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SCHOOL LEDGERS.

It is a curious fact that desperation has never yet induced any of our predecessors—having exhausted every other material for leader-writing, and having already re-treated countless themes whose barefaced unoriginality surprised their composers even more than their readers—to tackle so obvious a subject as that which forms the heading of this page. At Westminster, we may say without exaggeration, ledgers are ubiquitous, and any neglect to bring their contents up to date is considered by the majority in the light of a crime, and when any omissions do occur, which unfortunately they do only too often, they are bound to be attended by the scathing criticism, 'Owing to the disgraceful slackness of — no account of this match has been recorded in the ledger.'

The more conscientious not infrequently endeavour to rectify such omissions, and the hard labour necessarily entailed is worthy of all public recognition. Ledgers that extend back to the eighteenth century it were indeed a sacrilege to neglect. They may not form in every case the sole record of events, but their indubitable authenticity and, in the case of older entries, the pale ink and quaint phraseology of a bygone age possess an intrinsic merit which it would be hard to over-estimate. The custom of ledger-writing started by our predecessors over a century back is by no means obsolete. Every new club or society, almost without exception, no matter how slight its pretensions, consider it their first duty to purchase a ledger in which to enter records which may prove of benefit or interest to posterity.

Besides the ordinary Football and Cricket

Ledgers there are Chess Ledgers, Debating Society Ledgers, Scientific Society Ledgers, Racquet Ledgers, Glee Society Ledgers, Fencing Ledgers, Water Ledgers, Ledgers of the Society of Westminster Youths; in fact their name is legion.

Some of these have already reached their last chapter, but it may be only of the first volume. Who can tell?

In concluding we cannot suppress a wish to 'point a moral and adorn a tale' without which we feel that our theme would lose half its interest. *Trahimur omnes studio laudis*, says Cicero, and with him most of us desire that some record of our life and of our deeds be committed to posterity, even though we were to imagine that all perception is withdrawn from us after death or only reaches 'some part of us.' And this spirit clearly predominates at Westminster.

School Notes.

WE welcomed F. W. Hubback and H. D. G. Law, who came down a few days ago to ask for plays, the former for his first in the Classical Tripos, and the latter for passing into the Indian Civil Service.

The Headmaster kindly gave a lecture on 'Delphi' on Friday, February 16. It proved of an exceptionally interesting character and was much appreciated on all sides, forming as it did a narrative of personal experience. The applause with which the evening terminated was most enthusiastic. The lecture was illustrated by several slides.

The Mission offertory on St. Matthias' Day amounted to £3. 18s 9d.

A minor Field-day was held on Wimbledon Common on Thursday, February 22.

The Pancake Greeze took place on Tuesday, February 27. The guinea was won for the second year in succession by W. H. C. Hardy, of Home Boarders.

The Asiatic Society Prize has been awarded to C. B. Bonner, for an essay on 'Hyder Ali of Mysore.'

Lord Roberts has promised to come and inspect the Corps and deliver an address up School at an early date. He has also offered a copy of his book 'Forty-one Years in India' to the winner of a shooting competition, to be held at the Morris Tube Range in the new buildings. We cannot refrain from expressing our sincere appreciation of the interest which Lord Roberts has evinced in the welfare of the Corps in general and its shooting in particular.

We heartily congratulate Mr. S. H. Day for being included in the English Eleven against Ireland, and also in that against Wales.

We regret to say that we shall lose Mr. Piggott at the end of this term. He has received an Instructorship at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

There was an exeat from Saturday, March 3, till the following Wednesday morning.

The Sports will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7.

A racquet tournament is to be held this term.

S. C. Edgar and W. B. Harris were awarded their 'Pinks' before the Charterhouse match, and R. E. Nott-Bower after. The order of the first two is not yet decided.

The Ireland Prize for Greek verse has been awarded to A. E. Spencer.

