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THE PAST YEAR.

IN the younger days of *The Elizabethan*, the above was usually the title of the last 'leader' of the year, and a good and suitable title too. It is very much easier to estimate correctly the good and the bad points in the whole year, if you have them tabulated on a column or two of paper; at least we speak for ourselves: perhaps those whose brains are more commodious and comprehensive can view every incident at the same time and assign each to its proper place in the catalogue. However, we venture to think that these are in the minority, and ask them to excuse us, if we weary them in our consideration for their less gifted fellows.

We began the year rich in hopes, which, however, have not always been fulfilled. There

appeared to be the material for a really good Football team, but for one reason or another, coupled with some of our usual ill luck, the Eleven did not do so well as we had expected. Charterhouse and Eton beat us, and though one or two good performances can be recalled, on the whole the season was unsatisfactory. The House Matches provided good games, and we congratulate Ashburnham on winning the Shield for the first time in their career.

The Sports were favoured with fine weather, which is always most essential for success. No particularly brilliant achievements were done, but, generally speaking, they were enjoyed more than is sometimes the case, notably in 1899, when the Open Quarter was run in a violent hail-storm and spectators were constantly compelled to take shelter from the elements.

In Cricket, as in football, the season has been

chequered, but we must abstain from any detailed criticism, or we shall be robbing the new Editor of his first 'leader' next term. Suffice it to say that in H. S. Bompas we have had a captain who has set a splendid example to the team, and we condole with him on not being able to record a victory over Charterhouse: it must have been a great disappointment to him; but let him console himself with the reflection that no one is less to blame than himself, and that no one can fight against such luck as we experienced in playing our second innings on that memorable wicket at Godalming.

Of minor games, Fives has not flourished as in some previous years. In Lent term the Games Committee decided to have Fives ties as usual, and the management was entrusted to one of the members of the Committee, who had abundance of time at his disposal, as he played neither cricket nor football. At the time of writing (five months after the above decision was come to) the first round is, we believe, still not finished. The Games Committee will do better in future years, if it exercises a little more forethought in appointing superintendents of these and similar matters. Neither have any Racquet ties been played. We cannot help observing with much regret the lack of interest in these games, or perhaps we should say the lack of support, for many fellows play racquets and fives, but competitions in either do not take place at all, or are so disgracefully ill managed that they are never finished, and those who entered for them find that they have paid their subscriptions and gained nothing whatsoever. We sincerely hope that in future years those who are entrusted with the management of these competitions will show more appreciation of their responsibilities.

So much, then, for the games at Westminster in the past year. At the Universities we have done exceptionally well in the same direction: we could claim three members of the Cambridge Association Football Team, and we have the Captain and Secretary of the same for next season; we had four Cricket 'Blues,' two at each University, a better record than any other school can boast this year. This rather upsets the arguments of those who declare that

London is not the place for a Public School, because there is not the same opportunity for proficiency in games as is afforded by the country: if we have not the same opportunities, all the more credit to us for so well holding our own. The Old Westminsters also did better in this last football season than for several years: they made an excellent fight for the London Cup, and that with the worst of luck: we hope they may do even better next year, and there is no reason why they should not.

The list of First Class Honours obtained by Westminster this year is also highly satisfactory; in fact we never remember so many, at any rate recently. If the School continues these creditable records, her detractors will soon disappear entirely.

We must not forget the Concert, which this year was a greater success even than usual, and that is very high praise. Its details were described in our last number, which also contained an account of Election Dinner, which is henceforward to take place in May instead of the end of the term. Apart from this there are no changes to record. *Vive valeque.*

THE MISSION.

THE following notice was issued to subscribers:—

'The Committee desire to submit to the subscribers certain matters which have been brought before them on behalf of the School.

'It is thought that the Mission can no longer exist in such a form as would be either approved by most of the subscribers or of value to the School.

'For some years past the work has been carried on in the Parish of St. Mary's, Westminster. At the time when the Mission migrated thither, there was in the parish a considerable population of the poorest class. As leases expired the slums have been demolished, and there will soon be in the parish no tenements with a weekly rent of less than 9s. It is held that the class by which these tenements will be occupied does not provide proper objects for the work of the Mission.

'Again, for the School to take a genuine interest in the Mission, it is essential that the work should be done on a permanent site. The lease of the present premises will shortly expire, and, even if the Mission remained in its present parish, it would be necessary to find it another home. The Committee have no funds to build or buy a suitable house, such as are possessed by the Missions of larger schools than Westminster, and there is no hope of raising the necessary sum.

'Since the foundation of the Mission there has been a great rise of rents in Westminster. To make the work successful in the future, it is thought that there must either be a yearly income of at least £300, or a capital sum of £2,000, to build or buy a house, together with a yearly income of at least £200. There is no prospect of either.

'It is therefore said, on behalf of the School, that it would be best to abandon the attempt to maintain a Mission.

'In order to consider these points the Committee call a General Meeting of subscribers, to be held Up School on Thursday, July 12, at 5 P.M.

'Westminster School:

'June 1900.'

At the meeting the Dean took the chair, and there were present about ten old and fifty present Westminsters, with the Headmaster and six Masters. It was moved and seconded—'That the experience of the twelve years during which the School Mission has existed does not justify its continuance.' To this an amendment was moved—'That before closing the work of the Mission, a small Committee of past and present Westminsters should meet with a view to reporting to subscribers at a future meeting.'

The amendment was carried and the Committee constituted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for presiding.

Until this Committee reports and a further resolution is passed, the Mission will be conducted by the clergy of St. Mary's parish, in accordance with a resolution of the Mission Committee. This resolution takes effect on September 1.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner was held at the Café Monico on Friday, the 15th June, Sir Clements R. Markham, K.C.B., F.R.S., President, in the chair. Among members present were Messrs. Manisty, Mure, Alan Stenning, Tritton, J. R. Turle, E. G. Thorne, F. G. Thorne, C. A. Phillimore, H. W. Waterfield, C. W. Grant-Wilson, W. A. Peck, Staveley Oldham, Wakley, Adams, C. C. Sharpe, C. J. B. Hurst, W. Heath, Alderson Horne, J. L. Beattie, A. C. Whitehead, J. B. Liberty, and Warington Smyth.

Two Old Westminsters were present as guests, Messrs. W. J. Armitage and E. St. J. Lawson.

At the conclusion of dinner the President proposed the usual toasts of the Queen and Floreat. A large silver bowl, of Old Irish design, which stood in front of the President during dinner, was then presented by him in a short speech to W. A. Peck, as a mark of appreciation by the Club of the tact and ability with which he had during his long tenure of office carried out his duties as secretary, and of the whole-hearted way in which he devoted himself to its interests.

Mr. Peck, in accepting the bowl, acknowledged the flattering terms in which the President had referred to him, and warmly thanked the members of the Club for the very handsome piece of plate, which he should always regard with immense pride. It would remind him of a period which, though not without its anxieties and responsibilities, was full of very pleasant memories to him. Mr. Peck gave an outline of the work of the Club in the past few years, and showed how it had laboured in the interests of Westminster.

There being no further formal business for the evening, an informal discussion took place on one or two matters of general interest to the Club.

The question of the dinners in College Hall again came up, and after some views had been exchanged and the Secretary had explained that the only remaining difficulty was that of cost, Mr. Manisty proposed, and Mr. Oldham seconded, a resolution 'That the members of the Club assembled at this Dinner express the opinion that it is desirable that a guarantee fund be raised among O.W.W. to cover the extra cost of arranging that the next dinners take place in College Hall.'

This was carried unanimously, and several subscriptions were promised on the spot.

Mr. Wakley also suggested that some steps be taken to commemorate the O.W.W. who have died at the front, and to welcome back those who return from the war. After some discussion, it was expressed as the general opinion of those present that at the conclusion of the war the matter should be brought before the Committee.

The Hon. Secretary informally notified those assembled that the Annual General Meeting would be held at Westminster during July.

School Notes.

ON June 28 Sir C. E. Howard Vincent, M.P. (O.W.), was kind enough to show about 150 of the School over the Houses of Parliament. He explained the various points of procedure and the old traditions of the place, and made our visit in every way most enjoyable.

