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RICHARD BUSBY.

Born September 22nd, 1606 ; died April 5th, 1695.

IN our last number we printed a short passage from one of Dr. South's sermons, which had lately been twice quoted in connection with the school. With the latter occasion, the admission of the new King's Scholars up School by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, we are all familiar ; the former, unfortunately, fell a few days before the school re-assembled, and was consequently known to most of us only by hearsay. That occasion was the afternoon service in the Abbey on September 23, 1906, when the Rev. Canon Henson, preaching on the text 'The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance,' recalled the main features of Busby's character

so simply and clearly that our readers, we feel sure, will be grateful for an opportunity of reading some of his words themselves, which, by the courtesy of the author, we are allowed to reprint from the St. Margaret's Parish Magazine. In his introduction the preacher compared the lives and characters of Busby and Samuel Johnson, whose anniversary was also kept that week ; then, after tracing very briefly the course of the great Headmaster's career, he continued :—

'It would seem, if we may indulge conjecture, that two circumstances of his own experience had sunk deeply into his mind. He had lived through the stormy period of the Commonwealth, and had observed with alarm and disgust the wild and sometimes dangerous vagaries of religious opinion which marked the sectaries, and he had known in himself the inestimable advantages of an early, solid, and religious training. Accordingly, his principal concern was to

ground boys in the principles of religion, and to provide for them the opportunities of education. Busby was emphatically a man of action, not a man of ideas. Neither his great contemporary, Milton, who was keeping school in the City at the time, and criticising with his deep illuminating wisdom the traditional didactic methods which Busby and Johnson afterwards championed, nor his own famous pupil, Locke, would have received from him much approval. His fondness for the rod, exaggerated, no doubt, by tradition, was only one among many indications of his thorough-going conservatism in educational method. "His contempt for the professional scholar," observes our school historian in his well-known excellent "Annals of Westminster School," "was outdone by his contempt for the educational amateur." But this judgment is perhaps in some degree mollified by the statement that "he was always alive to new knowledge, and always seeking fresh subjects of instruction." Busby's eminence as a schoolmaster, however, did not lie in the region of didactic experiment or reform, but in that of practical work. "The glory of fathers is their children" is a proverb of Scripture which is notably illustrated by the career of a teacher. The measure of his success and the proof of his distinction are found in the disciples whom he trains and fills with his spirit. Perhaps no schoolmaster ever trained so many men famous in many categories of fame as Busby. In the seventeenth century the higher intellect of the nation ran in clerical channels as never since, and it is said that no less than sixteen bishops at one time were old scholars of Busby. This astonishing success, which raised Westminster to the primacy among the public schools of the time, was due to the contagious influence of a masterful and lofty character. It was not only boys who felt and responded to this influence, though naturally they were most powerfully affected. The mere fact that Busby was allowed to retain his office throughout the Interregnum, in spite of his strong and openly-confessed adherence to the cause of Church and King, is, perhaps, the strongest evidence of the impression he made upon his contemporaries; and when we inquire wherein this remarkable personal influence consisted, we cannot be mistaken in answering that it arose mainly from Busby's ability to arouse and enlist the conscience of his pupils. In spite of his severity he was felt to be just, and his firm Churchmanship was conditioned by a genuine respect for conscientious scruples, rare indeed among his contemporaries and co-religionists.

After quoting the well-known story of Philip Henry, Canon Henson added:—

'It is impossible to imagine a nobler tribute to the religious teaching which Busby had given his boys. He had not succeeded in making the little Puritan an Anglican, but he had so stamped on his mind the sanctity and sovereignty of conscience that when the great trial came to him, which in some form or other

comes to all men, and he had to make his choice between his worldly prospects and his loyalty to conscience, he unhesitatingly cast in his lot with the latter.

'Busby was, as we have said, a strong Churchman and Loyalist; but these characters were not inconsistent with his submission to the ruling powers during the Commonwealth, nor did they restrain him from subscribing both the Covenant and the Engagement. It is one of the strangest facts in his career that no stigma appears to have rested on him in any quarter on this account. His position was as secure under the reigning Puritans as under the restored Monarchy. He walked in procession in Westminster Abbey at the funeral of Oliver, and he carried the Ampulla two years later at the coronation of Charles. The explanation, so far as there is any, seems to lie in his devotion to his profession. He was before all things, and everybody understood the fact, a schoolmaster, and he acquiesced as a matter of course in the political arrangements of the country so long as they did not interfere with his teaching work. Within that sphere he would brook no interference. Outside that sphere he did not interfere. Men recognised and chafed against his jealousy of interference, but perforce they acknowledged his enthusiasm and his good faith. His name became symbolic of arbitrary but righteous authority. "The Chair behaves himself like a Busby among so many schoolboys, as some say," notes Thomas Burton in his Parliamentary Diary; and he adds significantly that "he takes a little too much on him, but grandly." The sentence would not perhaps be wholly inappropriate as a description of Busby's didactic method. "He took too much on him, but grandly." The circumstances of a schoolmaster's life undoubtedly tend to encourage an exalted estimate of one's own importance, and we all know that the pedagogue has become proverbial for a special type of professional vanity. Yet a measure of undue self-importance is but a small price for such genuine exaltation of thought as that which inspired Busby's performance of duty; and I would venture respectfully to offer his example to the attentive study of the noble profession which he adorned and raised in the public estimation.'

