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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

ANOTHER Football Season has come to an end. Once more we sadly add up our long list of defeats, and attempt to excuse and explain, and find such consolation as we may in hopes for the future. Westminster still continues the nurse of famous footballers. Each year she sends out players who make their mark at the 'Varsities or in the Old Boys' Club, but each year *The Elizabethan* chronicles a long series of disasters, and this year a longer one than ever. Yet no one who has carefully watched the games at Vincent Square for the last six or seven years will believe, in spite of dyspeptic croakers, that our football is really degenerating. There is abundance of good material in the School, and there are several players of quite exceptional merit who will certainly distinguish themselves hereafter. It is the old story of individual excellence wasted by want of combination. Why Westminster should find it so hard to play a combined game it is very hard to say.

Many plausible reasons might be offered, but the fact remains, and we continue to suffer defeat after defeat from teams individually inferior to us.

Out of 21 matches only 6 were won and 1 drawn. Several of the severe defeats were inevitable; the School could hardly expect to beat cup teams of O.W.W. or Crusaders, but there was no excuse for the loss of the Old Wykehamist, Clapham Rovers, and Old Rossalian matches, and little for defeat by Trinity College, Oxford, University College, Oxford, and Old Harrovians.

The forwards were, as usual, the most unsatisfactory part of the team, for here combination tells most. Many changes were tried, but none answered. In the first three matches Shearme played centre; he had dash and pluck, but no command over the ball. More took the place in the next four; he is a clever though slow dribbler, but his inveterate objection to closing with an adversary made him worse than useless in a hard game. Shimield followed for six matches; at first he showed much promise, was fast and dashing, but he had no idea of

combination, was very erratic, and his play soon degenerated into a curious mixture of wild rush and funk. Severn was a great improvement in every way; he was the only centre who in any way combined with the other forwards, and his illness at the end of the season was a serious blow to the team. On the right wing Shimield early in the season had dash and pace, and was a good shot, but he spoilt his play by an increasing tendency to funk. When Shimield went to the centre, Campbell took his place on the right; he was less showy, but much more useful. On the left wing Knapp, who unfortunately went at Christmas, was very fast, and had a wonderful knack of getting round the backs. Watherston was not a good substitute. H. Waterfield, a useful man in games, failed to do himself justice in matches. Ladell took the place for the last four matches; he rapidly improved, had weight, pace, and dash. For the inside positions More, Alderson, Shearme, Ladell, and Campbell were tried. The final selection fell upon Alderson and More. The former was hardworking but very slow, and he invariably lost either his head or the ball at the critical moment for shooting. More was very disappointing; he is an undoubtedly clever dribbler, but he will never be of any use in matches till he realises that he is strong enough to hustle the backs. At the end of the season the pick of the forwards were Campbell, Severn, and Ladell. All three, though somewhat unpolished and ignorant of the finer points of the game, were as good as one need expect to find in a school team, and had they played together longer, and two insides been found capable of playing up to them, the forwards would have been as strong as they were weak.

Of the halves, Sherring in the centre was the best man we have had for many years; a strong, hardworking player, equally good with head or feet, a most persistent tackler, and a careful feeder of his forwards, always in his place, and not making the grand mistake of trying to do the work of others. His one fault was that he rarely, if ever, passed to another half or the backs. The other halves naturally imitated him, and there was as little combination, with less excuse for it, among the backs as among the forwards. As a captain he was full of energy and enthusiasm, and those who quarrelled most with his judgment in the selection of his teams—for the captain in an unsuccessful season always comes in for a larger share than usual of hostile criticism—were the first to admit that

he set his men a splendid example on the field. Armstrong on the left, when well and at his best, was also very good—a plucky tackler, though light, with an excellent eye; but he was apt to indulge in hard kicking and high passing. Gates on the right, at the beginning of the season, was chiefly remarkable for rough play, but he improved greatly, and was always useful. Garrett, Plaskitt, and Fox also played occasionally at half for the team; Garrett twice also at back.

Both the backs, Newman and D'Arcy, were very light for the position. Newman is a good kick, fast and plucky, at times he was very good, sometimes disappointing. D'Arcy was slow and deficient in dash, and very apt when pressed to miss his kick.

Without Allen in goal the season would have been far more disastrous than it was. He has plenty of faults, but in spite of them he is a first-rate school goal-keeper, a very powerful though not well-directed kick, and a dangerous man to tackle.

A new departure was made this season, and three 2nd XI. matches were played, of which the first, against a fairly strong team of young O.W.W., was won by 4-2; the second, against a strong 2nd XI. of Clapham Rovers, was lost by 5-2; and the third, against a weak Condor team, was won by 4-1. These matches and the House matches have proved that the ill success of the first XI. gives no cause for despair about the future. Robertson and Rigby have shown promise as goal-keepers; the latter in the final of the House matches was magnificent. Garrett is a plucky and hardworking back; Rivaz improved wonderfully, he is a powerful kick, with plenty of style and pluck, but at times awkward in stopping rushes. Moon-kicks well but is slow. Howlett usually played back, but he is better at half; his kicking was good, but he was weak at tackling. Plaskitt is a very good centre-half in games, but too careful of himself to shine in matches. Fox played pluckily against Charterhouse, but he was too light for heavy forwards. Next season he should be very useful. E. H. Waterfield and H. Beesley are both very promising halves. Of the forwards Shearme, H. Waterfield, and Watherston have been mentioned above. F. Longhurst is sturdy and hardworking without much science. Wilson played sometimes forward, sometimes half; it was a pity that he was not seen 'up-fields' more frequently. Miller is a fast left wing. Fisher, a very fair dribbler, who should be good when he gains

weight and strength. Nye is very light, but clever and plucky, one of the most promising of the younger fellows; the same may be said of Van der Gucht and Guy.

Frost and bad weather have so often prevented the sixes being finished before Christmas, that this season they were started early in November. The effect on the games 'up-fields' was very bad, and in future they will be strictly confined to the end of the play term, when foreign matches have stopped. They were fought out this year with the usual keenness.

The Junior House matches, the final matches, the House matches, and the T.B.B. and Q.S.S. match have all furnished good contests and roused as much enthusiasm as ever. It is a pity that they stand in such marked contrast with the ordinary games. Especially disappointing is it to find that the Wednesday afternoon games have been as a rule extremely poor. Slackness in these practice games must act most mischievously not only on the team but on the general football of the School, and, as it is only too clear that fellows do not care to wire up unless they are playing for some definite side, it might be well to start a system of inter-form matches another season.

