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THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

OF fourteen matches played last season four were won, four drawn, and six lost. As Westminster only plays one School match, a season in which that match is won must necessarily be counted as successful. The Charterhouse match was won and well won, and the School team has every reason to congratulate itself on the result. Willett, Young, and Bompas batted admirably in the match; Plaskitt bowled with signal success, and the whole team backed them up capitally. Charterhouse went in for the second time with 260 to get and two hours and a half to get them in. At one time the game seemed perilously like a draw, but Young managed his bowling with skill, and, making his side play up with refreshing keenness, pulled off the match with five minutes to spare. It was a keen match and a good win, and the last few minutes roused Westminster enthusiasm to a high pitch.

The season opened with a win over a weak team of Lords and Commons. In the next match, with Kensington Park, Wade's slows proved very deadly, and the eleven had to taste defeat. The next three matches served to bring out strongly the weakness of our attack. Although Young, Willett, and Harris played good innings, the bowling was not good enough to get our opponents out. Two of the matches were lost, and one was drawn not in our favour. Against West Kent and R. E. More's Eleven the School did very well. The same three batsmen and Lonsdale were well to the fore with the bat; while against West Kent Foster and W. C. Stevens accomplished a fine bowling performance, getting rid of a fair side for 43 runs on a good wicket. The Authentics and M.C.C. were much too good for the School. The win over Charterhouse was followed by a draw against O.W.W. The School did very well with the bat, but failed signally with the ball. The Old Carthusians, contrary to custom,

were easily successful, and the season ended with a draw rather in our favour against a scratch team brought by H. B. Willett.

The bowling again proved the weak point. W. C. Stevens at times bowled well, but he could not be relied upon, and at the beginning of the season there seemed to be no one who could keep a good length and keep down the runs. Foster afterwards showed some promise. He bowls a fast medium, and ought to be useful another year. Later on Plaskitt proved very successful. He bowled admirably against Charterhouse, and did much better than anyone else in the last part of the season. It is doubtful whether he was bowled enough to begin with. He had only taken seven wickets up to the M.C.C. match, whilst in the last three matches he took twenty-one.

Last year Blaker's was the only average over 40. This year Young, Harris, and Willett all achieve this distinction. Young's is the best average, and he was undoubtedly the best bat. Whether he will turn out to be quite first-class remains to be seen; but his form this year was excellent, and ought to secure him a trial at Cambridge next spring. It is interesting and encouraging to compare the averages of last year with those of this. Last year Harris only played for the eleven at the end of the term, while Willett had an average of 12, and made but 96 runs. This year Harris has an average of 41, with 333 runs to his credit. Willett jumps to the same average with a total of 537 in fourteen innings. The latter's improvement was amazing. He was nearly as reliable a bat as Young, and made full use of his great reach. His innings against Charterhouse and O.W.W. were excellent. Harris will fortunately be here next year, and if he goes on improving ought to be very good indeed. He bats in attractive style, drives hard, and makes his runs quickly. He was unfortunate in being incapacitated during part of the season owing to a broken finger. Lonsdale was useful, and often made runs when they were wanted, but failed to improve on his last year's performance. Much was expected from Bompas at the beginning of the season, but he was completely out of luck, and seemed unable to make runs until the last few matches. His 66 in the Charterhouse match atoned in some degree for previous failures. W. C. Stevens was disappointing. He had considerable defensive powers, and made runs in games and House matches, but in School matches he was com-

pletely out of form. E. C. Stevens began the season well, but afterwards could do little or nothing. Plaskitt hit merrily on occasions. Milne and Rawlings showed more promise than performance. Foster once made 5 not out.

The fielding showed much improvement. Young is to be congratulated on the result of his keenness in that direction. Bompas was excellent at the wicket, and Milne and Rawlings may also be singled out as especially smart in the field.

The prospects for next year are fairly encouraging. Young and Willett will be a great loss, but Harris, Bompas, E. C. Stevens, and Milne ought to form the nucleus of a good batting side. Plaskitt has unfortunately left, and Foster is the only one remaining of the bowlers who met with success last year. It is to be hoped that from some neglected spot skilful hands may rise equal to the occasion. Some effort was made to encourage the coaching of bowling at the nets. This should certainly be continued.

