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## FIVES AT WESTMINSTER.

'FIVES at Westminster'—how often has an editor written the proud 'we take up our pen' in connection with this inspiring subject! And now we do so again, undeterred by the disappointments of our predecessors. The fact, briefly and succinctly, is that the School is at the present time sorely in need of two new fives-courts, while it is also highly desirable that the present courts should be wholly re-faced. The latter were given us many years ago by the kindness of Sir Walter Phillimore, and they have been a great boon to the School in the past. But Time is proverbial for leaving his mark on everything, and the climatic assaults which these courts have from time to time suffered, have gradually impaired their value and efficiency, and partial renovation has failed to provide an

obstacle to the progress of gradual decay. The courts have now become slow and uncertain, lower the standard of play throughout the School and greatly handicap our representatives when they play other schools away. The present state of the courts will thus be recognised as far from ideal, but the question why we so urgently need extra courts must also be answered. The fact is that every day many applicants for courts are turned away empty. The game of late years has grown greatly in popularity, and almost all the houses have their own competitions, while besides these are, of course, Senior and Junior School Ties. The consequence is that there is almost every day an overwhelming application for courts, and as the supply consists only of two courts the demand can only be satisfied in very few cases. We may therefore reasonably conclude that there is

a very great and very urgent necessity for two new courts.

The questions of site and finance now arise, Little space is available in Little Dean's Yard and it does not seem that it would be possible to fit in two full-sized courts, principally on account of the numerous ancient lights and rights of way which exist in the Yard and which must not be disturbed, but also because difficulties might arise in obtaining the consent of the Dean and Chapter, or of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, or both, to whom all the land in the Yard belongs. The other possible site is the Green behind Ashburnham House. Here again the difficulty of dealing with ancient lights arises, but it could be disposed of by building the courts with the back wall parallel with the Prefectory wall behind. This wall is, we believe, regarded as interesting by antiquaries, but surely their sentimental affection for it must have already received a severe shock when the carpenter's shop and neighbouring buildings were erected. Besides this, the wall is hidden from the gaze of all except ourselves. We do not therefore expect much opposition from this quarter. Nor in regard to finance, as we understand, are there any insuperable obstacles.

Would it not be possible to appoint a committee to investigate and report on the exact cost of a full-sized court built of the best material, and to find out the exact difficulties in connection with the proposed site? It might also discover the exact sum of money available from various sources, and the additional amount necessary for the completion of the courts. The report of the committee could then be presented to the Governing Body or to the Head Master. We feel sure that were such a committee appointed, its recommendations would be completely approved of by those to whom its report was presented. Here, we think, lies the way out of a difficulty which, as all who approach the matter with an open mind will admit, calls for an immediate solution, and we are convinced that if our suggestions are adopted without delay, five at Westminster will take the place among the School games that it fully deserves.

## School Notes.

THE offertory on the festival of the Purification of the B. V. M. amounted to £3 3s. 6d.

The School were privileged to see H.M. the King both on his return from India, and on the occasion of the opening of Parliament on February 14.

The VIIth and VIth Forms, thanks to the kindness of the Headmaster and Mr. Martin Harvey, were privileged to witness the latter's magnificent production of 'Oedipus Rex' at the Covent Garden Opera House.

We congratulate Mr. Wootton on his complete recovery from his recent illness.

A football match has been arranged with Eton College, on February 27.

The match with Winchester has been altered from Wednesday, March 6 to Tuesday, March 5.

The School Philatelic Society has been revived. A fuller account appears in another column.

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

### *Played at Vincent Square*

1911.

Sat.	Oct. 7	v.	R.M.C., Sandhurst.	Lost 1—5.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.W.W. (A.)	Won 1—0.
„	Oct. 14	v.	Casuals.	Lost 1—2.
„	„ 21	v.	Old Bradfield Boys.	Won 5—0.
Wed.	„ 25	v.	Outcasts.	Drawn 3—3.
Sat.	„ 28	v.	O.W.W.	Won 2—1.
Wed.	Nov. 1	v.	Guy's Hospital.	Scratched.
Sat.	„ 4	v.	Old Wykehamists.	Drawn 1—1.
	2nd XI.	v.	King's College (A.)	Won 5—0.
„	Nov. 18	v.	Old Berkhamstedians.	Lost 0—2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters 2nd XI.	Won 4—0.
„	Nov. 25	v.	Beckenham.	Lost 0—3.
Wed.	„ 29	v.	Woolwich.	Lost 0—2.
Sat.	Dec. 2	v.	Old Foresters.	Lost 1—2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.	D. 2—2.
„	Dec. 9	v.	Old Aldenhamians.	Lost 1—2.
„	„ 16	v.	Emeriti.	Scratched.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.W.W. (A.)	Lost 1—2.

