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## GENIUS LOCI.

AMONG all the smart sayings of antiquity that have come down to us, there is none perhaps more striking than the crushing sarcasm of the great Themistocles on a certain occasion. The circumstances were briefly these. A Seriphian had been making himself excessively objectionable, and in the most offensive way had declared the greatness of Themistocles to be due not to any merit of his own, but to the fact of his being an Athenian. 'If you,' retorted the other, 'had been an Athenian or I a Seriphian, neither of us would have been great.' How much was expressed in this short sentence! We deduce from this withering rejoinder of the great Athenian, first, that Seriphos was not an inspiring place, and secondly, that some people are too common-

place to be inspired, even by the most cultured city of the world. But he does not deny that, to the ordinary human being the environment in which he lives is all-important. Who could deny it? It is a fact that was no less patent to the ancients than to us. To-day in England we are more than ever alive to the fact that our surroundings, more especially in early life, are apt to exercise a subtle but decided influence on character.

The English public school has always been a favourite example. Let us apply it to our own case. Here at Westminster we spend those years of our life in which our mind is most receptive, surrounded by a wealth of associations such as we venture to think no other school can boast. Yet we have heard of a proposal made more than once to transplant Westminster into the country, to take her ruthlessly from the home

where she has lived all her life, to sacrifice all those old associations of which we are so justly proud—for what? She might gain something, but the magnitude of her loss is incalculable. First and foremost she would lose the Abbey. What would Westminster be without the Abbey, and all that is comprised within its walls? For who could fail to be at least impressed, if not actively inspired, by that ancient memorial of all, or nearly all, that is great in England's history, the resting-place of kings and queens, of the most famous of our statesmen, poets, and philosophers? None, surely, who is capable of serious thought at all. Who could endure a new Westminster springing up far from the ancient buildings that are so familiar to us, and have been familiar to so many generations of alumni since our foundation, the cloisters, 'Up-School,' College Hall? How could Westminster leave the place where she feels that the shades of O.W.W. of the last three hundred years and more watch jealously over their old institutions? No! let Westminster stay for ever where she now is and has always been, where the genius of the place sheds his mystic influence over those who are entrusted to her care.

### WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 61.—RICHARD CORBET, BISHOP OF NORWICH.

THE future Bishop of Norwich was of humble origin, being the son of a gardener at Ewell, Surrey, where he was born in the year 1582. His father, Vincent Corbet, for an apparently unknown reason, subsequently changed his name to Poynter, and according to his son was

. . . farther knowne  
By Poynters name, then by his owne.

Of some eminence in his calling, he numbered Ben Jonson amongst his friends, a friendship in which Richard Corbet also had a part. Vincent Corbet died on April 29, 1619, and was honoured by an epitaph from Jonson's pen which was printed among his 'Underwoods.' From this epitaph we take the following lines which alike testify to the father's virtue and business capacity:—

His mind as pure, and neatly kept  
As were his nurseries, and swept  
So of uncleanness or offence,  
That never came ill odour thence!

Some lines further on Jonson also records that

Much from him, I profess, I won,

though in what respect he does not enlighten us.

The son, too, commemorated his father in an elegy, which may be found among the poems which were published after the Bishop's death.

Richard Corbet received his education at Westminster under William Camden, of whom Jonson wrote:—

Camden! most reverend head, to whom I owe  
All that I am in arts, all that I know  
(How nothing's that); to whom my country owes  
The great renown, and name wherewith she goes!

Though he became a student at Christ Church Oxford, Corbet was not elected there from the school. He first entered at Pembroke College (then Broadgates Hall, and, it may be mentioned, Camden's College) in Lent term 1597-8, and passed on to Christ Church as a student in 1598. Amongst his fellow students was numbered Sir Thomas Aylesbury, an Old Westminster, who was secretary to Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, and an 'eminent mathematician.' Corbet graduated B.A. on June 20, 1602, and M.A. on June 9, 1605. At the University he acquired a considerable reputation as a wit, and most of his poems were composed during the period he remained there as Student, Dean, and Bishop. He did not apparently contribute to the congratulatory odes which were composed on the occasion of the visit of James I. to Christ Church in 1605, a fact which is somewhat noticeable seeing that he was a poet himself, and contributions from the following Old Westminsters appear in the collection, and the list is probably incomplete:—Roger Ewer, Simon Jukes, John Smith, John Hamden, Thomas Thornton, William Osbaldeston, Sir Thomas Aylesbury, George Hamden, Francis James, William Maxey, Thomas Harlowe, Thomas Benson, John Webbe, William Barlowe, John Browne, William Dolben, John Lloyd, Thomas Isles and Edward Boughen. In the year 1612, when one of the proctors, and at the request of the University, he 'very oratorically speeched' a funeral oration on the death of Henry, Prince of Wales, and in the same year he was called upon to perform a similar duty on the interment of Sir Thomas Bodley. The date of Corbet's ordination is not forthcoming, and the dates of some of his appointments are also unrecorded. He became Vicar of Cassington in Oxfordshire, and in 1620 he was appointed Vicar of Stewkley in Berkshire, which he retained until his death. In the year 1616 he was recommended as eligible for election to the college at Chelsea, which was to be founded for 'maintaining polemical divines to be employed in opposing the doctrines of Papists and Sectaries,' but it is not known whether he was elected. In May of the following year he took his B.D. degree. He was also appointed to the prebend of Bedminster Secunda in Salisbury Cathedral, which he resigned in June 1631. Corbet in 1618 made a tour in France, which he described in a humorous poetical epistle to Sir Thomas Aylesbury.