We heartily congratulate our four Blues, L. J. Moon and R. N. R. Blaker at Cambridge, and C. D. Fisher and R. E. More at Oxford, all of whom performed most creditably at Lord's. We believe this is the first time we have been able to claim four in one year, and on this occasion no other school can boast of an equal number, Eton coming next with three.

C. B. H. Knight and R. P. Rawlings received their 'Pinks' after the Charterhouse match, and F. I. Harrison after the M.C.C. match.

The Theses for 'Up School' Epigrams this year are:—

(1) *Loyal Rebel.*

(2) *πόλεμος γλυκὸς τῷ ἀπειρῷ.*

All epigrams should be sent in to the Headmaster before noon on Election Monday.

An account of the School, illustrated by photographs, appeared in *Land and Water* on July 12.

In an Extra Number of the *Oxford Magazine* was published recently a page of humorous sketches, entitled 'A Nightmare of Eights Week,' signed by

'J. A.' The style seems familiar, and the initials are those of a gentleman who went up from Westminster to the House two years ago; moreover, rumour declares that this same gentleman was the author of the sketches.

The result of the Challenge this year is as follows:—

Elected to Scholarships.

*R. Hackforth, non-resident. *M. Shearman, non-resident.
G. B. Wilson, resident. J. M. Craig, non-resident.
E. F. C. Mosse, non-resident. W. F. H. Waterfield, resident.
*W. H. A. Whitworth, ,, H. L. Geare, resident.
*F. H. Budden, resident.

Elected to Exhibitions.

*R. Oppenheimer . . .	Bishop Thomas' Exhibition of	£30.
*H. J. P. Hallett . . .	Bishop Thomas' ,,	£30.
A. H. Gurney . . .	Bishop Williams' ,,	£20.
A. R. Malcolm . . .	Bishop Williams' ,,	£20.
S. McKenna . . .	Walter Titley's ,,	£20.
R. W. Reed . . .	F. W. Sharpe's ,,	£20.

*Already in the School.

The coat-of-arms of Archdeacon Spratt recently painted Up School is the gift of his descendant, Captain W. Spratt, R.N. The coats of the Bishops are the gifts of an O.W. who wishes to remain anonymous.

The following is the Cricket Card filled in up to date:—

May 12	Sat.	v.	Harrow Blues. Won. Westminster, 209; Harrow Blues, 124 and 41 for 5 wickets.
„ 19	„	v.	R. E. More's XI. Won. Westminster, 288 for 4 wickets (inns. dec.); R. E. More's XI., 102.
„ 26	„	v.	Incogniti. Won. Westminster, 233; Incogniti, 176.
June 2	„	v.	Kensington Park. Lost. Westminster, 28—99; Kensington Park, 168—83 (9 wickets).
„ 6	Wed.	v.	Eton Ramblers. Won. Westminster, 289 for 5 wickets (inns. dec.); Eton Ramblers, 176.
„ 9	Sat.	v.	I Zingari. Lost. Westminster, 26—110 for 3 wickets; I Zingari, 110—121.
„ 23	Sat.	v.	Oxford University Authentics. Drawn. Westminster, 250 for 8 wickets; O. U. Authentics, 309 for 7 wickets (inns. dec.)
„ 29	Fri.	v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming). Lost. Westminster, 257—36; Charterhouse, 285—94.
„ 30	Sat.		
July 7	„	v.	M.C.C. Drawn. Westminster, 212 for 8 wickets; M.C.C. 333 for 3 wickets (inns. dec.)
„ 14	Sat.	v.	Old Westminsters. Lost. Westminster, 82—115 (0 wkt.); O.W.W., 284.
„ 21	„	v.	Old Carthusians.
„ 28	„	v.	Essex Club and Ground.
„ 30	Mon.	v.	T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

The Hon. Sec. of the O.W. Football Club asks us to call the attention of those leaving this term to the fact that the Club always welcomes new members; the subscription is small, and application for election should be made to L. A. M. Fevez, 11 Friday Street, E.C.

The following may be of interest as referring to an O.W.: 'Mr. Chamberlain has appointed Mr. E. H. Marsh, of the Colonial Office, to be his Assistant Private Secretary, in the place of Mr. G. E. A. Grindle, promoted.'

All those who are leaving this term and wish to continue subscribers to *The Elizabethan*, are requested to give their names and addresses to S. D. Kennedy before the end of the term.

The Pashley Cups have been won this year by H. S. Bompas for batting and by A. L. Foster for bowling most successfully in the Charterhouse match.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. ETON RAMBLERS.

THIS match was played up Fields on Wednesday, June 6. Elson had prepared an excellent wicket, and Bompas winning the toss, he and Anderson faced the bowling of Pelham and Symonds. Runs came freely, Anderson doing most of the scoring, and 50 went up at 1.5. Shortly after, Bompas, who had never seemed comfortable, was bowled by a good ball from Yorke for 32. Harris joined Anderson, and played good cricket; however, he was caught the last ball before lunch by Gosling off a full toss from Yorke, having made 29. After lunch Anderson was bowled first ball by Chinnery for an excellent 72. He had played very sound and attractive cricket. Foster and Milne then got together, but the latter was bowled by Chinnery for 9, Foster being brilliantly caught at cover five runs later for a hard-hit 25. Rawlings and Harrison were now together, and a big stand was made. Rawlings seemed very shaky at first, but after settling down he played very good cricket. Harrison also played well, although he made some risky strokes. At 4 o'clock, both batsmen having completed their fifties, Bompas declared, and the score standing at 289 for five wickets. Yorke and Bridgeman started the visitors' innings, and Knight bowled the former with his first ball. Foster then bowled Bridgeman at 15, and got Berners caught in the slips at 28. On Chinnery and Gosling getting together, a stand was made. Chinnery was missed at the wicket off Harris, but at 98 Milne bowled him with a ball that kept very low. Captain Symonds failed to score, and Farmer and Pelham were quickly bowled by Foster. Sidney and Gosling put on 20 for the eighth wicket, when the former was bowled by Knight. Murray made 1, but Marten and Gosling stayed together some time for the last wicket. Foster at length bowled Gosling with a very good ball; he had played a fine innings of 70. The innings thus closed for 173, Westminster winning by 5 wickets and 116 runs.

WESTMINSTER.	
H. S. Bompas, b. Yorke	32
K. B. Anderson, b. Chinnery	72
S. S. Harris, c. Gosling, b. Yorke	29
A. L. Foster, c. Marten, b. Chinnery.....	25
A. A. Milne, b. Chinnery	9
R. P. Rawlings, not out	59
F. I. Harrison, not out.....	50
C. B. H. Knight	} did not bat.
J. P. Blane	
L. H. Bennet	
A. T. Willet	
Extras	13
Total	289*

*Innings declared closed.

ETON RAMBLERS.	
V. W. Yorke, b. Knight	0
W. C. Bridgeman, b. Foster	11
J. A. Berners, c. Anderson, b. Foster	7
H. B. Chinnery, b. Milne	44
R. C. Gosling, b. Foster	70
Capt. G. A. Soltar Symons, b. Harris	0
C. E. Farmer, b. Foster	4
J. B. Pelham, b. Foster	4
Hon. Algernon Sidney, b. Knight	12
J. Murray, b. Milne	1
A. B. Marten, not out	7
Extras	13
Total	173

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. P. Pelham	28	6	87	0
Capt. S. Symons	7	1	23	0
J. Murray	8	0	26	0
V. W. Yorke	13	2	53	2
J. A. Berners	4	0	0	0
A. B. Marten	1	0	9	0
H. B. Chinnery	15.4	3	58	3
ETON RAMBLERS.				
C. B. H. Knight	12	2	40	2
A. L. Foster.....	12.2	1	53	5
A. A. Milne	10	2	40	2
S. S. Harris	5	0	27	1

WESTMINSTER v. I ZINGARI.

This match was played on June 9.

The School, after dismissing their opponents for 110, which was a very good performance, failed lamentably in batting, and were all out for the miserable total of 26.

