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## THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

THE Football season 1897-98 has been on the whole eminently satisfactory, and this is sufficiently shown by the aggregate of wins and losses, and of goals scored, even without the fact that the Charterhouse match has at last been won. That of the twenty-four matches played one was drawn, seven lost, and no less than sixteen won, in itself marks a season successful above the average. At the beginning of the season Blaker had six of last year's team to assist him, but in the second practice game of the season W. C. Stevens was injured, so as to be unable once to take his place in the eleven, and the number of old Pinks available was further diminished by A. C. Robinson leaving at Christmas. The forwards were the strong point in the team, as, getting to understand each other's play to a nicety, they combined extra-

ordinarily well, and though as the season went on the discrepancy at first noticeable between the offensive and defensive divisions became less and less marked, the former maintained some degree of superiority to the end. It may perhaps be considered hypercritical to say that in shooting the forward line did not show to such advantage as in passing, but while their shooting was apt to be a little wild at the beginning of matches, it almost invariably improved as they warmed to their work. The back division were not very strong at the beginning of the year, and several changes were tried, especially among the half-backs, but nothing very satisfactory was arrived at here until Young, Willett, and Foster got together. The backs, too, were rather unsettled to begin with, but improved with time. Of those who ultimately got their pinks, L. Y. Barnby alone had played in every match. The season opened favourably with a win over Clapham Rovers,



but shortly after Old Reptonians scored a decisive victory, chiefly owing to the inability of our defence to break up the opposing combination, and the defeat by Old Carthusians three weeks later may in some measure be attributed to the same cause, though on the latter occasion the loss of a man early in the game did not strengthen the team. After the *Exeat* a marked improvement was noticeable, and the team seemed altogether more settled. Although the Christ Church match was lost, and later on Casuals scored another win, yet the total wins up to Christmas were seven, the losses only six. 1898 was begun well, and no match was lost until after Charterhouse. Young now went centre-half, partnered by Willett and Foster, and another place being vacant now that Robinson had left, Bernays and Jacob were tried in turn, but the latter proved the more successful. A creditable win was scored over a team of Casuals, and Old Harrovians were badly beaten, though the score in the latter match should have been greater than it was, for several chances were missed early in the game. The Charterhouse match has been criticised at length elsewhere, so suffice it to say that everyone in the eleven rose to the occasion, and amply justified his inclusion in the team. The next match, against an eleven brought by R. E. More, was rather disappointing. It was undoubtedly a strong team, but there is also no doubt that the school did not show the same form as in the preceding match; still, although outclassed, they were unlucky in not scoring on one or two occasions. A comparison of the results of the two halves of the season shows a distinct improvement in the goal record: while in each case the balance of wins was on the right side, in the second half forty-five goals were scored for the school to twenty against, as compared with thirty for and thirty-six against in the first. The second eleven were not as successful as usual this year, only winning two of their five matches; but, to turn to individuals, it contained several promising players, of whom Bompas, Wynter, K. Anderson, Plaskitt, and E. C. Stevens, in particular, should prove very useful next year. Town Boys beat Queen's Scholars easily by twelve to love, which is a record for these matches, though, as the losers had only three Pinks in their number, they cannot be blamed for not winning. Rigauds won the Shield again, for the ninth year in succession, having previously proved victorious in the *trials*. *Juniors* were

won by College. The League continues useful in bringing junior players into notice, and was won this year by H. J. M. Hudson's eleven.

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#### CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

R. N. R. BLAKER (centre-forward).—Best forward we have had since Sandilands. Passes beautifully, his long passes to the wings being especially noticeable. Keeps his wings together splendidly. Is a good shot. His style curiously resembles that of G. O. Smith. Made an excellent captain.

S. M. ANDERSON (inside-right).—Vastly improved player since last season, playing hard right up to the end. His shots are fair, with plenty of sting in them. Combined well with Corfield.

F. YOUNG (centre-half).—Very hard working. Sticks to his man well. Played one or two fine games, especially against Charterhouse. Passes beautifully.

W. F. CORFIELD (outside-right).—Fast, but rather clumsy. Played well with Anderson. Occasionally puts in a fine shot.

W. V. RAYNER.—A very useful goal-keeper. Does not use his hands quite enough, but has a very quick eye. With more experience should be very good.

L. Y. BARNBY (inside-left).—Played well until he got his Pinks, and then unaccountably fell off. A useful shot.

A. C. BARNBY (right-back).—A good kick with his right foot, but very poor with left. Tackles well, but before he can be any class he must learn to play the game.

B. H. WILLETT (left-half).—A good half, his height being a great advantage. Passes nicely to his forwards, and tackles well.

A. L. FOSTER (right-half).—A rather clumsy player. Uses his head well, but must learn to pass. Works hard.

H. R. LONSDALE (left-back).—A very good kick with either foot. Poor tackler, lacking dash.

W. R. JACOB (outside-left).—Fairly fast. Centres well. Occasionally puts in a good shot.

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#### WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 58.—ADMIRAL SIR CHARLES COTTON, BART.

THE family of Cotton are believed to derive their name from a manor in Cambridgeshire, which was in the hands of their representative in the thirteenth century. One branch of the family was settled in Madingley, in the same county, and its head was raised to a baronetcy on July 14, 1641. Sir John, the first baronet, was high sheriff of the county at the outbreak of the Civil War, and espoused the royal



