C. Treatt (goal); G. W. Hamel and K. R. H. Jones (backs); E. R. Mason, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and A. Harding (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, J. Geare, M. T. Maxwell, H. F. Rawson, and J. W. Goodale (forwards).

OLD WESTMINSTERS A.

C. Kent (goal); C. I. Chatterton and C. Parker (backs); A. Connor, Capt. Chatterton, and M. C. Kemp (halves); A. R. Malcolm, E. Coleby, R. S. Summerhays, A. L. Longhurst, and A. Macpherson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. R.M.A., WOOLWICH.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, October 13, and resulted in a draw of one goal each. The game was very even, and neither side deserved to win, both missing several open goals. In fact, the feature of the game was the poor shooting shown on

both sides by the forwards when they had an open goal in front of them. Time after time they shot wide or high over the bar, Woolwich being certainly the worse offenders in this respect. The game was not started till 2.45, the School defending the church end. We immediately assumed the aggressive, and at the start had most of the game. The ball was kept close to their goal, and after about fifteen minutes' play Gover scored with a good low shot, which gave the goalkeeper no chance of saving. After this reverse Woolwich played better together, and our goal had several narrow escapes; eventually Grieg scored just before the whistle blew for half-time.

The second half saw some very wild shooting, and neither side was able to get the lead.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); E. W. Wylde and W. R. Birchall (backs); A. W. Peacock, D. McManus, and C. G. Reed (halves); J. W. Ferguson, C. C. Gover, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, L. D. Looker, and J. C. Gow (forwards).

R.M.A., WOOLWICH.

H. N. J. Keene (goal); A. V. Gompertz and A. E. Deprez (backs); C. M. Taylor, C. E. P. Henderson, and J. T. Price (halves); G. Patterson, R. Cory, C. T. Foot, J. P. S. Grieg, and C. O. D. Preston (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL A.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, October 13, and resulted in a draw. The visitors kicked off, and at first either side had an equal share of the game; before long, however, King's College scored. The game now began to turn in favour of the School, and had all the opportunities been taken, the 2nd XI. should have won with many goals to the good. Jones scored for the School with an excellent long shot, and Maxwell later put in a second goal. Our opponents, however, equalised later with an excellent shot from the right wing.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. C. Treatt (goal); J. C. Davidson and K. R. H. Jones (backs); E. R. Mason, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and A. Harding (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, G. W. Feasey, M. T. Maxwell, J. L. Geare, and J. W. Goodale (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Played up Fields on Wednesday, October 17. The visitors had brought down a good team, and the School did well in not having more goals scored against them. The start was punctual, and Birchall losing the toss McManus kicked off against a slight breeze. It looked as if the visitors were going to have all the game, but the School improved as the game went on. Davey ran down and got in several

lovely centres from the left, but was frequently pulled up for offside. In fact he was mainly responsible for all the goals. Half-time came with the score (3-0) in the visitors' favour. The second half provided a much better game, neither side being able to score. Rice-Oxley, who had been playing well, was hurt towards the end and had to leave the field, McManus coming back to centre-half. For the School Gover and Gow were the best forwards, and Harris was very safe in goal.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); W. R. Birchall and E. W. Wylde (backs); J. C. Davidson, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and A. W. Peacock (halves); J. C. Gow, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, D. McManus, C. C. Gover, and G. W. Feasey (forwards).

JESUS COLLEGE.

F. G. Meakin (goal); A. G. Seymour and H. W. Thomas (backs); A. G. Shelmerdine, D. Welch, and A. C. O. Mitchell (halves); A. P. Davey, H. S. Pink, R. C. Cutter, A. M. Harris, and E. L. Goodman (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

Played up Fields on Saturday, October 20. After a good game the visitors managed to win by the narrow margin of two goals to one. The first half produced a very spirited game, and both goals were strongly attacked; the shooting, however, lacked sting about it, and the only goal scored was caused by a misunderstanding between Wylde and Harris. In the second half the Old Carthusians had most of the game until after about twenty minutes McManus scored with a fine long shot. It looked now as if the School would win, but they always dribbled too far and lost the ball just as they were ready to shoot. In the last five minutes the visitors' centre forward, receiving a very lucky pass from the inside right, ran right through and scored easily. For the School the forwards showed very few traces of combination and great hesitation in front of goal. For the Old Carthusians Grahame was very good at centre-half.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); E. W. Wylde and W. R. Birchall (backs); C. G. Reed, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and A. W. Peacock (halves); G. W. Feasey, C. C. Gover, D. McManus, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, and J. C. Gow (forwards).