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

1905.		
Sat.	Sept. 30	v. Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-2.)
"	Oct. 7	v. Old Foresters. (Lost, 1-8.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 0-5.)
"	Oct. 14	v. Royal Engineers. (Lost, 0-2.)
"	" 21	v. Old Malvernians. (Lost, 0-5.)
"	2nd XI.	v. St. Bartholomew's A. (Lost, 1-2.)
"	Oct. 28	v. Brentwood Rovers. (Lost, 0-6.)
"	Nov. 4	v. Old Etonians. (Lost, 2-4.)
Wed.	" 8	v. Cambridge O. WW. (Won, 2-1.)
Sat	" 11	v. Old Carthusians. (Scratched.)
"	" 18	v. Old Felstedians. (Lost, 0-4.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Foresters A. (Lost, 2-4.)
"	Nov. 25	v. Old Reptonians. (Lost, 2-8.)
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 2-3.)
"	Dec. 2	v. Barnes. (Lost, 0-2.)
"	" 9	v. Emeriti. (Drawn, 2-2.)
"	" 16	v. Old Westminsters. (Lost, 2-4.)
"	2nd XI.	v. St. Thomas's Hospital A. (Scratched.)

side could claim the advantage. After half-time the School pressed for a time, but O.W.W. gained a corner which, being excellently placed by Geare, enabled Matcham to open the scoring. The score was soon equalised by Ratcliffe-Cousins, who, after a fine individual run along the wing, scored with a fast rising shot (1—1). The visitors now had the best of the game and were continually attacking, but could not pierce the School defence. The shooting on both sides was poor; the School forwards did not combine together well and showed a fatal hesitation in front of goal. The defence was sound on the whole, though rather wild at times.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

C. C. Treatt (goal); H. D. Adrian, J. C. C. Davidson (backs); K. R. H. Jones, A. E. Rice-Oxley, E. R. Mason (half-backs); E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, L. D. Looker, M. T. Maxwell, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, J. W. Ferguson (forwards).

O.W.W. 'A.'

R. C. Oppenheimer (goal); M. C. Houdret, Captain Chatterton (backs); G. Cooper-Willis, B. W. Matcham, and 'A. N. Other' (half-backs); H. C. Macpherson, H. J. Kemp, L. J. Barnby, E. Coleby, W. V. Rayner (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* BECKENHAM.

(Lost, 0—2.)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 3, and ended in favour of the visitors by 2 goals to love. The first half was very evenly contested and no scoring occurred, the high wind which was blowing making it extremely difficult to control the ball. At one period Beckenham looked like scoring, forcing five or six corners in succession. In the second half we were playing with the wind and had more of the game, and several times looked dangerous, Harris on one occasion heading just outside the post. The game seemed likely to end in a draw till Reid got through and scored from close range, an appeal for off-side being disallowed. Just before time came Beckenham got through again, and scored by means of their centre forward.

The visitors brought down a strong, fast team, but played below their usual form. The School forward line, which had been rearranged, seemed to work better.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); W. R. Birchall, G. Hepburn (backs); S. C. Edgar, D. MacManus, A. W. Peacock (half-backs); W. B. Harris, S. F. Johnson, K. E. Newman, P. T. Rawlings, C. Cover (forwards).

BECKENHAM.

R. Curwen (goal); T. H. Edey, H. R. Wimple (backs); A. Powell, S. Wimple, B. Tuff (half-backs); F. C. Harvey, N. Blake, K. D. Leslie, G. Reid, H. Vincent (forwards).

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

(Won, 2—0.)

This match, to which we had been looking forward for some time, ended in a victory for the School by 2 goals to love. The game proved to be a fast and interesting one in spite of the greasy condition of the turf, although the play deteriorated towards the end of the game. After a spell of even play the visitors put in some smart work, and Leman, taking the ball from Parker, looked like scoring, till pulled up by McKenna. Not to be stopped, however, the visitors continued to press for some time and the game was confined to our half. Relief came presently from the halves, and Johnson twice tested Robinson. The visitors' back put in some fine work and cleared time after time in brilliant style, the interval arriving with no score. After changing ends the School pressed and after five minutes' play scored from a corner, the ball going into the net off one of the defenders. In spite of this reverse Sandhurst continued to have most of the game, but were unable to score. Towards the close of play Newman scored from a suspiciously offside position. From now onwards the game became rougher and sadly deteriorated, no further addition being made to the score.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); S. McKenna, W. R. Birchall (backs); S. C. Edgar, G. Hepburn, A. W. Peacock (half-backs); J. W. Ferguson, P. T. Rawlings, K. E. Newman, S. F. Johnson, W. B. Harris (forwards).

R.M.C., SANDHURST.

Robinson (goal); Erskine, Telby (backs); Skinner, Evans, Gordon (half-backs); Thornhill, Parker, Leman, Bernard, Charters (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CHRIST CHURCH.

