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EDITORIAL.

EDITORIALS are of three sorts. One sort discusses all things in heaven and earth, beginning with sympathetic references to the past; ending with optimistic hopes for the future; and interspersed with disparaging remarks about the weather. This is the Utterly Uninteresting, or Last Hope Editorial. The second sort gets hold of a matter of topical interest such as School Dress, or the Fagging System, or Pinks for Tiddlywinks, or some other grievance, in the discussion of which a worried Editor can fill his allotted column. The last sort is the Quite Irrelevant or Purely Futile Editorial, of which this is a typical example. I had meant to compose a little parable for the occasion—an Æsop's fable up to date. Unfortunately Æsop has got in first. It is distressing to find a really original idea for a fable unscrupulously plagiarized by one who lived about twenty-six centuries ago. Personally I consider men like Archimedes, George Stevenson, Shakespere, or Plato to be positive enemies of humanity. They

act as a blight to any original endeavour for the next thousand years.

That is the great disadvantage of education. Your educated man cannot be original for two consecutive minutes. He cannot write a page of prose that is not full of quotations, discreetly veiled, out of every writer from Matthew Arnold to the compiler of the Pentateuch. And when I, from the depths of my intellect, fish up some pearl of wisdom that shall be all my own, he pounces upon it with a happy smile of recognition and accuses me of misquotation.

Personally I would never quote. My thoughts may be poor things, sirs, but they are my own.

School Notes.

ON March 12 the Corps held an energetic but chilly Field Day at Aldershot; and on March 17 the annual inspection took place up Fields, the inspecting officer being Field-Marshal Lord Methuen.

Last term we bid farewell to Mr. Houghton, who, 'fleeing as a Bird unto the Hill,' has left us for Harrow after a comparatively short stay of three years. Our good wishes go with him.

We sympathise with the O.W. eleven on their failure in the final of the Arthur Dunn Cup.

In reference to the Cup we have been asked to publish the results since its inauguration, together with our own successes and failures on each occasion. The information has proved unexpectedly hard to obtain and is still in the hands of our Research Department, Mr. Tanner.

The winner of the Ireland Greek Verse was E. C. Lester, and of the Waterfield Latin Prose, H. F. de C. Pereira.

The Senior Vincent was won by C. H. V. Sutherland, and the Junior by H. A. P. Phillips.

The Collection on St. Philip and St. James' day amounted to £3 19s. 10d.

There will be an impromptu concert up School on Monday, June 8, at 5 p.m.

THE SPORTS.

THE annual sports were run off during the week March 23-27; the dates being put back to enable those who wished to see the Boat Race on the Saturday to do so. Contrary to precedent, the weather smiled upon our efforts and the track was in a better condition than that of the year before. M. F. Young being no longer with us as a competitor—though he kindly acted as timekeeper—the times suffered in consequence, and no records came near to falling.

Our thanks are due to Mr. D. J. Knight, who acted as starter; to Mr. M. F. Young, Mr. P. Simpson and Mr. H. A. Meyer, who lent their services as judges.

Mr. H. G. Allen (O.W.), High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, kindly presented the prizes. He had himself, he said, as a boy received prizes at the hands of an Old Westminster, and he envied the present victors the more worthy offerings which they now received; but he had little thought that he would one day himself be honoured by an invitation to act as prizegiver, and he hoped that many of his audience would also some day receive a like honour themselves.

The competition for the House Challenge Cup was very keen, College eventually winning by one point from Ashburnham, almost entirely on Junior points. H. L. Jones is to be congratulated on winning the Victor Ludorum, also on Junior points. Since junior events are marked lower it is impossible for a junior competitor to win at all unless he is under 15, and also carries off the under 16 events—as happened in this case.

The results are as follows.

SPORTS RESULTS.