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

G. M. Hutton (goal); J. S. Gardner and H. K. Waller (backs); B. Tuff, D. Grahame, and A. A. Drew (halves); R. A. Eckersley, E. R. Godson, R. Spencer, A. W. Groom, and E. M. Jameson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD MALVERNIANIANS.

Played up Fields on Saturday, October 27. The visitors brought down a weak team, but won by two goals to love. The visitors kicked off and immediately ran down, but sent the ball behind. The

outside left was pulled up for offside, but soon after he swung across a lovely centre. From the scrum which ensued the ball hit Edgar and glanced off him into the net. For the rest of the first half the game was uninteresting, neither side being able to score again. In the second half the School forwards made several dangerous rushes, but lacked cohesion. The visitors soon increased their lead, a good shot from Bird taking effect. The same player very soon put in several other good shots, which Harris managed to clear. Gow got away down the wing, but was brought down heavily by their left back. He resumed after a few minutes' rest; but the School were unable to get through in spite of several dangerous rushes. The visitors were too heavy for the School, who were continually getting knocked off the ball.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); E. W. Wylde and W. R. Birchall (backs); J. C. Davidson, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and S. C. Edgar (halves); J. E. Lloyd-Williams, C. C. Gover, D. McManus, J. Geare, and J. C. Gow (forwards).

OLD MALVERNIANs.

A. R. Petrie (goal); R. M. Worlock and H. Ll. Jones (backs); A. H. Barrett, L. F. Gale, and C. C. Johnson (halves); R. Rogers, H. C. Clarke, W. S. Bird, H. K. Frost, and H. M. James (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. BARNES.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, November 3, and ended in the School's favour after a most exciting finish. The opening exchanges were slightly to our advantage, and after pressing for some considerable time Lloyd-Williams centred to Geare, who scored with a fast high shot from close range. The visitors were not long in equalising, Harris muddling a fast ground shot. Soon after this a foul was given against Gow for tripping, and from the free kick which ensued the visitors' centre forward scored with a good shot. The game had not been resumed long before the visitors added a third and somewhat lucky goal. The left wing ran down and centred across the goal, and after two of the opposing forwards had missed their kicks, the outside right managed to rush the ball through. Half-time came with the visitors leading by three goals to one. The second half opened in spirited fashion, and it at once became evident that we were going to make a hard fight of it. The play was confined almost entirely to the visitors' half, and the School scored three goals, two by Gover and one by Lloyd-Williams, thus winning by four goals to three. For the School the forwards were much improved, and showed more combination. The halves were not so good, though Rice-Oxley played a good game in the centre.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); W. R. Birchall and E. W. Wylde (backs); J. C. Davidson, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and D. McManus

(halves); J. C. Gow, J. Geare, S. C. Edgar, C. C. Gover, and J. E. Lloyd-Williams (forwards).

BARNES.

F. Smith (goal); P. Owen and N. C. Cooper (backs); A. H. Barnes, R. P. Barnes, and S. F. Johnson (halves); A. Price, B. W. Sulman, A. N. Crump, A. P. Decks, and J. G. Decks (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD FORESTERS.

Played up Fields on Wednesday, November 7. There had been a lot of rain in the night, and the ground, although much better than was expected, was still very slippery and soft in places. The play on both sides suffered, but the game was very evenly contested. The visitors, who had brought down a strong forward line, were soon swarming round our goal, but the defence proved equal to their efforts. The School were the first to score, Edgar putting the ball into the net from a centre by Lloyd-Williams. The lead was not kept long, as Balner ran down on the left and centred to Roper, who headed into the net. Soon after this Guy scored, as the result of a nice combined movement. The same player soon added another with a splendid shot, and half-time came with Old Foresters leading by three to one. In the second half both goals had several narrow escapes, Guy once hitting the post with a very fine long shot. The School were the only side to score, Gover getting through towards the end of the game. We tried hard for an equalising goal, but were unable to get through again.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Harris (goal); W. R. Birchall and E. W. Wylde (backs); J. C. Davidson, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and D. McManus (halves); J. C. Gow, J. Geare, S. C. Edgar, C. C. Gover, and J. E. Lloyd-Williams (forwards).

OLD FORESTERS.