1912.

Sat.	Jan. 20	v.	Clapham Rovers.	Lost 3—4.
	2nd XI.	v.	The School Mission.	Lost 0—2.
Wed.	„ 24	v.	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.	Scratched.
Sat.	„ 27	v.	Old Brightonians.	Drawn 3—3.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.W.W. (A.)	Lost 1—5.
„	Feb. 3	v.	Lancing Old Boys.	Scratched.
Wed.	„ 7	v.	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	Scratched.
Sat.	„ 10	v.	Casuals.	Lost 0—4.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.	Won 3—1.

Sat., Feb. 17	v.	Old Felstedians.
2nd XI.	v.	King's College (A).
„ Feb. 24	v.	Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).
„ „ 28	v.	Eton.
„ Mar. 2	v.	Old Cholmelians.
Tues. „ 5	v.	Winchester (at Winchester).
Sat. „ 9	v.	Old Etonians.
2nd XI.	v.	O.WW. (A.)
Wed. Mar. 13	v.	Seniors.
Sat. „ 16	v.	O.WW.
Wed. „ 20	v.	Seniors.
Sat. „ 23	K.SS. v.	T. B.B.

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS, JANUARY 20. (Lost, 3-4.)

THE visitors kicked off from the Hospital end, and immediately took up the offensive, only to be checked by the School backs. Play now reverted to mid-field for some time, and the exchanges were very even. Our forwards then showed greatly improved combination and attacked hotly, but the visitors were the first to score, the inside right giving Hill no chance after half an hour's play, and five minutes later the centre-forward added another one, which might, however, have been saved. Half time, 0-2.

Soon after the resumption the outside right got clear of the backs, and after a run from the half-way line, still further increased the visitors' score with a very fine shot. This reverse put new heart into the School forwards, who now played a fine game. Pick soon scored a neat goal, and after a few minutes more play the School were on level terms again with the visitors, two goals being added in quick succession. The final stages of the game were fast and exciting, and it was only just before time that Clapham scored the winning goal.

It was gratifying to note the improvement in the School's play. The defence in the second half was very steady, while the forwards at times were positively brilliant.

Teams :—

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill ; A. Mansel-Howe, and R. E. D. Cargill ; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew ; J. W. MacCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and C. Hurst-Brown.

#### CLAPHAM ROVERS.

A. E. Begg ; L. R. Morriss, and H. J. Ost ; D. W. Roberts, H. R. Holme, and L. Millar ; C. B. Cooper, G. C. Bambridge, R. C. Bambridge, K. V. Coutts and D. R. Rouse.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. S. S. HARRIS'S XI., JANUARY 24. (Scratched.)

THIS match was abandoned owing to the inability of the visitors to raise a side.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD BRIGHTONIANS, JANUARY 27. (Drawn 3-3.)

PICK kicked off for the School who immediately forced a corner, which was not turned to account. The School, however, continued to have the best of matters, and it was not long before Pick and Rudd scored goals, the former from a good centre by MacCulloch. Just before half-time the visitors set up a strong attack which culminated in a good goal from short range. Half time, 2-1.

After the resumption, Hoffmeister, who was playing an excellent game for the visitors, ran through the defence and scored an easy goal. The School made strenuous efforts to get ahead once more, and Rudd scored again for them with a nice shot, and shortly afterwards hit the post with the goalkeeper beaten. Neither side could score again for some time, but just before the finish a determined rush by the O. B.s resulted in a successful shot by Hoffmeister, who thus made the match a draw.

Teams :—

#### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill ; R. F. Potter, and R. E. D. Cargill ; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew ; J. W. MacCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and C. Hurst-Brown.

#### OLD BRIGHTONIANS.

B. Righton ; L. F. Duckworth, and R. J. Boulton ; L. F. Dower, W. S. Ross, and F. L. King ; E. C. Long, A. L. Corbett, M. H. Clarke, C. E. Hoffmeister, and Rev. F. W. Worsley.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. LANCING OLD BOYS, FEBRUARY 3. (Scratched.)