Town Boys were again successful over Queen's Scholars. The House Shield, after an interval of four years, returned to the care of Grant's. It only remains to say that the attendances at Vincent were generally good. That at the Charterhouse match must have been a record. The more interest taken in School cricket by visitors and members of the School the better is it for the cricket of the School.

School Notes.

THERE are twenty-eight new boys this term.

J. S. Phillimore (O.W.) has added to his already long list of distinctions by being appointed to the Greek chair in Glasgow University, in succession to Professor George Murray.

We offer our hearty congratulations to E. H. Waterfield (O.W.), on passing into the Indian Civil Service.

There has been an alteration made in the School Hours this term: the Abbey Service is now at 9.30 instead of 9.15, except on Saints' Days, when it is still at 9. Morning School now ends at 12.55 instead of 12.45.

We congratulate H. S. Gaskell on passing 23rd into the R.M.A., Woolwich.

There were more School Epigrams than usual last term, some in English being most appreciated.

We welcome among us Mr. W. G. Etheridge, who has come to take Mr. Steen's place.

The Mure Scholarship has been awarded to T. Mavrogordato, and the Ireland Prize for Latin Verse to F. G. Joseph.

The Cricket XI.s were made up at the end of last term as follows :—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.'s.</i>
F. Young.	R. P. Rawlings.	S. D. Kennedy.
W. C. Stevens.	E. C. Stevens.	C. B. H. Knight.
B. H. Willett.	K. B. Anderson.	L. H. Bennett.
H. R. Lonsdale.	J. Heard.	H. Kelsey.
H. S. Bompas.	M. S. Thompson.	J. P. Blane.
S. S. Harris.	G. R. Palmer.	R. F. C. O'Brien.
H. Plaskitt.	A. S. Gaye.	R. Wynter.
A. A. Milne.	R. Pashley.	W. A. Greene.
A. L. Foster.	F. T. Harrison.	H. Severn.
	H. S. Gaskell.	S. A. Dickson.
	P. F. Lock.	A. T. Willett.

The following is the football card filled in up to date :—

		1899.	
Sat.	Sept. 30	. Clapham Rovers.	(Lost 0-3.)
"	Oct. 7	. E. H. Winslow's XI.	(Won 3-0.)
"	" 14	. H. O. C. Beasley's XI.	
"	" 21	. Old Westminsters.	
"	" 28	. Old Carthusians.	
	2nd XI. v.	Clapham Rovers	2nd XI.
Wed.	Nov. 1	. Old Etonians.	
Sat.	" 4	. Old Foresters.	
"	" 11	. R. E. More's XI.	
"	" 18	. Casuals.	
	2nd XI. v.	Old Westminsters	2nd XI.
Wed.	Nov. 22	. Emeriti.	
Sat.	" 25	. Old Harrovians.	
"	Dec. 2	. Christ Church.	
	2nd XI. v.	London Hospital	2nd XI.
Wed.	Dec. 6	. University College.	
Sat.	" 9	. Old Felstedians.	
	2nd XI. v.	A. B. Challis's XI.	
		1900.	
Sat.	Jan. 20	. Clapham Rovers.	
"	2nd XI. v.	London Hospital	2nd XI.
"	Jan. 27	. Selwyn College, Camb.	
"	2nd XI. v.	Clapham Rovers	2nd XI.
Wed.	Jan. 31	. Old Etonians.	
Sat.	Feb. 3	. Old Westminsters.	
	2nd XI. v.	Old Westminsters	2nd XI.
Wed.	Feb. 7	. Emeriti.	
Sat.	" 17	. Casuals.	
"	" 24	. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).	
"	Mar. 3	. Old Brightonians.	
	2nd XI. v.	E. H. Winslow's XI.	
Wed.	Mar. 7	. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	
Sat.	" 10	. F. Wormold's Eton XI.	
"	" 17	. T.B.B. v. Q.SS.	

O.W.W. may have cards of the Season's Football Fixtures by sending a stamped addressed envelope to A. C. Barnby, 1 Little Dean's Yard, S.W.

We have just heard with the deepest regret of the death of Dr. Troutbeck, the Precentor of Westminster Abbey. He was one of the best friends the School possessed, and his death will be very deeply felt by all who knew him.

ELECTION.