F. B. Ramsey (goal); H. de C. Elton and S. I. Robson (backs); F. G. Nichols, H. Miller, and C. Nash (halves); 'A. S. Hooter,' G. Roper, C. D. McIver, J. K. Guy, and H. F. Balner (forwards).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	K.SS.	A.H.	G.	H.BB.	R.	Pts.
K.SS. . . .	—	L 0-1	D 1-1	L 0-7	L 0-3	1
A.H. . . .	W 1-0	—	L 1-3	W 2-1	D 2-2	5
GRANT'S . .	D 1-1	W 3-1	—	D 2-2	D 0-0	5
H.BB. . . .	W 7-0	L 1-2	D 2-2	—	W 2-0	5
RIGAUD'S . .	W 3-0	D 2-2	D 0-0	L 0-2	—	4

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Pts.
A	—		W 2-1						2
B		—					L 1-2		0
C	L 1-2		—	W 2-0				W 4-2	4
D			L 0-2	—	L 1-2	W 4-0			2
E				W 2-1	—			W 7-1	4
F				L 0-4		—	L 1-4		0
G		W 2-1				W 4-1	—	W 2-1	6
H			L 2-4		L 1-7		L 1-2	—	0

Captains :—

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| A.—A. P. Waterfield. | E.—J. S. Heaton-Ellis. |
| B.—T. E. Rodoconachi. | F.—M. H. B. Lethbridge. |
| C.—R. R. Harley. | G.—W. G. Goodale. |
| D.—H. G. F. Longhurst. | H.—D. J. Jardine <i>vice</i> J. Geare. |

SCHOOL FIVES TIES.

THE following is the draw for the first round :—

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| B. V. T. Worthington | } | <i>v.</i> | { | F. G. Turner. |
| A. E. Rice-Oxley | | | | A. J. L. Circuitt. |
| S. C. Edgar | } | <i>v.</i> | { | A. P. Waterfield. |
| J. C. Davidson | | | | C. C. Gover. |
| W. R. Birchall | } | <i>v.</i> | { | D. J. Jardine. |
| G. J. Hunter | | | | W. B. Harris. |
| M. T. Maxwell | } | <i>v.</i> | { | J. C. Gow. |
| T. E. Rodoconachi | | | | J. D. Marks. |

RACQUETS TOURNAMENT.

THE following are the results, with scores, of the first round :—

- E. R. Mason beat C. M. L. Circuitt (15-6, 15-0, 12-15, 16-18, 16-14).
- N. E. Bartlett beat D. L. Summerhays (13-15, 15-12, 15-2, 15-2).
- W. R. Horton beat J. Geare (15-3, 18-13, 15-8).
- J. W. Ferguson walk over J. C. Gow.
- S. D. Graham beat D. McManus (15-1, 15-1, 15-1).
- F. G. Turner beat H. G. F. Longhurst (15-1, 15-2, 15-0).
- A. J. L. Circuitt a bye.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on October 18 and 25 to discuss the Motion :—

‘That this House disapproves of Vivisection.’

N.B.—Owing to the lamentable negligence of the Secretary the notes of this debate have been mislaid ; this account is, therefore, written from memory, and was only made possible by the courtesy of those speakers who have given notes of their speeches.

The PROPOSER (R. R. Harley) prefaced his remarks by defining the word vivisection—the cutting up of live animals for purposes of research. The practice of vivisection had been carried on to such an extent that at last public feeling had risen against it, culminating in the Bill shortly to be introduced into the Commons for the amending of the Cruelty to Animals Act, in which the main clause was to prevent the use of curare—a drug administered to the animal—which destroyed its motor nerve, leaving the animal still capable of feeling pain, but unable to show it. A great proof of the futility of vivisection was the opinion of Sir Frederick Treves, who has declared that it is useless owing to the difference in the various parts of a man and an animal. Is it right to do evil that good may come? No. Moreover, in this case the good very seldom does come. Finally, he would ask vivisectionists to remember that mercy is better than long life.

The OPPOSER (the Secretary) complained that Mr. Harley had been deploring the abuse of vivisection, and not vivisection itself. Animals have always been put to far greater pain than vivisectionists put them. The bus-horse and the hunted fox are obvious examples of this. Many operations which are now successfully carried out by medical men would be impossible but for the discoveries of vivisection. It was indeed quite impossible to minimise the advantages which vivisection has procured for the human race. He then proceeded to give several technical arguments from the human body.

The SECONDER (R. M. Barrington-Ward), in a good maiden speech, after attempting to refute the Opposer’s arguments, dwelt on the abuse of curare, morphia, and other drugs. One of the strongest arguments for the Motion was the fact that the majority of the medical profession was opposed to vivisection. Vivisection was quite useless, because, just as it was impossible to argue from the results of an experiment on a rabbit the probable result on a cow, so it was impossible to argue from a dog to a human being. Finally, if man does not show mercy to dumb animals, over which he is put, he has no claim to mercy himself.

S. C. EDGAR and M. H. B. LETHBRIDGE then made a few remarks against the Motion.

The VICE-PRESIDENT objected to the way in which the Proposer and Secunder had continually based all arguments on the abuse of vivisection. The innumerable operations performed in London

hospitals every day in the week, operations made possible by vivisection alone, and the anæsthetics used in these operations, cry out against the absurd and ungrateful remarks of such anti-vivisectionists, who use the advantages accruing from vivisection while they abuse the vivisectionists themselves. It may be said with some truth that vivisection has improved the human race more than any other practice of the kind, yet its only reward is the abuse of the human race.