(Won, 3—0.)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 10. The School won the toss, and Christ Church kicked off towards the Hospital, and immediately took up the attack, and forced an ineffectual corner. This roused the School in making a determined onslaught on the visitors' goal. The effort, however, was unavailing, Harris, at the end of a fine run, passing to the opposing back. The game now became of a fast and interesting character, despite the greasy condition of the turf. After one or two fruitless endeavours, Gover put the ball into the net from a scrimmage in front of goal. A spell of quiet play ensued till half-time was called. On the restart the game proved more exciting, the ball being mainly confined to the visitors' half. However, the School only scored two more goals through the agency of Johnson and Newman, a fact chiefly

to be attributed to the wildness of the shooting—a common failing at Westminster. For the School, Harris and Peacock were conspicuous, whilst MacManus played a good bustling game. For Christ Church, Willett and Schwann were good.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); G. Hepburn, H. D. Adrian (backs); S. C. Edgar, D. MacManus, A. W. Peacock (half-backs); C. Gover, S. F. Johnson, K. E. Newman, P. T. Rawlings, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

CHRIST CHURCH.

E. W. D. Colt-Williams (goal); A. T. Willett, L. Fielding (backs); G. Schwann, H. A. Walker, S. Powell (half-backs); C. S. Jackson, A. F. H. Metcalfe, R. M. Heywood, A. B. Dodgson, J. M. Frost (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. *v.* R.M.C.,
SANDHURST, 2ND XI.

(Lost, 0-9.)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 10, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 9 goals to nil. Davidson lost the toss, and the School kicked off against a rather strong wind. The ground made it extremely hard to play accurately, and the whole game was notable for the wildness of the play. In the first ten minutes the visitors scored twice; the first goal was scored by the right back, Treatt making an extraordinary muddle of the ball, which he let through his legs. This reverse seemed to dishearten the School, who were four down at half-time. With the wind behind them, the School might have hoped to make a better game of it, but the defence, which had been bad enough in the first half, went hopelessly to pieces; though it may be remarked that the visitors should have been pulled up for off-side several times. Only once did we really look like scoring, Maxwell getting clear away; but, unfortunately, their goal-keeper cleared easily, and, though we had two or three more shots we failed to score. The visitors ran up a total of 9 goals altogether, scoring towards the end with wonderful rapidity.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

C. C. Treatt (goal); J. C. Davidson, E. W. Wylde (backs); E. R. Mason, A. E. Rice-Oxley, K. R. H. Jones (half-backs); J. W. Ferguson, L. D. Looker, M. T. Maxwell, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins (forwards).

R.M.C., SANDHURST, 2ND XI.

Minchinton (goal); Campbell, Allardyce (backs); Dyson, Heales, Fowler (half-backs); Hanly, L. J. Lloyd, E. M. Skinner, Mankelov, Grantham (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD
ETONIANS.

(Won, 6-2.)

Played up Fields on Wednesday, February 14. The Old Etonians turned up three men short, but

the substitutes provided worked hard and played very well. Westminster lost the toss and, from the kick-off, played a very creditable game, the forwards attacking with zest, while the defence worked hard. The Etonians, as is their custom, scored almost immediately; the School, however, soon responded, Newman placing an open goal at Johnson's disposal. In a few minutes the latter scored again with a shot in the top right-hand corner of the net. The ball then travelled up and down with great regularity, only broken by a flash of brilliant play on the part of Gosling, which resulted in his levelling the score. At this point the whistle blew for half-time. From half-time onwards the School pressed continually. However, the forwards did not play well together, although they managed to score 4 more goals, which were scored among the three insides and Harris. The Etonians never looked dangerous, and the game ended in a victory for the School by 6 goals to 2. For the School Nott-Bower was weak.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); H. D. Adrian, G. Hepburn (backs); A. W. Peacock, D. MacManus, S. C. Edgar (half-backs); C. Gover, P. T. Rawlings, K. E. Newman, S. F. Johnson, W. B. Harris (forwards).

OLD ETONIANS.

R. B. Schofield (goal); H. Hughes-Onslow and substitute (backs); Hon. F. Needham, Hon. K. F. Kinnaid, and substitute (half-backs); R. C. D. Firthy, G. J. P. Senhouse, T. S. Gosling, J. C. Tabor, and substitute (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* WINCHESTER
COLLEGE.

(Lost 0-6.)