I Zingari won the toss and batted first, Hewett and Smith commencing their innings. Neither stayed long, being bowled respectively for 9 and 2 by Foster and Knight. The next wicket fell at 34, Arbuthnot, who had made 18, being bowled by Knight. H. J. Mordaunt left four runs later; but on Webbe and Egerton getting together a stand was made, some forty runs being added for the next wicket. Gaye, who had been bowling well, at length bowled the latter for 21. With the score at 83 Webbe pulled a ball into his wicket from Milne. Two more wickets fell quickly, and lunch was taken with the score at 92 and two more wickets to fall.

After lunch Gaye bowled E. Mordaunt, and

Sidney was cleverly thrown out by him with the score at 110.

Of the Westminster innings little need be said, as it was a mere procession.

E. Mordaunt and 'Smith' bowled, and the former bowled Bompas off his pads in his first over, following this up by getting Harris l.b.w. in his next. Two more wickets fell at 11 and three at 21, the innings closing for a score of 26 runs. E. Mordaunt took 7 wickets for 15 runs.

I Zingari in their second innings were again got rid of cheaply. Hewett and 'Smith' put on 34 for the first wicket, Knight bowling the former and the latter being well caught in the slips by Harris. H. J. Mordaunt was bowled by Foster for 13, and Egerton had to retire hurt, a ball getting up and unfortunately damaging his hand. Gaye bowled E. Mordaunt for 4, and Arbuthnot was well caught at extra cover by Knight with the score at 103. The remaining wickets fell quickly, the side being out for 121.

Westminster went in for an hour and a quarter, and showed more of their true form. Anderson was taken at point for 12, and Bompas was c. and b. after making 17. Harris was again l.b.w. to Mordaunt; but on Foster and Milne getting together runs came very fast. When stumps were drawn Foster had made 43 not out by good and hard hitting, and Milne was not out 16, the score standing at 109 for 3 wickets.

I ZINGARI.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. T. Hewett, b. Foster	9	b. Knight	19
J. H. 'Smith,' b. Knight	2	c. Harris, b. Milne.....	27
H. J. Mordaunt, b. Foster.....	6	b. Foster	13
L. Arbuthnot, b. Knight	18	c. Knight, b. Harris	23
A. J. Webbe, B. Milne	26	not out	3
Hon. F. Egerton, b. Gaye	21	retired hurt ...	5
Hon. C. Lambton, b. Milne	6	c. Bompas, b. Milne.....	2
G. Cornwallis West, b. Gaye.....	6	b. Milne	0
Captain Schreiber, not out.....	5	b. Harris	7
E. Mordaunt, b. Gaye	0	b. Gaye.....	4
Hon. A. Sidney, run out	11	b. Harris	0
Extras	0	Extras ...	18
Total	110	Total ...	121

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. S. Bompas, b. E. Mordaunt ...	4	c. & b. 'Smith' ...	17
K. B. Anderson, b. 'Smith'	1	c. Hewett, b. 'Smith' ...	12
S. S. Harris, l.b.w., b. E. Mordaunt	2	l.b.w., b. E. Mordaunt ...	6
A. L. Foster, c. Egerton, b. Mordaunt	0	not out	44
A. A. Milne, c. Arbuthnot, b. E. Mordaunt	7	not out	16
R. P. Rawlings, b. 'Smith'	1	} did not bat.	
F. I. Harrison, b. E. Mordaunt ...	4		
A. S. Gaye, b. E. Mordaunt	0		
J. Blane, run out	0		
C. B. H. Knight, b. E. Mordaunt...	0	} Extras ...	15
L. H. Bennett, not out	2		
Extras	5	Total ...	110
Total	26	Total ...	110

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

I ZINGARI.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A. L. Foster.....	9	2	41	2
C. B. H. Knight	7	1	26	2
A. S. Gaye	8.4	0	35	3
A. A. Milne.....	7	3	8	2

Second Innings.

A. L. Foster.....	9	2	39	1
C. B. H. Knight	6	1	25	1
A. S. Gaye	5	0	21	1
A. A. Milne.....	5	1	14	3
S. S. Harris	2.4	1	4	3

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.

H. J. 'Smith'	6	4	6	2
E. Mordaunt.....	6.3	1	15	7

Second Innings.

H. J. 'Smith'	11	4	43	2
E. Mordaunt	10	0	43	1
H. J. Mordaunt	1	0	9	0

WESTMINSTER *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

On June 23 a strong team of Authentics came down to oppose the School. More won the toss, and Mordaunt and Fisher faced the bowling of Knight and Foster. Runs came easily, but Foster at length bowled Mordaunt with a good ball. Robinson came in, but was sent back by the same bowler after making six. Dixon was next out, playing on to Foster with the score at 63. Gaye, who was bowling at the pavilion end, then brought off a brilliant catch off a hard return from Fisher, who had been in an hour for 29. Hollins and More then got together and a big stand was made. Several bowling changes were tried, and Knight missed Hollins badly in the deep off Anderson. Lunch was taken with the batsmen still together and the score 163 for 4. After lunch Hollins was soon out l.b.w. to Knight. Chadwick put on 22 before he was stumped off Gaye's bowling. With 216 on the board, More was bowled by Rawlings for an excellent 78. With Humphrys and Talbot together another stand was made, and at a quarter to four More declared the innings, the score being 305, Talbot having made 54 and Humphrys 33.

Bompas and Anderson opened the School's innings. Runs came slowly at first, as Munn and Humphrys were bowling very well. At 35 Munn bowled Anderson for 12 with a good ball. Harris failed to score, being bowled by Humphrys. On Milne coming in, however, a stand was made, 122 runs being put on by the next wicket.

Bompas completed his 50 by 5 o'clock, but Milne was shortly afterwards bowled by Humphrys for 44, which he had made by good cricket. Foster joined Bompas, and runs came very fast, both batsmen

scoring freely, although Foster was in difficulties with Munn for his first few overs. At 189 Bompas was caught by Mordaunt off More for a good 93. Foster was next out after putting on a useful 41. Rawlings made 9 and Harrison 19, Humphrys dismissing both, and Bennett fell to the same bowler without scoring. Kennedy and Knight, however, played out time, the score standing at 250 for 8 wickets.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

G. J. Mordaunt, b. Foster	14
C. B. Fisher, c. and b. Gaye	29
F. G. Robinson, b. Foster	6
A. M. Hollins, l.b.w., b. Knight	49
N. H. Dixon, b. Foster	11
R. E. More, b. Rawlings.....	78
A. J. Chadwick, st. Bompas, b. Gaye	22
F. K. Talbot, not out	54
F. H. Humphrys, not out	33
H. G. Collis } did not bat.	
J. S. Munn }	
Extras	9
Total	305*

* Innings declared closed.

WESTMINSTER.

H. S. Bompas, c. Mordaunt, b. More	93
K. B. Anderson, b. Munn	12
S. S. Harris, b. Humphrys	0
A. A. Milne, b. More	44
A. L. Foster, b. Humphrys.....	41
R. P. Rawlings, b. Humphrys	9
F. I. Harrison, c. Mordaunt, b. Humphrys	19
S. D. Kennedy, not out	4
L. H. Bennett, b. Humphrys	0
C. B. H. Knight, not out	1
A. S. Gaye, did not bat.	
Extras	27
Total	250

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. B. H. Knight	14	2	41	1
A. L. Foster.....	27	4	83	3
A. S. Gaye	10	0	50	2
A. A. Milne	8	0	34	0
S. S. Harris*	5	0	35	0
R. B. Anderson	5	0	30	0
R. P. Rawlings	3	0	22	1

* Harris bowled a no-ball.

WESTMINSTER.

Munn.....	20	2	76	1
Humphrys*	15	5	42	5
Hollins	6	0	42	0
More	8	2	27	2
Collis.....	5	0	26	0
Mordaunt	3	1	8	0

* Humphrys bowled a no-ball.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

The Charterhouse match was played at Charterhouse on June 29 and 30. We had good grounds for hoping to repeat last year's victory, notably in the

magnificent batting of Bompas, who in May and June had made 450 runs with an average of 64·28. Foster, too, had this year become a powerful and dangerous bat, and his determined hitting was sure to be of great service. The team contained several other good bats, and had done well on almost every occasion. On a good wicket we were not likely to make less than 250, and so we expected, should the weather keep fine, either to win or draw. Unfortunately we lost the toss, and let Charterhouse get a lead on the first innings, which would have mattered little if Friday night had been fine, but which on a wicket ruined by rain made our task in the second innings a difficult one. We failed, and failed ignominiously, and Charterhouse won by 90 runs. On the first day 19 wickets fell for 530 runs, on the second 21 wickets only contributed 136.