cause with zeal, proclaiming Lord Essex a traitor in every market town, and carrying the plate of many Cambridge colleges, through all dangers, to Charles at Oxford. His son, Sir John, was Recorder of Cambridge, and the third baronet, Sir John Hynde, played a prominent part in the opposition to Walpole, and was described by Horace, the son of his old opponent, as 'the last Jacobite of any sensible activity.' The fourth baronet, bearing the same names as his father, sat in Parliament for many years, first for the borough of St. Germans, in Cornwall, an appropriate constituency for the son of the 'last Jacobite,' for the borough of Marlborough, and for the county of Cambridge. He married Anne, daughter of Humphrey Parsons, twice Lord Mayor of London, and his third son, Charles, the subject of this memoir, was born in June, 1753. Charles Cotton was educated at Westminster, under two head masters, Markham and Smith, and 'rose to the highest form,' no such unusual feat for a youth of seventeen, as one of his biographers seems to have imagined. He was passionately fond of the river, and, though, when he left school in 1770, his relatives persuaded him to enter at Lincoln's Inn, he soon discovered that he had no taste for the law. It was, possibly, his enthusiasm for 'water' which sent him on a voyage to India, in one of the Company's ships, but before his return he had recognised his true vocation, and soon prevailed on his family to allow him to enter the Navy. On October 24, 1772, he was entered on the books of the *Deal Castle*, being then in his twentieth year. Few entered the Navy so late in life—but few had such strong influence to back them. Lord Sandwich, the then first Lord of the Admiralty, the boon companion and betrayer of Wilkes, was the intimate friend of Sir John Cotton; and we shall do young Cotton no injustice in thinking that it was to this intimacy, rather than to any merit of his own, that he owed his promotion within three years to the rank of acting lieutenant on the *Niger*. On April 29, 1777, he was confirmed lieutenant, and appointed to the *Vigilant*, floating battery, from which, after some hard service, he was transferred in the same year to Admiral Gambier's flag-ship, the *Ardent*. In April, 1779, he obtained his first command, the *Grampus*, and in August of the same year was made post into the *Boyne*, a second-rate. 'The progress of his advancement,' says a writer in the *Naval Chronicle*, 'will not fail to strike the reader as uncommon, and perhaps unprecedented. . . . what is still more remarkable, so rapidly did he pass through the lower gradations of rank, his name never appeared in the Admiralty Navy List till it was inserted among the post-captains.' Cotton was seven years in the Navy before he reached post-rank; Nelson, who had been posted into the *Hinchinbrooke* the month previously, had had nine years' service, but even Nelson's early promotions had been phenomenally rapid. Collingwood, for instance, served nearly twenty years before reaching post-rank. The *Boyne* was ordered home soon afterwards, and was paid off on November 17, 1780, but in the following year

Cotton was given another ship, the *Alarm*. This frigate, the first in the Navy to be coppered on the bottom, had been closely connected with the career of Sir John Jervis, afterwards Lord St. Vincent, who narrowly escaped shipwreck on board of her in the Gulf of Marseilles. The *Alarm* was one of the repeating frigates in Rodney's action with De Grasse on April 12, 1782, and Captain Cotton was specially commended by the Admiral for his services in assisting the disabled battle-ships of his own fleet.

On the conclusion of hostilities the *Alarm* was paid off, and Captain Cotton was not again employed until the near approach of hostilities with the French Republic caused our Navy to be once more placed on a war footing; but, on March 1, 1793, he was appointed to the *Majestic*, a 74-gun ship, attached to the Channel Squadron. Under Lord Howe, who, according to his biographer, Barrow, was educated at Westminster as well as at Eton, a statement for which we should be glad to find some corroboration, the *Majestic* made three cruises that year without coming within striking distance of an enemy.

On May 4, 1794, Lord Howe put to sea again, and, after nearly a month's futile cruising, came in sight of the French fleet, of about equal strength. In the partial action of the 28th the *Majestic* took no part, and, in the more general engagement of the next day only distinguished herself by bad sailing, losing three-quarters of a mile on her leader, the *Orion*, and throwing the bulk of the fleet, which was behind her, into confusion. She did not, however, escape scot free; one seaman was killed and thirteen wounded on board of her, and her mizenmast was cut through between poop and quarter-deck by a 36-lb. shot. In the decisive action of three days later the *Majestic* was stationed astern of the *Royal George*, Sir Alexander Hood's flagship, towards the rear of the English line. Owing, partly to her position, and partly to her bad sailing—for the *Royal George* and the *Glory*, the ships next ahead and astern of her, got their full share both of fighting and of damages—she was never seriously engaged, having only two men killed on board and five wounded. Consequently, when the rewards for the victory were allotted, Cotton found himself one of the eight captains excluded from the distribution of medals. By some of the eight the slight was doubtless not undeserved; but Cotton subsequently had an opportunity of showing, like Collingwood of the *Barfleur*, and Westcott of the *Impregnable*, whose names were also omitted, that the small share he took in Lord Howe's victory was his misfortune and not his fault. Collingwood, indeed, subsequently received the medal—for, having been awarded one for his behaviour at St. Vincent, he declined to receive it unless a similar approbation was bestowed on his conduct on the 1st of June, and the Admiralty conceded the point. Cotton, we believe, intended to pursue a similar policy, but he never had the chance, for he was never again engaged in a general action.

On October 1, 1794, Cotton succeeded Westcott



in command of the *Impregnable* (Westcott was killed on the *Majestic* at the battle of the Nile), but, next month, was transferred to the *Mars*, one of the finest line-of-battle ships in the British Navy. On the 23rd of the following January he succeeded to the baronetcy, on the death of his father—his eldest brother, John, having been killed by the accidental explosion of his fowling-piece, fourteen years previously, and Humphry, his second brother, having died in childhood.

On June 16 the squadron of Vice-Admiral Cornwallis, consisting of the *Royal Sovereign*, *Mars*, *Triumph*, *Brunswick*, and *Bellerophon*, fell in with a French fleet of twelve line-of-battle ships, off the Penmarcks. The English ships formed line, with the *Mars*, as the best sailer of the five, in the rear, and endeavoured to avoid an action against odds of two to one; but the *Bellerophon* and *Brunswick*, owing to some defect of their stowage—for both were normally fast ships—moved so slowly as to endanger the whole squadron, which was almost surrounded. The *Mars* came in for the greater proportion of the enemy's fire—the frigate *Virginie*, under the command of that distinguished officer Captain Bergerat, taking up a position on her quarter, and raking her with a gallantry which, considering the comparative forces of the ships, might almost have been termed impudence. 'Fortunately,' as James observes, 'there were no Captains Bergerat among those who commanded the headmost line-of-battle ships of the chasing fleet.' The *Zitté*, indeed, came within range of the broadside of the *Mars*, but the taste she got of the latter's quality and the loss of her main-top-gallantmast induced her to sheer off and drop astern. Meanwhile the rigging of the *Mars* had suffered so much from the high firing of the enemy that she was settling steadily to leeward of her squadron, which had hauled their wind on the starboard tack, and the four leading French vessels bore up to secure their prize, when Cornwallis gallantly ran down in the *Royal Sovereign* to the rescue, and placed the *Mars* in comparative safety. However, with the *Mars* crippled aloft, the *Triumph* damaged, though less severely, in her rigging, the *Brunswick* and *Bellerophon* sailing like haystacks, and the *Royal Sovereign* resolute not to desert its consorts, the fate of the British squadron seemed settled, when a fortunate *ruse de guerre* attempted by the Admiral proved the salvation of his command. The *Phæton* frigate, which sailed better than any of the line-of-battle ships to which she was attached, had been sent ahead, and when some miles off made the signal for a strange sail, then for four, and finally the well-known signal for a fleet by letting fly her topgallant sheets and firing two guns in quick succession. She then made the private signal to the supposed fleet, and reported to her Admiral by the tabular signals, which any French officer of experience could understand, that the fleet seen were friends and were ships of the line.