The PRESIDENT said the Motion afforded either side opportunities for indulging in sentimental appeals, and the reason was that both sides had an equal amount of right and justice in their case. The proposers of the Motion were right in saying that vivisection was cruel, and its practice shamefully abused. The opposers were right in maintaining that vivisection was thoroughly beneficial, and indeed necessary, to human health. Arguments against these two truths were useless; the Motion was not one to be decided by argument, but by the private opinion of each member on the question of right and wrong. Put shortly, the grand question was, 'Can the end justify the means?' If the House believed that it was lawful to do a certain amount of evil that good might come, then it would vote against the Motion; but if it considered all wrong inexcusable for whatever purpose it might be committed, it would undoubtedly follow the Proposer in condemning vivisection.

Other speakers in favour of the Motion were J. C. DAVIDSON and the PROPOSER, who rose again, while A. E. F. WOOD, M. H. B. LETHBRIDGE, and the OPPOSER also spoke against the Motion.

After a good and lively debate, the PRESIDENT put the Motion before the House, when it was lost by 9 votes to 16.

The House met on November 1 to discuss the Motion:—

'That this House would welcome Female Suffrage.'

The PROPOSER (J. L. Benvenisti) asked the House not to be in any way prejudiced by the conduct of certain unruly supporters of the movement; they were mere breakers of the peace, and should be treated as such. If uneducated yokels were allowed to vote, why should not women, who had the advantages of higher education, have the same right? He could not imagine anything more monstrously unjust than the present state of affairs, when women, who paid the same rates and taxes as men, and who were well-educated, were denied all the advantages of ratepayers.

The OPPOSER (G. G. Williams) maintained that the most prominent supporters of the movement must be taken as types of all who supported it. The two great objections to the extending of the franchise to women were that it was totally contrary to the primary duties of women, and, above all, that it was

distasteful to the women themselves. It was woman's part to succour and console man, and not to rival him. Lady politicians would be unwelcome to all parties, as women's ideas were ethereal and not practical.

The SECONDER (A. C. Boulton), in a good maiden speech, enlarged on the good qualities of women, many of which were indispensable to good rules and legislation. Were Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria incapable of ruling because they were women? Far from it. Why, then, should not women prove equally capable legislators? The franchise, above all, was a protection to its possessors, and, as women were the weaker sex, it seemed very ridiculous to deprive them of this protection.

After some remarks by M. T. MAXWELL, R. M. BARRINGTON-WARD, and the TREASURER, who repeated the arguments of the former speakers,

The VICE-PRESIDENT rose and complained of the prejudices which still seemed to be influencing the opinion of the majority of the House. Several gentlemen seemed to think that if women were given the franchise their votes would outnumber the men's; but this was a fallacy, as women ratepayers were in a tremendous minority. He would welcome women legislators because, if a woman was able to overcome the prejudice to her sex in addition to the opposing candidates' arguments, she must be extremely capable. Women had made great strides during the last few years. There were lady doctors and public speakers in England, and in America women were successful in other professions and spheres of life. Men, on the other hand, were losing ground, as could be seen from the present House of Commons. He hoped the House would support female suffrage when the division was called, and he was convinced they would not be disappointed.

The SECRETARY complained of the disgraceful conduct of those women who had broken in on the peace of the House of Commons. He admitted that no harm might come from extending the franchise to women; but he was far from being convinced that any good would be gained.

After a few remarks by R. R. HARLEY and T. E. RODOCONACHI, the Motion was put to the House and lost. Ayes, 11; Noes, 13.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

THERE was a meeting on Saturday, October 13, when the Vice-President spoke on 'Darwinism,' attempting to suggest a few new trains of thought on the subject which members might work out for themselves, rather than to discuss arguments on either side in detail.

A meeting was held on Saturday, October 20, when J. L. Benvenisti read an interesting paper on 'The Ear,' tracing its development from the lowest

forms of life in which an auditory organ is found to the complex structure of the human ear.