THIS match was abandoned owing to the frost.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI., FEBRUARY 7. (Scratched.)

THIS match was abandoned owing to the frost.

### WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. THE CASUALS, FEBRUARY 10. (Lost 0-4.)

THE School kicked off and attacked hotly for the first ten minutes, but failed to score, Hurst-Brown and Lang missing easy goals. These mistakes proved costly, because as soon as the Casual defence had found their feet, the halves and backs were too fast and too steady to allow the School any further good opportunities of scoring. Birrell and Clarke got two good goals in this half. Half time, 0-2.

On resuming the Casuals still attacked, but Hill showed improved form, and made several fine clearances. The School forwards were hampered greatly by the 'one-back' tactics, which the

visitors adopted, and rarely looked dangerous as they were frequently off-side. The Casuals scored twice again before time.

In spite of the heavy defeat they suffered, the School improved greatly on their last performance with the exception of Potter, whose kicking was very weak.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. E. D. Cargill, and R. F. Potter; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew; J. W. MacCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and C. Hurst-Brown.

CASUALS.

A. L. Grant; S. T. Buxton. and J. H. Sheppard; M. H. C. Doll; H. A. Birrell, and C. T. Wilkinson; M. McCall, M. H. Clarke, P. J. Montgomery, A. Ritchie, and G. F. Dixon.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. THE MISSION, JANUARY 20.

(Lost, 0-2.)

THIS match proved very exciting, and was far more interesting than in some years. The Mission kicked off, and proceeded to give Durrant plenty to do, but the School retaliated after a while with several onslaughts on our opponents' goal; all attempts to score, however, proving abortive. The left inside then found himself in good position, and scored the first goal for the Mission with a neat shot. Some exciting play in front of our goal ensued, but after a few minutes Durrant made a good clearance. Half time, 0-1.

The Mission forwards improved considerably in the second half, but failed to add to their score until ten minutes before time, when a centre from the outside right hit the bar, and the inside left had little difficulty in scoring from the rebound. The School made desperate efforts to score, but were singularly ineffective in front of goal.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. W. Durrant; C. L. Blair and K. T. D. Wilcox; J. M. Troutbeck, J. C. Hobson, and M. A. Thompson; A. C. V. Miles, O. Derry, J. C. Hansen, S. F. Waterson, and W. F. Lang.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. O.WW. (A). JANUARY 27.

(Lost 1-5.)

THIS match ended in an easy victory for the visitors. The School, as usual, had many opportunities in the first twenty minutes, which they dissipated on each occasion by poor shooting. The O.WW. scored twice in this half. Half time, 0-2.

Immediately after the restart the O.WW. again scored, but the School defence played more cohe-

sively for a considerable period, though a bad misunderstanding allowed the O.WW. to score their fourth goal. Ten minutes before time the School made a determined effort, and Waterson scored with a good shot, but the O.WW. obtained yet another goal just before the game came to an end.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. Durrant; C. L. Blair, and A. Mansel-Howe; J. M. Troutbeck, J. C. Hobson, and M. A. Thompson; A. C. Miles, O. Derry, J. C. Hansen, S. F. Waterson, and W. F. Lang. The visitors did not divulge their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. OLD CRANLEIGHANS 2ND XI., FEBRUARY 10.

(Won, 3-1.)

THE School kicked off and at once became aggressive, scoring twice in the first ten minutes. Play ruled more even till half-time came with the score, 2-0. In the second half both sides scored once each, but the School missed several opportunities.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. B. W. Durrant; A. Mansel-Howe, and K. T. D. Wilcox; J. M. Troutbeck, J. C. Hobson, and M. A. Thompson; A. C. Miles, O. Derry, J. C. Hansen, S. F. Waterson, and A. N. Charlton.