About an hour later, by a most fortunate coincidence, several small sail appeared ahead of the

*Phæton*, and the French Admiral, having no wish to sail into the jaws of an English fleet, put about and abandoned the chase. Owing to the high firing of the enemy, to which allusion has been made, the loss on board the English squadron bore no proportion to the fire to which they had been exposed, and twelve men wounded on board the *Mars* was the sum of the personal casualties on the British squadron. What loss, if any, the French sustained, it is now impossible to state, but the resolute and skilful manner in which the retreat had been conducted made a great impression upon the public mind, and both Houses of Parliament voted their thanks to Cornwallis and his squadron as if they had gained a victory. Cornwallis himself cannot be charged with trying to make too much of his exploit, as the following extract from his despatch will prove:—

'In the evening, they (*i.e.* the French) made a show of a more serious attack on the *Mars* (which had gotten a little to leeward), and obliged me to bear up for her support. This was their last effort, if anything they did can deserve that appellation.'

However, he was not grudging of praise to the squadron under his command. 'It was the greatest pleasure I ever received to see the spirit manifested by the men. . . . Could common prudence have allowed me to let loose their valour, I hardly know what might not have been accomplished by such men. . . . I cannot too much commend the spirited conduct of Sir Charles Cotton and Sir Erasmus Gower (captain of the *Triumph*).'

Sir Charles remained in command of one of the ships of the Channel Fleet until February 20, 1797, when he was promoted rear-admiral. Promotion to flag-rank, which was invariably made by seniority, 'without any taint of merit,' was by no means an unmixt blessing to an active officer: it disqualified him for the command of a ship, while his chance of higher employment was comparatively small. Sir Charles was peculiarly lucky, as he was only shelved for two years, and on March 9, 1799, hoisted his flag on board the *Prince*, of 98 guns, as third in command of the Channel Fleet. It was in the following month that Admiral Bruix effected his celebrated escape from Brest, which inspired such widespread alarm and produced such ludicrously small effect. As soon as it became clear that Bruix had gone southward, Cotton was sent with eleven sail of the line to reinforce the Mediterranean fleet, which he joined near Minorca on June 7. But Lord Keith, who, in Lord St. Vincent's absence from ill-health, commanded the Mediterranean fleet, never regained touch of the enemy, and Bruix eventually returned to Brest without having accomplished anything, except escort the Spanish fleet to that port, rather as hostages than as allies, whereupon Cotton and the ships under his command were sent back to the Channel station.

(To be continued.)



## School Notes.

THERE will be an Exeat this term from June 9, 4 P.M., to June 14, 9.15 A.M.

Heartly congratulations to C. D. Fisher on his First in Mods.

Everybody will be sorry to hear of the death of Sergeant Allen, which occurred in the holidays from cancer. He had been connected with the school for eight years, but failing health compelled him to give up work at the beginning of last term. He was a superb gymnast himself, and everybody who ever went to gym. will remember the kind manner in which he taught.

H. O. C. Beasley (O.W.) toured with the Corinthians at Easter, and R. N. R. Blaker played for Casuals against Middlesborough and Darlington.

The Pavilion Clock, which was given by the O.W. Members of Parliament, and Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P., was presented at the Lords and Commons match by Sir R. U. Penrose-Fitzgerald. The Clock has already proved itself a blessing, and the gift is one which the whole School will appreciate.

F. Street is playing for Essex.

Westminster cricket was well represented this year in the Trial games at the 'Varsity. C. D. Fisher and S. C. Probyn played in the Seniors' Match at Oxford, and R. E. More and C. E. L. Johnston in the Freshmen's Match. L. J. Moon played in the Seniors' Match at Cambridge and subsequently for the 'Varsity. C. D. Fisher and R. E. More were in a Trial game the other day, and More was in the Sixteen against the Twelve.

The Cricket Card is as follows :—

May 4	Wed.	XI. v. XXII. Drawn.
" 7	Sat.	v. R. E. More's XI. Drawn.
" 14	"	v. Lords and Commons. Won.
" 21	"	v. Kensington Park.
" 28	"	v. I Zingari.
June 4	"	v. M.C.C.
" 8	Wed.	v. Eton Ramblers.
" 17	Fri. }	v. Charterhouse. At Godalming.
" 18	Sat. }	
" 22	Wed.	v. West Kent.
" 25	Sat.	v. Oxford University Authentics.
July 2	"	v. Incogniti.
" 9	"	v. O.W.W.
" 16	"	v. O.C.C.
" 23	"	v. Harrow Blues.
" 25	Mon.	T.B.B. v. Q.S.S.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports were held 'Up Fields' on April 1 and 2. Though rain largely interfered with the practice during the earlier part of the week, yet on the actual days the weather was fine and cold, whilst the ground was in very fair condition for running. Home Boarders were successful in retaining the Inter-House Cup, though they were hard pressed by Rigauds. This year a new Hammer with a flexible handle was procured, which no doubt furnished the reason for a better throw than last year. Another improvement to be noted was that the first round of the Inter-House Tugs of War was pulled off on the Wednesday before the Sports, so that the Final could be settled on the first day of the Sports, thus leaving the T.B.B. team fresh for the Tug with Q.S.S. on the Saturday. But the feature of the Sports was the magnificent throw with the cricket ball by Blaker. Last year, it will be remembered, he failed to throw up to the 100 yds. mark, but this year he accomplished 108 yds. 0 ft. 10 in., which now becomes the school record. The judges on the first day were O. R. Borradaile and R. T. Squire, whilst C. Y. R. Bedford and P. C. Probyn superintended the starting on the second day. The stewards were: R. N. R. Blaker, F. Waterfield (hon. secretary), R. Truslove, F. Young, S. M. Anderson, W. F. Corfield, and W. C. Stevens.

The results were as follows :—

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1.

## 1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

Heat 1.—W. R. Jacob, 1; R. N. R. Blaker, 2. Time, 35½ sec.

Heat 2.—R. Truslove, 1; H. S. Bompas, 2. Time, 35½ sec.

## 2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—P. M. Battle, 1; E. V. Chatterton, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 2.—P. F. Lock, 1; H. G. Kemp, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 3.—H. S. Gaskell, 1; H. Goodheart, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 4.—A. Scarisbrick, 1; H. Rayner, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 5.—E. C. Stevens, 1; H. Murray, 2. Time, 12 sec.

## 3.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

F. I. Harrison (Q.S.), 1; J. Logan (Gr.). Distance, 60 yds. Harrison threw well, and won fairly easily, though his throw was not nearly so good as last year.