A meeting was held on Saturday, October 27, when R. M. Barrington-Ward read a paper on 'Rooks.' He began by describing the habitat of the rook (*Corvus frugilegus*). He contradicted the popular belief that rooks damaged the farmers' crops. The rooks keep down the grubs and other pests that harm the young wheat. The service they thus render the farmers far outweighs the damage they do to the fruit, which can easily be guarded against. Rooks often build in large towns; as, for instance, the famous pair that built in Cheapside. In Evan's Inn there is a colony of rooks, which are said to become extraordinarily tame in the winter time. They are very sagacious and wary. If a nest is deserted for no apparent reason, it is practically certain that the tree on which it is built is unsound in some way. There is a tradition that sudden abandonment of a rookery portends a disaster to the owner of the property. The eggs, four or five in number, are of a pale green ground colour, blotted over with darker and lighter patches of yellowish and greenish brown. They vary much. The male bird measures 1 ft. 7 in. long, the female 1 ft. 5 in. He discussed the various theories put forward to account for the bare space at the base of the bill.

At a meeting held on Saturday, November 3, the President read a paper on 'Flies,' in which he chose a few typical instances of each family and briefly described their habits and peculiarities, adding a few interesting anecdotes.

No meeting was held on November 10, owing to the Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

There was a meeting on Saturday, November 17, at which a paper on 'The Fish of the Broads' was read by H. J. Davis. He began by describing the great value of the Norfolk Broads to every kind of naturalist, on account of the varied and numerous species of animal life that abound there. The paper consisted of a lucid account of the habits of the five great families of coarse fish to be found in the waters of the Broads, e.g. pike, perch, bream, tench, and roach (with rudd), with descriptions of each. He mentioned several instances of the voracity of pike, in particular one which he himself had observed when fishing. One pike of eight pounds was found floating dead, apparently choked by its attempts to swallow a smaller pike of 4½ pounds, which it was unable to disgorge owing to the fact that a pike's teeth point down its throat.

House Notes.

K.SS.—In our last number we omitted to notice any changes in the Cadet Corps. We now hasten to repair our error, and congratulate R. A. E. Voysey; L. E. N. Ryan and J. E. Lloyd-Williams; K. R. H.

Jones; and E. S. Wood on their respective promotions. Congratulations are also due to J. C. Gow on his Pink-and-Whites; besides him and the two Pinks, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, E. R. Mason, M. T. Maxwell, and K. R. H. Jones have also appeared for the School. The Play cast has settled down to work, and rehearsals are progressing rapidly—too rapidly for some of us. By the time these lines appear in print, we expect lockers will have been moved; for a little longer, however, we are to be left up-Dormitory in peace. Little else of interest has happened in the last month. Our Juniors have drawn with Grant's (2-2), but lost to H.BB. (7-0), and to Ashburnham (1-0). We can never remember so bad a season for them. The Literary Society has finished *She Stoops to Conquer*, read *Julius Caesar*, and ended the Term with *As You Like It*. Fives Ties are occasionally played off, but the Chess Club, after a remarkable outburst of energy, has decided to rest on its laurels for the remainder of the Term. We are glad to see that Room Sixes have been revived. Seniors' Room has succumbed to Third Election Room (2-5) after a most exciting and slippery contest in Green. College was strongly represented in the victorious VIIth Form team.

ASHBURNHAM.—In our last notes we neglected to congratulate C. C. Treatt on his promotion to be Sergeant in the Cadet Corps and A. R. Hadden on his promotion to be Corporal. Ashburnham Juniors have turned out against Grant's and H.BB.; they were beaten by Grant's (1-3), but defeated H.BB. (2-1). The forwards were weak against Grant's, and we were without Goodall at half; but they improved against H.BB., although playing against a strong defence. The Fives Ties are progressing slowly, but none the less surely; the games are very close, as the draw was a good one. Several Ashburnhamites have joined the School Fives Ties. We wish them success. Our congratulations are due to Mr. A. K. Clark-Kennedy on his new appointment. We have no doubt that he will fulfil his new duties with his customary ability. We had the pleasure of seeing Mr. S. S. Harris playing for the O.W.W. against the Old Radleians in the second round of the Arthur Dunn Cup on November 17. We also had the pleasure of seeing him shoot six goals. We were also glad to hear Mr. W. A. Greene ask for a Play the other day in recognition of his First in Greats.

GRANT'S.—Since last month we have to congratulate Geare on playing for the School and receiving his house-colours after the match against Barnes. Our Juniors have not quite come up to our expectations, having in the first place drawn with College, chiefly owing to R. Graham being absent, and then again with Rigaud's owing to the weakness of our forwards. These results lessen our hopes of retaining the cup. The Literary Society has met four times this Term, and has read *Twelfth Night* and *She Stoops to Conquer*.

The House Debating Society has been revived, and has discussed the motion that 'Town life is more enjoyable and beneficial than country life.' The Yard Ties are progressing slowly, having only just reached the end of the first round; this is due to the available time on Wednesdays being taken up by Cadet Corps drills. The House is well represented in the School Racquets Tournament, and there is a report that Grant's is ardently taking up Fives.