At the early age of thirty-seven Corbet was appointed Dean of Christ Church, and thus became one of the sixteen Old Westminster deans out of a

total of twenty-nine appointed since 1576. He held this enviable position until he had to make way for Brian Duppa, another Old Westminster. The Earl of Dorset desired the deanery for Duppa, so a vacancy was created by the elevation of Corbet to the bench as Bishop of Oxford. His election took place on July 30, 1629, and his consecration on the 3rd of November following. At the end of May 1619 Ben Jonson was the guest of Corbet at the deanery, where he remained some months. It was in this year that Corbet lost his father, who died at an advanced age, and from him he inherited some property in the parish of St. Augustine's, Watling Street, in the City of London. About this time Corbet was no doubt under the patronage of Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, and he so remained until the assassination of the Duke in August 1628. From a letter printed in the memoir of his life by Octavius Gilchrist it is clear that Corbet had recourse to the not uncommon practice of soliciting advancement at the hands of his patron. The berth he desired at the date of the letter was supposed to be that of a chaplain to the King. This appointment he received, though at what date is not known. It would not seem unreasonable to infer that he owed his introduction to the Duke of Buckingham to his friend Sir Thomas Aylesbury, whom he terms 'my brother and much more.' As has been already stated, Sir Thomas was secretary to the Duke when he was Lord High Admiral. Corbet does not appear to have suffered by the death of Buckingham, as his elevation to the Bishopric of Oxford (the reasons for which have been stated above), and his subsequent translation to Norwich, took place after the Duke's death. He was appointed to Norwich in 1632, where he remained until his death. There is not much to be recorded of his life there beyond stating that he was required, at the instance of Archbishop Laud, to inquire into and report upon the puritanical practices in his diocese, and to turn out the Walloon Congregation from the Bishop's Chapel, which had been lent to them some years previously. It will be remembered that Corbet inherited property near St. Paul's Cathedral, and it is not, therefore, surprising to find that he took a great interest in the rebuilding of the Cathedral after its second destruction by fire. He contributed £400 to the fund himself, and enabled many others by his gifts to contribute to the same fund. He did not live to see the completion of the restoration, as he died at Norwich on July 28, 1635. He was buried in his own cathedral church. On his tombstone was a brass plate setting forth his arms, with the following inscription:—

Richardus Corbet, Theologiæ Doctor,  
Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Christi Oxoniensis  
Primum Alumnus, deinde Decanus, exinde  
Episcopus, illinc huc translatus, et  
Hinc in cælum Jul. 28, An. 1635.

The Bishop was only once married, his wife being Alice, the only daughter of Dr. Leonard Hutton, an Old Westminster. The marriage is conjectured to

have taken place about the year 1625. As there is no mention of his wife in his will, it is presumed that she predeceased him. There were two children of the marriage—a daughter named Alice, and a son called Vincent. The latter was born on November 10, 1627, and was educated at the School. At the age of three his father addressed to him a poem full of parental wishes for his welfare, but the son did not fulfil his father's expectations. We collect that he became the friend of Edward Bagshawe—who, as second master, was a thorn in the side of Dr. Busby—and did not do credit to himself or to his father, but it must be remembered that he was deprived of his father's parental authority in his eighth year, and of his mother's loving care at a still earlier date.

Possessed of very high spirits, Richard Corbet is stated to have 'loved to the last boyes-play very well.' He was fond, too, of practical jokes. In his earlier youth he had a passage of wit with Ben Jonson, which is quoted from 'Mery Passages and Jeastes,' in Gilchrist's memoir:—

Ben Jonson was at a tavern, and in comes Bishop Corbet (but not so then) into the next room. Ben Jonson calls for a quart of *raw* wine, and gives it to the tapster. 'Sirrah!' says he, 'carry this to the gentleman in the next chamber, and tell him I sacrifice my service to him.' The fellow did, and in those terms. 'Friend!' says Bishop Corbet, 'I thank him for his love; but pr'ythee, tell him from me that he is mistaken, for sacrifices are alway burnt.'

Several stories are told of the Bishop both before he was elevated to the bench and after his elevation, and it must be confessed that the actions they refer to do not altogether accord with the gravity of his profession. A wit and poet himself, he was no doubt accustomed to consort with men of similar tastes, superadded to which was a good deal of conviviality. The following story is told of him by Aubrey after he had become a Doctor of Divinity, but before he had been appointed a Bishop, and shows that he had a kindly heart, though it might be reasonably argued that he came to the ballad-singer's assistance for the enjoyment and fun of the thing:—

After he was doctor of divinity, he sang ballads at the Crosse at Abingdon; on a market day, he and some of his comrades were at the taverne by the Crosse (which, by the way, was then the finest in England; I remember it when I was a freshman; it was admirable, curious, gothicque architecture, and fine figures in the niches; 'twas one of those built by King . . . for his Queen). The ballad singer complained that he had no custome—he could not put off his ballads. The jolly doctor puts off his gowne, and puts on the ballad-singer's leathern jacket, and being a handsome man, and having a rare full voice, he presently vended a great many, and had a great audience.

Aubrey is also responsible for the following story:—

His conversation was extreme pleasant. Dr. Stubbins was one of his cronies; he was a jolly fat doctor, and a very good housekeeper. As Dr. Corbet and he were riding in Lob Lane in wet weather ('tis an extraordinary deepe dirty lane), the coach fell, and Corbet said that Dr. Stubbins was up to the elbows in mud, and he was up to the elbows in Stubbins.

As an instance of his convivial habits, Aubrey

tells the succeeding anecdote; and though, the example of the Bishop cannot be commended, there is nothing to suggest that he exceeded the bounds of sobriety:—

His chaplaine, Dr. Lushington, was a very learned and ingenious man, and they loved one another. The Bishop would sometimes take the key of the wine-cellar, and he and his chaplaine would go and lock themselves in and be merry; then first he layes down his episcopal hood. 'There layes the doctor;' then he puts off his gowne. 'There layes the Bishop;' then 'twas, 'Here's to thee, Corbet;'—'Here's to thee, Lushington.'