THE WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
A	—		W 2-1	W 4-1	W 3-1		W 4-1	W 4-1	= 10 points
B		—			D 3-3		L 0-8	W 1-0	= 3 points
C	L 1-2		—				D 1-1	L 1-4	= 1 points
D	L 1-4			—	W 2-0	W 7-0			= 4 points
E	L 1-3	D 3-3		L 0-2	—	W 2-0			= 3 points
F				L 0-7	L 0-2	—		W 4-3	= 2 points
G	L 1-4	W 8-0	D 1-1						= 3 points
H	L 1-4	L 0-1	W 4-1			L 3-4			= 2 points

Captains :—

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| A J. G. Barrington-Ward. | E W. M. Frankish. |
| B R. S. Partridge.       | F H. Eyre.        |
| C A. Munro-Faure.        | G C. Chitty.      |
| D O. I. Burgess.         | H A. H. Bird.     |

## FIVES.

THE draw for the first round of School Ties is:—

J. G. Barrington-Ward	}	v.	{	R. S. Partridge
G. H. Humphreys				F. W. Pink
D. F. Jerrold	}	v.	{	K. T. D. Wilcox
N. E. Barraclough				J. W. MacCulloch
G. B. F. Rudd	}	v.	{	H. A. Carless
A. C. Peasey				G. P. Pick
J. C. Hobson	}	v.	{	R. F. Potter
R. R. Sedgwick				P. W. G. Kann

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Society held on Thursday, January 18, the President moved that the Committee should resign. After the Society had passed the motion unanimously, the following officers were elected:—

<i>President</i> . . . . .	J. G. Barrington-Ward.
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	C. E. S. Noakes.
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	F. W. Pink.
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	R. S. Partridge.

J. M. Troutbeck, O. I. Burgess, and R. R. Sedgwick were co-opted by the officers to form the Committee.

The Society held their first meeting on January 25, when the motion was 'That in the opinion of this House the Censorship is inimical to the Drama.' The speeches were dull and obviously unprepared, the speakers themselves were disorderly and irrelevant, and the arguments they brought forward were always either stupid or stereotyped. The motion was lost by 7 votes to 15.

The next meeting was held on February 1, the motion before the Society being 'That this House deplores the foreign policy of His Majesty's Government.' The debate showed a welcome improvement in the matter of speeches, but the conduct of certain members of the Society was not at all desirable. The motion was lost by acclamation.

Mr. D. F. JERROLD (the Proposer) appeared to remark that the present Government would receive from posterity a large measure of praise for their beneficent measures, but that their foreign policy would earn universal condemnation. They had entangled themselves in foreign alliances which were at once undignified and barren of any material gain. The dominant note in our policy had been fear of Germany, and our treatment of France and our general dealings with her had been a counterpart of those with Russia.

The Opposer (Mr. R. R. SEDGWICK) found fault with the Proposer's 'contemptible effusion,' remarking that it was difficult to oppose when the Proposer had said nothing worthy of opposition. He pointed out the advantages gained by the Triple Entente. As for the statement that our policy had been dictated by fear of Germany, was it not a fact that negotiations were at present in

progress between the respective Foreign Offices of England and Germany for an understanding of some kind about armaments? The Government had been both dignified and successful in their policy, and the Proposer's speech was both undignified and unsuccessful. He could not congratulate him on it.

The Seconder (Mr. B. H. LUNN) said that he was so offended at the aspersions cast by the Proposer on him, that he felt unable to second any motion with which the Proposer was in any way connected.

Mr. G. B. F. RUDD, after some remarks about the extent and value of British securities abroad, defended the Government's policy in Persia, which was at once calculated to improve and open up a country which had grown effete and unprogressive, and to ensure the speedy settlement of a problem which was of vital importance to the maintenance of peace in Asia Minor.

Mr. J. C. HOBSON remarked that if Mr. Rudd's securities abroad turned out a success, all would be well; if however, they proved a failure, all would not be well. Until one knew which of these two alternatives was going to happen, judgment on the motion should be deferred. After this simple lesson in elementary logic was over Mr. B. H. LUNN condescended to inform the Society that the only result of our foreign policy was loss of dignity. Why or how this loss of dignity came about he appeared incapable of explaining.

After remarks by Messrs. G. C. Lowry and W. B. W. Durrant, the SECRETARY turned to some of the points of our foreign policy, saying that if Germany attacked France it would be our duty to assist the latter. The result of a European war depended on Russia, and the Government wisely and honourably had courted a Russian alliance.

THE PRESIDENT, after a few recapitulatory remarks, reminded those speakers whose principal argument against the Government's foreign policy was that it lacked dignity, that in the Agadir incident which had been singled out as the most striking instance of the Government's undignified policy, the Government by acting as they had done, had shown that they intended to resist any attempts on the part of Germany to threaten British interests. Could such a policy be called undignified by any but the most poisoned imagination?