## 4.—100 YARDS. UNDER 14. HEATS.

Heat 1.—K. Colvile, 1; G. T. Boag, 2. Time, 13½ sec.

Heat 2.—H. Logan, 1; J. Johnson, 2. Time, 14 sec.

Heat 3.—P. Napier, 1; C. Manghan, 2. Time, 14 sec.

## 5.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. V. Rayner (H.B.), 1; W. R. Jacob (Q.S.), 2; L. Y. Barnby (Rig.), 3. Time, 2 min. 35 sec. Corfield, who won this race last year, was away at Aldershot on the first day of the Sports. Jacob led most of the way until more than half



he second lap was accomplished, when Rayner went to the front, and won fairly easily. Barnby was not far behind Jacob. The time was not so good as last year.

#### 6.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

F. I. Harrison (Q.S.), 1; P. Napier (H.B.), 2. Height, 4 ft. 6½ in. This jump was better than last year, and Harrison won easily.

#### 7.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN. CHALLENGE HAMMER.

E. F. Colville (Ash.), 1; S. M. Anderson (Rig.), 2. Distance, 61 ft. 10 in. At the end of three throws each Colville and Anderson had thrown only 55 ft., and were so close together that a fourth throw had to be made, whereupon Colville just won with a throw of 61 ft. 10 in., Anderson being only 5 in. behind him.

#### 8.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

R. N. Blaker (Rig.), 1; B. H. Willett (Rig.), 2. Distance, 18 ft. 10 in. Blaker won this event again with a better jump than last year. Willett, who jumped well, was not very far behind him.

#### 9.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. HEATS.

Heat 1.—K. Colville, 1; G. T. Boag, 2. Time, 21¼ sec.

Heat 2.—H. Logan, 1; C. Maughan, 2. Time, 22½ sec.

#### 10.—100 YARDS. OPEN. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—R. N. R. Blaker, 1; S. M. Anderson, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

Heat 2.—W. V. Rayner, 1; H. McKenna, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

Heat 3.—R. Truslove, 1; W. C. Stevens, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

#### 11.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—A. C. Barnby, 1; H. Murray, 2. Time, 20½ sec.

Heat 2.—R. N. R. Blaker, 1; L. Y. Barnby, 2. Time, 20½ sec.

Heat 3.—R. Truslove, 1; B. H. Willett, 2. Time, 21 sec.

#### 12.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

Heat 1.—A. Beney, 1; J. P. Blane, 2. Time, 23 sec.

Heat 2.—H. G. Law, 1; F. I. Harrison, 2. Time, 22½ sec.

Heat 3.—P. Napier, 1; H. Logan, 2. Time, 22½ sec.

#### 13.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

S. D. Kennedy (Q.S.), 1; M. G. Baillie (Gr.), 2; E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 3. Time, 2 min. 13 sec. Kennedy, who started from the 55 yds. mark, ran exceedingly well, and won by half a yard in excellent time, whilst Stevens was about 10 yds. behind Baillie.

#### 14.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Driver, 1.

#### 15.—INTER-HOUSE TUG OF WAR. FINAL TIE. RIGAUDS. HOME BOARDERS.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
1. McKenna, H.	10	0	1. Eyre, C. N.	10	6
2. Barnby, L. Y.	11	0	2. Truslove, R.	10	7
3. Anderson, S. M.	11	0	3. Rayner, W. V.	11	2
4. Barnby, A. C.	12	0	4. Blaxland, A. J.	11	2
5. Willett, B. H.	11	13	5. Corfield, W. F.	11	8
6. McKenna, A.	12	6	6. Lefroy, A. L.	11	10

Rigauds beat Home Boarders (2-0).

The first round of the Tug of War ties had been pulled off on the Wednesday before, both Rigauds and H.B.B. winning their respective ties easily. In the final Rigauds used their weight well, and their fine combined pulling and swing easily gave them the victory. It may be mentioned that there were really three tugs, as one of the Home Boarder team protested against the second pull, which Rigauds won, on the plea that they were not ready.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

#### 16.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16. FINAL.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), scr., 1; W. R. Jacob (Q.S.), 4 yds., 2. Time, . . . Jacob led the way till they entered the straight, when Corfield shot to the front and was never pressed.

#### 17.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

A. Scarisbrick (Ash.), 1; E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 2. Time, 11½ sec. This proved a very good race, Scarisbrook winning by inches only. The time was not so good as last year.

#### 18.—THROWING THE CRICKET-BALL. OPEN.

R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 1; W. P. Daniel (Gr.), 2. Distance, 108 yds. 0 ft. 10 in. This event was by far the best thing of the Sports. Blaker's throw was magnificent, and easily beat the old record. Daniel also threw well, and only just beat Anderson.

#### 19.—QUARTER-MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; W. V. Rayner (H.B.), 2; W. R. Jacob (Q.S.), 3. Time, 55½ sec. As in the 300 yards Jacob went to the front at once, but was soon passed by Corfield, who won fairly easily. Rayner was 3 yards in front of Jacob. The time was a little slower than last year.

#### 20.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

F. I. Harrison (Q.S.), 1; R. Scott (H.B.), 2. Distance, 15 ft. 2 in. Harrison jumped very well. The distance was much better than last year.

#### 21.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 1; A. Scarisbrick (Ash.), 2. Time, 61½ sec. This was another excellent race, Stevens just getting home first in capital time.

#### 22.—HUNDRED YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

R. Truslove (H.B.), 1; W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 2. Time, 11½. Corfield was expected to win this race, but Truslove came with a rush at the end, and just won by inches. The time was not so good as usual.

#### 23.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL.

P. Napier (H.B.), 1; H. D. G. Law (Q.S.), 2. Time, 21½ sec. Law, in spite of his size, jumped very well, but he tripped at the last hurdle, and Napier won by a foot.

#### 24.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

B. H. Willett (Rig.), 1; R. Truslove (H.B.), 2. Height 5 ft. 2 in. This was a far better jump than last year, and it was only after a hard struggle that Willett won. Truslove jumped very neatly, and just failed to reach 5 ft. 2 in.

#### 25.—HURDLES. OPEN. FINAL.

A. C. Barnby (Rig.), 1; R. Truslove (H.B.), 2. Time, 19½ sec. This proved the best race of the day. Barnby,



Truslove, and Blaker all came in with a rush together, so that it seemed almost impossible to tell who had won. The time was slower than last year.

26.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. FINAL HEAT.