Corbet is described by Anthony à Wood as 'a quaint preacher, and therefore much followed by ingenious men,' and it was for his 'fine fancy and preaching' that he was indebted for his appointment as one of the King's chaplains, though he may partly have owed this to the good offices of the Duke of Buckingham. His sermons were never printed, but they were not always a success. Indeed, one occasion of his complete breakdown and failure when preaching before the King is recorded, an incident which was alluded to in more than one poem of the period, and seems to have been the subject-matter of chaff against him for some time. In the words of his biographer and editor, he was 'benevolent, generous, and spirited in his public character; sincere, amiable, and affectionate in private life; correct, eloquent, and ingenious as a poet; he appears to have deserved and enjoyed through life the patronage and friendship of the great, and the applause and estimation of the good.' In person he is described as being handsome, dignified, and of 'a courteous carriage,' and his superabundance of spirits has already been alluded to. Corbet was the subject of several commendatory poems, from which we extract the following set of verses which was 'found in a blank leaf of his Poems in MS.'—

If flowing wit, if verses writ with ease,  
If learning void of pedantry can please;  
If much good-humour joined to solid sense,  
And mirth accompanied with innocence,  
Can give a poet a just right to fame,  
Then Corbet may immortal honours claim;  
For he these virtues had, and in his lines  
Poetic and heroic spirit shines;  
Though bright yet solid, pleasant but not rude,  
With wit and wisdom equally endued.  
Be silent, Muse, thy praises are too faint,  
Thou want'st a power this prodigy to paint,  
At once a poet, prelate, and a saint.

This class of verses generally errs on the side of extravagance in the praise of the object they commend; and though Bishop Corbet is nothing accounted of now as a poet, there is no doubt that he was considered of some importance in his own day. It should be added that a portrait of the Bishop, by Cornelius Jansen, still hangs in the hall of Christ Church, and an engraving from this picture forms the frontispiece to the new edition of his poems published and edited by Octavius Gilchrist in 1807. To the memoir affixed to this edition we are

indebted for many of the details of his life herein set forth. His name appears amongst those Old Westminsterers who have been selected to be honoured by the painting of their arms 'Up School,' though in his case the execution still awaits fulfilment.

URLLAD.

### School Notes.

THE Pancake Greaze took place on Shrove Tuesday as usual. The throw was again good, and, after what appeared to be rather a short 'Greaze,' Ashley succeeded in securing the 'pancake' whole and received the accustomed reward.

The Greaze was noticed in several papers, and the *Daily Graphic* published a very good sketch.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Bangor came down on February 9 to ask for a late Play in recognition of his appointment. The day was unfortunately wet.

On February 16 C. F. Watherston also came down to ask for his Play, for passing into the Home Civil Service, which has already been noticed in THE ELIZABETHAN. The Play will be added to the Exeat.

We heartily congratulate the Eleven on their victory over Charterhouse at Godalming. This is the first time we have won on our opponents' ground since the match was instituted. A full report will appear in our next number.

All will sympathise with H. O. C. Beasley on being prevented by illness from appearing against Oxford on February 18. However, his side won substantially, and this result was due in no small measure to the excellent play of our other representatives, L. J. Moon and R. N. R. Blaker.

Orations were held Up School on February 10, the piece set being Tennyson's 'St. Simeon Stylites.' H. G. Quin was the only candidate, others perhaps being deterred by the length of the piece.

We are pleased to see that Mr. Vincent Hilton Biscoe is appointed Assistant Secretary in the Post Office, in succession to Mr. L. Hill, C.B.

We offer our sincere condolence to Sir John Mowbray in his sad bereavement. We are sure that our feelings will be shared by all Westminsterers.

For the shield of the Hon. Henry Lewis Hobart, sometime Dean of Windsor and Registrar of the Order of the Garter, we are indebted to his son, Colonel Hobart. It is painted next to the shield of Sir Roger Newdigate.

## THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD  
MALVERNIANIANS.

THIS match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, January 21. The ground was in good condition, considering the amount of rain that had fallen, but a strong wind spoilt the play to a great extent. The School lost the toss and kicked off against the wind at 2.50, defending the Church end. After a short spell of even play the Malvernians broke away and Graeme scored a very lucky goal (0-1). This roused the School and they pressed, but Clark relieved with a hugh kick, the forwards however again received the ball from Willett, and, after a pretty run in which all the forwards had a share, Harris scored with a really splendid cross shot (1-1). The School went right away from the restart and looked like scoring again, but Philipps stopped Jacob in the nick of time and passed to Lindsay, who ran down well, but centred too far forward, the ball bouncing into Anderson's hands; he threw out very weakly straight to Graeme, who had no difficulty in scoring a second time (1-2). Almost immediately after this Barnby miskicked a dropping centre from the right wing, and Graeme scored again with a very good shot, which hit the post and went into the net (1-3). From now until half-time the School pressed, and several times came near scoring, but their final efforts went wide. On restarting after half-time, Lindsay broke away and passed to White; but he shot wide. The School forwards made another good run down the field and caused Kershaw to use his hands on several occasions; finally Jacob got possession and shot a goal, which Kershaw should have saved (2-3). There was now even play for some time until Marchand got the ball in mid-field and made a brilliant run, but Willett prevented him from shooting at the critical moment. From now until the end of the game the School tried hard to equalise, and two or three times had bad luck in not scoring; Kershaw, once clearing very luckily the Westminster goal, also had one narrow escape from a break away by Le Marchand. Time was called, leaving Old Malvernians victorious by (3-2).

Considering the little practice they had had, the School played very well, the forwards especially showing great improvement on last term's form, Harris being the best.

Teams were as follows :—

## WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal), A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (halves), S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley (forwards).

## OLD MALVERNIANIANS.

G. B. Kershaw (goal), H. N. Clark, A. G. Barnett (backs), R. J. Kentish, T. Philipps, O. Blount (halves), W. R. Le Marchand, C. D. Horsley, P. N. S. Graeme, W. N. White, F. H. Lindsay (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CLAPHAM  
ROVERS.