THE result of Election was as follows :—

Elected to Christ Church :

H. L. Henderson.
W. C. Stevens.
G. R. Palmer.

Elected to Trinity College :

S. A. Sydney-Turner.
F. Young.
H. R. Lonsdale.

Exhibitors of Christ Church :

A. McKenna.
B. H. Willett.

Samwais Exhibitor :

Senior—S. A. Sydney-Turner.
Junior—F. Young.

Triplet Exhibitions of £50 were awarded to

F. T. Barrington-Ward.
F. Young.

A Triplet Gratuity of £70 was awarded to

F. T. Barrington-Ward.

The School Officers for the year are :—

Captain.—A. S. Gaye.

Monitors.—A. A. Milne.

F. G. Joseph.
W. R. Le G. Jacob.

Captain of Football.—A. C. Barnby.

Captain of Cricket.—H. S. Bompas.

Head of H.B.B.—A. L. Foster.

Head of Grant's.—H. S. Bompas.

Head of Rigaud's.—K. B. Anderson.

Head of Ashburnham.—F. G. Joseph.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

THIS match, which was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, July 22, was noticeable for the worst collapse Westminster had during the season, three wickets falling without a single run having been scored. Young was badly run out, Lonsdale was caught by Austen off C. Wreford Brown, and Willett was caught at point off the same bowler. Bompas and W. Stevens raised the score to 21, when Stevens was bowled for 18. Milne failed to score, and then Bompas was bowled by Pritchett for 4. Plaskitt hit up 11, but the innings soon closed for the wretched total of 55, Anderson being not out 10. C. Wreford Brown bowled with great success, taking six wickets at the cost of 45 runs apiece. Powell and Ryder opened the innings of the Carthusians and put on 38 runs for the first wicket, when Powell was bowled by Plaskitt. Ryder was bowled three runs later, and Pritchett and Doll were soon dismissed. Pocklington was next out for a well-played 38. On G. O. and C. W. Wreford Brown getting together, a stand was made, but at length Plaskitt, who had been bowling well throughout the match, dismissed them. Richardson was soon out, and the innings ended with the total 170, C. Wreford Brown being not out 13. The second innings of Westminster was little improvement on the first,

6 wickets falling for 50 runs, Milne and Anderson alone offering any resistance to the bowling.

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Austen, b. C. Wreford Brown.....	0	c. G. E. Pritchett, b. Austen	0
F. Young, run out	0		
H. S. Bompas, b. Pritchett	4		
B. H. Willett, c. Pocklington, b. Pritchett	0		
W. C. Stevens, b. C. Wreford Brown	18	b. C. W. Wreford Brown	19
A. A. Milne, c. C. W. Wreford Brown, b. C. Wreford Brown...	0		
H. Plaskitt, c. Doll, b. C. Wreford Brown	11	b. Austen	4
E. C. Stevens, b. C. Wreford Brown	1	st. Richardson, b. Austen.....	6
R. P. Rawlings, c. O. E. Wreford Brown, b. C. Wreford Brown ...	8	c. and b. Austen...	0
K. B. Anderson, not out	10	st. Richardson, b. C.W. Wreford Brown	9
A. L. Foster, c. C. Wreford Brown, b. Pritchett	0	not out.....	5
Extras	3	Extras	7
Total	55	Total (6 wkts.)	50

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

E. O. Powell, b. Plaskitt	16
C. F. Ryder, b. Plaskitt	14
Capt. Pocklington, c. Bompas, b. Young	38
T. W. Pritchett, c. and b. Plaskitt.....	9
C. C. T. Doll, l.b.w., b. Plaskitt	0
G. E. B. Pritchett, b. Young	12
W. C. E. Austen, b. Young.....	2
C. W. Wreford Brown, b. Plaskitt.....	6
O. E. Wreford Brown, b. Plaskitt	26
J. S. Richardson, c. Foster, b. Milne.....	3
C. Wreford Brown, not out	13
Extras	30
Total	170

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
G. E. Pritchett.....	17	6	21	3
C. Wreford Brown ...	17.4	8	27	6
W. C. E. Austen	1	0	4	0

Second Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
W. C. E. Austen	11.2	5	24	4
G. E. Pritchett.....	8	1	14	0
C. W. Wreford Brown	3	1	5	2