HALF MILE (under 16).—1 J. B. Sturdy, 2 D. M. Dean, 3 W. E. Heard. Time, 2 mins. 27 1-5 secs.
 HALF MILE (Open).—1 C. F. Bull, 2 A. B. L. Murison, 3 F. A. Macquisten. Time, 2 mins. 16 secs.
 LONG JUMP TRIALS (Open).—1 W. K. Allen, 2 Lane, 3 Filson, 4 Moore, 5 L. Clare, 6 D. M. Dean. Distance, 17 ft.
 THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 15).—1 A. C. Bird, 2 H. L. Jones. Distance, 67 yds. 2 ft. 8 ins.
 THROWING THE CRICKET BALL TRIALS (Open).—1 S. H. Levey, 2 J. A. Cooke, 3 Green, 4 Walker. Distance, 82 yds.
 LONG JUMP, TRIALS (under 15).—1 Sheldon, 2 A. C. Bird, 3 Reeves, 4 H. L. Jones. Distance, 14 ft.
 QUARTER MILE, HEATS (Open).—1st Heat—1 Lane, 2 L. Clare. Time, 56 3-5 secs. 2nd Heat—1 F. A. Macquisten, 2 A. B. L. Murison. Time 58 3-5 secs. 3rd Heat—1 A. W. D. Winnifrith, 2 Filson. Time, 59 2-5 secs.
 QUARTER MILE, HEATS (under 15).—1st Heat—1 A. C. Bird, 2 Graham. Time, 66 3-5 secs. 2nd Heat—1 H. L. Jones, 2 M. E. Levey. Time, 68 1-5 secs. 3rd Heat—1 Sheldon, 2 Reeves. Time, 68 2-5 secs.
 HIGH JUMP, TRIALS (Open).—W. K. Allen, P. Dunn, J. St. L. Philpot, A. W. D. Leishman, Symonds. Height, 4 ft. 7 ins.
 100 YARDS, HEATS (under 15).—1st Heat—1 A. C. Bird, 2 Graham. Time, 13 secs. 2nd Heat—1 H. L. Jones, 2 M. E. Levey. Time, 12 1-5 secs. 3rd Heat—1 Porterfield, 2 Sahler. Time, 12 1-5 secs. 4th Heat—1 Sheldon, 2 Wingate. Time, 13 2-5 secs.
 QUARTER MILE, HEATS (under 16).—1st Heat—1 Dean, 2 Gardiner. Time, 65 secs. 2nd Heat—1 Heard, 2 Gatty. Time, 62 1-5 secs. 3rd Heat—1 Sturdy, 2 Ripman. Time, 63 secs.
 HIGH JUMP (under 15).—1 Sheldon, 2 Dulanty. Height, 4 ft. 5½ ins.
 INTER-HOUSE TUG OF WAR.—(A) Ashburnham. (B) Home-boarders.
 ONE MILE (Open).—1 Oliver Watts, 2 Bull, 3 Murison. Time, 5 mins. 15 3-5 secs.
 ONE MILE (under 16).—1 J. B. Sturdy, 2 Makower, 3 Heard. Time, 5 mins. 51 2-5 secs.
 HURDLE RACE, HEATS (under 15).—1st Heat—1 H. L. Jones, 2 Barker. Time, 21 2-5 secs. 2nd Heat—1 M. E. Levey, 2 Sheldon. Time, 22 2-5 secs.
 HUNDRED YARDS, HEATS (under 16).—1st Heat—D. M. Dean. Time, 12 secs. 2nd Heat—Gardiner. Time, 12 3-5 secs. 3rd Heat—Heard. Time 12 2-5 secs. 4th Heat—J. B. Sturdy. Time, 12 secs. 5th Heat—H. L. Jones. Time, 11 4-5 secs.
 HUNDRED YARDS, HEATS (Open).—1st Heat—W. K. Allen. Time, 11 1-5 secs. 2nd Heat—E. L. Franklin. Time, 11 2-5 secs. 3rd Heat—Macquisten. Time, 11 3-5 secs. 4th Heat—Murison. Time, 11 1-5 secs. 5th Heat—Johnstone. Time, 11 2-5 secs.
 LONG JUMP, FINAL (Open).—1 W. K. Allen, 2 C. R. Lane. Distance, 18 ft. 2½ ins.

HURDLE RACE, FINAL (under 15).—1 H. L. Jones, 2 M. E. Levey. Time, 21 1-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE, HEATS (Open).—1st Heat—Barker. Time, 18 2-5 secs. 2nd Heat—L. Clare. Time, 20 4-5 secs. 3rd Heat—T. Gates. Time, 22 3-5 secs. 4th Heat—C. R. Lane. Time, 19 4-5 secs. 5th Heat—Macquisten. Time, 21 2-5 secs. 6th Heat—Symonds. Time, 22 secs. 7th Heat—E. L. Franklin. Time, 21 4-5 secs. 8th Heat—J. H. B. Bird. Time, 19 4-5 secs.

300 YARDS HANDICAP (over 16).—1 Rock (+ 20), 2 Hardy (+ 20). Time, 37 3-5 secs.

LONG JUMP, FINAL (under 15).—1 H. L. Jones, 2 Sheldon. Distance, 14 ft. 9 ins.

OPEN HURDLES, SEMI-FINALS.—1st Heat—1 Barker, 2 Lane. Time, 19 secs. 2nd Heat—1 Bird, 2 Macquisten. Time, 20 2-5 secs.

QUARTER MILE, FINAL (under 16).—1 J. B. Sturdy, 2 D. M. Dean. Time, 63 4-5 secs.

INTER-HOUSE TUG OF WAR, FINAL.—Ashburnham.

HUNDRED YARDS, FINAL (under 16).—1 H. L. Jones, 2 D. M. Dean. Time, 11 4-5 secs.

QUARTER MILE, FINAL (Open).—1 Lane, 2 L. Clare, 3 Murison. Time, 56 secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, FINAL (Open).—1 Levey, 2 Green. Distance, 87 yds. 2 ft.

HURDLE RACE, FINAL (Open).—1 Barker, 2 Bird. Time, 19 1-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS, FINAL (under 15).—1 H. L. Jones, 2 Porterfield. Time, 11 4-5 secs.

HIGH JUMP, FINAL (Open).—Equal first, Dunn and Symonds. Height, 4 ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

QUARTER MILE, FINAL (under 16).—1 H. L. Jones, 2 Graham. Time, 64 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS, FINAL (Open).—1 Lane, 2 Johnstone. Time, 10 4-5 secs.

150 YARDS (under 14).—1 Hobson, 2 Mackenzie. Time, 19 1-5 secs.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY.—Ashburnham.

CONSOLATION RACE.—1 Gabell, 2 Cook. Time 38 secs.