This match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, January 28. The ground was in shocking condition from the action of the sun on the turf frozen the previous night. Westminster lost the toss and kicked off from the Church end. Play was very slack for the first few minutes, no one seemed able to move in the mud, until at length J. F. More got the ball from a centre from Hodges and shot a nice goal. This caused the School to pull themselves together and they pressed for some minutes, Jacob missing a capital chance of scoring from a centre by Kennedy. Burlington, however, relieved the pressure, and soon after dropped a high shot into goal; Anderson made a wretched attempt to save, allowing the ball to bounce over his shoulders to the net. Half-time was then called with the score (2-0) against the School. On resuming, Harris and Kennedy made several nice runs, and Kennedy twice shooting into Hillick's hands. At length Harris scored with a beautiful shot from a pass by Foster (1-2). For the next few minutes the School simply ran over their opponents and scored twice through Jacob (3-2); on the first occasion Hillick only half saved a good shot from Harris, and Jacob rushing up put the ball through, then the School defence seemed to fall to pieces, allowing their opponents to score three times in ten minutes, J. F. More, R. H. More, and Hodges scoring the goals. Time was soon after called, leaving Clapham Rovers victorious by (5-3). Anderson was very poor in goal, and the whole of the back division was off colour.

Teams were as follows :—

## WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* H. O. C.  
BEASLEY'S XI.

This match was played Up-Fields on Wednesday, February 1. Moon captained the team instead of Beasley, who was unfortunately confined to his bed through influenza. The School won the toss and kicked off from the Church end. At 2.40 P.M. from the kick off, Harris tricked three men and then passed out to Kennedy, yet it seemed as if the School would score in the first minute, but Campbell saved brilliantly. Play was very even for some time, Vickers twice missing good openings through waiting too long and allowing himself to be tackled. Soon afterwards a mistake by Lonsdale let in Snell, who got clean away and scored with a good shot in the corner (0-1), and Wright shortly added a second with a hot shot (0-2). The School defence was

severely taxed for some time, but it was not broken through until Anderson, attempting to kick away a shot from Parton, instead of using his hands, put it into the net (0-3); and from a corner given by Barnby, Plaskitt scored a fourth (0-4). The School then had a little more of the game, and just before half-time scored through Harris, after a scrimmage in front of goal (1-4). The School forwards played better after the restart, and Campbell had several shots to save from Harris and Jacob, but Carter relieved, and soon after sent in a high dropping shot, which Anderson tried to fist out, but missed, and Snell rushed the ball through (1-5). The School had more of the game after this, and Campbell had a busy time for a few minutes, one long shot from Foster being noticeable, but Moon got away again through a mistake by Barnby, and scored with a very hot shot (1-6). The scratch team pressed hard and Moon added another (1-7) before the whistle blew.

The School defence was poor, being much too slow for the opposing forwards. Anderson again gave a weak display in goal, only once clearing well. The forwards showed no dash, the outsiders especially being bad, and the insides seemed completely unnerved by the presence of Campbell in goal.

Teams were as follows:—

#### WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (halves), S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, and S. D. Kennedy (forwards).

#### H. O. C. BEASLEY'S XI.

W. Campbell (goal), E. C. Stevens and A. R. G. Wright (backs), S. B. Coupar, J. F. Carter, H. Plaskitt (halves), E. G. Parton, H. Vickers, H. S. Snell, L. J. Moon, and R. O. Barnett (forwards).

#### WESTMINSTER v. CASUALS.

This match was played at Up-Fields on Saturday, February 4, and resulted in a win for the School by 4 goals to 1. Gaye was given a trial in goal in place of Anderson. Westminster lost the toss and kicked off from the Hospital end at 2.55 P.M. The School at once attacked, and Harris missed a good chance of scoring in the first minute. From the goal kick Pearce got possession and made a nice run, before being stopped by Barnby, who passed to Jacob; he and Pashley, by good passing, took the ball down, but Pashley shot into Thornton's hands. We pressed hard now for some minutes, the three inside forwards all trying shots which either went wide or straight to Thornton, at last Bompas beat him with a high shot in the left-hand corner (1-0). The Casuals then had the best of the game; L. Y. Barnby put in a good shot, but Gaye saved well, if somewhat luckily. Half time was then called, the score being (1-0) in favour of the School. The Casuals came right away from the restart and looked like scoring, but L. Y. Barnby was given 'off-side' when in a good position for shoot-

ing. For some time the Casuals pressed, and the School defence had hard work to prevent them from scoring. Gaye saved well on two occasions. Gwatkin once had no one but Gaye in front of him, but shot straight at him; finally Pearce scored with a good shot (1-1). The School forwards now seemed to get together for the first time in the game, and for the last twenty minutes carried all before them, scoring three times, through Harris (2) and Bompas (1), Jacob missing two very easy chances of scoring. The School were still pressing when the whistle sounded, leaving them victorious by (4-1).

The defence was much better than it had been in the two previous matches; Gaye played well, considering it was his first appearance for the School, although he was lucky in having several hard shots straight at him. The forwards combined well the last twenty minutes, they were very slow, but the ground was heavy after the thaw in the morning.

Teams:—

#### WESTMINSTER.

A. S. Gaye (goal); A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley (forwards).

#### CASUALS.

C. F. Thornton (goal); P. Greatorex, P. P. Brenton (backs); M. G. Rebow, W. Young, A. Salway (half-backs); F. A. S. Gwatkin, B. Maughan, B. G. Pearce, L. Y. Barnby, A. J. Davidson (forward).