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A. L. Foster.....	11	2	18	0
H. Plaskitt	24	6	44	6
W. C. Stevens	3	0	18	0
F. Young	8	0	27	3
B. H. Willett	7	2	25	0
A. A. Milne	7.4	3	9	1

WESTMINSTER v. H. B. WILLETT'S XI.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, July 29. Westminster lost the toss, and Willett and Thorne opposed Plaskitt and Foster. Foster bowled Willett off his pads before he had scored. At 27, he caused Thorne to play on. Three runs later Plaskitt, who had been bowling well, clean bowled Pickering,

and then bowled Nunn, who had made 9. On E. Talbot joining A'Deane, runs came more freely, till Milne, who had replaced Foster at 50, got A'Deane given out l.b.w. off his first ball. Talbot did not stay long after Berens had joined him, being bowled by Plaskitt with one run added. Pollard came in, but after making 3, was bowled by Foster, who had come on after dinner. With Sandilands in, a big stand was made, the next wicket falling at 157, when E. Berens was caught in the slips by Foster off Plaskitt's bowling. He had played a splendid innings of 60 without a chance. H. B. Willett stayed some time with Sandilands, who completed his 50 at 4 o'clock. At 173, however, he was l.b.w. to Plaskitt. Willett was bowled after making 7, the side being out for 213. Sandilands was not out for a fine innings of 78.

The fielding was very good throughout, Milne and Lonsdale being especially noticeable.

Westminster had two hours and a half to make the necessary runs, and Willett and Lonsdale opened their innings. At 18 Lonsdale was out, and Bompas was bowled by Pollard after making 1. Young joined Willett, and the score was carried to 64 by steady play, when Willett was caught by Thorne off Berens' bowling. He had made 34 by very pretty cricket. With Young and Harris together, another useful stand was made. Harris made runs at a good pace, but was stumped with the score at 136 for a useful 42. W. C. Stevens and Milne were both dismissed by Nunn without scoring. Plaskitt came in and hit up 19 at a good pace. However, there was not time to make the necessary runs, and at close of play Anderson and Young were together, Young having played sterling cricket for 73, his innings being extremely valuable to his side. The game ended in a draw, Westminster with seven wickets down needing 21 runs to win.

H. B. WILLETT'S XI.

A. J. Willett, b. Foster	0
F. G. Thorne, b. Foster	15
J. W. Nunn, b. Plaskitt	9
H. J. Pickering, b. Plaskitt.....	0
E. Talbot, b. Plaskitt	10
W. W. A'Deane, l.b.w., b. A. A. Milne	9
E. Berens, c. A. L. Foster, b. Plaskitt	60
A. Pollard, b. Foster	3
R. R. Sandilands, not out	78
P. C. Probyn, b. Willett	7
H. B. Willett, l.b.w., b. Plaskitt	2
Extras	20
Total	213

WESTMINSTER.

H. R. Lonsdale, b. Berens	2
B. H. Willett, c. Thorne, b. Berens	34
H. S. Bompas, b. Pollard	1
F. Young, not out	73
S. S. Harris, st. Thorne, b. Nunn	42
W. C. Stevens, b. Nunn	0
A. A. Milne, b. Nunn	0
H. P. Plaskitt, st. Thorne, b. Berens.....	19
K. B. Anderson, not out	5
R. P. Rawlings } did not bat.	
A. L. Foster }	
Extras	16
Total (8 wkts.)	192

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H. B. WILLETT'S XI.

Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. L. Foster	22	2	64	3	21'3
H. Plaskitt	30	8	66	5	13'2
A. A. Milne	6	2	14	1	14'0
F. Young.....	5	0	20	0	—
W. C. Stevens	4	0	14	0	—
B. H. Willett	4'4	0	16	1	16'0

WESTMINSTER.

Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. Berens	34	12	59	3	19'6
A. Pollard	12	1	31	1	31'0
R. R. Sandilands	10	2	24	0	—
A. J. Willett	13	5	20	0	—
J. W. Nunn.....	10	0	42	3	14'0

T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

This match, as usual, was played on Election Monday, it being Town Boys' turn to bat first. Willett and Bompas started the innings, but only 2 runs had been scored when Willett was l.b.w. to Young from a ball that curled a lot in the air. Bompas was caught by Gaye after making 24, and on W. C. Stevens joining Harris the score was raised to 50 before Harris was bowled by Milne for 19. Plaskitt came in, and runs came fast till he was out for a lucky innings of 35, in which he gave several chances. E. C. Stevens was well taken by Young after making 16. Three runs later, W. C. Stevens was bowled by Gaskell for 36. On Anderson and Foster getting together a big stand was made. Foster sent the 200 up at 3.27, and completed his 50 shortly after. It had taken him only twenty-eight minutes to make the runs. He was l.b.w. to Young directly after for a very good innings of 51. It was by far the best innings he had played during the season; although it was not free from chances, yet he showed good judgment in picking the balls to hit. Rawlings and Pashley did not do much, and at 4.15 Stevens declared the innings closed, Anderson being not out for a useful, if somewhat lucky, 43, and Heard not out 20.

Lonsdale and Milne opened the innings of the Queen's Scholars, the former being caught by Pashley off Foster with 4 runs on the board, having already given two chances. Young was bowled directly after by a beauty from the same bowler. On Harrison joining Milne a useful stand was made, and 40 runs were added before Harrison was bowled by Willett. He had batted in good style, and should be useful next year. Lock was l.b.w. to Willett after making 10, and Palmer was easily stumped with the score at 89. Milne was next out, caught and bowled by Foster, for a very plucky innings of 38. He was suffering from a badly damaged finger, which he had hurt while fielding. Kennedy should have been run out when 10, but managed to make 22 before being taken by Anderson in the slips off Willett. Roberts failed to score, and Law was bowled by a good ball

from Foster, the innings closing for 146, Town Boys thus winning easily by 125 runs.

T.B.B.

B. H. Willett, l.b.w., b. Young	1
H. S. Bompas, c. Gaye, b. Young	24
S. S. Harris, b. Milne	19
W. C. Stevens, b. Gaskell	36
H. Plaskitt, b. Young	35
E. C. Stevens, c. Young, b. Gaskell	16
K. B. Anderson, not out	43
A. L. Foster, l.b.w., b. Young	51
R. P. Rawlings, c. Roberts, b. Young	3
R. Pashley, c. Law, b. Young.....	3
J. Heard, not out	20
Extras	21

*Total (9 wkts.) 272

*Innings declared closed.

Q.SS.

H. R. Lonsdale, c. Pashley, b. Foster	3
A. A. Milne, c. and b. Foster	38
F. Young, b. Foster	1
F. J. Harrison, b. Willett	25
P. F. Lock, l.b.w., b. Willett.....	10
G. R. Palmer, st. Bompas, b. Plaskitt	7
A. S. Gaye, b. W. Stevens	17
S. D. Kennedy, c. Anderson, b. Willett	22
H. S. Gaskell, not out	7
H. A. Roberts, b. W. Stevens	0
H. D. G. Law, b. Foster	4
Extras	12

Total 146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

T.B.B.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
F. Young	28	3	90	6
A. A. Milne	14	2	45	1
A. S. Gaye	6	0	35	0
H. S. Gaskell	11	2	42	2
G. R. Palmer	7	0	23	0
S. D. Kennedy.....	5	2	15	0

Q.SS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
H. Plaskitt	14	6	23	1
A. L. Foster	20'1	6	41	4
W. C. Stevens	10	2	27	2
B. H. Willett	11	2	31	3
J. Heard	2	0	7	0

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Runs	Times not out	Most in Innings	Average
F. Young	14	513	3	101*	46'63
S. S. Harris	9	333	1	111	41'62
B. H. Willett.....	14	537	1	145*	41'30
H. R. Lonsdale...	15	282	—	72	18'8
H. S. Bompas ...	13	197	1	66	16'41
H. Plaskitt	13	126	2	31	10'45
E. C. Stevens ..	12	122	1	75	11'09
W. C. Stevens ...	14	136	1	30*	10'45
A. A. Milne	14	110	—	19	8'46
R. P. Rawlings...	9	55	1	23	6'87
A. L. Foster.....	7	13	3	5*	3'25

J. Heard 6 47 2 23* 11'75

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wides	No-balls	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average
H. Plaskitt ...	0	0	28	166·2	48	365	13·03
F. Young	0	1	24	107·1	11	372	15·5
A. L. Foster ...	1	8	19	160·4	38	391	20·47
W. C. Stevens	0	0	19	135·3	20	473	24·89
A. A. Milne...	0	0	7	58·4	18	200	28·57
B. H. Willett	6	0	11	126·2	30	366	33·27

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, September 28, the following were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing session :—

<i>President</i>	A. S. GAYE.
<i>Vice-President</i>	A. C. BARNBY.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	A. A. MILNE.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	S. D. KENNEDY.