The sermon then proceeded to a discussion of the duties and position of a schoolmaster, on which topic the preacher quoted largely from Dr. South's sermons, and especially that one in which he so warmly praises Westminster, and doubtless also Busby and his system; and finally ended with these words:—

'Schoolmasters have a primary interest in the record of one who was a great schoolmaster, but Busby was also a great citizen, and as such I shall take leave to commend his example to those also who are not schoolmasters. Let me fasten on but two

features of his citizenship. First of all, consider his benefactions to the public. He had received much from others. As a King's Scholar of Westminster and as a student of Christ Church he had been educated by means of the ancient endowments of "Founders and Benefactors." He had received help, as I reminded you, from the Vestry of St. Margaret's. Busby was no thankless beneficiary, but rejoiced to repay what he had received in ampler measure. Every institution, and every locality whereby he had benefited, was the better for the fact. He gave back with generosity more than he had taken, and in this respect he sets an example which the men of our time specially need to learn. Consider next Busby's treatment of his property. He came to be comparatively a rich man, and his handling of his property is worthy the attention of rich men, especially of men who have gained riches. He did not make haste to retire from work. Idleness and display had no attractions for him. He did not spend his wealth on selfish objects, becoming, I do not say a profligate (for such a character is inconceivable in connection with a man of his strong and religious type), but a mere collector of pictures, or books, or gems, a dilettantist, who "killed the impracticable hours" by self-amusement with some hobby. Busby's money was honourably earned, and it was responsibly expended. In his hands property was moralised, his ownership was clearly to the general advantage. These are days when the manner in which wealth is expended is only less important, if it is less important, than the way in which wealth is acquired, for the conscience of mankind is becoming increasingly restive on the subject of property. There is something to my mind very solemn and inspiring in the fact that after so many years—it is 300 since Richard Busby was born in the little Lincolnshire parish which has piously honoured his memory by sending a wreath to be placed on his tomb—I say there is something very solemn and inspiring about the fact that after all these years we should be able to exult in the virtues and uphold the example of this good man. We recall the words of the old psalmist, who himself also had watched the courses of human lives: "Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth; he shall maintain his cause in judgment. For he shall never be moved; the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance." And if we must confess that there is much goodness in this world which misses recognition, and that many heroes and saints are among those who have no memorial, and to the generations that follow them are as if they had never been, yet we know that this is but a superficial view of the facts. Nothing good ever really fails of its blessing and of its recompense. For, as the great Apostle, himself a martyr and the most honoured of the saints, said, "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

GUMBLETON ENGLISH VERSE,
1906.

SUMMER.

BRIGHTEST of days, and brightest hour of day,
Prime morn of Summer, ere the lusty sun
His steep ascent of heav'n hath halfway run;
What time with welcome ray,
Mellowing all the field, he smiles abroad,
While Earth, of nightly chills her bosom thawed
Beneath his ardent look and summons gay,
Skywards uplifts her dewy-pearled face,
Wooing his hot embrace,
And draws new vigour for the round begun.
But Nature, busy dame, long since awoke,
And hastened all about her wide domain;
She calls the plants, and calls the woodland folk,
And whatsoever else adorns her train,
And bids them shake off slumb'rous ease, and greet
With joyous hymn or offered odours sweet
The glad approach of flow'ry-kirtled June.
Upon her uttered word,
In every copse, and every meadow soon
Rings out in chorus voice of beast or bird,
Led by the lark, whose airy minstrelsy,
Blest harbinger of dawn, enchants the sky,
While under all is heard
How bush and tree their whisper'd airs attune,
Melodious murmurs, hailing Summer's birth,
And long, rich hours of life, and love, and mirth.
Next after these, whose ordered harmonies
Unconscious praise and gratitude express,
Man also rose, and armed with scythe or crook,
With spade or shears, each as his use required,
He road afield he took;
Nor is he slow to see, nor to confess,
If without words, in silent thought more wise,
How lovely are God's works, and how sublime!
And as of old our sire in Paradise,
With holy psalm inspired, or stately rhyme,
To heav'n's high throne his orisons outpoured,
Or he, the kingly bard of later time
In endless Alleluias humbly adored
Him whom he traced in earth and sea and skies,
Such wonders still, each golden Summer morn
In lowliest hearts are born,
That dumbly beat, yet beat in full accord.
What else, indeed, when Summer-time is here,
Dear Summer-time, with all its pleasures dear?
Lo! the blithe rustics hurry lightly forth,
Allotted each his serviceable share
Of daily toil to bear,
As skill or need or easy choice allows,
And eager all to prove their will and worth,
And win a proud applause from friend or spouse.
Mark here a jolly group, where virgin lawns
And lush hay-meadows ask a mower's hand;
Swiftly the swathes are falling, 'neath the sweep
Of scythe or hook, in feathery ridges deep;