H. Logan (Gr.), 1; P. Napier (H.B.), 2. Time, 21 sec. Logan ran very well and won by a foot.

27.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. E. Perry (H.B.), 1; E. Chatterton (H.B.), 2. Time, 64 sec. Perry won by 4 yards.

28.—ONE MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; S. M. Anderson (Rig.), 2; M. G. Baillie (Gr.), 3. Time, 5 min. 5¼ sec. Blaker led the way for the first lap and a half, when Corfield went to the front, followed by Anderson and Baillie. This order was maintained to the end, but Corfield sprinted splendidly down the straight and won by about 10 yards.

29.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

G. Chatterton (H.B.), 1; E. C. Walker (Ash.), 2. Time, 12½ sec. Chatterton won a good race by a yard.

30.—100 YARDS. UNDER 13.

H. Logan (Gr.), 1; R. J. Reynolds (H.B.), 2. Time, 13½ sec. Logan led all the way, and won fairly easily.

31.—CONSOLATION RACE. (Winners excluded.)

J. L. Johnson (Gr.), 1; G. A. Bell (Q.S.), 2. Time, 38½ sec. Johnson had a long start, and won by a foot.

32.—O.WW. RACE.

A. L. Fevez, 1; C. Y. R. Bedford, 2. A large number started, and Fevez won an exceedingly good race by inches.

33.—TUG-OF-WAR.

Q.SS.

T.BB.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
1. Williams, O. H. M.	9	4	1. Anderson, S. M.	11	0
2. Waterfield, F.	9	12	2. Rayner, W. V.	11	2
3. Aston, J.	9	12	3. Jolly, D.	10	10
4. Young, F.	10	3	4. Barnby, A. C.	12	0
5. Palmer, G. R.	10	12	5. Corfield, W. F.	11	8
6. B-Ward, F. T.	10	12	6. Willett, B. H.	11	13
7. Bernays, G. H.	10	7	7. Colville, S. F.	12	0
8. Jacob, W. R.	11	5	8. McKenna, A.	12	6

T.BB. beat Q.SS. (2-0).

T.BB. were exactly 10 stone heavier than Q.SS., and, by adopting a good swing altogether they easily pulled over the Q.SS. by their superior weight. Q.SS. swung crooked each pull, and could not recover themselves, though the result really was not much in doubt.

After the conclusion of the Sports, the prizes were given away by Lord Justice Vaughan Williams. In the course of a short speech he vindicated the importance of athletics. The Head-master, in proposing three cheers for Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, complimented the school on their victory over Charterhouse. Three cheers for the ladies and O.WW. were then lustily given, and the proceedings terminated.

THE FIELDS.

CRICKET.

XI. v. XXII.

THIS match, owing to wet weather, was unfortunately not played on Saturday, April 30, and so a definite result was not obtained. It was played on Wednesday, May 4. The Twenty-Two, as usual, went in first, Stevens and Young commencing the bowling. They quickly got rid of the first two, then Plaskitt came in and showed good form. In fact, he and L. Y. Barnby were the only ones that had any signs of batting in them. Lock went in for hitting, and managed to get 17, but there were few signs of cricket in it. Truslove stayed in for some time for 14, but was not good. Stevens took 4 wickets for 5; Young, 7 wickets for 16; Beveridge, 4 wickets for 9; Rayner, 2 wickets for 0 runs. The total ultimately reached 83.

On the Eleven going in Heard and E. C. Stevens faced Plaskitt and Thompson. Heard was soon out, bowled by Thompson, but Stevens and Young stayed together for some time until Stevens misjudged a ball from Thompson, and was caught off the shoulder of his bat. Blaker succeeded him, but soon lost the company of Young, bowled by a good ball from Plaskitt. Lonsdale came in and the score was gradually raised to 28, then Lonsdale was also bowled by Plaskitt. On Anderson coming in he at once began hitting, and it paid well, as he soon hit up 14, and then stumps were drawn, Blaker being not out 24. Thompson and Plaskitt both bowled well, Thompson perhaps being the best; he kept a very good length.

Score:—

THE XXII.

S. S. Harris, b. Stevens.....	0
G. H. Bernays, b. Stevens.....	0
K. Anderson, b. Young.....	4
H. Plaskitt, b. Stevens.....	8
H. McKenna, c. Beveridge, b. Young.....	0
L. Y. Barnby, c. Willett, b. Young.....	3
W. R. Jacob, b. Stevens.....	2
M. S. Thompson, st. Bompas, b. Young.....	1
P. F. Lock, b. Willett.....	17
A. L. Foster, b. Beveridge.....	0
G. H. Palmer, b. Anderson.....	4
H. J. M. Hudson, c. Bompas, b. Beveridge.....	1
C. F. Armstrong, c. Anderson, b. Beveridge.....	0
H. G. Addison, run out.....	0
H. S. Gaskell, c. and b. Beveridge.....	4
R. Truslove, c. Bompas, b. Rayner.....	14
R. B. Featherstone, b. Young.....	2
R. P. Rawlings, c. and b. Young.....	2
E. F. Colville, st. Bompas, b. Heard.....	1
S. D. Kennedy, c. Bompas, b. Young.....	0
W. Rutherford, not out.....	0
O. H. M. Williams, b. Rayner.....	0
Extras.....	20

Total..... 83



## THE XI.

E. C. Stevens, c. Harris, b. Thompson .....	4
J. Heard, b. Thompson .....	0
F. Young, b. Plaskitt .....	0
R. N. R. Blaker, not out .....	24
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Plaskitt .....	8
S. M. Anderson, not out .....	14
B. H. Willett,	} did not bat.
W. C. Stevens,	
H. S. Bompas,	
W. V. Rayner,	
H. W. Beveridge,	
Extras .....	0
Total .....	50

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## THE XXII.

	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
Stevens .....	5	4	8	4
Young .....	18	6	14	3
Beveridge .....	9	3	7	4
Anderson .....	12	1	5	0
Willett .....	2	1	5	3
Blaker .....	11	0	5	2
Heard .....	4	1	4	1
Rayner .....	0	2	3	0

## THE XI.

	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
Thompson .....	32	2	16	4
Plaskitt .....	19	2	15	5

WESTMINSTER *v.* R. E. MORE'S ELEVEN.