In conclusion, we utter one last lament—upon the decadence of 'Green.' There is an almost universal agreement among famous Old Westminster footballers that to constant practice in 'Green' they owed much of their skill. 'Green,' to quote from a recent O.W. letter to *The Elizabethan*, 'used to be the place where fellows learnt to get that touch and control of the ball which makes a forward so much more dangerous.' But many fellows now maintain that practice in 'Green' is quite useless, involving as it does different conditions from those of a game 'up-fields.' Some even assert it to be positively mischievous, because it develops a selfish, 'piffling' style of play. We cannot believe they are right. The art of quick, low, accurate passing when going at full speed, and many other mysteries of the modern forward game, can only be perfected by practice under proper conditions; but 'Green' should teach fellows control over themselves and the ball when surrounded by adversaries, and should give excellent practice in shooting; and surely to learn that much is to advance no inconsiderable way on the road to perfection. At least we may believe that a system which turned out so many internationals in the past has something in it to recommend it, and is good enough for us of the present generation.

FOOTBALL SEASON, 1892-93.

PLAYED AT VINCENT SQUARE.

1892.

Sat.	Sept. 24	O. W.W.	.....	Lost 1-5.
Sat.	Oct. 1	Crusaders	.....	Lost 0-6.
Sat.	,, 8	Old Wykehamists	.....	Lost 0-1.
Sat.	,, 15	L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	.....	Won 4-0.
Sat.	,, 22	Old Foresters	.....	Lost 0-2.
Wed.	,, 26	Trinity College, Oxford	.....	Lost 1-2.
Sat.	,, 29	Clapham Rovers	.....	Lost 0-5.
Wed.	Nov. 9	Casuals	.....	Lost 1-3.
Sat.	,, 12	Royal Engineers	.....	Won 2-0.
Thurs.	,, 17	Cambridge O. W.W.	.....	Won 3-2.
Sat.	,, 19	Old Carthusians	.....	Lost 0-3.
Wed.	,, 23	University College, Oxford	.....	Lost 1-5.
Sat.	,, 26	Old Rossallians	.....	Lost 0-3.
Sat.	Dec. 3	Old Etonians	.....	Lost 1-4.
Sat.	,, 10	Christ Church, Oxford	.....	Won 2-0.

1893.

Wed.	Jan. 25	O. W.W.	.....	Lost 0-7.
Sat.	,, 28	F. Bickley's XI.	.....	Won 8-1.
Wed.	Feb. 1	Clapham Rovers	.....	Won 4-1.
Sat.	,, 4	Old Harrovians	.....	Lost 1-2.
Sat.	,, 11	Casuals	.....	Drawn 3-3.
Sat.	,, 25	Charterhouse (at Godalming)	...	Lost 0-5.

Total goals, 32-60.

Matches played—21; won—6; lost—14; drawn—1.

SECOND ELEVEN.

1892.

Wed.	Nov. 30	O. W.W.	Won 4-2.
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1893.

Sat.	Feb. 4	Clapham Rovers	Lost 2-5.
Sat.	,, 11	Condors	Won 4-1.

Total goals, 10-8.

Matches played—3; won—2; lost—1.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 38.—WILLIAM PULTENEY, EARL OF BATH.

(Continued from p. 120.)

THE evenenomed and unscrupulous warfare between Walpole and the Opposition was not confined to the House of Commons; both parties, naturally enough, endeavoured to influence the public mind in their favour by means of the press. We have already referred to the 'Craftsman'; this was answered on behalf of the Ministry by a pamphlet entitled 'Sedition and Defamation Displayed,' in whose invective there was sufficient truth to cut Pulteney to the quick. He retorted, under his pseudonym of Caleb D'Anvers, in 'A Proper Reply to a late Scurrilous Lampoon,' in which he handled Lord Hervey as roughly as even Pope in his character of Sporus. As it happened, 'Sedition and Defamation Displayed' was not the work of Lord Hervey, but of another member of the Ministry; but Hervey had too much spirit to tamely endure the invective of a writer of whom Walpole said that he dreaded his tongue more than another man's sword. A brief but significant exchange of messages followed; Pulteney would not avow the authorship of the 'Proper Reply,' but announced himself prepared to be 'personally responsible,' as

Col. Starbottle would say, for every statement it contained. A 'meeting' accordingly took place 'in Upper St. James's Park, near the end of Arlington Street,' not the place one would nowadays select for a breach of the peace even 'between three and four of a January afternoon.' The rencontre was, however, little more dangerous than the now historic interview between Col. Saunderson and Mr. W. Redmond. Lord Hervey was slightly wounded; according to another account both the combatants were touched. 'Mr. Pulteney certainly have had Lord Hervey's life at his mercy had his foot not slipped at the moment,' but a miss is as good as a mile.

In 1733 Walpole brought forward his Excise scheme, the merits of which need not be discussed here; suffice it to say that the Opposition excited so much odium against it that it had to be dropped; but the general election of the following year was only slightly affected by it, and the Ministerial majority was substantially unimpaired. For a time the Opposition leaders lost heart. Bolingbroke left the country and wrote to a friend, 'My part is over: and he who remains on the stage after his part is over deserves to be hissed off.' Pulteney himself is said to have made advances towards a reconciliation with his enemy, and his gloom and depression were very general themes of comment. Next, the party struggle was interrupted for a session by a well-meaning attempt to impose a prohibitive duty on gin and the outburst of national jealousies caused by the Porteous riots. Then, after some sparring on financial questions, of which Walpole took the more popular and the Opposition the more statesmanlike view, Pulteney embarked on perhaps the most indefensible step of his public life—lending his name and talents to a most indecent attempt to interfere with the King's private pecuniary concerns. He was betrayed into this position by the influence of the Prince of Wales, who, after the custom of the House of Hanover, was heart and soul with the Opposition; but though Pulteney made a fine speech, and marshalled a formidable array of precedents in support of his proposal, we can only regret that he allowed himself to be made the instrument of so despicable and unnatural a Prince. After this the Spanish war became the great political question of the day—the 'war of Jenkyns' ear,' as Carlyle calls it. The war itself was so miserably mismanaged, that historians have never been able to do justice to the motives of those who urged it on, and have lavished praise on Walpole for his efforts to avoid it; though it is difficult to commend a Minister for purchasing an extended lease of office by the declaration of a war which he believes to be unjust and expects to prove unsuccessful, more especially when, by his own mismanagement, he turns his expectation into an accomplished fact. The Opposition may have been short-sighted, but at all events they were consistent, and it is only fair to add that Walpole fought hard for peace. So near did he come to victory, that in 1738 the Opposition were irritated into the extreme measure of leaving the House in a body, on the ground that their own arguments

appeared to them unanswerable. 'The majority of the House must, then,' said Wyndham, the Tory leader, who acted as their spokesman, 'proceed either from their being determined by arguments *that we have not heard*, or from my wanting common sense to comprehend the force of those that we have heard. In the first case, I think that I cannot with honour sit in an assembly which is determined by motives which I am not at liberty to mention; and if the last is the case, I look upon myself as a very unfit person to serve as a senator.' Walpole was delighted at the departure of his enemies, but his triumph was short-lived. 'A generation had grown up which knew war only by its trophies;' the pressure out of doors was too great to be resisted, and on the 19th of October, war was declared.