Charterhouse won the toss and sent in Strange and Hulton on a very good wicket. The bowlers were Foster and Knight, and in the first over a fine piece of fielding by Harris ran out Hulton with the score at 5. Eddis came in, and off Knight's second ball he was missed in the slips, a mistake which probably cost us the match. A good stand was then made until at 59 Foster with a good ball bowled Strange for 39, just when he seemed set for a big score. He had scored very fast, and had hit a 5 and six 4's. Branston, who came next, was out at 65, but Gardner helped Eddis to put on nearly a hundred runs. All our bowlers were tried in turn, but the batsmen could not be separated, and it was not till the score had reached 159 that Gardner was caught by Foster off his own bowling for 42. Three runs later Eddis was bowled by Harris for an invaluable 72, the highest score of the match. The next two batsmen did nothing, and with seven wickets down for 165 our prospects seemed bright. But Norris and Renshaw made another long stand, adding 95 runs before a smart piece of stumping got rid of Renshaw. Even then the innings was not over, and the score had reached 285 when Whittle was caught at point. Foster took 4 wickets for 112, Gaye 2 for 54, and Harris, who bowled very little, 2 for 17.

Our innings commenced at 3.20 with Bompas and Anderson to the bowling of Renshaw and Branston. An excellent start was made, both batsmen playing good cricket, and Norris, Goodliffe, and Eddis were tried in turn. The last change was successful, as at 94 Bompas was bowled by a simple ball, just when we were hoping that he would make another century. His 57 contained six 4's. Then came our worst ten minutes of the day. Harris, Milne and Harrison added two runs between them, and four wickets were down for 99. Matters were becoming distinctly grave when Foster joined Anderson. But it is at a crisis of this sort that the real value of Foster's pluck and determination is best seen. He was, perhaps, caught at the wicket before he scored, and he afterwards gave a difficult chance to point, but in about twenty-five minutes he made 66 out of 72 runs. He hit Renshaw for three 4's running; he drove

Branston over the screen for 6 and then hit him to the boundary, and he got another 6 for a mighty drive against the wind off Macdonald. When he was caught at point the score was 171 for six wickets, and the match was again very level. Meanwhile at 163 Anderson had played a ball from Norris on to his wicket. He had batted steadily and well for two hours for his 39, and though he was a little lenient to some bad balls, our opponents thought very highly of his innings. Our next two wickets fell quickly, and with eight men out for 190, the end seemed in sight, especially as the sting of this year's XI was not thought to be in its tail. Kennedy and Knight, however, made a most creditable stand, adding 55 runs before Kennedy was caught for a very meritorious 33. Stumps were drawn soon afterwards with the score 248 for 9 wickets, Knight being not out 27.

On the whole Friday's cricket had been very level. Throughout a singularly interesting day fortune had favoured now one side and now the other. But during the night heavy rain fell for several hours, and we started on Saturday knowing that we should probably in our second innings have to bat on an extremely difficult wicket.

On resuming play Gaye brought the score up to 257, and was then caught at slip off Branston. This was the only wicket Branston got in the first innings, in which Renshaw with four wickets for 65 appeared to be by far their best bowler.

Charterhouse began their second innings on a wicket which was certainly less difficult than it subsequently became. Foster bowled remarkably well, and two wickets fell for 8. Then Branston and Gardner made the only stand of the day, and had brought the score to 49 when Branston was out to a splendid catch by Harris, who was bowling. Gardner was caught soon afterwards for 31. His batting both times was of the greatest value to Charterhouse. He made in all 73 runs, and was in while nearly 150 were scored. Foster quickly finished off their innings for 94, his last five wickets only costing him 8 runs. In the whole match he took ten wickets, and his all-round cricket was the most brilliant thing in the game. We made some good catches, of which the one by Harris which got rid of Renshaw was the best.

Our second innings began at 2.20. The soft wicket, which had been gradually drying all the morning, had at no time been easy. After lunch it was more difficult than ever: the ball sometimes kicking to the height of the batsman's head, sometimes hanging so much that a forward stroke must end in a catch. We had 123 to make to win, a harder task than to make 250 on the previous day. That we failed entirely and lamentably is beyond doubt. Bompas made 12 in forty minutes, and, as long as he stayed in, victory was of course possible. But the rest of the side only made 20 runs, and were plainly in difficulties from the first. Branston bowled very finely indeed, and the Charterhouse

fielding was good. That we ought to have done better is an obvious truth, but it is equally true that to have made 123 on that wicket would have been a very good performance. A very disappointing match ended in a victory for Charterhouse by 90 runs.

CHARTERHOUSE.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
J. M. Hulton, run out	0	c. Bompas, b. Foster	5
A. P. Strange, b. Foster	39	c. Knight, b. Foster	0
B. E. G. Eddis, b. Harris	72	c. Harrison, b. Knight	1
G. T. Branston, b. Foster	4	c. & b. Harris	16
G. S. Gardner, c. & b. Foster ...	42	c. Bompas, b. Milne	31
H. S. V. Hodge, b. Harris ...	2	c. Knight, b. Foster	8
C. L. Macdonald, c. Foster, b. Gaye	2	c. Anderson, b. Foster	9
O. T. Norris, c. & b. Knight...	43	c. Kennedy, b. Foster	8
R. Renshaw, st. Bompas, b. Gaye	43	c. Harris, b. M line	9
G. V. Goodliffe, not out.....	16	l. b. w., b. Foster ...	1
C. F. Whittle, c. Gaye, b. Foster	8	not out	1
Extras	14	Extras	5
Total.....	285	Total	94

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. S. Bompas, b. Eddis.....	57	c. & b. Renshaw ...	12
K. B. Anderson, b. Norris.....	39	b. Renshaw	4
A. A. Milne, l. b. w., b. Renshaw	1	c. Renshaw, b. Branston	3
S. S. Harris, c. Whittle, b. Renshaw	0	c. Eddis, b. Branston	0
F. I. Harrison, b. Renshaw ...	1	run out	6
A. L. Foster, c. Hodge, b. Macdonald	66	c. Strange, b. Branston	2
R. P. Rawlings, b. Renshaw...	5	c. Whittle, b. Branston	0
S. D. Kennedy, c. Hodge, b. Hulton	33	l. b. w., b. Goodliffe	0
L. H. Bennett, b. Goodliffe ...	2	st. Whittle, b. Branston	0
C. B. Knight, not out.....	27	st. Whittle, b. Branston	0
A. S. Gaye, c. Eddis, b. Branston	10	not out	1
Extras	16	Extras	4
Total.....	257	Total	32

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHARTERHOUSE.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A. L. Foster	25.5	2	112	4
C. B. Knight	17	2	65	1
A. S. Gaye	15	1	54	2
A. A. Milne	7	2	22	0
S. S. Harris	9	2	17	2
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
C. B. Knight	8	3	11	1
A. L. Foster *	16.1	1	12	0
S. S. Harris *	5	2	11	1
A. S. Gaye	4	1	6	0
A. A. Milne	8	2	20	2

* A. L. Foster bowled 2 no-balls and S. S. Harris 1.

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Renshaw	24	6	65	4
Branston.....	19.2	3	44	1
O. T. Norris.....	14	7	20	1
G. V. Goodliffe.....	10	1	33	1
B. E. G. Eddis* ...	10	2	41	1
C. L. Macdonald...	8	0	34	1
J. H. Hulton	1	0	2	1

* B. E. G. Eddis bowled a wide.

Second Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Renshaw *.....	11	6	12	2
Branston	12	4	16	6
Goodliffe	2	2	0	1

* Renshaw bowled 2 wides.

WESTMINSTER v. M.C.C.

A strong team came down for the M.C.C. on July 7. Elson had prepared a beautiful wicket, and runs came very easily, the bowlers being able to do but little with the ball.