#### WESTMINSTER v. RICHMOND A.F.C.

This fixture was decided Up-Fields on Saturday, February 11. Foster was absent through illness, Plaskitt taking his place. The School won the toss and defended the Hospital goal. Play was at first in midfield, until Jacob got the ball from Willett and started a run in which the three insides and Kennedy shared; Bompas was, however, knocked off the ball by Clegg when about to shoot. Richmond then broke away, but Moore was stopped by Barnby, who passed to Kennedy; he made a good run and centre from which Bompas shot, but the ball unluckily hit the far post and enabled Waller to clear. The School pressed severely but could not break through the defence of Mordin, Clegg and Waller, the first-named especially being very good. At length Clegg relieved the pressure with a huge kick, and Moore, following the ball up, scored for the visitors (0-1), through a bad mistake by Gaye, who stayed in goal instead of running out. The School had most of the game from now until half-time but could not score; the visitors tried several long shots, one from Smith being a very good one, only just passing outside the post. Before the second half had been in progress many minutes Mordin strained a ligament of his right leg, and was practically useless for the rest of the game, going off the field just before the close. The School had almost all the game this half, and scored twice through Jacob (2-1), one being a very nice cross shot. Waller saved very smartly three or four times, when another addition

to the score seemed inevitable. Towards the end the visitors tried very hard to equalise, but without avail, and the whistle blew, leaving the School victorious by (2-1.) The defence again showed improvement, both the backs played well, Lonsdale's kicking being very good; Willett and Plaskitt were good at half. The forwards played much better than they had done before this season, and deserved to score once or twice more than they did; the three insides were best.

Teams were as follows:—

WESTMINSTER.

A. S. Gaye (goal); A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); H. Plaskitt, F. Young, B. H. Willett (halves); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Bashley (forwards).

RICHMOND A.F.C.

W. H. Waller (goal); H. L. Budge, Colin Clegg (backs); A. E. Spearpoint, W. B. Mordin, E. M. Smith (halves); F. S. Mayo, J. C. Stone, T. M. Greene, J. F. Dickson, G. L. Moore (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD ETONIANS.

This match was played Up-Fields on Wednesday, February 15, and resulted in a win for the School by 2-0. Foster was still away, Plaskitt again playing. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident to Gaye, who came into collision with Malcolmson when trying to clear, and broke his collar-bone. The School won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, defending the Church end. Old Etonians kicked off at 3 P.M. For the first few minutes the ball was continually in touch, neither side gaining any advantage. At length Harris got away from a pass by Plaskitt, and put in a very good shot, which Hole saved well. We now pressed for some time, Hole being tested by Bompas and Kennedy, one shot from the latter being excellent. Finally Jacob tricked two men, and, left with no one but Hole in front of him, scored with a shot in the corner (1-0). From the restart we went right away, and kept Hole busy for some time. A miskick of Crossley's went over the goal line, but the referee unfortunately did not see it; at last, Pashley scored with a very good cross shot, which completely beat Hole (2-0). From now until half-time we kept the Etonian defence busy, Gaye only once having to handle the ball from a break away by the Etonian forwards. After half-time the visitors had more of the game, but were never really dangerous, excepting once, when Malcolmson got away, but he was nicely stopped by Willett, who came across just in time. The School forwards several times worked the ball nicely down to the Etonian goal, but were weak in shooting, Harris especially missing two good chances of scoring. It was at this period of the game that Gaye was injured and had to retire. Willett went into goal and Kennedy half. Old Etonians tried hard to reduce our lead, but failed, Willett twice clearing well before the whistle sounded. Jacob was the best of the forwards, who combined well, but were

weak in shooting; they should have scored at least two more goals. Both the backs played very well, kicking excellently, and Plaskitt was good at half.

Teams were:—

WESTMINSTER.

A. S. Gaye (goal), A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); H. P. Plaskitt, F. Young, B. H. Willett (halves); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley (forwards).

OLD ETONIANS.

S. H. F. Hole (goal), E. Crossley, A. J. de Jex-Blake (backs); F. R. Gosling, R. F. Bayford, L. M. de Halton Horrup (halves); K. P. Croft, R. P. Hornby, N. Malcolmson, V. R. Hoare, H. Sheppard (forwards).

THE LEAGUE.

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

The following is the list of captains:—

A . G. R. Palmer	E . A. A. Milne
B . F. J. Harrison	F . C. M. Page
C . M. S. Thompson	G . F. T. B. Ward
D . H. S. Gaskell	H . A. McKenna

Points scored:—

A . . . . . 2	E . . . . . 5
B . . . . . 3	F . . . . . 4
C . . . . . 4	G . . . . . 0
D . . . . . 4	H . . . . . 2

The following accounts are taken from the *Field*:—

LONDON SENIOR CUP.

(FIRST ROUND.)

CASUALS v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

It was very difficult to follow the course of this match at Tufnell Park on January 14, because of the

great variety in the colours worn by the players. It is true that some of the Casuals and some of the Old Westminsters wore what were apparently the colours of their club, but as these ranged from the brightest scarlet to pink, which was almost white, there was no uniformity about them. The play was very even, and each side had at least a dozen chances of scoring goals which were missed in quite a remarkable manner. At the beginning of the game, the forwards of the Old Westminsters played distinctly well, showing good combination and accurate passing, and it was not long before L. J. Moon was enabled to score a goal for them. For some time after this the Casuals attacked. A great deal of work fell upon Hilleary, who, although he occasionally made mistakes, acquitted himself so well that if the other forwards had made reasonable use of his passes they might have scored two or three times. They seemed, however, all through the match to be overawed by the presence of Moon in goal. Occasionally they ventured to come to close quarters with him, but always hesitated a little too long before so doing. On the whole, the Casuals mostly pressed until half-time. Their experiment of trying a full-back as centre forward was not a success, for when several splendid opportunities came in his way, he did not know what to do with them. At half-time the Old Westminsters were leading by one goal to none. The Westminster forwards had always been slow, but they became slower than ever, and began to adopt the altogether mistaken policy of kicking the ball for some distance, and trying to race the backs; while the forward line of the Casuals was strengthened, when Drake and Hatton changed places. Nevertheless, no other goal was scored by either side until about twenty minutes before time, when a fine pass by Hilleary was made use of by Hatton, Moon failing in trying to save. Moon had to save several times after this, while Wilson stopped two or three hard shots which went straight to him; but neither team seemed at all likely to score again, until just before time, when, by a series of excellent passes, the Old Westminsters bore down slowly, but surely, on the goal. All was going well, when a forward, with the goal at his mercy, slipped, and made a kick which must have greatly relieved the minds of the Casuals. As the scores were level it was decided to play for another half-hour, although it was clear that the game would have to be finished in darkness. Except that each goalkeeper greatly distinguished himself once, and that Hilleary made a dribble from the outside left up to the centre of the ground through nearly the whole of the opposing eleven, nothing of any note happened until the referee stopped play on account of the bad light.