When Parliament met again in the following month, the Opposition were found in their places, and it fell to Pulteney's lot to justify their secession, which he did in a most powerful speech, alleging that their conduct had been fully justified by the result, and taking ample advantage of the mistake Walpole had made in embodying some reflections upon his opponents in the Speech from the Throne. Walpole retorted with more acrimony than success, and from that point his fall was only a question of time.

He had one great triumph, however, before the end came. Early in the session of 1741 Sandys moved that an address should be presented to the King, requesting him to remove Walpole from his counsels; and this motion, owing to the abstention of several sections of the Opposition, was lost by 290 to 106, a majority which might well flatter Walpole with hopes that his power could end only with his life. Sandys had given notice of his motion some days previously, when a curious scene occurred. Walpole made a speech in which he vaunted his conscious innocence, and perorated with the misquotation:—

Nil conscire sibi nulli pallescere culpæ.

Pulteney retorted that the Minister's Latin was as bad as his logic, as Horace wrote '*nullâ pallescere culpâ.*' Walpole defended his quotation, and offered to bet a guinea that it was correct. The matter was referred to Hardinge, 'Clerk of the House, and a reputed scholar.' Hardinge decided against Walpole, and thereupon the guinea was tossed to Pulteney, who, holding it up to the House, exclaimed, 'It is the only money I have received from the Treasury for many years, and it shall be the last.'

The general election of 1741 was fought with the greatest vigour on both sides, and the parties were so evenly balanced when the House re-assembled, that no one could foretell the result of any division. Walpole himself believed that he had a majority of forty, but he was disagreeably undeceived when the Opposition carried their own nominee as Chairman of Committees by 242 to 238. In a division on a question of foreign policy, he beat Pulteney by 10; but the Westminster election petition was decided against the Ministry by 4 votes. As the questions

at issue were mainly personal, there was plenty of cross-voting; one member distinguished himself by alternately voting for the Ministry and the Opposition, and absenting himself from every third division. Another member, whose return had been petitioned against, declared in the House that his innocence was his only shield, and immediately after the House had risen went to the leaders of the Opposition and promised them his support if they would withdraw the petition. This they did; but at a later interview he requested to be released from his promise. To this modest request Pulteney replied that the gentleman's honour was engaged, and received the cheerful answer, 'Very well, then, I will vote for you, but it will be against my conscience.' Sick men were dragged out of their beds to vote; and in one case the Opposition leaders suppressed the news of the death of a member's son from fear lest the father should consider it necessary to absent himself from the House in consequence. Several of Walpole's supporters who were too ill to attend the sittings of the House were accommodated in his brother's official residence, which communicated directly with the lobby; but when they should have been brought out to turn the fate of a division, it was found that the door could not be opened, the Opposition having arranged that the keyhole should be filled with sand. Amidst these ceaseless intrigues and manœuvres the Opposition urged on the appointment of a Secret Committee of twenty-one to give the King advice; or, as one of their too-candid supporters blurted out, as a 'Committee of Accusation.' Pulteney opened the debate in a speech which even his rival's son describes as 'glorious'; but he rashly charged Walpole with being responsible for all the calamities of Europe, to which the Minister retorted with justice that he had neither murdered the late Emperor nor instigated the King of Prussia to invade Silesia. In the end the Opposition were beaten by 253 to 250—'the greatest number which had ever lost a question,' as Horace Walpole exultingly observes; but immediately afterwards the Minister was beaten in the division on the Chippenham election petition—first by 1 vote, and afterwards by 16. He resigned his offices and accepted a peerage, and the long struggle was at an end.

The negotiations which followed cost Pulteney his popularity, though with what justice it is difficult to see. He was accused of sacrificing his own party, as many of the former Ministers were allowed to retain office; but the Opposition had notoriously directed their efforts against Walpole, and against Walpole alone, and had their patriotism been more than a self-applied title, they should have been satisfied with the consummation attained. Pulteney did not take office himself, so it is difficult to see how he can be said to have betrayed his party. The Tory section of the Opposition certainly gained nothing by the crisis, but many of the most prominent of them were notorious Jacobites, who could not consistently have held office under a Hanoverian monarch even had George II. been so complaisant as to employ them.

Indeed, when the Duke of Argyll, who had contributed as much as anyone to Walpole's fall, insisted upon a place being found for Sir John Hynde Cotton, the King refused point-blank to employ a declared enemy of his own family; and it is difficult to see what Pulteney could have done.

(To be concluded.)

School Notes.

ORATIONS were held 'Up-School' on Friday, March 12, when 'Lycidas' was finished. There were only two competitors, H. B. McCaskie being first, and C. E. B. Loch second.

We beg to congratulate J. H. Alderson on being elected to the head Classical Scholarship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

The School Confirmation was held by the Bishop of Marlborough on Saturday, March 18. There were rather more than forty candidates. The ceremony took place in Henry VII.'s Chapel, and not, as last year, in the Choir of the Abbey.

E. L. Clapham played for South *v.* North at Hockey.

A. H. Harrison, R. R. Sandilands, and W. N. Winckworth played in the International Trial Match at Derby, on Wednesday, March 22.

We beg to congratulate A. H. Harrison on being chosen to play for England *v.* Scotland, at Richmond, on Saturday, April 1. He is the seventh Old Westminster who has obtained his cap against Scotland.

'A Chat about Westminster School' appeared in *Chums* lately.

D. Shearme was treasurer, and H. S. Ladell, secretary of the Sports Committee.

The Athletic Committee wish to thank the following for the prizes which they very kindly gave:—Mrs. Rutherford, a silver blotter for the hurdles; Mr. Fox, a cup for the mile; Mr. Tanner, a travelling clock for the cricket ball; Mr. Raynor, a cup for the hundred; Mr. Marklove, a cup for the quarter; the rest of the masters, a clock for the long jump; *The Elizabethan*, prizes for the half mile with hurdles, and the O.W.W. Race.

R. R. Campbell and E. H. Cox played the Masters at Fives last term, and were beaten by three games to love.

Only F. J. Plaskitt entered for the racquet ties this year; he therefore holds the cup.

We must apologise for the late appearance of the April number of *The Elizabethan*. The shortness of the Lent term made it impossible to bring out three numbers.

The Elevens have been made up as follows :—

PINKS.

* F. B. Sherring.	* J. H. Alderson.
M. A. V. Allen.	L. K. D'Arcy.
* E. H. Cox.	* H. S. Ladell.
J. F. More.	* R. R. Campbell.
T. H. H. Newman.	H. W. Gates.
W. L. Armstrong.	A. R. Severn.