Bompas lost the toss, and shortly before 12 Borradaile and Collins faced the bowling of Knight and Foster. Runs came steadily from the start, and bowling changes were tried in vain. Both batsmen played free cricket, and lunch was taken with the score at 168, Borradaile being 85 and Collins 74.

On resuming, Borradaile completed his 100 and was shortly after run out. At 2.45 Sprott came in and immediately began hitting. Collins completed his century, which he had made by fine cricket. Sprott was then finely taken in the deep by Rawlings off Foster for a hard-hit 40. Captain Pocklington joined Collins, and soon settled down. After making 34, however, he was caught in the slips by Harris off Gaye. Borradaile then declared with the score 333 for three wickets, Collins carrying his bat for a magnificent 134.

At 3.45 Anderson and Bompas started the Westminster innings, Young and Mead bowling. Runs came slowly at first, and after thirty-five minutes' play Bompas was bowled by Young for 18. Milne joined Anderson, and played well for 22, when the same bowler dismissed him. Harris came next, and showed something like his old form, making several fine strokes.

At 70 Anderson was out, caught at cover off Mead for a slow but useful 21.

Kennedy failed to score, but on Foster coming in the rate of scoring immediately improved. After making 32, Harris was caught off Mead, and Harrison joined Foster. A big stand was then made, the next wicket putting on 100 runs. Foster scored very freely, but played very good cricket. Harrison made most of his runs by drives. With the score at 202 Foster was taken at extra cover off Mead; he had played a fine innings of 69. Harrison was shortly after stumped for a very useful 42. Rawlings was bowled by Mead 3 runs later, and then stumps

were drawn, Westminster making a very creditable draw considering the bowling the team had to play.

M.C.C.	
O. R. Borradaile, run out	101
W. R. Collins, not out	134
E. M. Sprott, c. Rawlings, b. Foster	40
Capt. Pocklington, c. Harris, b. Gaye	34
C. B. Marriott	} Did not bat.
L. Arbuthnott	
G. J. M. Atkins	
G. Marks	
T. J. Wilson	
Young	
Mead	
Extras	24
Total	333*

* Innings declared closed.

WESTMINSTER.	
K. B. Anderson, c. Atkins, b. Mead	21
H. J. Bompas, b. Young	18
A. A. Milne, b. Young	22
S. S. Harris, c. Atkins, b. Mead	32
S. D. Kennedy, c. Marks, b. Mead	0
A. L. Foster, c. Borradaile, b. Mead	69
F. J. Harrison, st. Marks, b. Mead	42
R. P. Rawlings, b. Mead	3
C. B. H. Knight, not out	0
L. H. Bennett	} Did not bat.
A. S. Gaye	
Extras	6
Total	213

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M.C.C.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. B. Knight	17	1	70	0
A. L. Foster	22	3	77	1
A. S. Gaye	5.2	0	29	1
A. A. Milne	10	0	48	0
S. S. Harris	11	0	53	0
K. B. Anderson	2	0	11	0
R. P. Rawlings	3	0	20	0
WESTMINSTER.				
Mead	29.3	10	88	6
Young	31	9	104	2
Sprott	3	0	15	0

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This match was played up Fields on July 14. Bompas won the toss and took first innings. Anderson and Bompas faced the bowling of Willett and Murray. Off his third ball Anderson was well taken at slip by Murray. Milne came in, but shortly after called Bompas for an impossible run and the latter was easily run out !!! Harris filled his place, but was caught by Willett before he scored. Harrison tamely returned a full toss to Murray. Rawlings looked like staying with Milne, but was unfortunately run out. Stevens was caught by Moon at the wicket off Murray, 6 wickets being down for 47 runs. Milne was next out after compiling a useful 32. Kennedy brought the score up to 82, when he was caught by Flack at cover. The last two wickets fell with the score unaltered. There is no excuse for this lamentable failure. The team

seems to invariably lose courage if a bad start is made.

Old Westminsters started their innings at 2.30. W. R. and L. J. Moon opened their innings, W. R. scoring the faster. He was early missed by Rawlings in the deep, and this mistake proved expensive, as he was not dismissed till 192 was telegraphed, of which he had made 51 by vigorous cricket. Sandwith was bowled by Gaye for 2, but Willett helped Moon to take the score to 172 before Milne bowled him. Barnes failed to score, and at 206 L. J. Moon was bowled by Harris for a magnificent 118. His play on the off side was brilliant. He took two hours to make his runs, in the first hour making ten only of his score. Harris caught Murray off Blane's bowling after he had made 15. Williams made 29 before being l.b.w. to Gaye. Flack scored 13 not out, and the innings closed for 284.

The fielding of the School was very bad, nobody seeming to be able to hold catches. Harrison was the worst offender.

Anderson and Bompas went in again for Westminster. Both scored very quickly, and at close of play the score stood at 115 for no wicket, each batsman having completed his 50.

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
K. B. Anderson, c. Murray, b. Willett	4	not out	50
H. S. Bompas, run out	2	not out	53
A. A. Milne, c. L. J. Moon, b. Flack	32		
S. S. Harris, c. Willett, b. Murray ...	0		
T. J. Harrison, c. & b. Murray	2		
R. P. Rawlings, run out	7		
E. C. Stevens, c. L. J. Moon, b. Murray	0		
S. D. Kennedy, c. H. R. Flack, b. Murray	10		
J. P. Blane, b. Murray	4		
C. B. H. Knight, b. Willett	0		
A. S. Gaye, not out	0		
Extras	21	Extras	12
Total	82	Total ...	115

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon, c. Harris, b. Gaye	51
L. J. Moon, b. Harris	118
Rev. W. F. Sandwith, b. Gaye	2
B. H. Willett, b. Milne	23
H. G. Barnes, b. Knight	0
R. E. Murray, c. Harris, b. Blane	15
O. H. M. Williams, l.b.w., b. Gaye	29
G. Burton, c. Gaye, b. Milne	3
H. R. Flack, not out	13
J. G. Veitch, b. Milne	1
L. A. M. Fevez, st. Bompas, b. Gaye	10
Extras	19
Total	284

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.				
First Innings.				
	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
B. H. Willett	28	2	14.4	6
R. E. Murray*	26	5	14	5
H. R. Flack	4	1	2	1
G. Burton	3	0	2	1

* Murray bowled 2 wides

	Second Innings.			
	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
L. J. Moon	23	0	14	0
W. R. Moon	16	0	3	0
H. G. Barnes	7	0	3	1
J. G. Veitch.....	23	0	4	0
L. A. M. Fevez	23	0	3	0
H. R. Flack.....	6	0	2	1

OLD WESTMINSTERS.				
C. B. H. Knight	76	1	12	1
A. A. Milne.....	44	3	14	2
S. S. Harris.....	28	1	9	1
J. P. Blane	27	1	7	0
A. S. Gaye	46	4	8.5	0
K. B. Anderson	19	0	3	0
R. P. Rawlings	14	0	3	1

AVERAGES (UP TO O.WW. MATCH).

BATTING.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Total Runs	Most in Innings	Average
H. S. Bompas ...	13	2	592	149*	53.81
A. L. Foster	11	1	347	69	34.70
K. B. Anderson...	13	1	266	72	22.16
F. I. Harrison ...	10	2	179	50*	22.37
S. S. Harris	11	0	192	67	17.45
A. A. Milne	12	1	159	44	14.45
S. D. Kennedy ...	5	1	47	33	11.75
R. P. Rawlings...	11	1	106	59*	10.60
A. S. Gaye	7	2	37	21	7.40
C. B. H. Knight	9	3	42	27*	7.00
J. P. Blane	3	0	14	10	4.66
L. H. Bennett ...	7	2	14	5	2.80

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. L. Foster	174.3	32	651	45	14.68
S. S. Harris.....	69.4	14	238	14	17.00
A. A. Milne	117	26	351	20	17.55
A. S. Gaye	78.3	4	308	17	18.11
C. B. H. Knight.....	136	20	491	20	24.55
R. P. Rawlings	14	3	74	3	24.66
J. P. Blane	7	0	27	1	27.00
K. B. Anderson	10	0	60	0	—

THE SHADOWY WATERS.