O.W.W. RACE.—1 H. A. Meyer, Esq., 2 W. N. McBride, Esq.

TUG OF WAR.—Town Boys.

WINNING FOOTBALL LEAGUES.—A2, B3, C2.

HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP. College (40 points).

VICTOR LUDORUM.—H. L. Jones.

THE CONCERT.

Two things go to the making of a good concert—a wise choice of programme and an adequate performance. That this simple formula has not escaped the notice of the school musical societies was proved by them in a very satisfactory fashion on March 23rd last, when they gave the best concert that has been heard up School for several years. It was a case of talent and goodwill used to the best advantage by means of careful planning. Given average proficiency on the part of the rank and file, the success of a School concert is mostly a matter of staff-work. Without it the programme may be overloaded, or unduly conventional, or, worse still, too ambitious. On the present occasion it showed no such imperfections, being of reasonable length, pleasantly fresh and suited to the capacity of the performers. Some, indeed,

may think that a comparatively small choir like ours cannot adequately express the massive grandeur of Bach's chorales, but this is doubtless a matter of opinion, and in any case it would be ungracious to press the point when there is so much to praise. The orchestral items included a novelty in the shape of a suite of 'Shakespeare Tunes' by Mr. Wilfrid Palmer, who was formerly a pupil of Mr. Holst's. These very effective pieces were received with enthusiastic applause, which was acknowledged by the composer in person. Ballantyne's flute solo went off well, especially as regards the allegro movement, which was encored.

The choral singing was, on the whole, extremely creditable, showing a great advance on former achievements, not only in accuracy and power of attack, but in the higher qualities of feeling and expression. The madrigals in particular were excellently rendered.

The second part of the programme mainly consisted of Purcell's 'Masque in Dioclesian.' The genius of our greatest national composer is characteristically displayed in this charming interlude, with its wonderful vivacity, range of effect, and perfect finish. Needless to say, the 'Masque' makes a heavy demand on the technical resources of the singers, soloists and chorus alike; both, however, acquitted themselves very creditably. The voices were well balanced and the tone, on the whole, remarkably good. The performance displayed a far keener sense of rhythm than has hitherto been discernible, and for this achievement alone the choir deserves our congratulations. Our thanks are due to Miss Flora Mann and Mr. Keith Falkner, who were the assisting soloists. Miss Mann showed good vocal control in executing a difficult task. Her tone was clear and well sustained. Mr. Falkner's fine manly voice was heard to great advantage in a set of 'Three Salt Water Ballads' by Frederick Keel.

In conclusion we, the audience and jury, thank Mr. Lofthouse, the Musical Societies (coupled with the name of A. L. Binney), and the O.W.W. and friends of the school who kindly assisted them, for a really enjoyable evening. In our judicial capacity we bring in a verdict of 'Not Guilty,' with a rider, namely, 'Do it again.'

The Orchestral Society is encouraged by the help it has already received from O.W.W. in raising an "Instruments Fund." This fund is invaluable in order to enable the Society to purchase wind instruments and lend them to boys who would otherwise be debarred from playing a useful part in the orchestra. Further donations for this purpose, which are much needed, will be very gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. Lofthouse, Director of the School Music.

PROGRAMME.

1. CHORALES V. AND VIII.—' A Stronghold Sure '

J. S. Bach.
2. TWO ELEGIAC MELODIES FOR STRINGS—' Herz wunden '

—' Der Frühling ' *Grieg.*
3. MADRIGALS—(a) ' My mistress sings no other song '

Robert Jones (1600).

(b) ' When from my love I look'd for love '

John Bartlett (1606).
4. LARGHETTO AND ALLEGRO FROM SONATA IN C FOR FLUTE AND PIANO *Handel.*

Flute—W. H. BALLANTYNE.
Piano—C. T. DAMS.
5. THREE SALT WATER BALLADS *Frederick Keel.*

MR. KEITH FALKNER.
6. A SUITE OF SHAKESPEARE TUNES *Wilfred Palmer.*
 - I. ' Peg-a-Ramsey and Three Merry Men ' (' Malvolio's a Peg-a-Ramsey and three merry men be we.—*Twelfth Night*).
 - II. ' Light o' Love ' (' Clap us into Light o' Love ; that goes without a burden.—*Two Gentlemen of Verona*).
 - III. ' Greensleeves ' (' Let it thunder to the tune of Greensleeves.—*Merry Wives of Windsor*).

INTERVAL.
7. ' THE MASQUE IN DIOCESIAN '... .. *H. Purcell.*

Solo (soprano) and Chorus: ' Call the Nymphs and the Fauns from the woods,' MISS FLORA MANN. Air (soprano): ' Let the Graces and Pleasures repair.' Duet (basses): ' Come, come away.' Chorus: ' Behold, O mighty'st of gods.' Paspé. Air (soprano) and Chorus: ' Let monarchs fight for power and fame.' Duet (basses): ' Make room.' Solo (Bacchus), Trio and Chorus: ' I'm here, I'm here,' MR. BONHOTE, C. P. ALLEN, A. L. BINNEY, AND MR. KEITH FALKNER. Dance of Bacchanals. Air (soprano): ' Still I'm wishing.' Ritornello: ' Can Drusilla give no more?' Canaries. Dialogue (soprano and bass): ' Tell me why, my charming fair,' MISS FLORA MANN AND MR. KEITH FALKNER. Dance. Air (tenor) and Chorus: ' All our days and our nights,' MR. BONHOTE. Dance. Trio and Chorus: ' Triumph victorious Love.'
8. CARMEN FERIALE WESTMONASTERIENSE *Sir F. Bridge.*

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

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FIELD DAY.