Played at Winchester on February 20. This match, the first that has been arranged between the two schools, aroused some considerable interest, but the hopes on the Westminster side were doomed to disappointment. A welcome change in the weather had occurred, and the day proved brilliantly fine. The ground had made a marvellous recovery from the recent heavy rains, and the turf was in excellent condition though still on the heavy side.

Johnson lost the toss, and at first it seemed likely that the game would be a very evenly contested one. Westminster, who had a bright sun in their eyes, immediately started the attack, and made several pretty runs without becoming really dangerous. The School halves failed to settle down, and as a consequence it was not long before the Winchester forwards made several brilliant efforts only to be pulled up by the backs; on one special occasion our goal had a very narrow escape, Nott-Bower, in saving, being rolled over, but managed to get rid of the ball. The home halves continued to control the game, making several openings for their forwards; it was not, however, till about twenty minutes had elapsed that Hain put in a stinging shot from twelve

yards range and opened the scoring. Encouraged by this success the Winchester forwards were soon round our goal again, and Pawson scored with an excellent shot into the right-hand corner of the net. Rawlings and Gover now worked their way down the wing, but the latter's centre was cleared by Belcher. For some time the game appeared to be more even, Harris making several good runs down the wing, and once an excellent opportunity was lost by no one being up to take his centre. The Winchester forwards soon returned to the attack, Hain opening out the game by frequent passes to the wings. Nott-Bower had several nasty shots to clear, and both backs were kept very busy. Nott-Bower, who had the sun in his eyes, only partially cleared a dropping shot, and Hain headed the ball into the net. Westminster managed to prevent any further score before half-time, and Winchester crossed over with a lead of three clear goals.

The second half showed more clearly the marked superiority of Winchester, especially in their ability to score. The first goal came almost immediately, Latham, Birchall, and Nott-Bower all rolling over in a charge, while the ball went into the net. After about five minutes Hepburn let in Hain, who scored again; the Winchester forwards were always dangerous and continued to monopolise the game, Pawson placing them still further ahead, with a good shot, whereas at the other end an open goal was missed two or three times in the last quarter of an hour. The following is taken from the *Morning Post*, and represents pretty accurately the state of the game: "For a school which only plays Association after Christmas the Winchester eleven did uncommonly well; the football would have done credit to the Corinthians, so fast was the pace, so quick were the players on the ball, and so excellent was the general understanding on the side; the full backs were particularly good. Ashton, who came into the other side at the last moment, worked very hard in this position, and his tenacity in hanging on to his man went a long way to disorganising the Westminster attack. The half backs were skilful not only in getting the ball but also in feeding their forwards, who themselves played a long passing game with tremendous effect. Hain, the Winchester captain, opened the game in great style for the wings; in addition to this he is an expert dribbler, and shot hard and straight. To turn to Westminster the forwards were very skilful until they reached the vicinity of goal, but then they indulged in too much *finesse*. They had not the faculty of shooting hard and straight—almost none for shooting at all—and thrice in the last quarter of an hour an open goal was missed; their dribbling and placing was very fine to watch, but behind all this command of the ball was singular ineffectiveness. Although beaten at half-back Westminster put up a fine defence; the full backs, both kicking and tackling well, got through a tremendous lot of work, while Nott-Bower was quick and resourceful in goal; but the side lacked the pace

and 'devil' of Winchester, and it must be said of it that it was disappointing." To come to individuals Hain, Latham, Molineux, Belcher, and Ashton were best for Winchester; Johnson, Birchall, Harris, and Edgar at times for Westminster.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); G. Hepburn, W. R. Birchall (backs); A. W. Peacock, D. MacManus, S. C. Edgar (half-backs); C. Gover, P. T. Rawlings, K. E. Newman, S. F. Johnson, W. B. Harris (forwards).

WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

W. A. Bowers (goal); E. B. Belcher, P. Ashton (backs); G. H. Bullock, G. K. Molineux, G. D. Roechling (half-backs); A. C. Latham, A. C. Bonham Carter, E. Hain, A. G. Pawson, E. W. Benson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* HAMPSTEAD.