H.BB.—Our first duty this month is to apologise for an omission in our last House Notes. We forgot to congratulate A. J. Circuit, Longhurst, and Hardy on their promotions in the Cadet Corps. By the number of stripes they now wear they must have risen to very high rank. We only hope it will serve as a further encouragement for others to join the Corps. The form shown by our junior team this month has been rather curious. Against Ashburnham their display was most disappointing, and though we had three-quarters of the game, we lost (2-1). We practically gave them a goal early in the game, and did not seem able to recover from it. Against K.SS., however, it was a very different tale. The whole team played well, and we won by 7 goals to love. All the forwards were good, particularly Young, while Bonner at half did a great deal of useful work. If we only play like that against Rigaud's we may yet win the cup. In the School Racquets, of the six entries from H.BB., three have survived till the second round, and these we hope to see in the semi-final. One more Fives Tie has been played off, in which Longhurst and Peacock beat Summerhays and Spencer. Before concluding, we offer our congratulations to Mr. A. H. Pearson on coming in first in Cambridge's first long-distance run of the season against Blackheath. We wish him continued success.

RIGAUD'S.—Our first duty is to congratulate our juniors on the excellent form they have shown this Term. They have defeated K.SS. (3-0); and though against Grant's they had to be content with a draw (2-2), they had most of the game, and were distinctly unlucky in not winning. We wish them all success in their last match *v.* H.BB. We were very glad to see that no fewer than six Old Rigaudites were playing for the Old Westminsters in the Cup Tie *v.* Old Radleians. Mr. J. M. Craig, who is going to India very shortly, will be greatly missed at centre-half. We must congratulate Mr. G. Hepburn on passing his examinations into the Technical College at South Kensington. To return to our own doings. Yard Ties would undoubtedly 'progress' were it not for the fact that all the yard balls have been skied. This disaster will, we hope, soon be remedied. Fives Ties, being immune from such calamities, have nearly reached the second round. B. V. T. Worthington and G. P. Blizzard are to be our representatives

in the Inter-House Gymnastic Competition, which is to take place at the end of the Term. We wish them the best of luck.

Old Westminsters.

Mr. F. Low, K.C., has been appointed Recorder of Ipswich.

The Rev. W. G. F. Sandwith, Vicar of St. Barnabas', Lambeth, has been preferred to the Rectory of St. Bartholomew's-the-Great, Smithfield.

At Oxford, Mr. J. A. Willett has taken the degree of Doctor in Medicine.

Mr. D. W. Tacey has been admitted M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.

Mr. R. W. Reed has passed into the Indian Woods and Forests Department.

Mr. R. G. Gardner has qualified as a University candidate for a commission in the Army.

Mr. Cyril Mayne has translated Pindar's Olympian Odes into English verse (Macmillan).

Mr. H. T. Sheringham is joint author of 'The Enemy's Camp' (Macmillan).

Mr. Lionel James has been appointed Headmaster of The School, Monmouth.

At Oxford, Mr. H. I. P. Hallett has been elected Secretary to the Union.

FOOTBALL.

The following is the Football Card for 1906-7:—

1906.		1ST XI.	
Sat.	Sep. 29	<i>v.</i>	Royal Fusiliers, at Hounslow. (Won, 9-0.)
"	Oct. 6	<i>v.</i>	
"	" 13	<i>v.</i>	Townley Park, at Dulwich. (Lost, 0-2.)
"	" 20	<i>v.</i>	Old Cranleighans, at Malden. (Won, 2-1.)
Wed.	" 24	<i>v.</i>	Cambridge University, at Queen's Club. (Lost, 1-6.)
Sat.	" 27	<i>v.</i>	Charterhouse, at Godalming. (Lost, 0-2.)
"	Nov. 3	<i>v.</i>	Old Wellingburians (Dunn Cup, 1st Round), at Dulwich. (Won, 8-1.)
"	" 10	<i>v.</i>	Ealing, at Ealing. (Lost, 2-4.)
"	" 17	<i>v.</i>	Old Radleians (Dunn Cup, 2nd Round) at Vincent Square. (Won, 9-0.)
"	" 24	<i>v.</i>	Clove, at Walthamstow.
"	Dec. 1	<i>v.</i>	Old Foresters, at Snaresbrook.
"	" 8	<i>v.</i>	Old Malvernians, in London.
"	" 15	<i>v.</i>	Westminster School, at Vincent Square.
"	" 22	<i>v.</i>	Brentwood Rovers, at Brentwood.
"	" 29	<i>v.</i>	

1907.