SYMBOLISM has been much talked of lately, and not a little has been written about it. 'The Shadowy Waters' contains many symbols; but I have no intention of attempting to explain them, or of discussing symbolism in general. The great question when a poet uses symbols is whether the result of their use is poetry; moreover, as Mr. Yeats has himself said very truly, 'The more one explains the more one narrows the symbols': and their meaning is sufficiently clear to any appreciative reader.

Cloudy waters, glimmering winds, and 'the sleep that is in pools among great trees': of these is his poetry woven, telling of wings that fly over the waters and beat the wind as they follow the ways of sleep, and of dreams shifting as water and swift as wind, that are born of sleep.

Wind, water, sleep, and fire—fire which is love transmuted under the holy boughs, found among the streams where the world ends.

Sensitiveness to the wind is very marked in 'The Shadowy Waters.' The Sailor says:

I would be as sad
But that the wind changed.

Forgael hears the gray birds tell

How all that die are borne about the world
In the cold streams, and wake to their desire,
It may be, before the winds of birth have waked.

Daetora, declaring her resolve to follow Forgael wherever he may go, says,

I follow you
Whether among the cold winds of the dead,
Or among winds that move in the meadows and woods.

Examples might be multiplied: but these suffice. Some readers may be offended at the insistent repetition. Let these consider whether much should not be allowed him who can give us lines like these:

No man or woman hath loved otherwise
Than in brief longing and deceiving hope
And bodily tenderness; and he who longs
For happier love but finds unhappiness,
And falls among the dreams the drowsy gods
Breathe on the burnished mirror of the world,
And then rub out with ivory hands and sigh.

Perhaps the fact that Mr. Yeats' symbolism is drawn from Irish mythology has alienated some who would otherwise be readers of his poetry. It is difficult to see why. No more beautiful collection of legend does the world possess. Are Aengus and Aphrodite? Edaine further from us than Apollo and Aphrodite? And the fool, he who is 'maybe the wisest of all,' was ever truer word spoken than his to Forgael?

The undying send their eagles
To snatch alive out of the streams all lovers
That have gone thither to look for the lov'd streams
Folding their hearts' desire to their glad hearts.

The blank verse is characteristic. On the first reading it may seem to be written carelessly; but the charm of its subtle music grows.

Wind, water, and fire, elements all and universal. And universal is the appeal of the story of the wanderer seeking his heart's desire where the world dwindles. So frequently used and abused has the term Celtic been of late that its application may be considered uncomplimentary. But if Mr. Yeats' poetry is Celtic, it is more: for poetry is universal—as universal as sleep and love.

ROSECRUX,

WESTMINSTERS IN THE WAR.

(ADDITIONAL.)

At School.
1893—97.—De R. Roche: Hampshire Carbineers.
1889—91.—A. G. Colville: C.I.V.

Obituary.

By the kindness of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. M. Davidson, to whom we beg to offer our sincere sympathy, we are able to print the following:—

FRANK COVENTRY DUDFIELD DAVIDSON, Lieutenant 2nd Battalion The King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, who was born in the regiment August 18, 1874, died, aged 25, February 24, 1900, of wounds received in action the previous day at Pieter's Hill, fighting for the relief of Ladysmith. From letters recently received, it appears that Lieutenant F. C. D. Davidson was in command of his company when the regiment attacked and captured, on the afternoon of February 22, a strong position near Pieter's Hill, and that a heavy fire was continuously kept up on the captured kopjes by the enemy. Towards evening he helped to carry Major Yeatherd, of his regiment, who was mortally wounded, from out of that fire, was wounded himself, and after having his wound dressed, returned to the fighting line, where all that night he erected sangars and repulsed at the point of the bayonet repeated attacks of the enemy, who tried to recapture the position. About 5 A.M. on the 23rd, when being reinforced, he was mortally wounded by an explosive bullet, which shattered his thigh, entered and pierced the abdomen. He was immediately medically attended, carried to the field hospital, and later removed in an ambulance with his wounded brigadier, General Wynne, to Chieveley Hospital. He died the following day, and is buried at Chieveley next to the son of Lord Roberts. Major Matthews, who was in command of his regiment, writes 'that he was with Frank on the afternoon of the 22nd, under a very heavy cross fire; that nothing could exceed his coolness and gallantry, and that he was a grand example to his men.'

House Notes.

GRANTS.—We offer our best congratulations to Stevens and Rawlings on their Pinks. We have again won the cricket shield, beating Ashburnham by nine runs in the first round after an exciting finish, and easily defeating Rigauds in the final by seven wickets. We congratulate Woodbridge and Ashley on receiving their house colours. By the time this number appears our Racquet Ties will be in full swing. We congratulate L. J. Moon on his two fine innings in the 'Varsity Match. We are glad to see that most of those who have been suffering from

illness have returned; we felt their loss severely in the first round of the house matches.

RIGAUDS.—We have news to record in this number, some of which is satisfactory, and some distinctly the reverse. First and foremost among the satisfactory events comes the fact that we had two representatives out of the four O.W.W. who played in the 'Varsity Match, viz., R. E. More and R. N. R. Blaker, both of whom have our heartiest congratulations. Congratulations are also due to M. Shearman, who has gained a non-residential scholarship in the Challenge, and to H. Hallett, who has secured another Exhibition, whilst a third, McKenna, who is, we believe, to come up Rigauds next term, has also gained an Exhibition. Another pleasing piece of news is the fact that our numbers have suddenly gone up one by the advent of Follit from Home-boarders. With regard to house matches, we were fortunate in beating H.B.B. by six runs, but in the final (and now comes the unsatisfactory part of our doings) we were defeated by Grants by seven wickets. It is true we had three of our team away through illness, but even this can hardly be made to account for so severe a defeat. We venture to congratulate our conquerors, and also A. Beney and J. Seddon and C. M. Page (*abs. aeg.*), who received their house colours after the final. S. M. Anderson has left the 'Varsity and joined the army, whither he carries with him our best wishes for success in his new profession.

H.B.B.—We congratulate C. B. H. Knight on his Pinks, also on being made a house-monitor. We lost to Rigauds in the first round of Seniors by six runs; we were unluckily without some of our fellows, and Whitmore caught chicken-pox during match. We have at length finished our fives ties, Foster and Lühn winning from Knight and Perry after a good game. We offer Browning and E. O. Bartlett our heartiest wishes for success in their examinations. Congratulations are due to Hackforth on a non-residential scholarship and Oppenheimer on another exhibition. Follitt has left us and has gone up Rigauds.

Correspondence.

HOUSE AND SCHOOL COLOURS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, 'Single Colour,' I beg to give the decision of the Games Committee, which is as follows. The Committee has not the power to make a law which can be binding in the holidays, but it considers that in the Summer Holidays cricket colours alone should be worn; in the Christmas Holidays, football colours alone; and in the Easter Holidays, either. Though this ruling cannot actually be enforced, it is to be hoped that it will nevertheless be observed.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,

A. S. GAYE,
Hon. Sec. Games Committee.

FIRST GAME FOOTBALL GROUND.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The object of the present letter is to call attention to the shocking state of the first game football ground and to suggest a remedy.

As to its state there can be no two opinions. Anyone who has wandered over that part of the ground this term can hardly fail to have been struck by its desert-like appearance. But absence of grass, besides being displeasing to the eye, has also other bad effects. To mention four only: (i) it certainly neither improves nor inspires with enthusiasm our rising generation of cricketers; (ii) it prevents our footballers coming off on other grounds, and especially during their first year at the 'Varsity'; (iii) it takes a great deal of pleasure from football itself; (iv) it makes playing during frosty weather dangerous.

Is it not time that something were done? I would suggest the following plan, which is encountered by only one, and that a not insuperable, difficulty. (a) Divide the space from railing to railing (E. to W.) into four equal portions, labelled respectively 1, 2, 3, 4; (b) turn up, level, and turf portions 1 and 2 this autumn, and do not use them till the beginning of next cricket season; (c) treat similarly portions 3 and 4 the following year; (d) play the first game either on the ground at present occupied by the second game, or during the season of 1900-1 on portions 3 and 4, and during the season of 1901-2 on portions 1 and 2. If this plan be followed the first game will come back to its original position in September 1902. The only difficulty will be with regard to the fourth game. Now, I have frequently watched that game, and have come to the conclusion that on an average (Wednesdays alone excepted) there are not more than six a side playing in it. Indeed, I once saw only three a side. Surely it would be possible to make the present second and third game grounds a little larger, and to play, when need so calls, twelve or thirteen a side. Certainly the end to be attained justifies a little sacrifice.