While boys and girls behind, a merry band,
 Scatter the fragrant masses all about,
 Or with huge armfuls swell the piléd heap,
 'Mid happy laughter, jest, and jovial rout.
 Others apart, with gesture and with shout,
 Urge riverwards the timid stumbling sheep,
 And often seize, and often fling them in,
 Till washen all, and whitened every skin;
 Unto the ready cotes they pass anon,
 And the deft shearer's kindly-cruel care;
 Then fresh and cool around their bodies bare
 The lively zephyr plays.
 Content they gambol off, their freedom won,
 Content the swains the precious relics raise.
 See, too, the ploughman, how with cheery call
 He guides his triple team across the lea;
 Or hear the thoughtful shepherd pipe his tale,
 And sweetly modulate his fancy free,
 The while his flocks, untended o'er the vale,
 Graze idly, nor desire his charge to flee;
 For at his feet his dog all-watchful laid
 Would soon fetch home all who were lost or strayed.

In these and other homely pastimes spent
 The milder hours ere noon are sped away.
 Now Phœbus' car in middle firmament
 Hath touched the summit of his archéd way;
 Now silence fills the world, for man and beast
 Alike are shel'ring 'fore the mid-day fires;
 All things alive enjoy the timely rest:
 The laboured yeoman hums a gleeful air
 As under hawthorn's shade he slow retires,
 Where he may couch and take his simple fare.
 The bird her song hath ceased,
 The drowsy cattle to the brook repair;
 Only the gnat's high trumpet shrilly sounds,
 And only Psyche wings the heavy air.
 Meanwhile the village youth all ardent bounds,
 Scorning repose, unto the neighbouring stream,
 Where the brown liquid depths, and jutting shore,
 A fit occasion seem
 For watery feats, and tempt a swimmer's power.
 Here naked they do sport, with dive and race
 In many a foaming chase,
 And so refreshed back to their work once more.

Nor would I leave these rural scenes and tread
 The unknown paths where wealth and change do dwell,
 And new delights the jocund season brings;
 Or if I chose, Calliope forbade,
 And here would rather hide, again to tell
 What store of beauty lavish Nature flings
 For all with eyes to read her subtle story,
 To find where blue-bells paint the forest floor,
 And why the shepherd's hour-glass droops her head,
 The sage interpreter of weather lore,
 And where the orchis airs his spotted glory,
 While roses, Summer's emblem, overhead
 And woodbine pale stretch out our canopies,
 And ling'ring violets scent a purple bed.
 Here would I linger, while the butterflies,
 That lately chased the sunbeams to and fro,
 Drop down to sleep amid the herbage low,

Then till the weary swains have homeward hied,
 And longer shadows streak the gray hillside,
 Till the last bird of day hath sung good-night,
 And dusky night-wings round me 'gin their flight.
 Then heartfelt I do rise, and steal away
 To wait the dawn of such another day.

A. P. W.

 POETRY.

SUMMER.

(Intended for the Gumbleton.)

I LATELY deemed that I was come again
 To haunt the spot where youth's sweet days were
 pass'd,
 And with my ready zeal I tried (in vain)
 To make the Gumbleton my own at last.
 So gathering round me bulky tomes of song
 I sought experiences from all my friends,
 And asked them each how they had spent the
 'Long,'
 And turned their anecdotes to serve my ends.
 One said, 'I spent my holidays in sport,
 And stalked with landing-net th' elusive grice,
 And shoals of weighty stickleback I caught,
 And snared with cheese the unsuspecting mice.'
 Quoth one, 'I lived on music, and would pelt
 (I quote the words of Horace and of Gray)
 The fat soprano with Cecropian welt
 And "drive the noisy tenor from my way."
 Another said, 'I tried the simple life;
 My ears to sounds of gaiety were shut;
 I read "True Happiness tho' with a Wife,"
 And lisped the "Legend of the Wooden Hut."
 'But why,' they said, 'are you so worn and ill?
 Have you been faring in a District train,
 Or following the Education Bill,
 Or been to see the "Bondman" at the Lane?'
 'My friends,' I said, 'a book club caused my fall;
 I paid my sub. and got ten books a day;
 I was of frugal mind, and read them all,
 And in a month delirious I lay.
 'I grasped the Chestertonian paradox;
 I had a cooling "Drink" from Mr. Caine:
 I learned the "Art of Breeding Fighting Cocks,"
 And read the latest quips by Barry Pain.'
 'The "Harmsworth Educator" filled my head;
 "Fonetic Spëling" cracked my tender jaw;
 I tried to see the point of "Better Dead,"
 And cultivate a taste for Bernard Shaw.
 'Then in an evil day the book club sent
 Marelli's "Treasure of Heav'n" to tax my brain;
 It was too much—my stricken soul was rent;
 I left for Hanwell by the midnight train.'