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ON March 12 there was a field-day at Aldershot. Having marched for many miles along a hard and dusty road we sat down for two hours in a wood. After this realistic reproduction of active service conditions, the L.G. sections were hastily abstracted from the two battalions that had by this time congregated, the idea being to mow the enemy down in swathes when they appeared on the skyline. Needless to say, the enemy, being guardsmen, did not appear on the skyline. Three-quarters of an hour having been wasted by this manoeuvre, a hasty and imperfect reorganisation was effected. The W.S. O.T.C. then advanced on the right wing of the Public Schools. Having climbed many hills and slid down into several

malodorous bogs they were informed that they had reached their objective. The view from this point was a very fine one, marred only by a complete absence of enemy. After half an hour's waiting, furious firing was heard in our rear and our supports were perceived making a gallant attack upon the hill we were occupying. These supports 'went through' us firing furiously and disappeared into a wood. It then transpired that the final objective of the force was a Public House and several voluntary patrols hastily departed on a reconnaissance. Soon afterwards more furious firing was heard and two small platoons appeared in our rear, ranging like Bacchanals through the woods. The cease fire having gone, the voluntary patrols began to roll up in a detached sort of way and were greeted with several determined volleys from a small section which had for the last hour been sitting on a hill-side firing into the air or into the backs of their own men as opportunity offered.

The writer himself, who formed one of the more voluntary and detached patrols, having narrowly escaped the Bacchanals and the fate of Pentheus, found himself between two opposing forces, which had suddenly debouched from two woods and were attempting to decimate each other with blank cartridges—if they had been a few yards nearer they could have done so. He was partly reassured by observing that both forces were on his own side and, apparently disappointed at the absence of enemy, had instituted a little war of their own. Having evaded these perils and the self-constituted anti-aircraft squadron on the hill-side, he rejoined his comrades. This little expedition was healthy and instructive and a pleasant variant in the School curriculum. Viewed as a field day it was what a distinguished officer has termed 'the usual fare.'

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SHOOTING.

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THIS season we began again to compete in 'Miniature' range fixtures with other public schools, as well as the usual 'Country Life' competition. On the whole we did not do so badly, but owing to a scarcity of ammunition we were not able to obtain much practice. Perhaps in years to come 'Shooting' may become a more fully recognised school sport. At the present moment, however, people do not seem to realise that it is possible to be in the 'Shooting VIII,' if they are good shots and also play cricket and football, or row, without the one greatly interfering with the other.

In the 'Country Life' competition this year we were unfortunately rather lower than usual

owing to some bad shooting on the landscape target. The following are the results of the 'Miniature' matches which took place:—

Nov. 13.—Aldenham, 299; Westminster, 362.

Nov. 25.—Lancing, 478; Westminster, 465.

Feb. 20.—Aldenham, 436; Westminster, 466.

Mar. 3.—Whitgift, 508; Westminster, 560.

Mar. 19.—H.A.C., 410; Westminster, 333.
(Shot away.)

Shot, 5. Won 3. Lost 2.

The following shot:—Fisher, J. G., Louden, J. A. H., Wilmoth, V. J., Bull, C. F., Knight, C. P., Binney, A. L., Philpot, J. S., Guymer, E. W. R.

Down at Bisley this year we are optimistic as usual. With practice the VIII ought to be fairly strong. At last, before going down, we have had the rifles thoroughly tested and overhauled by the armourer. We are glad to see several smaller boys coming down this year. People because they are small need not think they cannot shoot. So yet once again we go down to Bisley feeling perfectly confident of returning with the Ashburton Shield in our possession.

SHOOTING FIXTURES, 1925.

May 21.—*v.* King Edward's School.

May 28.—*v.* Lancing.

June 4.—*v.* Sherborne and Haileybury.

June 11.—*v.* Highgate and Inter-house Challenge Cup.

June 18.—*v.* Whitgift and Brighton.

June 25.—*v.* Charterhouse.

July 8.—Gale and Polden Competition.

July 9.—Ashburton Shield, Spencer Cup and Cadet Trophy.



THE ENGLISH SINGERS.



ON Monday, May 18, the English Singers paid us their first visit, and, let us hope, by no means their last. Their programme showed the utmost versatility, without departing for one moment from the sphere in which they excel—that of the Madrigal, Ballet, and Folk-Song.

A truly mediæval spirit was reflected in the posture in which they sang; madrigals and part-songs in the sixteenth century were sung by parties sitting round a table with their music spread out in front of them, and so they were sung by this modern sextet, seated in a pleasingly informal fashion round the Rod-table up School.

In the actual programme we were incidentally afforded an interesting comparison between the staid Elizabethan love-song, with its ever-recurring false Phyllis and love-sick Damon, and the rollick-

ing humour of the amours described in 'The Dark-eyed Sailor' and 'Just as the Tide was flowing.' With regard to these two numbers, it was specially interesting and instructive to members of 'Mad. Soc.' to hear, adequately rendered, items which found a place not very long ago in one of our own concert programmes.