The House met again on Thursday, October 5, when the following new members were elected :—
P. F. LOCK ; A. T. WILLETT.

After this, the House proceeded to discuss the motion of the evening :—'That, in the opinion of this House, railways should be entirely under Government control.'

The motion furnished a very good debate, and some excellent speeches were made.

The PROPOSER (F. G. Joseph) opened his speech with the statement that it could hardly be denied that our railways are in a bad state, owing chiefly to the fact that they are in the hands of monopolists. He then quoted statistics to show the enormous amount of parliamentary expenditure involved in the present system : were railways taken under State control, the money thus saved would enable the Government to increase the comfort of passengers and lower fares. After a few desultory remarks as to the origin of railway companies, the proposer passed on to the suggestion that railways should be purchased by the State, as in Belgium, where the system of Government railways had worked extremely well. He cited, as a good example of the benefits of State control, the high standard of excellence attained by the Post Office.

The OPPOSER (A. C. Barnby) did not acknowledge the truth of the Proposer's statement as to the monopoly of railways : this was prevented by the healthy rivalry promoted by the frequency of cases in which companies ran trains between the same towns. In the Isle of Wight, he stated, there was a real monopoly, and the evil effects of this were at once apparent ; the third-class fare from Cowes to Ryde, a distance of five miles, being by a cheap train over a shilling. There was an extraordinary lack of accidents on railways, the proportion being, he believed, 1 in 3,000,000 : this, at any rate, was a state of affairs not likely to be improved by State control ; moreover, it would inevitably cause a financial crisis were Government to purchase the railways, owing to the enormous amount of money vested in railway stock.

A. A. MILNE, in seconding the motion, made his

maiden speech. His chief argument was that it was unfair that a man residing, say, in Thanet should take five or six hours to travel his seventy miles, whilst a man living in the Midlands could travel at three times the rate in splendid carriages ; this state of affairs would surely be done away with were the State to take control of all railways.

A. L. FOSTER then rose, and aired several private grievances ; he made some valuable suggestions as to the institution of baby-carriages.

The PRESIDENT rose and criticised the speeches already made. He did not think Government were likely to devote any money saved on the comfort of the passengers ; they had already shown their stinginess in many matters, such as pensions and the like.

After further speeches by the Proposer and Opposer, the House divided on the motion with the following result :—Ayes, 7 ; Noes, 10 ; majority against, 3.

The motion was therefore lost.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—We offer our heartiest congratulations to Milne on his 'Pinks.' Our congratulations are also due to the following : Gaye, Harrison, Gaskell, and Lock on 'Pink and Whites,' and S. D. Kennedy on 3rd XI's. The first meeting of the Literary Society was held on Friday, October 6, when 'Love's Labour's Lost' was read. Our prospects for Juniors are not very bright, but we hope some unexpected talent may be found. We congratulate Lock on his first appearance for the School against Clapham Rovers : he has since played against E. H. Winslow's XI.

GRANT'S.—We have six new fellows this term, which brings our numbers up to thirty-eight, W. C. Stevens and J. Heard leaving last term. Hearty congratulations to W. C. Stevens on being elected to Christ Church. We easily beat Rigaud's and H.B.B. last term in the House matches, thus bringing the shield up Grant's, thanks to some good batting by W. C. Stevens and H. S. Bompas. Our footer prospects are fair, although some useful members of the team may leave at the end of the term. We had eight School colours at the end of last term, and the House team was filled up after the House matches.

H.B.B.—Our numbers are much smaller this term, being only forty-six. Plaskitt, Kelsey, O'Brien, and six others have left, and we have only five new fellows. We congratulate Foster on his cricket 'Pinks,' and C. Knight, H. Kelsey, and O'Brien on 3rd XI's. We were easily beaten by Grant's in the final of the House matches by ten wickets. Browning has received seventh-form rank. Our football prospects are not very bright, as we have lost Lühn's services, owing to his having developed a weak heart.