O. W.

P.S.B. CAMP, ALDERSHOT, 1906.

THE Cadet Corps again sent a half-company—consisting of about thirty-five N.C.O.'s and men—under Captain Sherwood, to P.S.B. Camp at Aldershot. The corps left on Election Tuesday, and spent a very enjoyable week, as the weather was splendid. This year we were transferred to the 4th battalion, and our lines were next to those of Charterhouse and Dulwich. On parading next morning we found that we formed half of No. 6 company, Blundell's being the other half-company. As usual, Wednesday was devoted entirely to drill, but nevertheless we did not escape without a few casualties. On Thursday the first field-day took place. We marched out to Norris Bridge, and from there skirmished as a flank company through the thick country towards 'Long Valley'; but the fight became rather involved, and no one seemed to have a clear idea of what was happening. The company got divided; and Col.-Sergt. Metcalfe and Sergt. Ratcliffe-Cousins, according to their own account, performed prodigies of valour, driving back unaided several hostile companies. The 'Cease Fire' soon sounded, and after some more skirmishing practice we returned to camp. Friday was fearfully hot, and after an hour's trying wait in the sand of the Long Valley we put an end to the operations by an exciting charge. When we reached camp we looked more like sweeps than cadets. Saturday was an easy day, as we were stationed in ambush near camp to intercept an enemy's convoy. The convoy was captured after a somewhat heated charge on Ball Hill. We had a pleasant surprise visit from Mr. Piggott, who accompanied us in the morning and afterwards spent some time in our lines. On Sunday there were the usual Church parade and inspection of lines. The afternoon was somewhat spoilt by a fire alarm. On Monday we went to Cæsar's Camp, and again found it rather hot. In the evening we supplied the Guard, who enjoyed a very quiet and chilly night in spite of rumours of 'ragging.' Tuesday was a very hard day: the P.S.B. was opposed to the Brigade of Guards. We marched towards Cæsar's Camp *via* Norris Bridge, and advanced along the canal, driving the Regulars before us. In the afternoon Lord Roberts reviewed the brigade, and met with an even more enthusiastic reception than last year. The evenings passed very cheerfully. We had several competitors in the nightly boxing contests organised by Sergt.-Major Miles, of Wellington. We played footer against both Charterhouse and Shrewsbury, but lost both matches. Football in gymnasium shoes at six in the evening is rather trying after a long day's work. On Wednesday morning everyone was early astir and preparing to march out. Soon after seven the parties for the earlier trains fell in, the main body following about nine o'clock. This camp was one of the most enjoyable that the corps has attended, but we were all very sorry to lose Captain Sherwood, who has done so much for the corps. In conclusion, we wish him every success in his new command.

THE CADET CORPS.

THE following are the Promotions for this term :—

To be Col.-Sergeant.—Corp. R. Voysey, dated August 9.

To be Sergeants.—Corp. C. Treatt, Pte. L. Ryan, dated August 9; Lance-Corp. A. Circuit, Pte. J. Lloyd-Williams, dated October 22.

To be Lance-Sergeants.—Pte. H. Longhurst, Pte. A. Boulton, dated October 22.

To be Corporals.—Pte. K. Jones, Pte. A. Hadden, dated October 22.

To be Lance-Corporals.—Pte. E. Wood, Pte. W. Hardy, Pte. F. Hobson, Pte. S. Graham, dated October 22.

School Notes.

THE Play this year is the *Phormio* of Terence; the Play Nights are December 13, 17, and 19.

The Mission Offertory on St. Luke's Day amounted to £3. 7s. 11d.

We congratulate S. C. Edgar on regaining his Pinks after the match with Old Harrovians.

The passage for Play Term Orations is John of Gaunt's famous speech in *Richard II.*, Act ii. Sc. 1. The trial will be held on November 23.

The Glee Society has been revived under the presidency of the Headmaster, and the Scientific Society under that of Mr. Wootton. We wish them both all success.

There will be no Exeat this term.

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 Westminsters 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.	
"	Nov. 3	v.	Barnes.	
Wed.	" 7	v.	Old Foresters.	
Sat.	" 10	v.	Old Reptonians.	
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters A.	
"	Nov. 17	v.	Old Felstedians.	
"	" 24	v.	Clare College, Cambridge.	
"	2nd XI.	v.	St. Thomas's Hospital A.	
"	Dec. 1	v.	Brasenose College, Oxon.	
"	" 8	v.	Casuals.	
"	" 15	v.	Old Westminsters.	
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminsters A.	