Teams:—

#### CASUALS.

C. E. Wilson (goal); S. L. King, H. R. Barrett (backs); H. J. Pickering, R. R. Barker, E. B. Pollock-Hodsoll (half-backs); C. F. Drake, S. S. Taylor, C. O. S. Hatton, E. Lowes, R. Hilleary (forwards)

#### OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. Whittow, L. A. Fevez (backs); H. O. C. Beasley, A. W. Ferrers-Guy, W. F. Fox (half-backs); F. Street, A. R. Severn, R. N. R. Blaker, L. J. Moon, W. T. Barwell (forwards).

#### CASUALS *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

Two strong teams were mustered for this match on Monday, January 23, at Tufnell Park, the clubs having previously, on the 14th, made a draw in the first round of the competition. But, as often happens in games played at the beginning of the week, several of the players disguised their identity by taking pseudonyms. The ground was very soft from the effects of the morning's rain, and the ball travelled slowly, while turning and dodging were matters of some difficulty, but the play, nevertheless, was, for such circumstances, brisk and spirited. Once more the sides appeared to be very evenly matched, but the Old Westminsters practically lost their chance of winning by the breakdown of their veteran forward 'Campbell,' which took place in first half. After a few minutes, in which each side, in turn, was placed on the defensive, a rush by the Casuals' right wing, in the course of which Fevez slipped and fell, led to Lowes obtaining the ball in a good position, and scoring with a good cross shot coolly taken. The capital tackling of 'Coats' was the chief feature of the subsequent play, but, in spite of this, Blaker got through with the assistance of Moon, and gave Wilson a very hard, low shot to stop. On the other side 'A. N. Other' and Lowes made a capital run, from which G. B. P. Hodsoll had a chance of scoring. 'Campbell' made some dangerous runs and middles, but, after giving Moon a good opening, suddenly strained his knee, and was obliged to retire, and from this point the Old Westminsters had the worst of the game. Nothing very decisive, however, was done before half-time. Early in the second half Lowes ran down the line, and sent the ball straight and high into Rayner's hands from the side, Hodsoll coming up in time to prevent the latter from throwing clear, so that Drake had an open goal, and easily scored the second point for the Casuals. 'A. N. Other' was conspicuous in subsequent attacks by the Casuals, but Beasley and Probyn were active in defence, and there were a few intervals in which the Westminster took the aggressive. During one of these Severn broke away and opportunely passed to Blaker, who neatly drew the defence and gave Moon a capital chance of scoring, which was promptly accepted. Immediately afterwards Beasley, who acted both as half-back and right forward, gave some trouble to the Casuals' defence, but later Rayner barely succeeded in stopping a shot by Hodsoll, and the Westminsters again felt their inferiority. The rest of the game, however, was indecisive, and the Casuals were left victorious by two goals to one.



## CASUALS.

C. E. Wilson (goal); S. L. King, 'P. Coats' (backs); 'S. Kier,' R. R. Barker, H. Pollock-Hodsoll (half-backs), E. Lowes, 'A. N. Other' (right wing), C. F. Drake (centre), G. B. Pollock-Hodsoll, 'A. Dis' (left wing) (forwards).

## OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. V. Rayner (goal); L. A. M. Fevez, A. Whittow (backs); W. F. Fox, S. C. Probyn, H. O. C. Beasley (half-backs); W. T. Barwell, A. R. Severn (left wing), R. N. R. Blaker (centre), L. J. Moon, 'R. R. 'Campbell' (right wing) (forwards).

Referee, Mr. W. H. Owen.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House reassembled on Thursday, January 26. Most of the members on the books were present, and before proceeding to discuss the Motion for the evening, C. M. Page and R. Pashley were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of H. W. Beveridge and O. H. M. Williams. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, the Secretary (F. T. BARRINGTON-WARD) proposed 'That the present liberty allowed to the Press is highly undesirable.' In opening the debate, he remarked that the subject the House was about to discuss was, by a strange series of coincidences, rendered most appropriate. Since the last Session events of the highest importance had occurred, both at home and abroad, and it would be his endeavour to prove that the dangers natural at such critical moments had been seriously aggravated, if not entirely caused, by the unwise license granted to the Press.

The disruption of the Liberal party consequent on Sir William Harcourt's retirement was the direct outcome of Press utterances. Correspondence between the Leaders had been published which should have remained private if the interests of the party concerned had been at all consulted. In addition to this, all manner of fabrications had been issued by malevolent persons merely for their own advantage. Had there been an efficient Press censorship, such indiscretions could not have occurred.

Apart from the field of politics, in recent criminal trials the faults of the present licence had been disclosed. In such cases as that of Mr. Hooley, or still more in the notoriously illegal Dreyfus Trial, a wise supervision exercised upon every class of publication would have proved of invaluable assistance in arresting the ferment of public opinion. Where would M. Rochefort and 'L'Intransigeant' have been then? English law recognises that the abuse of press rights should be rigorously checked. The penalties for contempt of Court effectively deter all but the hopelessly rash from making unfair comment on a case under consideration.

After further illustrating his views by references

to the Druce and Poulett affairs, he proceeded to instance the evil effects of Press liberty in times of war. Both the Spanish and American causes had been injured by the abuse of these powers; and though it was true that some supervision had been exercised, it was not properly employed to purge objectionable matter from the papers. The proposer regretted the fact that a paper or periodical when first issued did not have to pass an examination as to its merits and defects. If a censorship of the Drama had been established, why should there not be a censorship of the Press?