After a few irrelevant remarks by Mr. Lunn, the motion was put to the vote and lost by acclamation.

THE House met again on Thursday, February 8, to discuss a motion 'That in the opinion of this House human happiness does not increase with civilisation.'

The Proposer (THE PRESIDENT) stigmatised civilisation as a gigantic conspiracy of doctors and philanthropists to prevent the survival of the

fittest. Under modern conditions the weakly were kept alive by artificial foods and were actually encouraged to propagate their miserable species, not, as in primitive days, turned adrift to make shift for themselves. The modern process was perhaps more humane, but was certainly less beneficial to mankind in general, and therefore could not be said to have increased human happiness in general. He deplored also the moral and physical degeneration of the present world. Effeminate habits were rapidly ruining the vast majority, while science, though it had brought many benefits to mankind, had also sown the seeds of philosophic doubt, a condition which could hardly be said to increase human happiness, and was distinguished, as clearly shown by Vivisection, by the cruelty of its practice. Was it then surprising that Charles Dickens spoke in 'Bleak House' of the 'curse of civilisation'?

The Opposer (Mr. J. M. TROUTBECK) accused the Proposer of excessive glorification of the past. He warned the House not to be misled by idle talk of 'the good old days.' He graphically pictured the latter, vividly describing the plagues and pestilences which were the chief characteristic of primitive man's life. Even the Proposer himself had admitted that civilisation had bestowed many benefits on mankind; he (the Opposer) therefore felt justified in arguing that the enormous bodily comforts bestowed upon man by civilisation had really increased human happiness.

The Seconder (THE TREASURER), like the previous speaker, regarded the motion from a purely physical point of view. He drew a realistic picture of his great-to-the-n<sup>th</sup>-grandfather sitting in a woodland glade surrounded by his family. He emphasised the facility with which his primitive ancestor used to obtain the necessities of life, and contrasted it with the disheartening rush and scramble in modern days to secure even the merest trifle. If civilisation was the agency that had forced the world to forsake its primitive content for the unhappy conditions of modern life, who could say that it had increased human happiness?

Mr. A. MARCHETTI censured the Proposer for his callous indifference to philanthropic effort. The doctrine of the weakest 'going to the wall' was the most cruel and the most inhuman idea ever conceived of. He failed to add anything strictly relevant to the motion.

Mr. D. F. JERROLD in a fluent but obscure speech objected to civilisation because it had taught men to respect and worship intellect at the expense of physical strength. The precise connection of his speech with the motion under discussion was not self-evident, but he was both amusing and original.

Mr. W. B. W. DURRANT reverted to the days of Adam and Eve. Our reporter failed to gather the rest of his speech.

Mr. B. H. LUNN, after characterising the last

speech as 'fatuous and inevitable,' compared the man of to-day with the primitive savage, condemning in strong language the latter's subjects of conversation. The man who had no intellectual ideas could not be intellectually happy.

After Mr. J. C. HOBSON had denounced in flaming language the Proposer's attack on Science, THE PROPOSER dismissed Mr. Lunn's comparisons as fallacious, urging the folly of comparing the intellectual state of a savage with that of a civilised man. The latter only thirsted for intellectual conversation because civilisation had inculcated into his mind the necessity for it. The savage was perfectly happy without it.

Mr. A. C. V. MILES, in the course of some Hobsonian and irrelevant remarks, informed the Society that he had picked up Civilisation in streets (according to our reporter), and that he had also found it growing on walls, rotten trees, dry sponges, and precipitous abysses.

Some remarks by Mr. W. J. N. LITTLE in support of Vivisection evoked from Mr. HOBSON an anecdote of his past life with a dog. Mr. LUNN was preparing to tell the House of his experiences with two dogs, when he was peremptorily called to order.

The motion was then put before the House and lost by acclamation.

LIST OF DEBATES.—LENT TERM, 1912.