1907.

Sat.	Jan. 19	v. Clapham Rovers.
"	" 26	v. Casuals.
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminster's 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's.
Sat.	Mar. 2	v. Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Wed.	" 6	v. R.M.C., Sandhurst.
Sat.	" 9	v. Old Etonians.
"	" 16	v. Old Aldenhamians.
"	2nd XI.	v. Old Westminster's A.
		v. Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
K.SS		v. T.BB.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

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. 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.)

—'That this House disapproves of Vivisection.' Proposer, R. R. Harley; Seconder, R. B. Ward; Opposer, H. G. F. Longhurst. (Lost, 9-16.)

—'That this House disapproves of Mr. Haldane's Army Schemes.' Proposer, ; Seconder, S. C. Edgar; Opposer, J. C. Davidson.

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

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

—'That this House would welcome Female Suffrage.' Proposer, J. L. Benvenisti; Seconder, A. C. Boulton; Opposer, C. G. Reed.

—'That this House would welcome Fiscal Reform.' Proposer, F. G. Turner; Seconder, C. G. Gover; Opposer, B. V. T. Worthington.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

THE School started the season in very promising style, on Saturday, September 29, by beating Clapham Rovers, and thus winning the first match of the season. The score was only one to love, it is true, but seeing that it was the first time they had played together, it

was all that could be expected. Birchall won the toss, and the visitors kicked off with a slight breeze in their faces. Ferguson headed a run down the field, but Millar fisted out his shot. The School soon gained the lead, Gow heading into the net from a corner which was well placed by Ferguson. This proved to be the only goal of the match, the School defence being severely tested in keeping the visitors out for the rest of the game. For the visitors, Hammill was the best forward, and nearly scored on several occasions. For the School, Wylde made a very promising first appearance, and Gover shows distinct promise; he will make a really good forward when he learns to shoot better.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Wood (goal); W. R. Birchall and E. W. Wylde (backs); S. C. Edgar, D. McManus, and A. W. Peacock (halves); J. C. Gow, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, M. T. Maxwell, C. G. Gover, and J. W. Ferguson (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

W. W. Millar (goal); A. E. Begg and H. E. Smith (backs); H. A. R. Dickinson, H. T. K. Robinson, and R. V. Coutts (halves); R. P. Laughton, N. Hammill, V. Brown, L. H. C. Dermer, and W. Townsend (forwards).

REFEREE: C. Powers, Esq.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD HARROVIANS.

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, October 6, and ended in a win for the Old Harrovians by two goals to love. The School, unfortunately, displayed nothing like the form of the previous week, especially in the forward line. They were also handicapped by Edgar twisting an ankle in the second half, and having to leave the field. The Old Boys came away with a rush, but were pulled up by Wylde. After about ten minutes' play, Gover dribbled cleverly through, but, with none but the goalkeeper to beat, shot straight into his hands. Edgar had bad luck in heading over from a corner. After some fairly even play the Old Harrovians managed to rush a goal. In the second half play proved to be very uninteresting, and until Edgar left neither side looked like scoring. Eventually their outside right scored with a shot which Wood should have saved. Apart from this mistake, Wood played well, bringing off one or two clever saves. The forwards were very weak in front of goal, and threw the game away by their poor shooting.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

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

OLD HARROVIANS.

W. S. Bolton (goal); E. T. Bolton and E. M. Hicks (backs); R. S. Cunningham, F. Armstrong, and W. F. Sheridan (halves); R. E. Morrison, E. W. Brightman, G. W. Tupper, G. N. Reid, and O. B. I. Horne (forwards).

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
A	—		W 2-1						2
B		—					L 1-2		0
C	L 1-2		—					W 4-2	2
D				—	L 1-2	W 4-0			2
E					W 2-1	—			2
F					L 0-4	—			0
G		W 2-1					—	W 2-1	4
H			L 2-4				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.—J. W. Geare. |

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

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

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the first ordinary meeting of the Term, held on October 4, the House discussed the Motion :—

‘That this House would approve of the removal of the School into the country.’

The PROPOSER (A. E. F. Wood) said the ties of the Abbey were mere sentiment. It was impossible to

get good games in town owing both to the numbers in the School and the space at the disposal of the School. In the country, he pointed out, there would be separate grounds for football and cricket, and tennis and rowing could be taken up. He pointed out also that it was not right that boys should go about London alone, and that accidents from infectious diseases, &c., might happen to them on their way to and from School.

The OPPOSER (the Vice-President) said that when Charterhouse was in town, Westminster and Charterhouse had contested the place of premier London school; now that Charterhouse was gone it was necessary that Westminster should stay, as being the only public school in town. He said that Westminster’s prestige would be severely injured if the School were moved. He also objected to the Proposer’s remarks that the ties of the Abbey were a trifle; he considered them of the highest importance.