But there can be no doubt as to which group was the most appreciated, even to the point of insistent, twice-repeated and successful demands for 'encores.' It would have been impossible to mistake the Italian Street Cries for anything else than what they were, no matter in what language they had been sung. The apparent incongruity of the assistant sweeps, which seemed to strike many members of the audience, may be lessened if one remembers that, at the time when these compositions were written, these two parts would be taken by boys.

In the madrigal and ballet section, special mention must be made of the rendering of 'Now is the Month of Maying,' by Morley, the crispness and clear diction of which were delightful. At the other end of the programme the two outstanding items were, 'I go before, my darling,' and 'The Silver Swan.' The former is an unaccompanied duet for two sopranos, and demonstrates the fulness and apparent completeness of sound which can be produced, by means of skilful and interesting part-writing, from two parts alone without any sort of accompaniment.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present will agree that no more delightful way could be found of avoiding seventh period on Monday, if nothing more, than by listening to a recital by the English Singers. May we have many further opportunities of so doing.

C. T. H. D.



THE LIGHTED GATEWAY.



WE have received from the publishers, S. Hildersheimer & Co. Ltd., 96, Clerkenwell Rd., E.C. 1., a proof of a painting by Fred Roe, R.I., entitled 'The Lighted Gateway.' It represents the entrance to Yard by the Masters' Common Room, in the light of the lamp under the arch. Unlike several recent etchings of the School buildings, which have been content with greater or less skill to depict the facts, the artist has in this case made a definite attempt to portray the spirit of an old building at its best and most peaceful moment, a winter evening. How far he has succeeded we hope our readers will judge for themselves, for it is a picture which deserves to be in the hands of all who love the Westminster of reality more than the Westminster of the guide books.

We reprint the following lines from a review as being instructive as well as appropriate.

'All the oldest of the School buildings are constructed from remnants of the monastic structures, among the most noteworthy being the gateway depicted in the water-colour by Mr. Fred Roe, R.I. Built by Abbot Litlington in the second half of the 14th century, the gateway, as the main connecting link between the School and the outer precincts, has been one of the dearest recollections of countless generations of Westminsters. Consider the illustrious dead who have helped to tread away its stones! Ben Jonson, Cowley, Dryden, Matthew Prior, Cowper, Southey; Locke and Gibbon; Sir Christopher Wren; Warren Hastings and Sir Elijah Impey; Lords Combermere and Raglan; Sir Edward Poynter, P.R.A.; Gustave Hamel; represent but a fraction of the famous O.W.W. who passed and re-passed beneath its vaulting. Add to these the names of statesmen like Earl Russell; of Churchmen like Atterbury; bishops and archbishops (as the late Mr. John Sargeant so well put it) "too numerous to mention, Lord Mansfield and Charles Wesley too great to omit"; and some idea can be formed of the intimate importance to Westminsters of this historic pile.

'Mr. Fred Roe's drawing of the gateway shows it in what is perhaps its most picturesque aspect, with the familiar lamplight forming a striking contrast to the falling darkness. To attain this effect on the spot was a task of no mean order, but that the artist has succeeded admirably in conveying its air of mystery and studious calm is never for a moment in doubt. The essential Westminster atmosphere is sympathetically interpreted, while to link the past with the present Mr. Roe has introduced the figures of a King's Scholar and a Town Boy as they are to-day. Behind them, in dim silhouette, appears one of that brilliant succession of Masters who, from Camden and Busby onwards, have helped to shed the light of the School over so many climes and centuries.'

HOUSE GYM. COMPETITION.

THE Senior Inter House Gym. Competition was held on March 23 and resulted in a win for College, the K.S. pair gaining first and second place respectively. It is hoped that Grants and Home Boarders will find it possible to enter a pair next year.

The following were the results:—1. Barlow (K.S.S.), 97 (Max. 110); 2. Murison (K.S.S.), 89; 3. Watherston (K.S.S.), 88; 4. Hooper (R.R.), 85; 5. J. H. B. Bird (A.H.H.), 83½; 6. A. C. Bird

(A.H.H.), 82, and Lindsay (R.R.), 82; 8. Foster (R.R.), 75; 9. Johnston (R.R.), 73; 10. Aitken (R.R.), 67½.

FENCING.

WESTMINSTER *v.* MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

(*Lost*, 3—6, in Sabre and Foil.)

ON Saturday, March 7, a match in Foil and Sabre against Marlborough College took place in the gymnasium.