Sat.	Jan.	5	v.	Old Carthusians, in London.
"	"	12	v.	Emeriti, at Acton.
"	"	19	v.	Guy's Hospital, at Honor Oak Park.
"	"	26	v.	Hampstead, at Hampstead.
"	Feb.	2	v.	Old Etonians, at Catford Bridge.
Wed.	"	6	v.	Oxford University, in London.
Sat.	"	9	v.	Beckenham, at Beckenham.
"	"	16	v.	Leytonstone, at Leytonstone.
"	"	23	v.	R. E., at Chatham.
Wed.	"	27	v.	Westminster School, at Vincent Square.
Sat.	Mar.	2	v.	Casuals, at Tufnell Park.
"	"	9	v.	St. George's, at Ramsgate.
"	"	16	v.	
"	"	23	v.	Old Felstedians, at Walthamstow.
"	"	30	v.	Shepherd's Bush, at Shepherd's Bush.

Members wishing to play in any of the 1st XI Matches are requested to make early application to R. S. Summerhays, 35 Stanton Road, Wimbledon, S.W.

1906. 'A' TEAM.

Sat.	Oct.	6	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square. (Won, 4-1.)
"	"	13	v.	Highgate School, at Highgate. (Won, 4-3.)
"	"	20	v.	Old Quermorians, at Chislehurst. (Lost 0-6.)
"	"	27	v.	Brentwood Rovers 'A,' at Brentwood. (Lost, 2-3.)
"	Nov.	10	v.	Old Cranleighans 'A,' at Malden. (Won, 3-1.)
"	"	17	v.	Aldenham School, at Aldenham. (Drawn, 3-3.)
"	"	24	v.	Forest School, at Walthamstow.
"	Dec.	1	v.	Bexley, at Bexley.
"	"	8	v.	Old Foresters' 'A,' at Walthamstow.
"	"	15	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.
"	"	22	v.	
"	"	29	v.	Old Cholmeleians 'A,' at Walthamstow.

1907.

Sat.	Jan.	5	v.	Old Quermorians, at Quermore.
"	"	12	v.	Old Albanians, at St. Albans.
"	"	19	v.	Old Cranleighans 'A,' at Malden.
"	"	26	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.
"	Feb.	2	v.	Forest School, at Walthamstow.
"	"	9	v.	Highgate School, at Highgate.
"	"	16	v.	St. John's School, at Leatherhead.
"	"	23	v.	
"	Mar.	2	v.	
"	"	9	v.	Guy's Hospital 2nd XI., at Honor Oak.
"	"	16	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.
"	"	23	v.	Bexley, at Bexley.
"	"	30	v.	Brentwood Alumni F.C., at Brentwood.

1906. 'B' TEAM.

"	Oct.	13	v.	Highgate School 2nd XI., at Highgate. (Lost, 0-4.)
"	"	20	v.	Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square. (Lost, 1-3.)
"	Nov.	3	v.	Aldenham School 2nd XI., at Aldenham. (Lost, 0-5.)
"	"	17	v.	H.M.S. Worcester, at Greenhithe. (Lost, 2-9.)
"	"	24	v.	
"	Dec.	1	v.	Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square.
"	"	8	v.	H.M.S. Worcester, at Greenhithe.
"	"	15	v.	Central Technical College 2nd XI., at Hanwell.
"	"	22	v.	
"	"	29	v.	

1907.

Sat.	Jan.	5	v.	
"	"	12	v.	
"	"	19	v.	
"	"	26	v.	
"	Feb.	2	v.	Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square.
"	"	9	v.	Highgate School 2nd XI., at Highgate.
"	"	16	v.	St. John's School 2nd XI., at Leatherhead.
"	"	23	v.	
"	Mar.	2	v.	
"	"	9	v.	Forest School 2nd XI., at Walthamstow.
"	"	16	v.	Central Technical College 3rd XI., at Hanwell.
"	"	23	v.	Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square.
"	"	30	v.	Old Tollingtonians 'A,' at East Finchley.

Members wishing to play in any of the 'A' and 'B' Matches are requested to make early application to C. Kent, 79 Finchley Road, N.W.

Births.

ON October 3rd the wife of Captain Arthur L. Longhurst, 10th Gurka Rifles, of a daughter.

On Nov. 5, the wife of the Rev. E. R. Webster, of a son.

Marriage.

BERENS—OVERBURY.—On November 3, Atherton, youngest son of Richard Benyon Berens of Kevington, to Wenefride Dorothy, eldest daughter of Joseph Watson Overbury, of Cambridge Square.

Obituary.

WE are requested to record the death, which occurred twelve months ago, of ROBERT DEMPSTER BONNOR, who was admitted in 1856, and was for nearly thirty years Vicar of Great Ness.