The SECONDER (F. G. Turner) complained of the low position taken by Westminster in games, and pointed out the impossibility of rowing, and how cheap colours were both in football and cricket. The increase in numbers consequent on moving into the country would be a remedy. He remarked what a nuisance the ‘skies’ are, and how easy it would be to catch diseases from them.

The SECRETARY said that if the Bill were put through Parliament, depriving the School of Vincent Square, it would be absolutely necessary to move. The country would be healthier, and the day-boy element, which is injurious to the School—a fact to be seen in the scarcity of scholarships to the ‘Varsities, and School colours awarded to day-boys—would be greatly diminished. He also pointed out the greater facilities the country would afford for playing the minor games.

The TREASURER reflected on the bad state of the Cadet Corps, which would be remedied were the School to move out of town.

Mr. G. R. Y. RADCLIFFE (O.W.) urged the question of supply and demand. He suggested that there was no need of another public school in the country, and therefore our numbers would not be increased if we moved out. Games were a wholly insufficient argument for moving, and as for the Vincent Square Act, that could be annulled.

Mr. S. MCKENNA (O.W.) said that Westminster was living solely upon her prestige, which would not last for ever. He pointed out that town was not healthy, being enveloped in fogs for four months in the year. Moreover the day-boy, who wasted his evenings at dances and theatres and the like, was bound to be harmful to the School, and would be done away with by moving.

The PRESIDENT said that the recent expensive improvements in the School buildings, &c., showed how little intention the School authorities had of moving at all. If we did move, we lost all right to the land and property in town, and should find ourselves in the country without a penny in our pockets. Whatever

supporters of the Motion might say, the ties of association were all-important; many parents sent their sons here for the sake of these, if for no other cause. Westminster would no longer be Westminster if she moved from under the shadow of the Abbey.

As the quarter had already struck, the PRESIDENT then put the Motion before the House, and on a show of hands the voting proved to be: For the Motion, 10; against, 20.

The Motion was therefore lost by a minority of ten votes.

On Thursday, October 11, the House met to discuss the Motion:—

‘That this House disapproves of Phonetic Spelling.’

The Motion was proposed by the TREASURER, seconded by G. G. WILLIAMS, and opposed by E. R. MASON; Mr. H. I. P. HALLETT (O.W.) and the VICE-PRESIDENT also spoke in favour of the Motion. Owing to a misunderstanding among the Under-Secretaries, no notes were taken at the time; but the debate was uninteresting, and speakers (with the exception of Mr. Hallett, whose remarks were lively and suggestive) dragged out their arguments to a wearisome and wholly unnecessary length. Mrs. Raynor was kind enough to attend this meeting, and we are only sorry that we could not offer her a more attractive discussion.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

THESE sports were held at the St. George's Baths at the end of the Election Term, and resulted as follows:—

Senior Swimming Race (5 lengths): *Winner*—G. Hepburn; *Second*—E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins.

Junior Swimming Race (4 lengths): *Winner*—C. K. Covington; *Second*—E. C. Clarke.

Plate-Diving: *Winner*—D. M. Milne; *Second*—A. S. R. Macklin.

THE GLEE SOCIETY.

THIS Society has been revived, and already boasts a roll of almost forty members, but intends for the present to confine itself to private practices.

The following is a list of Officers:—

President.—The Rev. the Headmaster.

Vice-President.—Mr. Ranalow.

Hon. Treasurer.—A. P. Waterfield.

Hon. Secretary.—A. C. Boulton.

These will form the Committee, together with—

S. C. Edgar, A. S. R. Macklin, D. J. Jardine, E. R. Mason, A. E. F. Spencer.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

MR. SHERWOOD'S place as President has been taken by Mr. Wootton, and the Society seems likely to flourish as well as ever.

The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—

President.—Mr. Wootton;

Vice-President.—Mr. Liddell;

Hon. Treasurer.—W. R. Birchall;

Hon. Secretary.—C. B. Bonner;

who, together with M. H. B. Lethbridge, will form the Committee.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We congratulate S. C. Edgar on regaining his Pinks, and on his reappearance in the football field after a sorely-felt absence. Besides W. R. Birchall, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, J. C. Gow, J. W. Ferguson, M. T. Maxwell, and A. E. F. Wood have all played for the School, and we congratulate the two last on first appearances; while in the 2nd XI. we are well represented. Our Juniors, after a somewhat disappointing display, have lost to Rigaud's (0-3). We notice with pleasure that Mr. P. T. Rawlings and Mr. R. E. Nott-Bower (O.W.W.) played in the Freshmen's match at their respective 'Varsities. The Literary Society has read *The Merchant of Venice*, and is now laughing over *She Stoops to Conquer*, the first half of which provided one of the best readings we have known, Mr. Raynor as Mrs. Hardcastle being especially good. The Chess Club is flourishing, under the able organisation of M. T. Maxwell; and Fives Ties are gradually taking a coherent shape. A new storey is at length being put on to the Sanatorium, so luxuriously fitted, rumour says, that we fear a general exodus out of School in order to put its advantages to the test. At present, however, the Play takes up all our thoughts, and rehearsals all our spare time; College resounds with the shouts of Demiphos, the squeaks of Chremes, and the callous grunts of Dorios. With nine old actors in the cast, our prospects for December are bright, and we hope to maintain as high a standard as our predecessors have set us.