Although the Marlborough team was victorious many of the bouts were stoutly contested. Gishford and Charles fenced well, especially since this was their first match, the latter putting up a very stubborn fight against the Marlborough captain, Ferguson-Davie, who won all his bouts. The Westminster captain was not fencing up to form, and did not seem to wake up until his third bout in each weapon, which he won. Beard also won two bouts, his unorthodox style helping him to puzzle his opponents. The judging grew difficult towards the end as the light began to fail, and several times the referee had to explain the situation in detail before he and the judges came to a satisfactory decision. Our chief failing at present is lack of experience, which can only be remedied by having several matches each term, and it is hoped that in future this may be possible. It may well be noted here that the fencing class has doubled its number since this time last year, and it is gratifying to record the largest number of spectators we have yet seen, including the Headmaster and family.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

FRANCIS PECK who was admitted into College in 1702 and elected to Cambridge in 1706 was not 'the celebrated antiquary' of that name, as stated in 'Alumni.' The Editor of that work is hardly to be blamed for the mistake, as he took special pains to identify this K.S., giving correctly the dates at which he was admitted a pensioner and elected a scholar of Trinity, and also the dates at which he graduated—viz. B.A. 1709, M.A. 1713; and further explained that these dates 'have been quoted with special minuteness, because Mr. Nichols states that it is uncertain where Mr. Peck received his education before his removal to Cambridge, and that he took his degrees of B.A. in 1715 and M.A. in 1727.' He also pointed out that 'one John Peck' did take the degrees of B.A. and M.A. in the years specified by Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols however, was right in his dates, though he was wrong in putting his man at Trinity. The antiquary did take his degrees as stated; but he was of St. John's and not of Trinity, having come up not from Westminster but from Charterhouse in 1709. Mr. C. B. Phillimore read 'Peck Joh.' as meaning John Peck and not Peck of St. John's; and he was further and justifiably misled by Cole who in his copy of the Trinity Registers added opposite the Old Westminster's name in a marginal note the words 'the antiquary.' And the mistake has been faithfully followed by the Dictionary of National Biography and other authorities; although Nichols' inaccuracy was pointed out long ago by J. E. B. Mayor when the Registers of St. John's College were published. The result has been much confusion between two men of the same name, both in Holy Orders, who were almost contemporaries at Cambridge and must have been exceedingly dissimilar. For the Carthusian antiquary was a respectable country parson of literary tastes; while the O.W. seems to have been rather a firebrand.

He was the son of yet another Francis Peck who was Rector of Saltwood, Kent, by his wife Margaret Ruck. Francis, the son, was ordained at Ely and became Vicar of Orllstone, not far from his old home; and the recently published volume of 'Alumni Cantabrigienses' takes his career no further. He resigned his benefice in 1715, having become a Non-juror. He seems also to have been a Jacobite; for in the account of Thomas Deacon (afterwards a non-juring bishop) given in the D.N.B. it is stated that when the Rev. William Paul and John Hall of Otterburn (both Non-jurors) were executed for complicity in the rebellion of 1715 Deacon visited them in prison and was subsequently accused of having attended them and given them absolution on the scaffold. Deacon's own account of the matter was—

'I did not officiate with those unfortunate gentlemen in their dying moments; the clergyman who did was the Rev. Mr. Francis Peck M.A. of Trin. Coll. in Cambridge; but neither he nor any other person did then and there absolve them.'

The O.W. apparently had the courage of his opinions.

He seems to have been instrumental in bringing the well known Thomas Brett of Spring Grove over to the Non-jurors. Brett's home at Wye was not far from Orllstone; and what is known of the subsequent career of Francis Peck, O.W., is derived from the Brett papers recently acquired for the Bodleian, which are dealt with in Mr. Broxop's book 'The Later Non-jurors.' He took a prominent part in the preparation of Brett's

work on the Ancient Liturgies, seeing the book through the press and contributing the preface; therein proving himself to be a person of respectable scholarship. At his Chambers in Thavies Inn was held on December 19th, 1717, the critical meeting which resulted in the formal split of the leading Non-jurors over the 'Usages'; he was then sent to Edinburgh on a mission on behalf of those who were called 'Usagers.' In September, 1719, his marriage to 'a widow Mrs. Longford' is reported; he and his wife went to live at Wantage, where he engaged in controversy with certain Anabaptists and asked his friends for help therein. In February, 1721-2, a correspondent informs Brett that 'Mr. Deacon is now secularised six days of the week, which he employs in physic but on Sundays he officiates as a clergyman. Mr. Peck is altogether a physician and if the character is delible has dropped the priest entirely.' And finally on January 16th, 1724-5, the same correspondent writes 'I am sorry to tell you that the ingenious Mr. Peck is dead.' How his last years were spent does not appear; but Brett's comment on the intelligence is:—'I am afraid that our friend Peck shortened his days by living apace. I hope he considered it before his death.' In spite of this obituary notice its subject may perhaps be considered not altogether an unworthy member of the little band of Westminster Non-jurors of whom such men as George Smith and Thomas Bedford are more distinguished figures.



THE FIELDS.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HARROW.

(Lost, 0-2.)

On Thursday, March 5, the School lost to Harrow by two goals to none. Considering that we were playing on our own ground—a ground very different by all accounts from that to which our opponents were accustomed—the School might have made greater advantage out of the first few minutes of play during which Harrow were still unaccustomed to the field and ball. As it was, after the first exchanges the play came down to the home end, and at 2.55 R. E. C. Butterworth scored for Harrow. During the second half our play improved, but not sufficiently to prevent Harrow from scoring for the second and last time through Wright. Of the forwards Rock and Wingate played well. But the defence was superior to the attack, and the player who did most for us was certainly L. Clare, who worked like a Trojan.

Westminster.—A. Clare, C. R. Lane, J. A. Cook, W. K. Allen, L. Clare, M. F. L. Haymes, C. P. Allen, J. H. Lindsay, S. J. P. Rock, C. F. Bull, M. M. W. Wingate.