I am, dear Sir, yours &c.,

Common Room,
Lincoln's Inn, W.C.
July 13, 1900.

R. R. CAMPBELL.

RACQUETS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Of late I think it may be truly asserted fellows have shown much more keenness over Racquets, and instead of being confined to a select half-dozen, as in the few past terms, the game seems to have attracted a much wider circle. It is pleasing to see this, and it is well to encourage it. So may I call attention to the serious fact that is a very severe drawback to the game, namely, the disgraceful condition of the flag-stones? Anything like hard hitting is out of the question, unless you take a ball full pitch, and it requires a very good eye and arm to do that satisfactorily every stroke. I feel sure that 'Penal drill' cannot improve the court. Would you be good enough to bring this question before the next Games Committee Meeting?

June 28.

Yours &c.,
HOPEFUL.

THE SCHOOL MISSION BOYS' CLUB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—There must be many O.W.W. who for various reasons are unable to be subscribers to the School Mission, and who yet take an interest in its success. Among these it is perhaps not widely known that the Mission has reached a crisis in its life. At the meeting of subscribers held Up School on July 12 it was definitely proposed to abandon the work of the Mission. The proposal was not accepted by the meeting. As matters now stand a Committee is to go into the whole question, and report to the general body of subscribers. Thus for the time the Boys' Club is saved; but the

fact remains that its position is so unsatisfactory that many of those best qualified to speak hold that it ought to be given up.

Now I think it will be agreed that to give up a work of this kind, and thus to cut Westminster adrift from the great philanthropic movement of our day, in which she has borne her part, however humbly, for twelve years, can only be described as a calamity. Facts may make the calamity inevitable; but let us clearly recognise that it is a calamity, and one which is worth our most strenuous efforts to avoid. But we must face the facts.

First, there is the question of money. The Boys' Club, it is said, has been a failure from the business point of view; it has not really paid its way. For some years it has had to draw upon capital. That is obviously a condition of things which cannot go on. Is it preventable? I think it is. At the meeting Up School there was a very generous readiness shown on all sides to accept the blame of failure. The Headmaster said that the Mission had failed, and he must take the blame, since he originated the movement which led to its foundation. On the contrary, Westminster must always be grateful to him for enabling it to be associated honourably with a cause so good, as well as for his more than generous support of it. Mr. Wheeler said that he felt the older Westminsters had not responded sufficiently to the call for support. But I think both the older generations of O.W.W. and the School itself have always done their part well in supporting the Boys' Club. If, speaking as a young O.W., I may be allowed to say so, I think it is among young O.W.W. that the Boys' Club has been, and is, indifferently supported. It was perhaps not to be expected that a very large number of Westminsters who left the School before a Boys' Club was started, or even thought of, should take a very keen interest in it. Yet, taking at random last year's Report, I find that out of seventy-three subscribers there are only seventeen who have left during the last ten years. That does not seem very creditable to those who have had the opportunity in their school days of getting an interest in the work of the Club. I believe defective systems of collection are partly responsible. Young 'old boys' live somewhat from hand to mouth in the matter of money. When they have money they spend it. If they are to give any of it in philanthropy they must be asked for it. I believe there are not many among the eighty or ninety O.W.W. at the two Universities who would very seriously miss 10s. or even £1 in the year. But they will not give it unless they are asked for it, and asked for it at the right time and by the right person. I have three practical proposals:—

i. That some O.W. of position at either University shall be asked to collect at the beginning, say, of every October term. This used to be done, but has, I believe, been dropped.

ii. That all subscribers shall be reminded, as a pure matter of business, when their subscriptions fall due. For example, if I may quote my own case, I have more than once been an unintentional defaulter—I seem to have been so last year—simply because I do not know when my subscription is due, and have never had my failing memory 'jogged' for me. Every one has competing claims on his purse; and the claim that is not pressed is apt to be forgotten.

iii. Something might be done before Westminsters leave school. Would it not be possible to have a book in which those leaving might enter their names as subscribers for any sum, large or small? This would be a promise of annual support, but of course revocable at any time. Still I think most would try to keep it up. At Election time leaving seniors and others are naturally inclined to think a little of what they owe to the place, and many would, I believe, be sincerely glad of some practical opportunity of this kind which might enable them in some degree *θρέπτρ' ἀποδοῦναι*. Westminster loves custom. If the custom were once started, it would perpetuate itself.

One other suggestion still, and an offer. Mr. Sargeant will, I hope, allow me here in public to express my sympathy with him in an uncongenial and unpleasant task—that of collecting funds. It would seem as if only clergymen could ever quite

because the innate human dislike of dunning (and being dunned). But it is a necessary concomitant of all charity. My suggestion is that there shall be a certain number of authorised collectors to work under the treasurer, each being responsible for, say, two or three years, of his own contemporaries. My offer is to make myself a nuisance to my best friends by undertaking this in the case of my own contemporaries, supposing that this system be adopted, and I should be regarded as a fit person. Mr. Sargeant has earned the hearty gratitude of all Westminsters for many things, not least for his unselfish and unsparing work on behalf of the Boys' Club; and he will, I know, forgive me for believing that a higher degree of organisation on the financial side would go some way to putting the Club on a sounder basis. The circular sent to subscribers estimates the yearly income required at £300. I find I have by me balance sheets for the years 1892-4 and 1897-9. The average income of the former, deducting balance from previous year, and in two cases sale of stock, I find to be a fraction under £200; for the latter, a fraction over £220; for the whole six years, about £210. That is to say, we must get an increase of £90 a year. But it is to be noted that the last three years show an average increase of £20 over the years 1892-4, which is encouraging. I firmly believe that a more organised collecting on the lines I have suggested, together with the natural growth in the number of Old Westminsters with direct knowledge of the work of the Boys' Club, as generation after generation leaves the School, will in a few years secure that increase, and even more.

If the patience of your readers is not already exhausted, I should like to go on to consider certain other difficulties that seem to stand in the way; for the financial difficulty, though the most serious, is by no means the only one. The march of progress is removing the slums in St. Mary's parish, and replacing them with houses of a better class—at any rate along the main thoroughfares. The lease of the rooms which our Boys' Club occupies will shortly be up, and we have to find another home. This has been foreseen for some time, and not long ago the Committee seemed to be inspired with a cheery optimism. There was talk of raising funds for a building of our own. The Committee, however, decided—probably with wisdom—that the idea was too ambitious, and proposed to support a Club, in St. Mary's parish as before, under the control of the clergy, assisted for this purpose by a committee of O.W.W. The Vicar of the parish welcomes our help, and offers a home for the Club in a new building which is soon to be put up on a site granted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. This would be an arrangement not differing very materially from that under which our Boys' Club has worked—and prospered—since its start, first in Charing Cross Road, and for the last eight years in St. Mary's Parish, Vincent Square. To the ordinary observer it seems to promise a hopeful field for useful work. But certain difficulties arise in this connection. As far as I have been able to gather them, they are these:—

- (1) The Mission, it is urged, ought to have a building of its own, with an O.W. at its head.
- (2) There will soon be no poor left in St. Mary's.
- (3) The school would lose all interest in a club managed by the parish clergy.
- (4) A removal will break the continuity of the Mission.

With your permission I will take these points in order.

1. The first is a self-evident proposition. The ideal for work of this kind is no doubt a 'settlement,' like the Oxford House and many others now doing fine work in various parts of London. Some day this ideal may be achieved for Westminster. At present the Committee do not feel justified in making the attempt, even to the extent of seeking subscriptions for a club building. But half a loaf is better than no bread. We cannot have our own building, but we *can* have our own club. *ἄνθρωποι γὰρ πόλις καὶ οὐ τεῖχην*, and *boys*, not buildings, make Boys' Clubs.