ASHBURNHAM.—Since our last notes have appeared in the ELIZABETHAN, our Junior team has turned out against Rigaud's but had to be content with a draw (2-2), which was chiefly due to the weakness of our forward line; Formilli, White and Goodall showed great promise, and should be useful to the House in the future. W. B. Harris is to be congratulated on his brilliant *début* as goal-keeper against R.M.A., Woolwich. We hope that before long he will be back again in his old place. A. E.

Rice-Oxley and J. C. M. Davidson have been playing with great success for the School. In the 2nd XI. we have had five representatives, of whom W. G. Goodale is to be congratulated on a good first appearance.

The Fives Ties this term are being managed by J. C. M. Davidson, who has done little so far but draw the first round. This, however, is due to his examination at Cambridge, in which we hear he has met with great success.

GRANT'S.—So short is the time since we were last dropped upon for notes that there is very little of importance to record. We congratulate Wyld, Reed, and Looker on playing for the 1st XI., and Geare and H. Rawson on playing for the 2nd XI. In the Cadet Corps the following members of the House have received promotion: Private Boulton to be Lance-Sergeant, and Privates Hobson and S. D. Graham to be Lance-Corporals; we offer them our congratulations. We hear with regret that Ruegg will be unable to rejoin us this term. Our Juniors managed to effect a draw with Home Boarders, and we hope that they will again be successful in keeping the cup for us. Yard Ties are in full swing, and they would seem not to have lost at all in popularity, judging by the large number of entries this term. We congratulate Mr. R. E. Tanner (O.G.) on his recent appointment at Aldershot.

H.BB.—As it is hardly three weeks since we last racked our brains for news, we have very little to recount this time, especially as the term is not very far advanced. We were sadly disappointed that our Juniors could only draw (2-2) with Grant's, but this result was mainly due to a rather feeble display by our goal-keeper; however, the final score was not as bad as it might have been, as at half-time we were two goals behind. Next time, though, we want nothing less than a victory. We are glad to see that nearly half the entries for the Racquets Tournament come from H.BB.; as this is the case, we have some grounds for hoping that one of our members may be successful in getting the cup. Our Fives Ties, too, progress fast, Turner and Hunter having defeated Hill and Purves, while A. J. Circuit and Chitty beat Bonner and Hodgson. Before concluding, we must not forget to offer our congratulations to Spencer on obtaining the Mure, and to Feasey on appearing for the School *v.* Jesus College; this gives us three representatives in the team now. Just as we go to press we see that Mr. A. P. Davey (O.W.) is playing for Cambridge in their first match; so our heartiest felicitations are due also to him.

RIGAUD'S.—So short a time has elapsed since we last endeavoured to satisfy the Editor's craving for House Notes that on his unexpected demand for

further news we find there is little of historical importance to chronicle.

D. M. McManus is our only representative in the XI., and every Saturday afternoon he is to be seen very busy up Fields, in spite of the fact that he has not long been out of the sick-room. Our Juniors, though not very brilliant, easily drew with Ashburnham; we wish them better luck in future. Yard Ties are making good progress; Fives Ties—a new institution—have been welcomed with a keenness which is not at all diminished by total ignorance of the game. We forgot in our last notes to congratulate Messrs. J. M. Craig and F. W. I. V. Fraser on their commissions in the Seaforth Highlanders; our congratulations, though late, are none the less hearty. In conclusion, we congratulate Mr. J. K. Hepburn on playing in the Seniors' match at Oxford.

Old Westminsters.

THE Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, Rector of Sutton Coldfield, has been appointed an Honorary Canon of Birmingham.

Mr. H. F. Prevost Battersby's 'The Avenging Hour' has been published by Hurst & Blackett.

The Rev. D. Fitzmaurice has joined the Bishop of Worcester's new College of Clergy at Hartlebury

The Rev. John Salwey, jun., Vicar of St. Luke's, Hampstead, has been preferred to the vicarage of St. John's, Meads, Eastbourne.

Mr. A. K. Clark-Kennedy has been appointed an Inspector of Factories under the Home Office.