THIS match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, May 7, and resulted in a draw entirely in favour of the School, who only wanted 8 runs to win with 3 wickets to fall. More himself was playing in the Freshmen's match at Oxford, and socould not get away, but he sent down a fairly strong team. Fisher won the toss, and of course chose to bat, sending in Page and Weatherley to face the bowling of Stevens and Flack. Runs came slowly at first, Flack's first 4 overs being maidens. At last, however, both batsmen got Stevens away for 4, Page later adding another, 30 being sent up. This brought on a double change, Young and Beveridge being the two new bowlers. Almost immediately Young got Page caught at cover, and in the next over Weatherley, in trying to pull a ball of Beveridge's, was caught at slip, 2 for 29. Robertson-Walker was next in, and he was nearly bowled by Beveridge, but escaped; this was unlucky, as he afterwards made 32. Fisher could not play Young at all, but managed to make 11 before being bowled by a shooter from Beveridge. Fox was disposed of second ball. The lunch interval was taken with the score at 60 for 4. After lunch the others, with the exception of Portman, Talbot, and Wilberforce, gave little trouble, and the innings closed for 170. Beveridge was the most successful bowler, taking 4 for 33; Flack, 2 for 26; Young, 2 for 49; Stevens, 1 for 33; Anderson, 1 for 0. The fielding on the whole was good. On the School going in at 3.50, Blaker and Young were the first two, Portman and Fisher being the bowlers. Portman's first over was a maiden, and Fisher's only produced 1 run. In Portman's next over Young was clean bowled by a good-length one, 1 for 5. Flack then came in, and stayed with Blaker

for some time, putting on 23 for the second wicket; then he got in front of a straight one from Walker, who had gone on for Portman. This brought Stevens in; he made 8 and then let out at one, and, only half getting it, was easily caught in the long field, 3 for 44. Lonsdale was the newcomer; he did not survive long, but was caught by Probyn in the slips, 4 for 47. Anderson succeeded him and stayed in for some time, but was bowled by playing back to Talbot, who had gone on for Fisher, 5 for 52. On Willett coming in a complete change came over the game, the bowling being collared, and 61 were put on. Several changes had to be made in the bowling, and at last Fox got Willett out for an invaluable 13; this let in Bompas, who only had a brief stay, as he also fell a victim to Fox, 7 for 121. E. C. Stevens came in, and for the first time the score rose at a great rate, and 163 had been reached when stumps were drawn, leaving the match unfinished. Blaker was not out 92, and Stevens not out 4. Fox took 2 for 11; Walker, 3 for 29; and Portman, 1 for 15.

## MORE'S XI.

A. V. Page, c. Beveridge, b. Young .....	11
J. T. Weatherley, c. Flack, b. Beveridge .....	18
W. Robertson-Walker, c. Young, b. Flack .....	32
C. D. Fisher, b. Beveridge .....	11
W. F. Fox, b. Beveridge .....	0
E. K. Talbot, c. Lonsdale, b. Young .....	25
J. F. More, c. Beveridge, b. Flack .....	20
S. C. Probyn, l.b.w., b. Stevens .....	0
F. J. Portman, not out .....	17
A. R. S. Wilberforce, c. Blaker, b. Anderson ..	22
J. Aspinall, b. Beveridge .....	0
Extras .....	14
Total .....	170

## WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, not out .....	92
F. Young, b. Portman .....	0
H. R. Flack, l.b.w., b. Robertson-Walker .....	6
W. C. Stevens, c. Page, b. Robertson-Walker ..	8
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Probyn, b. Robertson-Walker	3
S. M. Anderson, b. Talbot .....	4
B. H. Willett, b. Fox .....	13
H. S. Bompas, b. Fox .....	2
E. C. Stevens, not out .....	4
W. V. Rayner	} did not bat.
H. W. Beveridge	
Extras .....	31
Total .....	163

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## MORE'S XI.

	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
H. R. Flack .....	26	2	21	10
W. C. Stevens .....	33	1	15	5
H. W. Beveridge .....	33	4	14	5
F. Young .....	49	2	14	2
R. N. R. Blaker .....	16	0	5	0
S. M. Anderson .....	0	1	1	1

## WESTMINSTER.

	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maidens
F. J. Portman .....	15	1	14	7
C. D. Fisher .....	22	0	12	2
S. C. Probyn .....	9	0	7	2
W. R.-Walker .....	29	3	16	5
E. K. Talbot .....	27	1	10	2
A. V. Page .....	15	0	6	1
W. F. Fox .....	11	2	4	0



RACQUETS.

THE Racquet competition was begun on March 4, and resulted finally in Blaker winning the cup. In the first round Anderson and Young played a very close tie, ending in a win for Anderson by two games to one (11-5 and 15-12 to 11-7). In the second round Anderson and Truslove proved very even, the former scoring a very creditable win on the second and third games. Perhaps the best tie in the whole series was that between Blaker and Plaskitt in the semi-final. Both played an excellent game, Blaker chiefly scoring with his low, right-handed cuts, while Plaskitt's back-hand strokes were extraordinarily good. Blaker won the odd game, the scores being 15-12 and 15-14 to 11-8. The final tie was not very exciting, and neither Blaker nor Anderson were playing up to their best form.

Subjoined are the results in full :—

FIRST ROUND.

- R. N. R. Blaker beat M. Napier.
- R. Truslove beat H. McKenna.
- K. B. Anderson beat F. C. Jonas.
- H. Plaskitt beat A. McKenna.
- P. Napier beat M. Holford.
- S. M. Anderson beat F. Young.
- S. Chatterton beat J. W. Lord.
- H. R. Flack, a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

- R. N. R. Blaker beat K. B. Anderson.
- H. Plaskitt beat S. Chatterton.
- H. R. Flack beat P. Napier.
- S. M. Anderson beat R. Truslove.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

- R. N. R. Blaker beat H. Plaskitt.
- H. R. Flack scratched to S. M. Anderson.

FINAL ROUND.

- R. N. R. Blaker beat S. M. Anderson.

GYMNASIUM.

THE Gymnastic competition took place on Monday, March 28. There were four senior candidates and three juniors ; it is a pity that more juniors did not enter. The general style of the work was distinctly neat, and every one did his best. The juniors were not quite so good this year. Some of the exercises for the seniors were difficult and new to most of them—more particularly the second one on the parallel bars and the exercise on the rope, with feet and both hands leading. The practice of climbing with the rope swinging loose did not prepare them for the jerk which made them slip each time. Eyre and Aston were certainly the best ; Hunt showed very good style, especially on the bars ; Anderson is still very uncertain in balances and the hand spring. On the horizontal bar two were successful with the short

circle and the vault, Hunt omitted part of one exercise. Amongst the juniors Harris showed best form, but got quite muddled on the parallel bars. Not one of them made any serious attempt in the second exercise on the horse—certainly it was new to them, but that did not excuse the poor way in which they vaulted from the saddle. The Rev. T. Greatorex, Minor Canon of Westminster Abbey, kindly acted as judge.

SENIORS.