Those marked with an asterisk will have left before next season.

PINK AND WHITES.

D. Shearme.	H. Waterfield.
E. P. Garrett.	E. H. Waterfield.
F. J. Plaskitt.	C. F. Watherston.
J. Robertson.	F. W. Longhurst.
C. F. Rivaz.	L. J. Moon.
W. Fox.	

THIRD ELEVENS.

D. Wilson.	J. Rigby.
B. F. Howlett.	E. A. Underwood.
T. D. Miller.	A. S. Willett.
C. D. Fisher.	P. B. Henderson.
H. O. G. Beasley.	C. Van der Gucht.
G. Nye.	

We beg to congratulate O.W.W. on winning the London Cup for the fifth time.

THE FIELDS.

FINAL OF THE HOUSE MATCHES.

H.BB. v. RIGAUDS.

THIS match was played on Saturday, March 11, and, after a game which lasted two hours and a half, resulted in a victory for Rigauds by two goals to love. The game was almost without incident, which makes an adequate description of it impossible, though it was extremely interesting from first to last.

From the kick-off Rigauds took the ball down to the H.BB. goal, but failed to score. The play then became fairly even, each side doing their best to score. Both sides shot wildly, though Rigauds had a little the best of the game in the first half, and gained several corners, which gave Rigby plenty to do. Neither side had scored when half time was called. The second half was as even as the first, Rigauds still having slightly the best of things. During the last quarter of an hour the excitement was intense, as neither side had scored, and an extra half hour's play seemed inevitable. Time was called with the score, love all. It was, therefore, decided to play for another half hour. Ten minutes' interval was allowed, and the match was continued. Ends were changed after a quarter of an hour's play, and still there was no score.

After the half hour had expired, the match was as far from being decided as before.

Some discussion then ensued and it was settled that another half-hour's play should be allowed. Some years ago, on a similar occasion, it was decided to postpone the match till the following Monday.

Ten minutes' interval was allowed and play was resumed. During the first quarter of an hour nothing was scored, and the postponement of the match seemed inevitable. On crossing over, however, Rigauds pressed hard, and Rigby, whose fine goal-keeping had prevented the match from being decided before, failed to get a shot well away, and enabled Nye to put the ball through. Soon after Nye added another point, and as nothing further was scored, Rigauds were left in possession of the shield, after a game which, including all intervals, had lasted for three hours.

Both teams played up well, the defence on both sides being admirable.

For the winners, all the backs were good, and Nye and Waterfield were the best of the forwards.

For H.BB. (who were without D. Wilson), Rigby in goal was very good. Of the backs, Allen, Howlett, and Plaskitt were most conspicuous; while Miller, Longhurst, and Van der Gucht were the best of the forwards.

The teams were :—

RIGAUDS.

K. H. Stenning (goal), C. Rivaz and T. H. Newman (backs), E. G. Harvey, W. L. Armstrong, and H. O. G. Beasley (half-backs), A. S. Willett, L. K. D'Arcy, H. Waterfield, G. Nye, and R. E. More (forwards).

H.BB.

J. Rigby (goal), M. A. V. Allen and B. F. Howlett (backs), E. Hollocombe, F. J. Plaskitt, A. Whittow (half-backs), T. D. Miller, E. A. Underwood, F. W. Longhurst, J. F. Carr, and C. Van der Gucht.

Referee : The Rev. G. H. Hall.

Q.SS. v. T.BB.

THIS match was played 'up-fields' on Wednesday, March 15, and resulted in a victory for Town Boys by 2-0. The weather was dull, and there was rain at times, though not enough to interfere with the play.

T.BB. gained a corner almost immediately, but Fox put the ball behind. From the 'behind,' Martin took the ball down to the T.BB. goal, and passed to Alderson, whose shot hit the post. T.BB. then gained a 'hands,' but Sherring just managed to get the ball away, and passed to Alderson, who took the ball down, but waited too long before shooting, allowing Robertson to clear. Neither side seemed able to score, but, just before half time was called, Campbell shot from quite close. Fisher saved at the expense of a corner, but the referee decided that it was a goal. The score at half time was, therefore, 1-0 in favour of T.BB.

In the second half, Q.SS. had the wind in their favour, and pressed at once, though they could no score. A run of Campbell's was well stopped by Garrett, who sent the ball to Alderson. Some good

passing on the part of the Q.SS. forwards took the ball down to the other end, but not through the posts. For the next quarter of an hour the ball was in the T.BB. half the whole time. Ladell at last managed to get away, but only to be stopped by E. H. Waterfield. Robertson next had to save a magnificent shot from Watherston, and then the Q.SS. goal was again attacked. Cox could only stop H. Waterfield by conceding a corner, and soon after Ladell almost succeeded in getting past Garrett. Fisher saved two good shots from Ladell and Waterfield, and then Q.SS. were relieved by a 'hands.' It was only for a little while, however. Fisher failed to get a shot of Ladell's well away, and D'Arcy sent the ball through, thus scoring the second goal for T.BB. Only three minutes remained; Alderson took the ball down to the T.BB. goal, but Robertson managed to save at the expense of a corner. Time was then called, leaving the score two goals to love in favour of T.BB.

For Q.SS., who had the best of the game especially during the first half, all were good. Sherring was the best of the backs and Alderson of the forwards, all of whom seemed incapable of shooting.

For T.BB., Campbell and Ladell were the best of the forwards, and of the backs, Armstrong and Newman.

The teams were :—

T.BB.

J. A. Robertson (goal), M. A. V. Allen and T. H. H. Newman (backs), F. J. Plaskitt, W. L. Armstrong, and W. F. Fox (half-backs), R. R. Campbell, H. Waterfield, A. R. Severn, L. K. D'Arcy, and H. S. Ladell (forwards).

Q.SS.

C. D. Fisher (goal), E. H. Cox and E. P. Garrett (backs), E. H. Waterfield, F. B. Sherring, and P. B. Henderson (half-backs), C. F. Watherston, J. F. More, J. H. Alderson, D. Shearme, and G. F. Martin (forwards).

LONDON SENIOR CUP COMPETITION.

O.WW. v. ILFORD.

On Saturday, March 18, O.WW. and Ilford met to decide their tie in the London Cup. In spite of the cold weather, some 4,000 spectators were attracted to the Oval, and they witnessed an interesting, if not a first rate game. W. N. Winckworth was missing from the O.WW. team, and there were two absentees on the other side.