Date.	Motion.	For.	Against.
Jan. 25	'That in the opinion of this House the Censorship is inimical to the Drama.'	A. D. Crow. W. J. N. Little.	R. G. Garvin. C. E. S. Noakes. Carried 15-7
Feb. 1	'That this House deplores the Foreign Policy of the present Government.'	D. F. Jerrold. B. H. Lunn.	R. R. Sedgwick. G. B. F. Rudd. Lost by Acclamation
" 8	'That this House considers that human happiness does not increase with civilisation.'	J. G. Barrington- Ward. F. W. Pink.	J. M. Troutbeck. A. Marchetti. Lost by Acclamation
" 15	'That this House views with apprehension the recent successes of Socialism in Germany.'	R. W. Stannard. A. C. V. Miles.	R. S. Partridge. J. A. G. Cecil.
" 22	'That in the opinion of this House patriotism is vulgar and out of date.'	J. C. Hobson. B. H. Lunn.	W. J. N. Little. G. E. S. Fursdon.
" 29	Impromptu Debates.		
Mar. 7	'That this House deplores the Constitutional impotence of the Monarchy.'	J. G. Barrington- Ward. R. R. Sedgwick.	D. F. Jerrold. C. Chitty.
" 14	'That in the opinion of this House the size of the Navy is insufficient to meet the Country's needs.'	O. I. Burgess. C. A. M. Faure.	C. D. O'Sullivan. R. S. Partridge.
" 21	'That this House deplores the vast increase in Novels and Magazines.'	J. M. Troutbeck. G. C. Lowry.	A. Marchetti. R. E. D. Cargill.
" 28	'That in the opinion of this House School-days are not the happiest of our life.'	B. H. Lunn. H. A. Phillimore.	J. C. Hobson. W. B. W. Durrant.

## THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THIS Society after ceasing to exist for several years, has been revived. The Officers are:—

President . . . . .	L. Tansley
Vice-President . . . . .	A. F. Lindner.
Secretary . . . . .	E. T. Hippisley.

Meetings are held from 5.10 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Tuesday evenings in the VIth Form Room. The members are already about twenty-five in number and it is hoped that several lectures may be given by experts during the course of the term. The meetings are held for exchanging, discussing, and exhibiting stamps, while occasional papers on subjects of interest to the philatelist will be read before the Society by various members.

## W.S.N.H.S.

ON January 27 a paper was read by H. C. Rambant for W. J. N. Little on 'British Birds' Nests.' The Society unfortunately lost some interesting details through the illegibility of the author's handwriting.

After commenting on the misapplication of the term 'British' to many birds scarcely ever seen in Britain, the paper went on to classify the types of nests to be met with. It then described those nests which presented particular points of interest, taking the birds by their families, and quoting extracts upon various points from more than one authority, among them being an account of a Wren's nest-building, which was closely observed by the naturalist hour by hour for three weeks. The nests of the Song-thrush, the Golden Oriole, and the Sedge-warbler were also particularly described. The sea-birds, building hardly at all, were only slightly discussed, but considerable space was devoted to other aquatic birds, especially the Moorhen, and the Coot. The paper ended with a short survey of the methods used by ornithologists in observing and photographing birds at their nests. Some illustrations were shown from photographs in Kerton's 'British Birds' Nests.'

## House Notes.

K.SS.—With so much before us in the future, and so little before us in the present, we feel some diffidence in setting pen to paper to satisfy a hungry public. Our chief news may be summarised as follows:—Mr. J. C. Gow played with distinction in the 'Varsity Match, and deserves our heartiest congratulations. Chess ties proceed at a rapid pace under the able guidance of G. C. Lowry. G. B. F. Rudd and R. E. D. Cargill are both regular players in the team, while W. B. W. Durrant,

J. M. Troutbeck, K. T. D. Wilcox, S. F. Waterson, M. A. Thompson, and A. N. Charlton practically compose the 2nd XI. We hope to retain both Racquets Cup and the Fives Cup, but the Gymnasium Cup and the Drill Cup are events too distant even for our prophetic pen to forecast.

The Literary Society has finished the 'Tempest,' and is now looking forward to 'The School for Scandal.'

A.H.—As usual we have done absolutely nothing, and our notes instead of fulfilling their proper rôle as a chronicle of events become a mere training-ground for literary (not, we are glad to say, poetical!) ability. MacCulloch has regained his Pinks, while Pick, Kann, and Cardew all threaten to follow in his footsteps. All else lies in the remote future. We shall miss W. L. Selby greatly in the Athletic Sports, and we cannot look forward with confidence to retaining the Cup which has had so long a stay up the House. In Seniors, however, our prospects are distinctly fair, and we look forward with no little confidence.

GRANT'S.—Since we last complied with the Editor's request for notes nothing has changed radically in the House. Potter has added to his football distinctions a sergeantry in the Corps, while Miles and Kellie have been promoted to corporalships. We omitted to say in our last notes that Crowe has left, and that we welcome two new boys—Holmes and Walters.