On the recent Examination, Mr. G. Schwann was offered a place in the Indian Civil Service, but, being a candidate for the Home Service only, he has not accepted the offer.

Mr. J. M. Craig and Mr. F. W. I. V. Fraser are gazetted to the Seaforth Highlanders.

Birth.

ON October 11, the wife of Dr. Herbert D. Everington, of a daughter.

Marriages.

WILLETT—CATT.—On October 10, Alfred Stuart, third son of Alfred Willett, F.R.C.S., to Cicely Hilda, daughter of Charles William Catt, of Duffield, Derbyshire.

HARINGTON—VERNON.—On October 20, his Honor Judge Edward Harington, third son of Sir Richard Harington, Bart., to Louisa Muriel, only daughter of the late Herbert C. E. Vernon, of Oaklands, Newbury.

Obituary.

THE death of GEORGE HENRY DREW removes a Westminster whom we believe to have had but one senior among the living. Born in 1817 and admitted in 1825, he became a K.S. in 1831 and was elected to Trinity in 1836. He became a solicitor and a Taxing Master in the High Court of Justice. Not many years ago he was in the chair at the Play.

Mrs. ESCOMBE, who died last month, was the widow of a Westminster admitted in the reign of George III.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Christ Church, Oxford.

DEAR SIR,—The beginning of a new year always seems strange; some of us wonder as we see the old faces are no longer present, some of us as we curiously gaze upon the new world upon which we are entering. There are many of the latter from Westminster this year. Scholars, footballers, orators are among them, and Mr. R. E. Nott-Bower has already made his mark among the athletes. We sometimes grudge the absence at Cambridge of those who we had hoped would find their greater opportunities as scholars at Oxford, but we can scarcely feel less than fortunate in those who have come up this year.

Of those who have gone down definitely, we bid all success to Mr. G. K. A. Bell, and Mr. A. T. Willett, who now no more makes us envious as we watch his car speed by. Mr. W. A. Greene will, we hope, be adding fresh honours to his name, while Mr. W. T. S. Sonnenschein is still with us, ingenious as ever with his facile tongue.

In conclusion, let us wish Westminster a successful term and a first-rate Play.

Yours,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

The Union Society, Cambridge.

SIR,—It is early days yet to ask for news of Cambridge O.W.W., for term is only ten days old, and nothing has yet happened to provide material for this letter.

However, editorial requests cannot be denied, and so I must do my best.

We find ourselves the poorer this year for the loss of Napier, Powers, Mears, Vernon, and Kirkpatrick from Trinity. Powers, especially, will be much missed, for by his keenness and energy, which were always at the disposal of any Westminster cause, he did more than anyone in recent years to keep Westminster to the fore in Cambridge. His place as President of Cambridge O.W.W. has been taken by Fleuret, who has been acting as Secretary for the past year. Walker, of Jesus, succeeds Fleuret as Secretary.

To set off against our losses we have a large number of Freshmen whom we are glad to welcome. At an O.W. meeting on Friday, October 19, we saw Wilson, Rawlings, Le Blond, Whittard, Whitworth, and Kennedy from Trinity, and also Ashwin (Pembroke), Failes and Phillips (Queen's), Pinks and Milne (Clare); besides these there are two or three others, bringing our numbers, including established institutions like R. K. Gaye and B. G. Brown, up to the respectable total of 37.

We were glad to see Rawlings playing in the Freshmen's Match; otherwise, our athletic strength has not received any notable addition. We congratulate Davey on his appearance for the 'Varsity.

It has been decided to hold another O.W. smoking concert this term, as we have done for the past two years. It is to be hoped that some new talent, besides Hackforth and Bottomley, may be discovered among O.W.W. themselves; hitherto, we have relied very largely upon outside help.

This, Sir, exhausts my news of Cambridge O.W.W., so I will only add our cordial good wishes for a good term and a successful Play, and remain,

Yours, &c.,

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

THE SCHOOL ABBEY SERVICE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

3 Little Dean's Yard, S.W.

October 18, 1906.

DEAR SIR,—I desire, through the medium of your columns, to lodge a very vehement protest against the constant unseemly interruptions of the School Abbey Service by the sound of hammering and the calls of workmen from the triforium—interruptions, Sir, which make it as impossible to concentrate one's attention as it is to hear the words of the preacher. Divine service must receive the same respect at whatever time and in whatever circumstances it may be celebrated; and such disturbances are as improper and irreverent at the private service of the School as they would be during the most important of public ceremonies. I feel sure that when the Abbey authorities hear of this they will take the obvious remedy of forbidding those at work in the building to make any noise whatever between 9.30 and 9.45 A.M.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. P. WATERFIELD.

THE SCHOOL ROLL.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should like to call attention to certain errors and omissions which have been appearing lately in the School Roll. In the first place, the subjects for prizes are very carelessly reported. Last Lent, the subject for the Phillimore Essay should