O.WW. won the toss, and chose to play with the wind, of which there was a good deal. From the kick-off Ilford took the ball to the Westminster goal, and twice looked like scoring. Veitch then got the ball, and passed to Sandilands, who centred grandly from the goal line, giving Peck an easy chance, of which he availed himself. O.WW. continued pressing, but could not score again for some time, till Sandilands beat Davies with a long low shot from a pass by Veitch. Veitch added the third point, and Peck the fourth, after an unsuccessful attack by Ilford. Half time was then called.

With the wind, Ilford were for a little while seen

to greater advantage, but were unable to make any alteration in the score. O.WW. soon renewed their pressure, which they kept up till almost the end of the game, though they were unable to score. A few minutes before the close, W. R. Moon was obliged to give a corner, from which A. Porter succeeded in scoring. O.WW. therefore won by four goals to one.

O.WW. were very slack in the second half, and their shooting was wild. Veitch was the best of the forwards, though he was the worst offender in the way of shooting. Sandilands was hardly as good as usual. Wetton was a good deal the best of the half backs. Both the backs were good, and W. R. Moon had scarcely anything to do.

For Ilford, Davies in goal was very good.

The teams were :—

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon (goal), E. G. Moon and R. T. Squire (backs), A. W. Ferrers-Guy, H. Wetton, and J. C. Hollocombe (half-backs), F. Street and H. C. Peck (left wing), R. R. Sandilands (centre), J. G. Veitch and D. P. Winckworth (right wing), (forwards).

ILFORD.

A. J. Davies (goal), H. Porter (capt.) and W. King (backs), C. D. Regan, H. Watts, and M. Poole (half-backs), E. C. Porter and A. Porter (right wing), F. King (centre), J. King and J. D. Hutchins (left wing), (forwards).

LONDON SENIOR CUP—FINAL.

O.WW. v. CASUALS.

Played at the Oval on Saturday, March 25.
Result : O.WW. won by 3-0.

The following is from *Pastime*:—

'The fortunes of the game fluctuated very considerably, for the ground was in perfect condition, and the teams fairly matched. For some time the Old Westminster forwards played anything but a combined game, as the outsiders seemed to be under the impression that Veitch and Sandilands would be able to take any pass, however wild it might be. When they had settled down, the passing became very accurate, and the outsiders exercised great judgment in choosing the right moment to pass to the two centres, who, on their part, seldom failed to make Seton extremely anxious when they had the ball. The Casuals' forwards throughout the game suffered from a want of consideration on the part of all the backs except Pelly, who was quite alone in systematically placing the ball where they could get to it.

'With the sun behind their backs the Casuals immediately after the kick-off had an extremely easy opportunity of scoring, but only gained a corner. This was so well placed that a goal might easily have been obtained. The Old Boys after this rushed the ball to the other end, but it was soon returned, and the Casuals for some little time looked dangerous, until at last Simpson got clear of the backs and arrived five yards in front of Moon, only to send in a very hot shot wide of the posts. Veitch, after the kick-off, going at a great pace, seemed to have the goal at his mercy,

but overran the ball at the critical moment, though the backs could not get it clear away, and Sandilands, when obviously off-side, sent it through the posts; he did not seem much surprised when no goal was allowed. From this time until towards the end of the game the Old Westminsters had the best of the play, and the Casuals only occasionally looked at all like scoring. The Old Boys continued to keep the ball in the neighbourhood of the goal, and at last Street, from a well judged pass by Peck, scored with a fast cross shot. The Casuals broke away occasionally, but whenever they sent the ball behind the goal, the Westminsters, from the kick-off, took the ball at once to the opposite end, and when they lost it it was generally returned by the backs or half-backs. Just before half-time Sandilands suddenly made a bolt past three or four of his opponents, nearly fell over, picked himself up again, and sent in a shot which Seton had no possible chance of stopping.

'Almost immediately after change of ends Robinson got hold of the ball, passed everybody, and sent in a splendid shot which just missed the posts. The ball did not stay long near the Westminster goal, and Veitch had a run more than half-way up the ground. He was clear of everybody, but in trying to steady the ball for a shot he lost his chance. In another moment the Westminster goal was in danger, and Moon ran out when everything seemed lost. He could not get the ball well away, and for a short time the Casuals seemed on the point of scoring. They gained a corner, but kicked wide, and from the kick-off the Old Boys' forwards made the prettiest run of the day, ending in a shot which only just missed. Then the Casuals had their turn, and Moon saved splendidly. Two or three seconds afterwards Veitch was on his way towards Seton, but as he was turned out of his course by Pelly he passed to Peck, who scored the third goal. From this moment the Old Boys slackened their efforts, and Moon was kept fully employed, saving shot after shot in a wonderful manner, and keeping his goal intact until the whistle blew.

'Although the Casuals frequently had chances of scoring, their forwards never played a winning game, but, by poor passing, gave the Westminster backs, who hardly made a mistake, plenty of time to get the ball away. The right wing was much stronger than the left, but Robinson was so well looked after by Wetton that he did not shine prominently. In the centre, Hope was not seen at his best, because Winckworth was altogether too much for him; R. A. Blunt, the outside left, was perhaps the best forward, but Ferrers-Guy was a great stumbling block to him. In no way were the Casuals' half-backs up to their form, but Pelly was as good as ever, and Nelson's only fault was that of gallery kicking. It is, indeed, seldom that the Old Westminster forwards give such a good exhibition of combined play as they did when they had once settled down, and Veitch and Sandilands were at their very best. All the others, Street, D. P. Winckworth, and Peck showed great tact in feeding them.'

The following were the teams:—

CASUALS.

W. J. Seton (goal), F. R. Pelly (capt.) and T. L. Nelson (backs), A. H. Hossack, R. R. Barker, and B. Pares (half-backs), G. M. Robinson and W. A. Simkins (right wing), R. B. Hope (centre), F. Bickley and R. A. Blunt (left wing), (forwards).

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon (goal), E. G. Moon and R. T. Squire (capt.) (backs), W. N. Winckworth, H. Wetton, and A. W. Ferrers-Guy (half-backs), H. C. Peck and F. Street (left wing), R. R. Sandilands (centre), J. G. Veitch and D. P. Winckworth (right wing), (forwards).

FENCING AND GYMNASTIC COMPETITIONS.

THE Fencing Competitions took place on Monday, March 20. There were four competitors. In the first round, Doherty was drawn with Richards, and had an easy victory. In the second round, Loeffler met Freshwater, and the issue was for some time doubtful, Freshwater finally getting in three hits against two. The first round between Doherty and Freshwater produced a grand struggle. Freshwater had much the advantage in height and length of reach, but Doherty made up for these by the vigour of his attacks. The hits were called, 'one all,' 'two all,' 'three all,' and finally 'four to three' in favour of Freshwater, who thus won the challenge medal and prize. We would like to thank Mr. H. A. C. Dunn for his kindness in coming down to judge in the contest.