The VICE-PRESIDENT (J. Heard), in opposing the Motion, remarked that the Secretary had underestimated the severity of press control in the Hispano-American war. It had been especially severe in Spain, where even harmless caricatures were prohibited. He admitted that the 'Yellow Press' had been injudicious, but on account of one section's misdemeanours it would be manifestly unfair to restrict the liberty of the whole Press. The Zola case, which had proved the awakening of the people of France to the sense of justice, was the direct outcome of Press criticism. The Opposer proceeded to show the beneficial influence exerted by the Press in exposing scandals. Were the efforts of papers such as *Truth* and the *Daily Chronicle* to improve commercial and social morality to be restrained? The proposal, he considered, savoured rather of Russian despotism than of English liberty.

The TREASURER (A. S. Gaye), in seconding the motion, epigrammatically remarked that the Press enjoyed 'license rather than liberty.' In any paper you might happen to pick up, even in the most respectable, you would find staring you in the face the most unwarranted assertions and impossible allegations. The less reputable members of the Press, he was given to understand, were actually bribed to print false information—the object of course being sometimes political, sometimes mercenary. Such a scandal as this should not remain unnoticed. At the present moment any paper was at liberty to make the most shameful charges against persons of excellent reputation. Even if compensation were afterwards exacted, the moral stigma cast upon a man's character still remained. If an efficient censorship were established, such information would be eradicated from the papers. In times of international complication too some kind of check ought to be imposed upon Press utterances. During the recent scare of a war with France, popular feeling had been unduly excited by the aggressive tone of the papers, and England's naval activity entirely misrepresented. In speaking of the recent war between America and Spain, the Seconder alluded to the dangerous policy of the 'Yellow Press,' which had done an immense amount of harm. In India the want of effective supervision might involve us in another mutiny. Serious outbreaks, instead of being condemned by the native papers, were glorified and made the occasion of attacks upon the English government of India.

A. C. BARNBY considered that the Continental Press had nothing to do with the question in point. In every country but England a vigorous system of supervision was enforced, and it would be his effort to prove that the general results were quite unsatisfactory enough to deter any legislator from effecting the same change in England. The convict Dreyfus owed the revision of his trial to Press intervention, and that chiefly on the part of the English Press. There was some truth in Punch's jocular comment that L'Affaire Dreyfus had been resurrected through the instrumentality of 'Perfide Albion.' The British Press is governed by a certain *esprit de corps* which acts quite effectively as a curb upon their expressions of opinion. In the recent 'war scare' the *Daily Mail* was publishing enlightening articles on national defence. When the authorities intimated to the Press in a general circular that the full particulars they were publishing concerning the naval activity were most prejudicial to the interests of England abroad, the *Daily Mail*, even at the risk of reduced circulation, discontinued its announcements in deference to the patriotic feelings of the proprietors. Even in cases of a more unpleasant nature the charges of an isolated newspaper should not be considered until they have been fully substantiated. Such articles as that of Mr. Bennett were, he admitted, most reprehensible and unpatriotic, but an emphatic denial from headquarters would more than counteract their adverse influence. Actions for libel were really so scarce in proportion to the number of papers published that he doubted whether the establishment of a Press censorship would reduce them in any way.

The TREASURER remarked that Barnby was speaking against his own side in singling out the *Daily Mail* as the one paper which obeyed the Government orders. The others evidently needed further supervision of a permanent kind.

B. H. WILLET considered that it would be impossible to prescribe a rule as to what was suitable for publication, and what was not.

The SECRETARY thought that magazines of all kinds should be subject to the same examination, as at times they certainly published unhealthy, if not unpatriotic, literature. He objected to Barnby's criticism of Mr. Bennett's article, which was written in quite good faith, and by a man in a responsible position. The views contained in it were no doubt mistaken, but he probably wrote in the conviction that there was a great wrong to be remedied. He also wished to point out that with an effective Press censorship only the objectionable parts of a paper would be expunged. The officer appointed could not take exception to useful articles on topics of interest, or to exposures of commercial dishonesty, and the like. Just as there was a censor of Plays, why should not a censor of the Press be appointed? or perhaps, a Government department would be more practicable to work.

The PRESIDENT (A. McKenna), whose remarks were the subject of frequent applause, maintained

that any attempt, however mild, to restrict the liberty of the Press would directly impair its efficiency. Such scandals as the Low Flash Oil disgrace or the Watch fraud had been thoroughly brought to light by Press intervention without any objectionable proceedings. The misconduct and brutality of prison officials had often been prevented or stopped through the same agency. Press restrictions in Russia had been followed by the most horrible results which would follow inevitably were the practice introduced into England. Such pernicious influences as 'Yellow Journalism,' he thought, needed special remedies, but the severity of the Spanish supervision did quite as much harm. England had hit the happy mean, and he saw no reason to change.

GAYE, WARD, and BARNBY having briefly commented on various remarks that had been made during the evening, the motion was put to the vote, but was immediately rejected by acclamation.

## THE MISSION.

THE annual display and prize meeting will take place in the Horseferry Road Board School on Wednesday, March 29, at 8.30 P.M. The Committee earnestly hope to see more O.W.W. present than have usually attended these meetings.