	Parallels		Horizontal		Rings	Bridge	Horse		Rope	Total 90
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Eyre . . .	7	4	7	5	7½	9	8	8	1	56½
Aston . . .	6	7	7½	5	6½	8	6	7	2½	55½
Hunt . . .	6	8	4	3½	3	6½	6	7	2	46
Anderson, S. .	4	3	1½	3	6	6½	4	7	1½	36½

JUNIORS.

	Parallels		Horizontal		Rings	Bridge	Horse		Rope	Total 90
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Harris, O. . .	8	3	7	8	7	5	6	3	8	55
Ford . . .	7	3	3	4	4½	6	5	4	6	42½
Wilkinson, R.	7	3	5	3½	5½	3½	5	2½	1	36

EXERCISES.

*Seniors.*—1. Double march forward, two presses and clear left bar in rear. 2. Left leg on right bar, turn, rest on bar in rear (twice), three short arm balances, handspring. 3. Slow circle over and below, back circle, hock-swing off. 4. Up-start, short circle, up-start vault to right. 5. Double circle and cut to rear. 6. Hand-over-hand backwards by spars. 7. Vault to left. 8. Vault, legs outside. 9. Both hands leading with feet.

*Juniors.*—1. Single march forward, clear right in front. 2. Travelling to front, resting on left bar (three times), clear both bars in rear. 3. Slow circle over, pull twice to chest. 4. Clear circle left leg acting, cut away. 5. Extend right and left arm, circle over. 6. Hand-over-hand forward by the sides. 7. Left leg in saddle, vault to rear. 8. Vault to right. 9. Left hand leading with feet.

FENCING.

The competition was held on Friday, March 25. There were four candidates. In the first series Edmunds lost to Corfield (2 to 5), and Reynolds beat Zerffi (5 to 3) ; this left Corfield and Reynolds together for the final, which was won easily by Corfield (5 to 1).

The fencing was a good deal above the average. Corfield was master of himself, which is more than can be said for the others, and was left to do most of the attacking by Edmunds, and still more by Reynolds. Edmunds stood up to him very well, but unfortunately gave away two points by stepping out of bounds, partly due perhaps to holding his left arm too far forward, and thus upsetting his balance. Both Edmunds and Reynolds have the habit when lunging of rapping the ground fiercely with the right foot, which does not frighten their opponent and wastes both time and strength. Reynolds hardly did himself justice, he and Zerffi parried and returned very slowly, and were very faint-hearted in the attack.



## DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on March 24, to discuss the following motion: 'That the tendency to excess in the development of modern science is to be regretted.' Proposer, A. C. BARNBY; Seconder, H. R. LONSDALE; Opposer, H. MCKENNA.

A. C. BARNBY spoke very shortly, leaving the matter entirely, as he said, in the hands of the Seconder.

H. MCKENNA said, that there could be no excess in scientific development. He touched upon a few of the more wonderful inventions of the last few years, namely, Electrotelescope, the X Rays, the Heliograph, and Marconi's wireless telegraphy. There is no excess in the development of medical science, but yet it shows wonderful progress.

H. R. LONSDALE, the seconder, after criticising H. McKenna's speech, devoted his speech to the advantages the working classes would receive if they spent less time and money on trying to make poor inventions.

H. R. FLACK criticised the opposer, and asked for an explanation of wireless telegraphy.

H. MCKENNA answered H. R. Flack, and asked S. M. Anderson to give a further explanation.

S. M. ANDERSON gave the required explanation.

After short speeches from L. Y. BARNBY and A. MCKENNA, the question was put and the motion lost by: Ayes 4; Noes 6.

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on March 31, to discuss the following motion: 'That the past school year has been entirely satisfactory.' Proposer, A. MCKENNA; Seconder, H. R. FLACK; Opposer, H. J. M. HUDSON.

The speeches were all very short and rather poor, and mainly centred round the Charterhouse matches.

At 6 o'clock the question was put and the motion carried unanimously.

L. Y. BARNBY proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for the past year. The motion was carried *nem. con.*

The PRESIDENT then thanked the House on behalf of the officers.

The TREASURER brought forward the accounts of the Society, which were duly audited, and signed by the President and H. G. Quin, who had previously been appointed to audit.

The House then rose.

## OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2,233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, May 6.

The following members were present:—S. H. West, W.M.; H. E. Rawson, S.W.; W. A. Ellis, J.W.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M.; R. J. Mure, P.M.; Thomas Wakley, jun., P.M.; Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M.; C. W. Stephenson, I.P.M.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Chaplain; H. Sutherland, Secretary; Walter Tomlinson, J. B. Liberty, S.D.; Philip S. Lee, D.C.; W. E. Horne, Steward; W. J. Armitage, A. B. Horne, W. M. Meredith, and Thomas S. Lee. The visitors present were:—Bros. H. J. Hunter (Globe Lodge), Sir B. Savory (Rahere Lodge), D'Arcy Power (Rahere Lodge), Charles Good (United Mariners' Lodge), A. F. Maconochie (St. George's Lodge, Bombay), A. Holbeche (Warden Lodge), and J. Gibson Harris (St. Andrew's Lodge).

Bro. T. S. Lee was admitted to the second degree by the Worshipful Master, and Bros. A. B. Horne and W. M. Meredith were admitted to the third degree, also by the Worshipful Master. At the conclusion of business the Brethren and their guests dined together.

## THE MISSION.

THE Mission gave a display in the School gymnasium on Wednesday, March 30. The programme closely resembled that of last year, but shorter. The gymnastics were very good. The Rev. C. Erskine kindly consented to give away the prizes. Mr. Sargeant made a speech, in which he clearly set forward the position of the Mission with regard to the new rooms which the Mission is trying to get, and the negotiations with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Mr. Churchman, the superintendent, was most enthusiastic, more so than usual if that were possible. He complained bitterly of the size of his present accommodation, and was most sanguine of doing better work if large rooms were allowed him. He mentioned several old members of the Mission from whom he had heard, that were serving with the colours all over the world.

The Head-master, after complimenting Mr. Churchman, said that he was glad the School had so readily adopted the new Rule of Saints'-day offertories.

Mr. T. S. Oldham proposed, and Mr. A. C. Churchman seconded, a vote of thanks to the Head-master for his support of the Mission, particularly for his courtesy in allowing the School gymnasium to be used for the purpose of this meeting.

Mr. A. C. Churchman concluded the meeting by a desire to get the O.W.W. together and talk to them. For ourselves we have no doubt as to the result could this come to pass.

The Committee desire to thank Mr. A. L. M. Fevez for a most acceptable present of old clothes. The boys' mothers will cut them down to a suitable size.