The Senior Gymnastic Competition was decided on Tuesday, March 21. Six competitors entered. It was evident from the first that the contest for first place lay between W. Armstrong and Rivaz, who did some excellent work all round. Woodbridge and Scott were neat in many exercises, but Severn was not up to his usual form. Fox showed considerable promise, and, with more practice, should make a good gymnast. The marks were finally read out as follows:—

W. Armstrong	75	G. Scott	55
Rivaz	73	Severn	52
Woodbridge	57	Fox	32

Rigauds are to be congratulated on obtaining both first and second places, an honour which has usually fallen to Grants of late years.

For the Junior Gymnastic competition there were seven competitors. Creswell and T. Kirlaw, who have distinguished themselves in this competition before, were again to the front. Both showed neat and good work. Taswell is promising, but his form requires improving. The following were the marks:—

Creswell	77	Lonsdale	30
T. Kirlaw	71	Wilkins	29
Taswell	49	L. Lloyd	26
G. Eady	42		

In both competitions the work of the leading competitors was well up to the average of former years, and our Instructor, Sergeant Allen, may be congratulated on their performances. We ought to add that Sergeant Allen treated us to some most brilliant exercises on the horizontal and parallel bars.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE sports this year were held on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. The results as a whole were very poor, but the high jump and the hammer were decidedly encouraging, and the times were in most cases better than last year. Considering the long time available for training, some better performances ought to have been witnessed. To prevent the tediousness of such events as the 'under fifteen cricket ball,' it was decided this year to have trial jumps and throws on the Wednesday before, four competitors being left in for each event.

Friday was bright, and almost hot. The splendid weather, however, failed to attract a large number of spectators, and there were very few ladies.

J. G. Veitch acted as timekeeper, and H. Berens as starter; while C. T. Agar, D. P. Winckworth, and afterwards A. L. Longhurst were judges.

NO. 1. 300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16. HEATS.

1st Heat.—1. J. A. Robertson (3 yards). 2. D. Shearme (5 yards). Time, 37½ seconds.

E. H. Waterfield's handicap gave him the lead for some time, but Robertson caught him at the beginning of the straight, and won by 4 yards; Shearme being second, and Miller (scratch) third.

2nd Heat.—1. B. F. Howlett (scratch). 2. A. M. Colville (6 yards). Time, 37½ seconds.

Howlett won easily from scratch, Alderson (1 yard) being third.

NO. 2. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.
UNDER 15.

1. T. S. Holland. 2. H. S. W. Haweis.
Distance, 65 yards 1 foot. Last year, 65 yards.

The four selected competitors were Haweis, Holland, Johnston, and R. Lloyd. Haweis and Holland were very close, but the other two were poor.

NO. 3. HIGH JUMP. OPEN. LADIES' CHALLENGE CUP.

1. E. O. Kirlaw. 2. J. F. Badham.
Height, 5 feet 4 inches. Last year, 4 feet 11 inches.

There were five entries. Martin failed at once, and Fisher (who jumped very neatly) and Lart at 4 feet 7 inches. Badham could not jump 4 feet 8 inches. Kirlaw, who won the cup last year with a jump of 4 feet 11 inches, did the best performance of the sports by jumping 5 feet 4 inches. This was only 2 inches behind the School record.

NO. 4. FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

1. A. Whittow. 2. H. S. Holland.
Time, 12 seconds. Last year, 12 seconds.

There were 16 starters. Badham took the lead at once, but he was soon caught by Holland, who was in his turn overtaken by Whittow.

NO. 5. HURDLE RACE. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUPS.

1st Heat.—1. B. F. Howlett. 2. J. F. Badham.
Time, 19½ seconds.

Howlett won easily. Garrett, who was second, fell in the run in, and allowed Badham to pass him.

2nd Heat.—1. F. B. Sherring. 2. A. R. Severn.
Time, 19½ seconds.

Sherring was a hurdle ahead of all the rest.

NO. 6. FLAT RACE. 150 YARDS. UNDER 13.

1. H. N. Wyatt. 2. L. Lloyd.
Time, 21½ seconds. Last year, 22 seconds.

There were five starters. Lloyd and Wilkins tied for second place. On running it off later, Lloyd won.

NO. 7. HURDLE RACE. FINAL HEAT.

1. F. B. Sherring. 2. B. F. Howlett. 3. A. R. Severn.
Time, 19 seconds. Last year, 19½ seconds.

Sherring won by 4 yards.

NO. 8. LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

1. H. S. Holland. 2. T. C. English.
15 feet 6 inches. Last year, 14 feet 11 inches.

English jumped 14 feet 8 inches.

NO. 9. HALF-MILE. WITH HURDLES. OPEN.
CHALLENGE CUP.

1. H. Waterfield. 2. T. D. Miller. 3. K. H. A. Kelly.
Time, 2 minutes 33½ seconds. Last year, 2 minutes 42 seconds.

There were ten starters. The first lap was run in 1 minute 5 seconds. The order being Miller, Waterfield, Henderson, Kirlaw. At the hurdles Waterfield was leading, and kept his lead to the end, though he fell at the tape. Miller fell at the third hurdle from the finish.

NO. 10. HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15.

1. R. Lloyd. 2. S. A. T. Taswell.
Time, 24½ seconds. Last year, 19½ seconds.

There were only four entries, so it was unnecessary to run the race in heats. The time was very poor.

NO. 11. FLAT RACE. 300 YARDS. UNDER 14.

1. H. P. Templer. 2. R. E. Williams.
Time, 43½ seconds. Last year, 46 seconds.

Eight started for this race. Williams led for some distance, but he was caught by Templer, who won by 4 yards. The time was very good.

NO. 12. THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN.
CHALLENGE HAMMER.

1. J. A. Robertson. 2. T. C. Greenway.
Distance, 73 feet 3 inches. Last year, 61 feet.

There was no doubt beforehand as to the winner, though the competition was unexpectedly close. Robertson won with the best throw there has been for several years. Greenway was, however, only 8 feet behind him; his throw, which would have won in a good many years, being 65 feet 4 inches. Armstrong also threw.

NO. 13. FLAT RACE. HALF-MILE. HANDICAP.

1. R. E. Williams (105 yards). 2. T. N. Griffin (60 yards).
3. A. R. Brailey (100 yards).
Time, 2 minutes 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds. Last year, 2 minutes 18 seconds.

110 entered, but only 50 started, including two out of the three scratch-men. Blow, Barclay, and Eady led at the end of the first lap.

NO. 14. INTER-HOUSE TUG OF WAR. HEATS.

1st Heat.—H.B.B. v. ASHBURNHAM.

Ashburnham won (2-1).

Ashburnham, who were a good deal the lighter team, won the first pull, H.B.B. being hardly ready. The second was a long pull, but Ashburnham were jerked out of their holes, and H.B.B. won. H.B.B. won the third pull easily, as Ashburnham were not ready. H.B.B. offered to pull it over again, when Ashburnham won.