H.BB.—The inviolable editorial command again compels us to take up our pen and write. In the world of sport we have, as usual, been pursuing the even tenor of our way: Hansen still continues ably to captain the Second XI., and Lang still continues to be our other representative therein. In the First XI. we have no regular representative, but this fact we ought perhaps to consider in the light of a unique privilege accorded at the present time to no other House.

We have this term to bemoan the loss of Tindal and Hutchinson, and to welcome seven new boys, who bring our numbers up to seventy-six. We are glad to hear that Ainsworth-Davis is quite recovered and hope soon to see the Gym Cup in our midst again. In Gym we are also well represented by O'Sullivan as a mighty boxer, and by Garvin as an ardent fencer: Forbes and Frankish are also often to be seen in Gym disporting themselves with skipping-ropes. Fives Ties are now in full swing and it is rumoured that one of the first round ties has actually been played off. Lastly, we should like to express our satisfaction at noting what a large number of musicians we supply to the Corps Band.

RIGAUD'S.—In despair of emulating the fluent poetry which emanates from Home Boarders, we rely on comparatively insignificant prose.

In the first place our deepest sympathy is due to Bovey, who has lost his father, Dr. Bovey. We

must also condole with A. H. Bird, who has to spend this term in Switzerland, recovering from the effects of a serious operation; we miss his ready, if at times cheap, wit in writing these notes. Hurst-Brown and Hill have taken the place of A. Bird and E. H. Wood, as monitors: we also condole with Bremner, who has got water on the knee.

We will not descend to the often fatuous story that 'our prospects for Seniors are bright and rosy,' but we hope to give a good account of ourselves, as we have the captain of the team and two other regular members. Unfortunately we shall lack the services of F. R. C. Cobbold, who has not been allowed to play since his operation. Our congratulations are due to Hurst-Brown, who, after many years hard (?) work, has deceived the O.T.C. authorities into giving him a further step in promotion, and he is now the proud possessor of two stripes. Early as it is in the term, yard ties have been drawn, but have not yet started to 'swing.'

### Old Westminster.

THE REV. R. A. EDEN has been obliged by advancing years to resign the living of Old St. Pancras. Mr. Eden's father, the late Bishop of Moray, Primus of the Church in Scotland, was admitted to the School as long ago as 1817.

MR. E. H. GRAY and Mr. D. McManus have passed out of Sandhurst. Mr. Gray is gazetted to the Sussex Regiment as a step to the Indian Staff Corps.

MR. J. C. GOW received his football blue and played for Oxford against Cambridge.

### Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of MICHAEL MICHAEL RODOCONACHI, who was at the School from 1870 to 1875. He was a partner in a well-known firm. His son was elected for Christ Church in 1907.

### Correspondence.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—It was with very great pleasure that I read the admirable article on Mr. Ingram in your last number, since, let me own it, it was something of a shock to see his name passed over in a brief obituary notice.

For he was not an ordinary man, or master, or O.W. If one looks upon him as a man, it was on one who knew his own mind, and who feared no critic so much as himself, a man of an austerity of life that had in itself something of greatness, deeply and sincerely religious, perhaps in a way that you may call cold or academic if you will, but which was none the less real and personal and was the guide of every least action in his life. If as a master, it was on one who had a very deep sense of his position, and whose form was the best ordered in the School, who was, moreover, the last of a long line—as he used to say himself with mingled pride and pathos, 'the last statutable Under-master.' If as an O.W., it was on one who focussed in himself all that was best of the old traditions. There was something in him, a touch, of the 'grand seigneur,' which made anything like hurry or excitement impossible to him, and hence, I suppose, came an unreadiness of speech when anything unusual occurred, which made him take refuge in some rather painfully obvious remark or question—a characteristic which gave rise to a rich crop of fables, as baseless as those which cling to the name of the Warden of New College. For example, when you came back from a four-oar which had been swamped in Corney Reach, he might ask you if you got wet. The invariable cassock and bands were intensely characteristic of the man. I only once saw him without them in College, and that was when he was called up somewhere about midnight to an accident in Dormitory. The tasselled cap with its crossed bands of crape and its rosette is almost as closely associated with my memory of him as the cassock. But I think the scene that I connect most clearly with him is 10 P.M. in College, after Mon. Chamb. had called names, and prayers and the 87th Psalm followed. And here let me ask a question. Why that Psalm? Was it traditional? and if not, why was it chosen? I remember a youthful fancy that 'rehearsing the singers and trumpeters' might contain some allusion to our calling the names.