It is earnestly hoped that Mr. Fevez's example may be largely followed. At the present time there is a great demand for old cricket clothes; bats, pads, gloves and the like are also very much needed. There is a special need of two old cricket bags.

### House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—There is nothing much to recount so far. In the Sports last term we did as well as we expected, though we were the lowest House in points for the cup. We have no new boys this term, but Chaplin has left, and Fraser gone up Rigauds. Our cricket prospects are not brilliant, but we hope Beveridge will keep his place in the School XI.

COLLEGE.—We are very sorry to hear that Cotterill will probably not come back this term. He was forced to go home in the middle of last term, and was out of the Sports and Town Boy match in consequence. We did nothing very brilliant in the Sports except in the junior events, where Harrison got three firsts. Jacob took a second or two in the open events. In the XI. and XXII., we had ten representatives, but have only our three old Pinks playing for the School.

GRANT'S.—No new fellows have come up this term. W. P. Daniel and A. R. Pain were the only ones that left. We congratulate H. Bompas and E. C. Stevens on playing for the School. At the concert we were well represented, M. S. Baillie and D. Jolly at the piano, and H. Severn, A. Venables, and K. Macmorran distinguished themselves by their singing.

HOME-BOARDERS.—For the second time we have won the Sports Challenge Cup, and we heartily congratulate our representatives on their splendid performance. Chief honours belong to Corfield, Rayner, and Truslove, the first of whom repeated most of his splendid successes of last year. He has left this term, and we shall greatly feel his loss. We had several representatives in the XXII., and Rayner has played for the XI. We have four new fellows this term.

RIGAUDS.—Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Marklove, who has very kindly presented to the House Library Vols. I.-V. of *The Elizabethan*. This present is the more valuable as the earliest volumes are not in the Scott Library. J. W. Lord has left, but as we have four new boys our number has gone up. We congratulate Blaker on creating a school

record with the cricket ball last term, and More and Blaker on being the first holders of Mr. Pashley's Charterhouse cups. Blaker has our best wishes for success again this year, and we hope that he and More will only be the first of a long line of Rigaudites to hold the cups. We did moderately well in the Sports, perhaps our most noticeable success being the pulling of the tug-of-war team, who won very easily. S. M. Anderson distinguished himself in the holidays by winning the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club's Gold Challenge Medal for the second time. We congratulate him, and more especially on winning this year from scratch. We had eight representatives in the XI. and XXII. match, and three in the first match against R. E. More's XI. Blaker is again to be congratulated on his excellent opening score of ninety-two not out. Heartiest congratulations to Blaker, who has, we understand, received an invitation to play for Kent on the 23rd inst.

### Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. ROBERT BISCOE TRITTON, which occurred on April 1. Mr. Tritton was born in January 1819, was admitted to the School in 1831, became K.S. in 1833, and was elected to Cambridge in 1837. He was ordained in 1842, and was Vicar successively of Oxford and of Bognor. His relatives of a younger generation are well-known Old Westminsters.

WE have also to regret the death of the Rev. EDMUND EDWARD ALLEN, which occurred on April 3. Mr. Allen was born in 1824, the son of Lancelot Baugh Allen (O.W.), sometime Master of Dulwich College. He was admitted in 1835, became K.S. in 1837, and left in 1839. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and successively Vicar of Millom, Cumberland, and Rector of Porthkerry, Glamorgan-shire. The new town of Barry grew up in his parish, and as its Rector Mr. Allen was well known in the diocese of Llandaff.

THE death of the Rev. HENRY WILLIAM HODGSON shortens our list of rowing Blues. Mr. Hodgson was born in 1821, and was at the School from 1837 to 1840. As a member of Balliol, he rowed against Cambridge in 1841. He was successively Rector of Ashwell, Hertfordshire, and of Beddington, Surrey



## Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I am unable to give 'Maelduin' a complete list of O.W.W. who have won their athletic blue, but can give him what I believe to be a complete list to 1886 (inclusive):—

The Universities first met in 1864 on the Christ Church Cricket Ground, Oxford, and in the first and second races (100 yards and quarter) A. H. Harrison, of Trinity College, Cambridge (Q.S.), ran second to Darbyshire, of Oxford. G. M. Osborn, also of Trinity (Q.S.), ran in the 200 yards hurdles (there were six competitors, and this was the only time this event was included), and he was second in the high jump with a jump of 5 ft. 4 in.; also in 1865 at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, with a jump of 5 ft. 4½ in. W. S. Wright (Trinity College, Cambridge, Q.S.) was one of the competitors for the long jump in 1864. In 1869, at Lillie Bridge, the late S. F. Lucas (Exeter College, Oxford, T.B.) was second in the weight, with a put of 33 ft. 11 in., and he won it in 1870 with a put of 37 ft. 1 in.; and W. C. Davies (Trinity College, Cambridge, Q.S.) was second in the 120 yards hurdles in the latter year, and tied with E. S. Garnier, the Oxford Cricket Blue, for first place in 1871. Time 17 sec. In 1874 and 1875, W. C. R. Bedford (Clare College, Cambridge, T.B.) contested the 120 yards hurdles, and in the latter year the 100 yards also; and in 1878 the late H. S. Otter (Christ Church, Oxford, Q.S.), secured second honours at throwing the hammer (throw 98 ft. 10 in.); he also represented Oxford and Cambridge at 'Socker' 1874-78.

'Maelduin' will remember that E. O. Kirlaw (though second string) won the high jump for Oxford in 1896; he also represented Oxford in 1897, but with what success I know not.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

D. J. D.

P.S.—R. N. Blaker's cricket-ball throw in our Sports this year beat the throw of E. A. Gray, the winner of the same event in the inter-Varsity Sports in 1865 by nearly five yards. This was the only time this event was included in the Sports.

[E. O. Kirlaw dead-heated for first place in 1897.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In answer to the inquiries made in your columns for January and March, I send you a list of those Old Westminsters who have played in the University cricket matches, and have taken part in the Athletic Sports.

## CRICKET.

Oxford.—H. M. Curteis, 1841-2, see *Westminster School Register*, p. 59; J. Randolph, 1843, *ib.* p. 191; L. C. Randolph, 1845, *ib.* p. 191; E. Balfour, 1852-4, *ib.* p. 13; W. G. Armitstead, 1853-4, 1856-7, *ib.* p. 8; W. Fellows, 1854-6, *ib.* p. 80; F. W. Oliver, 1856-7, *ib.* p. 172; C. G. Lane, 1856, 1858-60, *ib.* p. 134; H. E. Bull, 1863, *ib.* p. 36.

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