Harrow.—A. C. Raphael, A. T. Casdagli, R. I. E. Ashby, J. H. Docwra, H. H. Nichols, D. Wormald, W. N. White-Thomson, H. Laird, R. E. C. Butterworth, R. F. Wright, R. Blaxter.

WESTMINSTER *v.* O.W.W.

(Lost, 2-1.)

On Saturday, March 7, the School played the last match of the term, and were unlucky in not forcing a draw. All three goals were scored in the first half, and play was uneventful during the second. For the School Bull scored once, but the desired second goal never came.

O.W.W.—J. N. McBride, Wyatt, Keilly, Oxley, Radermacher, Munt, Pickering, R. G. H. Lowe, Newall, Witherby, Andrews.

CRICKET.

WESTMINSTER *v.* ETON RAMBLERS.

On Saturday, May 2, the first match of the season was played. We were under the disadvantage of playing a formidable team without a single Big Game by way of practice, to which fact is certainly due in part our low score. Cook was the only member of the eleven who settled down to bat, and his 50 saved us from collapse. A. A. G. Black, though he made few runs, played a good and useful innings for three-quarters of an hour in partnership with him. The fielding of our opponents, including two brilliant catches, was the feature of the game.

WESTMINSTER.

L. Clare, c Impey, b Cartwright	...	...	6
A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Baggally, b Impey	...	...	6
J. H. Robson, run out	...	...	0
S. J. P. Rock, c Johnson, b Impey	...	...	14
J. A. Cook, c Gage, b Johnson	...	...	58
A. Clare, c Cavendish, b Cartwright	...	...	3
A. A. G. Black, c Baggally, b Johnson	...	...	6
P. J. H. Dunn, c Winn, b Twining	...	...	22
D. R. F. Cambell, hit wicket, b Johnson	...	...	0
G. E. Johnstone, st Baggally, b Twining	...	...	0
G. M. Paulson, not out	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	19
Total	...	...	138

Bowling.—Impey 2 for 27, Cartwright 2 for 18, Johnson 3 for 7, Twining 2 for 5.

ETON RAMBLERS.

R. H. Twining, ct Shepley-Smith, b Cambell	...	...	97
R. H. V. Cavendish, b Dunn	...	...	20
G. Elliot Pyle, c Paulson, b Cook	...	...	48
P. R. Johnson, not out	...	...	52
M. E. C. Baggally, not out	...	...	55
Extras	...	...	9
Total (for 3 wickets)	...	...	281

P. Clarke, R. L. Bassett, Lord Gage, Hon. R. Winn, E. Impey, G. H. M. Cartwright, did not bat.

Bowling.—Cambell 1 for 55, Dunn 1 for 33, Cook 1 for 55.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE.

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HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE.

Capt. A. E. Wilkinson, c and b Paulson	8
J. Jefferson, st Robson, b Paulson	11
T. Berah, lbw Dunn	...	...	96
C. M. Llewelyn, c Robson, b Cook	...	...	36
Capt. J. B. Trapper Lomax, st Robson, b Paulson	...	...	10
P. Ackroyd, b Dunn	...	...	8
Capt. H. J. R. Brierley, st Robson, b Cambell	...	...	10
Lt.-Col. G. Edwards, lbw Cambell	...	...	5
Capt. G. M. Cornish, b Cambell	...	...	0
Sir Terence Falkiner, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	24
Total (for 9 wickets)	...	...	208

Capt. G. C. Firbank did not bat.

Bowling.—Cambell 3 for 49, Paulson 3 for 54, Dunn 2 for 41, Cook 1 for 24.

WESTMINSTER.

A. M. Shepley-Smith, c Firbank, b Cornish	...	...	36
L. Clare, b Ackroyd	...	...	42
J. H. Robson, st Brierly, b Cornish	...	...	15
J. A. Cook, b Firbank	...	...	1
S. J. P. Rock, b Firbank	...	...	13
A. Clare, ct Wilkinson, b Cornish	...	...	19
A. A. G. Black, ct Brierly, b Cornish	...	...	0
P. J. H. Dunn, st Brierly, b Firbank	...	...	0
J. G. K. Green, not out	...	...	1
J. R. F. Cambell, ct b Firbank	...	...	6
G. M. Paulson, run out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	14
Total	...	...	147

Bowling.—Firbank 4 for 61, Ackroyd 1 for 31, Cornish 4 for 41.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHRIST CHURCH.

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, May 18, the match resulted in a draw, though in our opponents' favour. However, as the batting honours were carried off by McBride and Taylor, Westminster scored both ways. The game was remarkable for a second wicket stand of 102 runs, after the first had fallen for 0; and for a last wicket stand between Paulson and Dunn which added nearly 50 valuable runs. Apart from their effort, however, the tail showed a tendency to collapse, and from the third wicket to the ninth only 30 runs were made.

WESTMINSTER.

A. M. Shepley-Smith, b Newman	...	...	0
L. Clare, ct Fawcus, b Stonier	...	...	76
J. H. Robson, b Taylor	...	...	38
J. A. Cook, c Fawcus, b McBride	...	...	42
S. J. P. Rock, b McBride	...	...	1
M. G. Taylor, lbw Taylor	...	...	0
A. Clare, b Mc Bride	...	...	2
K. G. Gardiner, b Taylor	...	...	4
P. J. H. Dunn, b Mackay	...	...	25
D. R. F. Cambell, c and b McBride	...	...	2
G. M. Paulson, not out	...	...	32
Extras	...	...	18
Total	...	...	240

Bowling.—Newman 1 for 62, Taylor 3 for 55, McBride 4 for 58, Mackay 1 for 10, Stonier 1 for 15.