The Ashburnham team was :—

A. Bevan.	A. M. Colvile.
A. W. Raikes.	E. H. Lart.
E. Kirlew.	J. A. Robertson.

2nd Heat.—GRANTS v. RIGAUDS.

Rigauds won easily (2-0).

The Rigaudite team was :—

T. H. Newman.	W. L. Armstrong.
H. C. Waterfield.	C. F. Rivaz.
H. M. Cooper.	G. Norman.

This concluded the first day's events.

The second day was, if anything, brighter and sunnier than the day before; and the lovely weather attracted a large company, including a great many ladies. As on the Friday, the band of the 'A' Division of Police attended. O.W.W. were hardly as numerous (only 25 entered for the O.W.W. race) as on the first day, owing to the final of the London Cup at the Oval. The following O.W.W. officiated: G. P. Stevens, starter; C. A. Benn, timekeeper; A. L. Longhurst, H. Berens, and H. T. Clarke, judges.

NO. 1. FLAT RACE. 300 YARDS. OVER 16.
FINAL HEAT.

1. B. F. Howlett (scratch). 2. J. A. Robertson (3 yards).
3. T. D. Miller (scratch).
Time, 37 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds. Last year, Everington (12 yards),
37 seconds.

Howlett caught Robertson 4 yards from home, and won by half a yard. Shearme was a good fourth.

NO. 2. HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

1. R. Lloyd. 2. H. Wyatt.
Height, 4 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Last year, 4 feet 4 inches.

There were five competitors. The result was very poor. Plaskitt and Johnston were out almost immediately, and Taswell soon after. Plaskitt jumped well for his size.

NO. 3. FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. OPEN.
CHALLENGE CUP.

1. B. F. Howlett. 2. J. H. Alderson. 3. R. R. Campbell.
Time, 11 seconds. Last year, 11 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

The time, though poor, was better than last year. Alderson took the lead at once, and kept it till within five yards of the finish, when Howlett caught him, and won by a yard. Campbell was a good third.

NO. 4. FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. UNDER 15.
CHALLENGE CUP.

1. T. C. English. 2. R. E. Williams. 3. H. P. Templer.
Time, 68 seconds. Last year, 68 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

The time was very bad, though better than last year. Lloyd led for some time, with Templer second. Templer took the lead at the beginning of the straight, but he allowed both English and Williams to pass him.

NO. 5. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN.

1. A. R. Severn. 2. T. H. H. Newman.
Distance, 84 yards 1 foot 3 inches. Last year, 80 yards.

It was very unfortunate that L. K. D'Arcy, who in the absence of his brother won this event last year, was unavoidably away. Newman and Severn were very close, there being only four feet between them. Horner and Colvile also threw.

NO. 6. FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. OPEN.
CHALLENGE CUP.

1. F. B. Sherring. 2. H. Waterfield. 3. T. D. Miller.
Time, 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. Last year, 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.

Seven started. Sherring won easily. Campbell was fourth.

NO. 7. FLAT RACE. 100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

1. H. S. Holland. 2. H. S. W. Haweis. 3. T. C. English.
Time, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds. Last year, 13 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds.

This was a close race all through, the three Ashburnhamites just managing to keep ahead. A large number started.

NO. 8. LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. E. O. Kirlew. 2. E. P. Garrett.
Distance, 17 feet 1 inch. Last year, 17 feet 2 inches.

The jumps were very poor indeed, only two competitors jumping over 16 feet. Garrett, who was second with a jump of 16 feet 6 inches, was unfortunate in falling backwards after a good jump, which was certainly as far as Kirlew's, if not further.

NO. 9. FLAT RACE. 440 YARDS. UNDER 16.

1. A. Whittow. 2. J. F. Badham. 3. W. A. E. Stamp.
Time, 60 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds. Last year, 60 seconds.

There were very few starters for this race. Stamp led for some time, but allowed Whittow, who won pretty easily, and Badham to pass him.

NO. 10. FLAT RACE. ONE MILE. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. P. B. Henderson. 2. F. W. Longhurst.
3. K. H. A. Kelly.
Time, 5 minutes 12 seconds. Last year, 5 minutes 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ seconds.
Seventy entered for this race, but only 14 started, and

of these only four finished. Armstrong went off at a great pace, but dropped out before completing the first lap, which took 71 seconds, with Greenway leading, and Longhurst and H. Waterfield close behind him. Before the end of the second lap, which lasted 80 seconds, Greenway had dropped out; Longhurst was leading, closely followed by Henderson, who had passed Waterfield. Kelly had overtaken Longhurst at the end of the third lap, which was completed in 83 seconds. Henderson was third, with Garrett and Waterfield close behind. Waterfield dropped out during the next lap, which was quicker, only taking 78 seconds. Henderson passed both Kelly and Longhurst about the beginning of the straight, and won by 5 yards. Longhurst was second and Kelly third, just in front of Garrett, who did not spurt soon enough.

NO. 11. CONSOLATION RACE. WINNERS EXCLUDED.

1. D. Shearme. 2. E. H. Waterfield. 3. A. T. East.
Time, 38½ seconds.

Thirty-five unsuccessful competitors entered for this race. E. H. Waterfield led almost all the way, but Shearme passed him about 5 yards from the finish and won by a foot. Colville and East were very close together for third place.

NO. 12. INTER-HOUSE TUG OF WAR. FINAL.
ASHBURNHAM v. RIGAUDS.

Ashburnham won (2-0).

Ashburnham were the heavier team and won easily.

Names and weights of the winners:—

st. lbs.		st. lbs.	
A. Bevan	10 1	A. M. Colville	10 4
A. W. Raikes	10 0	E. H. Lart	9 11
E. Kirlew	10 3	J. A. Robertson	12 2

NO. 13. SERVANTS' RACE. 150 YARDS.

1. Ruston. 2. Jenkins. 3. Lewis.

Ruston won easily, and Lewis got a place as usual. Only seven started.

NO. 14. BANDSMEN'S RACE.

1. Chitty.

NO. 15. TUG OF WAR. T.BB. v. Q.SS.

Q.SS. won (2-0).

It was, as usual expected that T.BB. would win, as they were more than 8 stone heavier than Q.SS. Q.SS., however, won easily. The first pull lasted hardly any time. The second was a very long one; but the combined pulling of Q.SS. told in the end. It is only fair to say that three of the originally-chosen T.BB. team were out of school.