RIGAUD'S.—We have suffered a very severe loss in the departure of A. McKenna, B. H. Willett, G. P. Myers, and M. Thompson. The two first named are to be congratulated on obtaining exhibitions at Christ Church. We also offer our heartiest congratulations to K. Anderson and R. Pashley on playing for Town Boys, and the latter on obtaining his 'Pink and Whites'; also L. H. Bennett and A. T. Willett on their 3rd XI's. We have five new boarders, to make up for seven fellows who left last term. C. M. Page and W. H. Myers have also come as boarders. L. H. Bennett and R. Pashley have been made monitors. Congratulations to Mavrogordato on gaining the Mure Scholarship. We were pleased to hear that R. N. R. Blaker and H. O. C. Beasley received their Crusader 'Caps' at Cambridge last term. The latter also played for Glamorganshire.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—Only two fellows left at the end of last term, and we have five new boys, bringing our numbers up to fifty-three. Our congratulations are due to R. Wynter and W. A. Greene, on gaining their cricket 3rd XI's. We also congratulate Wynter on being first in an amateur diving competition held at Worthing. Our football prospects are decidedly better than usual this term: Harris and Wynter are our representatives in the School team. Kirby has been made a monitor.

Marriages.

SHERRING—RIXON.—On August 1, at Christ Church, Mussoorie, India, by the Rev. J. Cockin, chaplain of Mussoorie, assisted by the Rev. H. Johnson, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Charles Atmore Sherring, Judge, Indian Civil Service, to Florence Kate, eldest daughter of Alfred Rixon, Esq., Chisholm Lodge, Richmond, Surrey.

SMEDLEY—EDWARDS.—On August 3, at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W., Isaac Frank Smedley, eldest son of the late Isaac Smedley, J.P. for the County of Pembroke, Assistant-Master at Westminster, to Gertrude, eldest daughter of Frederick Edwards, Esq., Cardiff.

SHEARME—HENSLEY.—On August 8, at Great Amwell Church, by the Rev. Canon Holme and the Rev. H. Couchman, John Stewart, eldest son of John Shearme, of Plymouth, Assistant-Master at Repton, to Ethel Minnie, second daughter of the Rev. A. De M. Hensley, of Haileybury College.

KNAPP—MOORE.—On August 9, at St. George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Rev. A. Acheson Williams, assisted by the Rev. J. Sharp, Arthur Rowland Knapp, Indian Civil Service, to Florence, second daughter of the Rev. E. Moore, D.D., Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Obituary.

IN the last days of August, there passed away two of our octogenarians. THOMAS SOMERS COCKS was born in the year of Waterloo, and left School for Christ Church in the year of the Reform Bill. In 1847 he became M.P. for Reigate, and kept his seat ten years. HENRY BARRETT-LENNARD was admitted in 1825 at the age of seven, became K.S. in 1833, and left in 1837.

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Number of Volumes in Library at Election		
1897		5,974
Play Term, 1898.—Purchased	59	} 61
*Presented	2	
Lent Term, 1899.—Purchased	72	} 83
*Presented	11	
Election Term, 1899.—Purchased	11	} 23
*Presented	12	
		6,141
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* VOLUMES PRESENTED.—*Play Term, 1898*: 'Athletic Records of West. School,' McKenna and Gwyer, 2 copies, presented by the Authors. *Lent Term, 1899*: THE ELIZABETHAN, Vols. i. ii. iii. iv. v., presented by Rev. R. F. Dale; 'History of Ancient Greek Literature,' Gilbert Murray, 'History of Spanish Literature,' FitzMaurice-Kelly, 'History of French Literature,' Dowden, presented by H. Steen, Esq.; 'The Purgatory of Dante,' Pt. ii., translated by C. L. Shadwell, presented by the Translator; 'Old Harrow Days,' Minchin, presented by the Author; 'Schoolboys Three,' W. P. Kelly, presented by the Author. *Election Term, 1899*: 'Mahabharata,' translated by Dutt, presented by the Secretary of State for India; 'Poppy Land,' Clement Scott, 'Rambles in East Anglia,' Brittain, 'Summer in Broadland,' Doughty, 'East Coast Scenery,' Tate, 'How to Organise a Cruise on the Broads,' Suffling, 'The Land of the Broads,' Suffling, presented by the Great Eastern Railway Company; 'Memoir of Dean Liddell,' Thompson, presented by Mrs. Liddell; 'History of Denstone College,' Hibbert, presented by Mr. Martin; 'Our English Minsters,' 2 vols., presented by H. Steen, Esq.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In Mr. Sergeant's fascinating 'Annals of Westminster School,' for which all Westminster owe him a great debt, it is stated (p. 227) that 'the pink of the King's Scholars was worn by the earliest Cambridge crews, and has now become the colours of the School. The light blue of the Town Boys was surrendered to Cambridge, and has now no place at West-