CHRIST CHURCH.

C. L. D. Fawcus, b Cambell	...	...	...	...	0
W. N. McBride, b Stratford	...	...	...	...	88
S. C. Dobson, b Paulson	...	...	...	...	8
C. H. Taylor, ct and b Cook	...	...	...	...	52
G. C. Newman, ct and b Stratford	...	...	...	...	35
R. F. H. Amory, b Cambell	...	...	...	...	2
C. G. Benson, b Cambell	...	...	...	...	35
S. H. Eccles, not out	...	...	...	...	2
J. B. Aird, b Cambell	...	...	...	...	1
H. D. Mackay, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	13

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 237

G. W. Stonier did not bat.

Bowling.—Cambell 4 for 68, Paulson 1 for 43, Stratford 2 for 52, Cook 1 for 30.

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Births.

- THACKER.—Recently, the wife of H. B. Thacker, of a son.
 PITE.—On March 9, the wife of A. G. Pite, of a son.
 MARKS.—On March 21, the wife of Julian D. Marks, of a son.
 KENNEDY.—On March 28, at the Anglo-American Hospital, Cairo, the wife of S. D. Kennedy, of a son.
 WARBURG.—On April 8, the wife of Frederic J. Warburg, of a son.
 CARLESS.—On April 22, in India, the wife of H. A. Carless, of a son.
 FURSDON.—On May 10, the wife of George E. S. Fursdon, of a son.

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Marriages.

- TROUTBECK-MORLEY.—On March 21, George Lancelot, elder son of the late John Troutbeck (O.W.), to Phyllis Anne Mount Stephen, second daughter of the late Very Rev. Dr. H. C. Beeching, D.D., D.Litt., Dean of Norwich, and sometime Canon of Westminster, and of Mrs. Beeching, of 79, Platt's Lane, N.W.
 HENDY-OGILVY.—On April 4, Philip, son of F. J. R. Hendy, of Oxford, to Kythé, daughter of Francis Ogilvy, of the Chestnuts, Guildford.
 MONTAGU-LEVY.—On April 21, the Hon. Stuart Albert Samuel Montagu, eldest son of the Lord Swaythling, to Mary Violet, eldest daughter of the late Major Levy, D.S.O., and the Hon. Mrs. Levy.
 COWAN-MARLOW.—On April 22, Eric Lindsay, only son of Sir Henry Cowan, M.P., to Hylda Dorothea, elder daughter of J. H. Marlow, of Sedgebrook, near Northampton.
 LUCE-CHAPMAN.—On April 2, in Westminster Abbey, the Rev. Harry Kenneth Luce, Master of the K.S.S., younger son of the Rev. Edmund Luce, to Norah, only daughter of Sir Sydney Chapman, K.C.B.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the deaths of several Old Westminsters.

EDMUND JERMYN was the eldest son of the Rt. Rev. H. W. Jermyn, Primus of Scotland (O.W.), and was at Westminster from 1858 to 1864. He was elected to Christ Church, and was ordained in 1870. From 1873 to 1894 he held various Indian Chaplaincies. He was afterwards Rector of Newendon, Kent, Vicar of Helsley, Cheshire, and Rector of Croughton, Northants (1903-1912). For the last few years of his life he had been living in Oxford where he died on April 8, aged 79.

JAMES MORRAH WHITMORE, who died suddenly on April 3, was the second son of John Whitmore, and one of a family that has sent many of its sons to the School. He was admitted in 1863, and became a Q.S. in 1865, but left without taking his election in 1867. He was admitted a solicitor in 1873.

EDWARD CAYLEY WORSLEY was a contemporary of the last-named. He was the second son of Frederic Cayley Worsley, and was at the School from 1867 to 1870. He died at Folkestone on April 26.

EDWARD HOPE WATERFIELD was the second son of the late William Waterfield (O.W.), and a grandson of Thomas Nelson Waterfield, who was admitted in 1811. The last-named lived for some time in Turle's House and afterwards on the terrace in Great Dean's Yard. Edward Hope Waterfield was admitted as a Q.S. in 1889, and was elected to Christ Church in 1895. He acted in the 'Trinumus' in 1893 and was Chremes in the 'Andria' in 1894. He was afterwards in the I.C.S. He died on March 22, at Dawlish, aged 49.

We also regret to announce the death, on April 4, of WALTER WILLIAM ROUSE BALL. He was not himself a Westminster, but had been for many years one of the representatives of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the Governing Body. Mr. Rouse Ball, who was a distinguished mathematician, always took a great interest in the School. Lord Phillimore, in a letter to the *Times*, said of him that 'he was constant in attendance at Governors' meetings, and an excellent colleague. He acted as auditor of our accounts and took our finances under his special charge. With these he was careful and prudent, but he never hesitated to recommend judicious outlay. Further, on all points connected with the School he showed an insight and a sympathy as great as any of his colleagues, even those of us who were old members of the School.'