Again, an O.W. in command is ideally the thing. So far this has not been possible. Owing to the technical education element which was—unfortunately, as I have always thought—

included in the original scheme, it was necessary to have a superintendent with practical knowledge of technical work. For this purpose no better man could have been found than Mr. Churchman; and I should like to say here that, whatever the fate of the Club may be, O.W.W. will owe their heartiest thanks to him for his enthusiastic and ungrudging work for the School Mission. Mr. Churchman has not the good fortune to be an O.W.; had he been, he could not have worked more unselfishly for the good of the Club. My point, however, is this, that as long as Mr. Churchman presided over the fortunes of the Mission, it was not possible to have an O.W. at the head of it. If it had been possible, I think an O.W. would have been found. I could, if I felt that I might, quote names of O.W.W. who are doing fine work in London Boys' Clubs. They would not like me to do so; but readers of this will probably know to whom I refer. I believe their services would have been offered to the School Mission if there had been scope for them. Perhaps under a new scheme it may be possible to bring them in; but it must not be supposed that no O.W. could be found to conduct the work of the Mission. There has simply been no place for one.

2. The second point raises a question of very grave moment in the whole 'Mission' movement, as it affects great centres of population. What class are Missions meant to reach? What class do they, as a matter of fact, reach? It is very seldom indeed that they touch the very poor to any considerable extent. I believe that the Oxford House and Toynbee Hall would agree in making this admission. Indirectly, however, such movements must affect even the lowest strata of population not a little. As regards our own Boys' Club, many of those interested in it—myself among the number—have often had an uncomfortable feeling that the boys who frequent it are a little too 'respectable,' a little too well off. My friend Mr. Churchman has strong arguments on the other side, I know; but he has never been able quite to satisfy me. But, however this may be, I am inclined to doubt that the class from which the boys of our Club have been drawn will be driven out of St. Mary's parish by rebuilding, though it is probable enough that the very poorest may have to shift elsewhere; indeed, the Vicar of St. Mary's distinctly stated this at the meeting. The question will then be simply this: Has the Boys' Club worked on wrong lines hitherto? If it has, by all means let us try to get lower in the social scale. I should be heartily in sympathy with any effort to that end, even if it involves a move to another parish. If there are really no poor in St. Mary's, clearly it is no place for our Boys' Club.

3. Surely such a move involves little difficulty. Even if the Club must be managed by the parish clergy (and this was the third point), why should the School lose interest in it? It is still *their* Club, founded by *their* initiative, supported by their money, and open to them to visit—if not in term time, at any rate in the holidays, and ready to welcome their efforts; in a word, their own attempt, however humble, to mitigate the pressing evils of that unsolved problem of modern civilisation, the crowding together of great masses of the poor by themselves, and the estrangement of class from class.

4. As to break of continuity, the answer is simple. If there are no poor in St. Mary's, we must work elsewhere. So far continuity of *site* is broken. But which will break the continuity of the Mission most—to move our Club into another parish where a club *is* wanted, or to devote the money to *other purposes*? If a plant requires a different soil, which interrupts its continuity most, to transplant it or to cut it down?

What alternative is suggested? The only suggestion that I heard at the meeting was to support a cot in a hospital; a good practical form of charity, no doubt, but—what a fall! *Parturiunt montes*, . . . Are all the thought and trouble, that friends of the Mission—among whom let the honoured names of Sir John Mowbray and Mr. Marshall stand for the rest—have freely given, to end in this? How is the School, which cannot be interested in a Boys' Club, to be interested in a cot in a hospital? If an enterprise of this kind is to appeal to the imagination, whether of present or 'old' Westminsters, the first condition is that it shall be a living thing, an organism,

capable of growth. What growth can there be to a cot in a hospital? It is true that, like certain rudimentary forms of life which scientists tell us of, it may propagate by bisection. Our cot might become *two* cots, or even *three*, if double or treble the money were subscribed. But what a dead automatum of a 'Mission' this would be! Upon my life I cannot see how so mechanical a thing as this—really no more than the paying of a terminal dividend—is to interest Westminsters or stimulate their imagination.

There are some also to whom a *Mission* implies a formal connection with religious organisations; though I should say at once that I am not one of these. If it could be proved that the best way of spending our money would be to run a public-house where good beer should be sold and no one should get drunk, I would give it my warm support. But we ought to take the other view into account—as far as may be a School Mission should aim at uniting all shades of opinion in its support. It should avoid extremes—should be neither too ecclesiastical nor too secular, should be as far as possible, not perhaps 'all things to all men,' but at least *something* to all men; that is, something in which, whatever his particular views, everyone can feel a real interest. I believe a Boys' Club, worked in connection with a parish organisation, satisfies these conditions better than anything else can. And if a Boys' Club does not appeal to boys, in the cheerful name of youth, I ask, what will? Why, sir, what school in England has so good a chance of being interested in its Mission as ours has? What other public school can have its Boys' Club at its very doors, and go and see it—and that is the secret of being interested in it? There may be difficulties as to going direct from the school, at any rate often. But a terminal concert, or something of the sort, would do a great deal, and is surely workable. And are there not Home Boarders, who might look in once in a way on a Saturday night, and Boarders too, who 'go out' for Saturday and Sunday? And are not the large majority of Westminsters Londoners, and are there not holidays? I have always felt, and in spite of discouragement still feel, that Westminster has an opportunity in this way which is unique. We are neighbours of the slums—our work *must* be there; it is absurd for it to be anywhere else. The great aim of all these school and University Missions is to establish friendly relations and sympathy between the well-to-do and the poor. At Westminster the foundations of such sympathy already exist; who that has ever witnessed a match at Vincent Square can doubt it? Some present readers of *The Elizabethan* may remember many years ago a 'leader' with the heading 'Outside the Railings.' Do not be alarmed, O patient readers! if any of you have got thus far; I did not write it, nor am I going to quote from it; but I remember hearing it described at the time by a critic whose judgment I valued as the best 'leader' that had ever appeared in *The Elizabethan*, an opinion in which I agreed; and, although many witty, learned, and brilliant 'leaders' have appeared since then, under the auspices of you, Mr. Editor, and your distinguished predecessors, not one of them has caused me to alter that opinion. Read it, patient reader; it is in the December number for the year 1886; it breathes the spirit which I think should inspire the work of our Boys' Club. Are our champions in Vincent Square no longer spurred on to victory by the plaudits from 'outside the railings'? Are there no poor in Westminster slums? The doubt had been raised in my mind; so when I was in London a few days back I devoted a few spare minutes to revisiting some of the dear old dirty streets that used to be 'in bounds.' Tufton Street and its neighbouring alleys still stand,

and there was the old notice at the street corner sure enough, 'This is Marsham Street.' Some, at least, of the old inhabitants were there; I thought I detected some even of the old smells. As long as there are poor in Westminster, our work should be among them; and I take the liberty to think that this will provide a field for the Mission for some generations yet, if not for centuries. Westminster, of all schools, cannot stand aside from this problem of a great city. The slums are our neighbours, and they may not be ignored. This is not a matter to decide on a narrow view of present difficulties and temporary discouragements. We are trustees for the future. The Boys' Club is the concrete assertion of a principle and an ideal—the principle that in this great empire we are 'members one of another.' We inherit this Club as the practical embodiment of that ideal, and of the labour and enthusiasm of a generation already passing away. Through difficulties and discouragements we must do what we can to hand on the torch, even though its light be somewhat dimmed. If the Club is once given up, it is given up for good. If anyone hereafter cherishes the ideal again, it will be sufficient answer for him that it has been tried and failed. But it has not yet failed,—nor, I believe, will it. It is true the result has not quite answered to our hopes. There have been mistakes, miscalculations, misunderstandings; but, thanks to good work done, there is a foundation, something on which the enthusiasm of new generations and committees, wiser perhaps than their predecessors, may build a solid fabric of honest effort in the best of causes, that will lighten the burden of inherited misery in the slums, and (may one not add?) be a credit to the School and an inspiration to Westminsters. And let our old friend, Davus, of the *Andria*, encourage us with his cheery motto: '*Parum succedit quod ago: at facio sedulo.*'

With apologies for the inordinate length of this, at which I blush,

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

L. JAMES.

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