We have also to regret the death of HENRY RICHARD FARRER, a Busby Trustee. He was born in 1821, admitted in 1834, became K.S. in 1835, and was elected Head to Trinity in 1839. Refusing election, he went to Merton College, Oxford, of which he became Postmaster, Fellow, and Bursar. He was called to the Bar in 1851 and married in 1854 a daughter of Lord Cottesloe. Mr. Farrer was a man of great vigour, and a famous Headmaster used to describe him as the youngest man he knew. By request of the family the Headmaster attended the memorial service in St. James's, Piccadilly.

The death of CHARLES LOCK EASTLAKE removes a Governor of the School, in which he was a boy from 1846 to 1851. As an architect by calling, and a nephew of Sir Charles Eastlake, he had an early and long association with the National Gallery, of which, from 1878 to 1898, he was Keeper, and of which he would willingly have been Director. He was a Governor of the School from 1882, and advised the Governing Body in artistic matters, a post of service, though his taste sometimes failed to win universal approval. He died on November 20 at the age of seventy-three. [See *The Times* of November 22.]

REVIEW.

'WESTERN Tibet and the British Borderland; the sacred Country of Hindus and Buddhists, with an account of the Government, Religion, and Customs of its Peoples.' By Charles A. Sherring. London: Edward Arnold, 1906.

At Westminster we have often had our attention called to the important connection of the School with geographical work through the name of Hakluyt and others besides. It is therefore a pleasant duty to welcome with praise this important work from the pen of Mr. C. A. Sherring (O.W.). He and his companion, Mr. T. G. Longstaff, who contributes a chapter on mountaineering, have indeed used, not their pens only, but their cameras, to the very best purpose. The scope of Mr. Sherring's work is indicated by the comprehensive title quoted above. The vast fund of information he has to convey is set forth in language so clear and with so pleasant an embroidery of narrative that we can read his book from end to end and learn of him without any sense of effort. The geographical treatise is too often dry bones; the narrative of travel too often a string of trivial details; but in 'Western Tibet' we find neither of these faults. The photographs are admirable; the landscapes (in which class of subject the camera in unskilful hands fails perhaps most lamentably) are particularly well chosen, and give an unusually excellent idea of the country traversed. Two of them, as Mr. Sherring points out, are of special value to scientific geographers, as they show the connection between the sacred lakes Mansarowar and Rakas, and solve 'the problems which have engaged the attention of the public for a century.' For the rest, such pictures as those of the native masked dancers, or men crossing a rope bridge, are vastly entertaining, and those of us who are photographers will be particularly interested in the remarkable moonlight photographs on page 168.

A quotation or two will need no apology, for they will whet the appetite of those who have not read the book. In this way a demon of sickness was exorcised from a sufferer by a holy man:—'Last, but not least, there was fetched a white goat, and the pain and the devil were massaged down to the foot, and thence into the goat, which was then immediately removed to some distance. The subtle humour of the situation lay in the fact that the Lama subsequently ate the goat!' To illustrate the deeper significance of the work, we may quote two widely different examples. One is the beautiful excerpt from a Hindu writer on the holy land of Mont Kailas and the twin lakes, where we are told that 'I behold Mansarowar, and there in the form of a swan dwells Siva. This lake was formed from the mind of Brahma; there dwell also Mahadeo and the gods. . . . There is no mountain like Himachal, for in it are Kailas and Mansarowar. As the dew is dried up by the morning sun, so are the sins of mankind dried up at the sight of Himachal.' The other example is the passage which deals with the effect on a Tibetan official of the pictures in Landon's and Waddell's books on Lhasa, which unveil the mysteries of that secret city. 'When he realised that all the mystery of his religion was gone he was a different man, and even nicer to us than before, if that were possible, and certainly he held the British in the very greatest respect and these particular books in absolute veneration.' In view of future relations with Tibet, this discovery alone must have been worth Mr. Sherring's journey. When it is added that Mr. Longstaff's mountaineering chapter incidentally describes his fall of a thousand feet on an avalanche, the varied fascinations of the book have been sufficiently illustrated here.

Correspondence.

THE 'BALL.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In Elizabeth's days the list of Queen's Scholars was called a 'ball.' To the assertion that this sense of the word was unknown to the compilers of the New English Dictionary a reviewer replied that the word was probably a misreading of the court hand, and should be *bill*. Among the documents which Dr. Scott has catalogued are some of Busby's time, which show that the word was still in use at that date. These are not in court hand and the word, very clearly written, is undoubtedly 'ball.' Its origin therefore remains undecided. Perhaps some Westminster will suggest an explanation.

Your obedient servant,
J. S.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Ashburnham House:
November 16, 1906.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed the use of your columns to protest against a precedent, which was set up by certain members of the School Debating Society on the occasion of the second night of the debate on Fiscal Reform? A certain