(Lost, 0—4.)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 24, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 goals to 0. The start was inauspicious, as hardly had the game been started when their left wing took the ball down, and centering across, enabled Stead to score. They then pressed hard, and forced two ineffectual corners. However, we managed to get in a few shots, but they all lacked sting, and failed to score. The visitors continued to have far the better of the game, but, owing to a determined resistance, were unable to improve on the score. After change of ends, the School ran down and forced a corner. This, however, was cleared, and the visitors settled down to attack for the rest of the game. Their efforts were soon crowned with success, 2 goals being scored in quick succession. The game now lost nearly all its interest, and the visitors scoring once more, was concluded with the result stated. For the School the forwards were bad, their weakness in front of goal being more conspicuous than ever. Looker was certainly a failure; the halves gave a slightly better display, but they still lacked the force and go that are necessary for winning matches. Nott-Bower in goal was not so good as usual.

The following were the teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); W. R. Birchall, G. Hepburn (backs); S. C. Edgar, D. MacManus, A. W. K. Peacock (half-backs); W. B. Harris, S. F. Johnson, K. E. Newman, L. D. Looker, R. T. Rawlings (forwards).

HAMPSTEAD.

W. E. Skinner (goal); E. Stevens, S. Chalk (backs); W. J. Partridge, H. G. Austin, L. P. Du Costa (half-backs); W. H. Budgett, H. Crisp, C. Havencroft, J. M. Kirkwood, P. Lane (forwards).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, December 7, the House met to discuss the following Motion:—‘That in the opinion of this House the Parliamentary Session is too short for the work to be done.’

The PROPOSER (D. J. Jardine) gave a comparison between the programme of work at the beginning of a session and the amount of actual work performed in its course. In the year 1905 only $\frac{3}{8}$ of the Motions had been got through, in 1904 $\frac{6}{8}$, in 1903 $\frac{4}{8}$, in 1902 $\frac{1}{2}$, in 1901 $\frac{1}{3}$. The rest of the Motions were either put off indefinitely, or referred to local seats of government; but these, even if they were properly administered, could not relieve the parliamentary congestion. If the local council was strong they would do what was harmful to the country; if weak, they would be of no use at all. No doubt the Opposer would say that a lengthened session would mean less time to the business man to do his own work; but it was better, since no one could do both at once, that the private work should suffer than the public.

The OPPOSER (S. C. Edgar) said that the real reason why all the business was not finished was the extravagantly large number of Motions before the House. It was better to do a few things well than many badly. The Opposition, too, always retarded the Government's work to a great extent. A man should be able to combine private and public business, in spite of what the Proposer said; the one would fit him for the other.

The SECONDER (D. B. I. Hallett) pointed out that there was no reason why the session should not be lengthened. If men could not give up their whole time to aid in the government of their country they did not deserve to be elected. It was the duty of the House to get through all the business put before it, whether that was too great or no. Since it could not be done as matters stood the session must be lengthened. Five months were quite enough for members in which to recuperate, and the session might begin in January.

E. R. J. RATCLIFFE-COUSINS, with an air of experience, vowed that he had never heard a more erratic set of arguments either for or against a Motion. Men with large private businesses were just the right persons to be elected. They represented the heart and soul of the nation far better than any others. There was a want of proper local administration in England. Many of the Motions brought before Parliament were quite unimportant, and could easily be dealt with by local bodies.

The PROPOSER followed this up with examples. Motions brought before the House, such as ‘Lunacy in Ireland,’ ‘Sale of Intoxicating Drinks to Children,’ ‘Metropolis Water,’ ‘Poor-Law Dissolution,’ could scarcely be described as ‘matters of great moment and importance.’ To discuss such questions in the council of the nation was a mere waste of time. He

suggested that the House might begin to sit at 10 A.M. and rise at 1 A.M. the next morning.

E. R. J. RATCLIFFE-COUSINS said that the proposal for the decentralisation would get rid of all such feeble Motions as the Proposer had quoted to the House. It would shorten the work, not lengthen the session.

The PRESIDENT complained of the frivolous light in which the Proposer and other speakers regarded the Motion, the result being a painfully dull and wearisome debate. The Opposer's opinion, ‘Better do little well than much badly,’ showed no reason why the House of Commons should not be able to do much well. From August to February no work was done, and the hours of work daily were from 12 A.M. to 12 P.M. with liberal week-ends. Why should all the autumn be wasted? It would be better to leave out the hot summer months. The Motion was then put before the House, the voting being: For the Motion, 8; against, 5.

Majority for the Motion, 3.

LENT TERM SESSION, 1906.

ON Thursday, January 25, the House met to discuss the following Motion: ‘That this House would welcome a considerable extension of International Arbitration.’