The teams were:

Q.SS.

st. lbs.		st. lbs.	
J. H. Alderson	10 7	J. F. Waters	10 3
D. Shearme	10 0	P. B. Henderson	10 10
C. D. Fisher	9 8	B. C. Boulter	11 5
J. F. More	10 1	F. B. Sherring	10 8

T.BB.

st. lbs.		st. lbs.	
B. F. Howlett	10 4	E. A. Underwood	11 6
H. Waterfield	10 2	G. D. Norman	12 9
A. M. Colville	10 4	J. A. Robertson	12 2
T. D. Miller	10 4	H. A. Beesley	14 4

NO. 16. O.WW. RACE. 150 YARDS.

1. F. C. Dundas. 2. G. D. Howlett.

This race, which was put down before the Bandsmen's Race and the Tug of War, was postponed in order, if possible, to allow O.WW. from the Oval to get 'up-fields' in time. Only twenty-five started, Dundas just managing to beat Howlett.

The prizes were then presented by Mrs. Rutherford. The announcement that O.WW. had won the London Cup was made amid great applause in the course of the distribution. After this, the headmaster thanked the school for doing Mrs. Rutherford the honour of asking her to distribute the prizes. He thanked O.WW. for honouring the school by winning the London Cup, and by being present at the Sports. He said that Westminster was better off than most London Schools in having such a playing-field as Vincent Square. He proposed three cheers for O.WW.

H. T. Clarke replied, and said that he had done enough talking already. He proposed three cheers for the ladies. After these had been cordially given, the band tried to bring the proceedings to a summary conclusion by playing 'God Save the Queen.'

C. A. Benn then proposed three cheers for the headmaster and Mrs. Rutherford; after which the proceedings terminated.

Obituary.

We regret to have to announce the death of Sir ELLIOT BOVILL (O.W.)

Sir Elliot was the second son of William John Bovill, Q.C., of James Street, Buckingham Gate. Born April 23, 1848, he was admitted to Westminster January 28, 1857, and was elected a Queen's Scholar, 1863. On leaving Westminster he went to Christ Church, and took his degree in 1871. He was called to the Bar January 27, 1873, and practised as equity draughtsman and conveyancer. From 1873-9 he was Honorary Secretary to the Elizabethan Club. In 1879 he was appointed Assistant Judicial Commissioner of Cyprus, and became Judicial Commissioner of Cyprus in 1881, and afterwards (in 1883) Chief Justice. This office he retained till 1892, when he was appointed Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements. On August 11, 1884, he was knighted by letters patent. He married Anna, younger daughter of Rev. John Tahourdin White, Rector of St. Martin's, Ludgate, on July 27, 1876. He died lately at Malacca, of cholera.

Marriage.

The following is from the *Times* of March 17, 1893. On February 25, 1888, Bertram, 5th Earl of Ashburnham, to Emily, daughter of the late R. Chaplin, Esq.

Correspondence.

LORD EBURY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The inscription on the frame of Cobbler Foote's engraving, to which Mr. Russell Barker very kindly calls attention in the March number of *The Elizabethan*, is an exact quotation from Lord Ebury's letter to the Dean which accompanied the gift. The inverted commas which I had placed round the words were omitted in error by the framemaker.

I discovered last January that the words were incorrect, and decided to have the inscription changed during the Easter holidays.

I am, dear Sir,

18 Dean's Yard,

March 18, 1893.

Yours truly,

THE LIBRARIAN.

THE 'MARTLET.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Though I am loth to throw cold water upon the rising literary efforts of the school (indeed, I am glad to find they are so rampant), I cannot restrain myself from offering a mild protest against the new paper which, I understand, is to appear shortly under the above title. I note that the prospectus carefully proceeds to anticipate possible objections, and states that the new paper is not intended 'to rival or supplant' the paper over which you preside; and further, that the new venture has the 'full support and approbation' of yourself and other 'officers' of *The Elizabethan*. Everyone, I imagine, is quite prepared to take it for granted that the *Martlet* is not being started with the avowed object of ousting the older paper and bringing it to an ignoble end, but the question which has to be seriously considered is how far the new paper will draw off pecuniary and literary support from *The Elizabethan*. Of these two I attach by far the most importance to the former, as *The Elizabethan* has always had somewhat of a struggle to keep out of debt, and there have been periods of its existence, only too frequently recurring, when the paper has not received the full support from the school which it had a right to expect. If I am not mistaken, I have a letter amongst my papers from a past 'officer' of *The Elizabethan*, in which he informed me that when another literary venture was started in the school, and ran a short course of doubtful existence, it had a sufficient following to reduce the number of the school subscribers to *The Elizabethan* by some fifty in number. What has occurred once is easily capable of being repeated, but in this case a repetition should be avoided.

Schoolboys are proverbially 'hard up,' at least it was the general rule in my time, and they can hardly be supposed to be able to support regularly two school papers. This being so, I must express my doubt as to the advisability of starting the *Martlet*, as it seems to me that *The Elizabethan* must thereby necessarily lose subscribers in the school. Boys love novelty, and many would, no doubt, at once drop the old paper and take up with the new, without for a moment considering what effect their action may have on *The Elizabethan*—the paper which has now for nearly twenty years been the honoured representative paper of the school. With twenty years' experience *The Elizabethan*, I think, is now capable to a great

extent of looking with unconcern, possibly with appreciative sympathy, upon any new attempt to found a second paper; but, in our humble opinion, no further paper is at all necessary at the school. Many times have the Editors of *The Elizabethan* been obliged to appeal for literary and pecuniary assistance; and to those Westminsters, past and present, who are thirsting for literary fame, I would suggest that they should reserve themselves for assisting you and the 'officers' of your paper, and thus avoid the recurring editorial appeals. I must apologise, Mr. Editor, for the length of my letter, but I trust you will see your way to let it appear in your paper, as it will, at any rate, point out to some at the school that it is their duty to stand by, and do nothing to prejudice the success of *The Elizabethan*—a fact which, perhaps, requires to be put forward from time to time, to meet the attention it deserves. I may add that, in expressing the above remarks, I am, as a matter of fact, expressing the opinion of several O.W.W. who have had experience on the editorial staff of *The Elizabethan*.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CONSERVATIVE.

[We regret that this letter did not reach us before the March number of *The Elizabethan* came out.—ED.]

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following: *Carthusian* (2), *Cliftonian* (2), *Lancing College Magazine* (2), *Alleynian* (2), *Cantuarian* (2), *Newtonian*, *Fettesian* (2), *Wykehamist* (2), *Seminary Echo*, *Meteor* (2), *Penn Charter Magazine* (2), *Beacon* (2), *Forest School Magazine*, *Clavinian*, *A. A. Notes*, *Rossalian* (2), *Wellingtonian*, *Felstedian*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Barnet Elizabethan*, *Marburian*, *Blue Cheltonian*, *Uula*, *Newtonian*, *Working Men's College Journal*, *Berkhamstedian*, *Malvernian*, *Our Boys Magazine*.

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