## GAMES COMMITTEE.

### BALANCE-SHEET FOR 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1897	85 9 9½	Wages	223 1 6
Donation from Masters' Fund	45 0 0	Expenses—Ground and Pavilion—	
Do., Elizabethan Club	10 0 0	Lent Term, 1898	5 13 7
Sports' Entries	15 6 6	Election Term	2 10 0
Special Prize (Sports)	1 4 9	Play Term	5 15 2
Luncheons	16 4 0	Seeds and Loam	35 9 11
Bursar (footballs)	2 12 9	Bulbs, Plants, &c.	3 1 9
Shop profits	14 9 6	Repairing Mower	7 3 7
Fines, &c.	0 10 6	Sports' Prizes	32 1 4
Levies	376 2 6	Seats	4 16 0
		Printing	9 8 0
		Spies & Pond	52 2 3
		Knight & Sons (timber)	4 1 4
		Painting XI. Boards	2 4 0
		Swimming Prizes	1 10 0
		Umpire	3 1 4
		Horse Hire	20 13 0
		Dawe & Co. (Brakes)	3 7 0
		Footballs	10 4 4
		Cricket Goods	16 11 0
		Secretary, for postage	2 0 0
		Treasurer	0 6 10
		Repairing Roof of Pavilion	3 10 0
		Sports Expenses	1 9 11
		Prize Bats	13 12 0
		Sundries	1 18 4
		Mineral Waters	1 8 6
		Balance	99 19 7½
	£567 0 3½		£567 0 3½

Audited and found correct :

R. TANNER, *President.*  
H. L. HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

## House Notes.

COLLEGE.—The electric light is now nearly finished, though at first it was somewhat precarious, and we were liable to be suddenly plunged in pitchy darkness without a moment's warning. It now seems fairly steady, and it is certainly a vast improvement on the gas. S. D. Kennedy continues to play for the School, and Gaye was given a trial against Casuals, Richmond, and Old Etonians, but in the latter match had the misfortune to break his collarbone, which will incapacitate him for the remainder of the season. Our prospects for the match *v.* T.B.B. are certainly brighter than they have been of late years. Barring accidents, it should be a close game. The Literary Society has read 'Hamlet' and 'The Rivals.' The latter was, on the whole, very well read. Mr. Raynor, as Bob Acres; Mr. Sargeant, as Sir Anthony; and F. T. Barrington-Ward, as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, were all very good.

ASHBURNHAM.—In the past there is little to chronicle, so we must confine ourselves to the future. We hope the House will show to greater advantage in the Seniors against Grants than it did last year. Our prospects for the sports are not brilliant, but, with practice, we should do well in the tug. The great competition at Orations this term reminds us that it is some time since Ashburnham has been represented therein. We hope this will be remedied in future. S. S. Harris has taken the place of Beveridge on the Mission Committee. We heartily congratulate him on his well-earned 'Pinks,' and hope other Ashburnhamites will follow in his footsteps.

GRANTS.—A Debating Society has been started, which seems likely to prove a great success. Several speakers show some promise. The Literary Society has read 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'The Rivals.' The Yard ties are progressing. We are drawn against Ashburnham in the first round of the House matches. Our prospects for the sports are not very brilliant, but H. Logan ought to win some of the junior events.

H.B.B.—We heartily congratulate P. T. Browning on passing the London Matriculation in the First Division, and W. V. Rayner (O.W.) in the Second; also H. Kelsey in passing his Law Prelim. We have only got through the first round of the Fives ties, but hope to finish them soon.

RIGAUDS.—Barnby, Willett, and Pashley have been playing regularly for the Eleven; Myers, A. T. Willett, Thompson, and Coleby have played again for the Second. Congratulations to K. B. Anderson

on his reappearance in the team. We note that Thompson and Mavrogordato have been elected to the Debating Society. We feel sure that soon they will win distinction in the world of rhetoric. We beg to tender our congratulations to S. M. Anderson on receiving his Clare colours. It is with regret that we see that H. O. C. Beasley is unable to play against Oxford owing to ill-health; we wish him a speedy and complete recovery. R. Pashley has defeated L. Bennett in Yard ties. Several Rigaudites have become devotees of the noble art; such energy is praiseworthy indeed.

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 OLD WESTMINSTER  
 FREEMASONS.
 

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A REGULAR meeting of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on February 3. The following members were present:—H. E. Rawson, W.M., W. A. Ellis, J. B. Liberty, T. Wakley (jun.), H. Sutherland, F. G. Hallett, Walter Tomlinson, W. J. Armitage, A. B. Horne, W. M. Meredith, T. Stirling Lee, and G. J. Crawford Thomson. The visitors were Bro. Evelyn C. Ellis (Victoria Lodge, No. 1026), and Bro. Fred. E. Lewin (O.W.) (Apollo University Lodge, No. 357). The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, the Treasurer's balance-sheet showing that the finances of the Lodge were in a satisfactory condition.

The name of an Old Westminster was proposed as a candidate for initiation into Freemasonry in the Lodge.

After the conclusion of business the usual banquet took place, and some hitherto undiscovered talent—vocal and histrionic—was made manifest and appreciated.

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 Obituary.
 

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FROM the Play obituary there was omitted the name of HEDLEY TURNER PLIMSAUL FOSTER. He was born in 1863, was four years at the School, and was admitted a solicitor in 1886.

The death of TREVOR JOHN CHICHELE PLOWDEN removes one who, except among Westminsters, would be accounted a very old man. He entered the School in 1824 and became a writer in the service of the East India Company in 1827. In 1838 he became magistrate at Banda. His son, also a Westminster, is the well-known police magistrate. Mr. Plowden died in Kensington on January 31st, in his ninetieth year.

Birth.

RAYNOR.—On December 11, at 3 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, the wife of the Rev. A. G. S. Raynor of a son.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the following Magazines: Our Boys' Magazine, Clavinian, Quernmorian, Cliftonian, Blundellian, Melburnian, Loughburian, Working Men's College Journal, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Griffin, Brighton College Magazine, The Blue, Barrovian, Cantuarian, Wellingtonian, Alleynian, Meteor, Ulula Manchester Grammar School, Haileyburian, Rossallian, King's College School Magazine, Newtonian, Pauline, Penn Charter Magazine, La Martinière Chronicle.

If any reader of The Elizabethan has a copy of Vol. VII. No. 7 to spare, the Editor would be glad to hear from him.

ERRATA.

No. 9, page 94:— For 'E. F. B. Rolfe' read D. H. Boggis-Rolfe. For 'McCashie' read McCaskie. For 'Plashilt' read Plaskitt. To 'Calls to the Bar' add W. Caine.

NOTICES.

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