The PROPOSER (E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins) began his speech with a history of the subject up to the present day, quoting among other examples the pacific settlement between Great Britain and America in 1871, and the foundation by the Czar of a perpetual Court of Arbitration at The Hague, which had always plenty to do and did it well, being usually successful in bringing about an amicable agreement—e.g., between ourselves and Germany in the Venezuela question of 1896-97, and, as the House of course remembered, between England and Russia after the unfortunate affair of the North Sea, when an appeal to arms might have plunged all Europe into the maelstrom of war. The Opposer could not, therefore, take his stand on the argument that in nine cases out of ten arbitration would be unsuccessful in settling a dispute. He had sufficiently proved this idea to be false. No right-minded person could venture to oppose an argument which led to the saving of life, and he was indeed surprised that any one should be found bold enough to oppose it on any grounds whatever.

The OPPOSER (S. C. Edgar) desired to clear himself of the imputation contained in the Proposer's last remarks. He was far from wishing to oppose any scheme that might lessen the horrors of war, but in his opinion arbitration would not lead to that result. The very fact that the first known instance of its success occurred only fifty years ago proved it to be impracticable, for otherwise it would have been adopted long before. Any mere committee would find it very hard to come to any satisfactory conclusion, and, if they did, the parties concerned would very likely refuse to abide by it. Human

nature, as a last resort, naturally turned to violence, and as was the case with individuals so with Powers. The Japanese would never have agreed to arbitration before the late war. A general system of international arbitration must lead to general disarmament from which endless difficulties would arise.

The **SECONDER** (D. J. Jardine) said that the Opposer did not believe that the common people would agree to the judgment of a few foreigners. But the chief point of those who advocated arbitration was that both sides should abide by the decision whatever it might be. Though the Proposer had dated the birth of arbitration from the beginning of the last century, yet its spirit could be seen in the pages of almost every ancient author of the classical era, and if, as Mr. Edgar said, it was human nature to fight, it was also human nature to arbitrate. In conclusion he would appeal, if not to the intelligence, as least to the humanity of the House.

The **SECRETARY** said that clearly the Proposer and Secunder differed in their opinions: the latter said that both parties must agree beforehand to decide by the issue; the former that if it were tried and failed at least it could do no harm. Only let it be tried always and it would usually do good. He did not believe in that 'no harm' theory; the delay, supposing it to fail, would only exasperate the combatants, and while otherwise one side might be fully prepared and able to end the war by a decisive blow at the very outset, after the time thus afforded for preparation, the struggle must be long and even, and result, if not in the annihilation, at least in the crippling of one or both countries. But he did not suppose that any great questions could be dealt with by arbitration. No Power, and far more no people, would endure thus tamely to surrender all control over a matter intimately connected with their prosperity, and perhaps existence. By all means let petty squabbles be decided in that peaceable fashion—but that was being done already, as the Proposer had pointed out at such length—and he did not see how any considerable extension, such as the Motion proposed, would be possible.

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** gave the late Russo-Japanese war as an instance of the impracticability of arbitration in important questions. Japan could never have permitted it in a matter on which her very life depended. And that would be found to be the case in all great crises. The proposers of the Motion boasted of their glorious object in abolishing war, but if they succeeded would the world be much better off? The cessation of all wars would mean the death of all competition and the prevention of any advance in civilisation. The world would stand still—nay, slide backwards—and gradually degenerate. Moreover, there would be no outlet for surplus population, and the question of the unemployed would be more complicated than ever. The plea for the abolition of war was very specious and plausible, but would the result be for the general advantage of mankind?

The **PRESIDENT** then rose and remarked that all the speakers hitherto had considered what would happen if arbitration failed. But there must be no question of its failure. All the Great Powers would have agreed to abide by the result, and to declare war jointly on any country that broke the contract. He granted that war had its advantages in developing civilisation. But for Marathon perhaps neither Greek nor Roman nor European modern civilisation would have come to birth for centuries. But, on the whole, its abolition would be far better for the whole world; and, at any rate, he had been astounded to hear a speaker dilate on the horrors of peace. If he might be pardoned a breach of scansion, he would suggest as an emendation of Horace—

'Dulce et decorum est pro patria vivere.'

The **PROPOSER**, in winding up the debate, admitted that the Russo-Japanese war, at any rate, could not have been decided except by an appeal to arms, but it was one of few exceptions. He begged the House not to be led astray by the Vice-President's fanciful description of the horrors of peace, which had so naturally aroused the President's indignation, but to vote in the only way consistent with their feelings.