Of course what most appealed to us Q.SS. in my time was his unflinching and enthusiastic championship of College. He looked upon it as the Palladium of Troy. I wonder if there is any one who still remembers how, with flying coat-tails, he followed (*he!*) on the towing-path at Putney, the exciting finish of the Q.SS. and T.BB. race of 1874.

I am, dear sir,  
Yours sincerely,  
W. H. A. COWELL.

### OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—You have demanded punctuality. You shall have it, but you must accept its inseparable accompaniments—inaccuracy and omission. The varied doings of the O.W.W. cannot be ascertained in an hour or two, so you will have to be content with a few outstanding features.

In the first place we must admit that we are proud of Mr. J. C. Gow. His play in the 'Varsity match was considered eminently praiseworthy by the journal from which we glean our sporting knowledge, and the general opinion here is that he has well fulfilled the promise he displayed at Westminster. At the same time, we must offer our sympathies to Mr. C. K. Covington, who so narrowly failed to get a Blue.

Other denizens of the House such as Mr. Murray and Mr. A. C. Edgar are busy emulating Mr. Gow's example as regards athletics, and setting up a standard of their own as regards work.

Mr. J. W. N. Smith has at length been persuaded to join the Union. We believe that Society is still ignorant of the *fête* in store for it, but it will weep when Mr. Smith



weeps, and laugh when Mr. Smith laughs, and exult when Mr. Smith exults, &c., *ad lib.*!

Mr. Lasseter, also of the House, is a fine skater.

Mr. F. G. Hobson, of New College, works ten (sometimes twelve l) hours *per diem*. He must be considerably wiser than we knew him at Westminster. He also skates with much *aplomb*!

Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward, of Balliol, Junior Librarian of the O.U.S., is alas! not among us for a space. What have you done to him, sir, in the Xmas vacation? Anyhow, send him back to us soon, for we are almost forgetting the exact significance of 'Tory democracy.'

Mr. A. K. Gilmour of the same college has developed his histrionic ability to such an extent that he is allowed to cry out, 'We will hear Antony' in the forum-scene of the O.U.D.S.'s performance of 'Julius Cæsar.' His other occupations are concerned with the occult and the mysterious. He can now get a table to hop of its own accord!

The name of Mr. A. C. Boulton is one that has just occurred to us, and we should do ill to omit it. He lives in splendour in a bishop's palace, where he dreams of conducting vast orchestras, playing his own music, and wakes up to find it is time to go to a rehearsal of 'Julius Cæsar,' where his arrangement of the music is sure to be a huge success.

And now, sir, in conscious realisation of having left out many notable O.O.WW. in our desire for punctuality, we send you best wishes for success against Charterhouse, and beg to subscribe ourselves,

OXONIENSIS.

RACQUETS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I take the liberty of inquiring, through the medium of your columns, whether something cannot be done for me? I have apparently got large holes in me, as whenever it rains or snows, I let through a lot of dirty water into the racquets court and make the floor all slippery: when this happens, they say that it makes playing very unpleasant and call the innocent floor all sorts of names, and never seem to think of doing anything for poor me, who am the unwilling cause of all the trouble. It is true that 'Judy' does all he can to keep the court clean and pleasant to play in, but he can hardly be expected to turn plumber and mend me. Sweeping the floor may do a lot of temporary good, but is there not an old proverb which says that prevention is better than cure? I should also mention that my shortcomings have been particularly noticeable during the recent inclement weather, and the poor innocent floor has been made particularly slippery and unpleasant in consequence.

I remain, sir,

Your humble servant,

THE ROOF OF THE RACQUETS COURT.

[We have shrewd suspicions that our esteemed correspondent is writing to us under a *nom de plume*, but we will endeavour to see that his grievances obtain redress.—

ED.]

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1912.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As the date for the sports is gradually drawing near, I should like to suggest that a little more care should be taken to see that competitors wear adequate apparel. Considering the scantiness of their attire, surely they might manage to wear garments that are

devoid of splits and holes. With the usual apology for encroaching on your valuable space, I am,

Yours &c.,

'INJURED INNOCENCE.'

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