minster.' This implies a greater antiquity for the 'pink' than I had ever been able to trace. It appears as carried by the famous Eight of 1845 in its race with Eton. Mr. Bedford, in his 'Rowing at Westminster,' records a yet earlier use in the race of 1837, when William IV., seeing from his carriage that the Etonians were beaten, 'pulled down the blinds, and drove back to the Castle, which,' adds the historian whom Mr. Bedford quotes, 'I do not think he afterwards left.' I believe the following is an extract from the Water Ledger: 'As last year our colours and the Etonians' were nearly the same, it was thought well to change them, and instead of the *original blue and white*, pink and white were chosen. Our dress was white rowing shirts cut off at the arms and trimmed round with pink, white trousers, our original shag jackets, and straw hats. The boat was also painted pink. Our steerer had a blue cloth jacket, lined and trimmed with white, which had great effect.'

Here 'pink' seems to be treated as an entire novelty, and no reference is made to its being the colour of the King's Scholars; which it must already have been if the earliest Cambridge crews borrowed it. It would be of great interest if Mr. Sergeant could supply the evidence on which his statement rests. Perhaps this appeal through your columns, Mr. Editor, may induce him to offer you a leading article on the 'History of the Westminster Pink.' If it does, he will be adding another to the many obligations under which he has laid all Westminsters by his brilliant contribution to the history of the School, and will gratify many who are curious as to 'origins,' and among them.

Yours faithfully,
S. JAMES.

Radley College, Abingdon.

CRICKET AT 'WESTMINSTER.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—You were good enough to allow me space to record Diver's opinion of the late Rev. Charlton Lane, O.W., as a cricketer: 'Take him all in all, the best gentleman I ever stood behind at the wicket.' Will you let me supplement this with the following extract from '71 Not Out,' by William Caffyn, pp. 107, 108? The match referred to is Surrey and Sussex at Brighton, 1856.

'A great name figures in the Surrey Eleven who played in this match—that of Mr. C. G. Lane, one of the great trio of gentlemen players who helped to place Surrey in the proud position which she occupied a few years later. To say that he was the finest bat I ever saw against fast bowling would be perhaps saying too much, but I certainly never saw a finer. He was a splendidly built man of 6 feet, and carried no un-

necessary weight. His style of batting was very correct, always playing with a perfectly straight bat. For brilliancy and precision of playing fast bowling he never had a superior. He had an uncommonly hard stroke, something between a push and a drive past the mid-wickets, quite peculiar to himself. Jackson, when at his best, used to say he would sooner bowl at anyone in England than Mr. Lane. He was a grand field out in the country or at cover-point, and always threw himself heart and soul into every game he played.'

Needless to add that Caffyn and Jackson were both 'giants' in the world of cricket.

Very faithfully yours,
ARTHUR GUILLUM SCOTT.

Union Club: Sept. 28, 1899.

QUERY.

WITH the December number of *The Elizabethan*, in the year 1874, there was published a sketch entitled 'Little Dean's Yard, A.D. 1874.' Can any reader of *The Elizabethan* inform us who was the author of this sketch?

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—*King's College School Magazine*, *Haileyburian*, *Felstedian*, *Bosworthian*, *Marlburian*, *Tonbridgian*, *Cheltonian*, *Quernmorian* (2), *Cantuarian*, *Reptonian*, *Radleian*, *Cliftonian*, *Our Boys' Magazine* (2), *Malvernian*, *Salopian*, *Meteor*, *Working Men's Journal*, *Brighton College Magazine*.

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