The **PRESIDENT** then put the Question before the House, and, on a show of hands, the voting proved to be: For the Motion, 9; against, 12.

Majority against, 3.

House Notes.

K.SS.—WE must offer our most hearty congratulations to Mr. A. T. Coleby (O.W.) on his 'Blue,' and condole with him on not having the good fortune to be on the winning side. In the Winchester match we were represented by Birchall, Rawlings, Edgar, and Nott-Bower, with Ferguson as twelfth man. Of these we congratulate Nott-Bower on his 'Pink and Whites.' An unwelcome visitor in the shape of mumps has appeared among us of late, though not to so great an extent as elsewhere in the School. It has necessitated the alteration of the Prayer-room into a dormitory. We must condole especially with Edgar, who will be prevented from playing in the Charterhouse match for this reason. The Literary Society has read *Othello* and the *Tempest*. We have to thank Dr. Ellis, of Halford House, Attleborough, Norfolk, for his extreme kindness in presenting us with a portrait of his father, William Ellis, who was King's Scholar from 1773 to 1779, having achieved the then remarkable distinction of being elected at the age of thirteen. On going to press we offer our heartiest congratulations to S. C. Edgar and R. E. Nott-Bower on receiving their 'Pinks.'

ASHBURNHAM.—The whole Upper, with the exception of three, has succumbed to mumps; this most unfortunately prevents S. F. Johnson and W. B. Harris from playing against Charterhouse. We have

much pleasure in congratulating Mr. S. S. Harris (O.W.) on again obtaining his International cap and on being chosen to captain the team. Congratulations to A. E. Rice-Oxley on being chosen to represent The School *v.* Charterhouse. Our prospects for Seniors are distinctly good; we are drawn against H.B.B. in the first round. We hope that Johnson, Harris, and Davidson will have returned by the time they are played off. The Fives and Racquet ties have come to a standstill, but we trust they will both be played off by the end of the term. We hope the House Shooting Eight will meet with success in the Inter-House competition. Our tardy congratulations to C. C. Treatt on receiving his House Colours. We heartily congratulate W. B. Harris on receiving his 'Pinks.'

GRANT'S.—There is very little to chronicle since the appearance of the last number of *The Elizabethan*. We have been so far singularly free from the epidemic of mumps, which has wrought so much havoc 'in another place,' but we must not 'holloa' until we are out of the wood. The Shooting Cup, which is at present up the House, shows every tendency to remain there; we also have hopes of getting the Drilling Cup. L. D. Looker and E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins played for the School against O.W.W. and Charterhouse, and we have to congratulate them both on their House Colours. Our hopes for Seniors are fairly bright, and we also entertain hopes of securing the Sports Cup, although our chances are rather 'wobbly.'

H.B.B.—Our first duty this month is to congratulate A. W. K. Peacock and C. C. Gover on playing against Charterhouse and on receiving their 'Pink and Whites,' and C. B. Unwin on getting a first-class in the London University Matriculation Examination, and C. B. Bonner on gaining the Asiatic Prize, and W. H. C. Hardy on getting the largest piece of pancake for the second year in succession. We have not yet started the House Fives ties, but hope to do so soon. We note with great pleasure that Mr. A. H. Pearson still continues to do great things for the Cambridge H. and H., and we offer him our heartiest congratulations. We are glad to see that the number of H.B.B. recruits is increasing, and we hope they will continue to do so. H. J. Massingham has been made a monitor. In conclusion, we wish all H.B.B.'s who are in for the School Racquets Competition every success.

RIGAUD'S.—We must begin this month by apologising to C. L. Whittard, because we omitted in our last 'House Notes' to congratulate him upon being made a monitor. We hasten to repair the omission. We have also to congratulate G. Hepburn upon regaining his 'Pinks,' and D. MacManus upon his 'Pink and Whites,' while we must not forget to condole with S. McKenna upon injuring his ankle in one of the early matches of the term. We were

represented at Winchester by Hepburn and MacManus, and were pleased to note the patriotism which induced two old Rigaudites to endure a cross-country journey from Oxford. We hear that H. V. Capon, Esq., O.W., has recently passed two more of his medical examinations, and we congratulate him with all our heart. Several members of the House were induced to take part in a field-day recently, but managed to return home uninjured. They also must not go uncheered by congratulations.

Old Westminsters.

At Cambridge, Mr. D. S. Robertson *proxime accessit* to the Porson Scholar.

At Oxford, Mr. A. T. Coleby has received his football 'Blue,' and played in the University Match.

Mr. N. R. Cumingham has been admitted L.R.C.P.

Mr. S. S. Harris was captain of the English Eleven which defeated Ireland. This was his fourth International match. He will also captain the English Eleven against Wales.

The autobiography of Sir Walter Besant gives an interesting account of an Old Westminster who was some time his tutor. Sir Walter gives only the initials H. A., which seem to cover the name of Henry Andrewes. If this identification be correct, Sir Walter made a mistake in saying that his tutor had once been captain of the school, as Andrewes was admitted third in 1770 and elected third to Cambridge in 1773. When he taught Besant he was a perpetual curate at Portsmouth. Besant was only twelve years old when he left his tutor, and says that if he had stayed with him the tutor would have made a fine scholar of the pupil.

Sir Clements Markham has written a life of his great-grandfather, the Head Master and Archbishop. It is published by the Clarendon Press, and is a sufficient answer to some strictures on Dr. Markham's memory which were made without full knowledge by a distinguished man of letters.

Mr. A. A. Milne has received an appointment on the staff of *Punch*.

Births.

On February 9, the wife of Cecil J. B. Hurst, of a daughter.

On February 11, the wife of Paget J. M. Bowman, of a son.

On February 12, the wife of the Rev. Gerald C. Fanshawe, of a daughter.

On February 15, the wife of R. G. Allanson-Winn, of a son.

Marriages.

STENNING—DUNLOP.—On February 22, Philip Eustace, third son of Alexander H. Stenning, of West Hoathly, to Gwendolen Astley, daughter of the late A. M. Dunlop.

CORFIELD—OLIVER.—On February 24, Thomas Henry, eldest son of the late William H. Corfield, M.D., to Dorothy Mary, elder daughter of Roderic Oliver, of Orlestone.

Obituary.

We have to regret the death of ALARIC CARLYLE ANTROBUS COWELL, who was at the School from June 1881 to Christmas 1885. He died of fever at Sehondi, in West Africa, on December 12, aged 36.

From the MSS. of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu.

LADY WINWOOD to her Son-in-law, Lord Montagu [circa 1648]: 'You will see by Mr. Busby's letter that poor Raphe has got small-pox. As soon as it was suspected, Mr. Busby moved him into house in the stable-yard & sent for Dr. Wright, who being ill sent the apothecary instead & would have sent a nurse, but Mr. Busby does not wish either of them to see him. As he has now been ill five days & is said to be doing well, I think we had better leave him in the hands of his master, who as you will see expresses much love and care towards him, & of the woman into whose charge he has been given. Edward is quite well so far, but I advise that he be sent to Lady Montague's & then if he fall sick he can be nursed there. Meanwhile he can go to school and he and his man can diet at Mr. Busby's. I am of Mr. Busby's opinion that the boys have ridden too much in the heat, drinking beer when they were very hot & eating too much also: & I believe Bessie will do the like as long as she is abroad.'

[The brothers Montagu were sons of Lord Montagu of Boughton. For Edward, who was the elder, see *Alumni*, p. 569; for Ralph, the younger, *ib.* p. 138.]

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The Annual Record in the last number would be more complete if it included under 3rd classes 'C. de M. Rudolf, Oxford, English Language and Literature.'

It is not a matter of importance, but I see you ask for notice of omissions.

Yours faithfully,

C. DE M. RUDOLF.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—May I trespass upon your valuable space to lodge a complaint which is widespread among O.W.W.? I regret to see that very often in the reports of school matches, the names of the visiting team are not included. Surely this could be remedied without much trouble?

With the usual apologies,

I am, Sir,

Yours &c.,

'JUSTLY INDIGNANT.'

ERRATUM.

WE apologise for a misprint which we omitted to rectify in our last number. In the last line but one of page 251, Vol. XI., No. 21, for 'grieze' read 'greeze.'

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—*St. Peter's School Magazine, Working Men's College Journal, Granta* (2), *Cheltonian, Marlburian, Meteor* (2), *Trinity University Review, Eton College Chronicle* (5), *Anglo-American Gazette, The Blue, Harrovian, Haileyburian, Wykehamist, Alleynian, Rossallian, Trinity College School Chronicle, Cliftonian, Blundellian, Wellingtonian, Our Boys' Magazine, Olavianian, Felstedian.*

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