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WESTMINSTER INSTITUTIONS.

THE influence that tradition and custom exert upon an ancient foundation such as Westminster is almost incalculable: in fact it might be said that the sustained vigour, for which the history of England's greatest Public Schools is so remarkable, is largely due to the tenacity with which their 'alumni' cling to the habits and usages of their forefathers. At times, of course, modifications of the old-world rigour are made imperative by the necessities of the day, but when a school can maintain its inherent customs without ever relaxing the steady application to both work and games by which it achieved its prominent position in the earlier days of its existence, its continued success may be considered perfectly assured.

At the present season of the year the interests of the Westminster World for the most part are

centred upon the striking feature of its annual life—the Play. The very fact that a work of Terence or Plautus has been produced year after year with but few intermissions since the day of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation furnishes a good criterion of Westminster's inexhaustible vitality. Yet the Play is much more than a mere institution; it is one of the main forces whereby the present and the past are welded into one indissoluble whole—a union quite unparalleled in the annals of any of our rivals. In Dormitory on Play Night any one, who uses his powers of observation, may soon discern that the interests of the Play are very near the hearts of all, even of those Westminsters who did not attain to the dignity of a place upon the Foundation.

Another important factor in bringing together past and present is the biennial service in 'Commemoration of Benefactors.' Though the festival cannot lay claim to the same antiquity

as the Play, yet it has won already a firm hold on the affections of Westminster and no one has ever regretted its establishment. As the opening months of the School Year are marked out conspicuously by 'Commem.' and the Play, so the close is especially distinguished by the festivities of Election, a period rich in tradition and custom. Beginning with the impressive services in Abbey on Sunday, time-honoured observances follow one after the other in rapid succession.

Election Monday, though formerly falling in Whitsun week, from time immemorial has been devoted to a contest, in which greater interest is manifested than in any other fixture of the year, save only in the Charterhouse matches, which are among the proudest institutions we possess in the eyes of Westminsters of every class. Though of more recent date than might have been expected, they flourish as if they had always formed a vital part in the constitutions of the two Schools. Long may they continue! As early as 1806 elaborate regulations were in force respecting the contest between Q.SS. and T.BB.: a sign that even then this annual fixture was no novelty. It is indeed a great pity that the mysterious 'Lamprobat' match was allowed so early to lapse into oblivion, as it afforded a capital chance for younger players to distinguish themselves. When the superiority of one combatant over the other has been demonstrated Up-Fields, the (not always victorious) Queen's Scholars' return to take their part in Election Dinner, a function specially entertaining to them and to the older O.WW. In earlier days it can hardly have been such an occasion for public rejoicing as it is to-day, for the practice of inviting past members of the School was only originated by Dean Stanley, to whose interest in all points connected with the welfare of Westminster we owe more than is generally realised. No other Dean has ever identified himself more completely with the School, with the exception, perhaps, of Dean Buckland, whose kind offices were not always appreciated at their true value. When, however, he instituted a systematic inquiry into the character of the food supplied to Q.SS., he was no doubt adopting a very necessary measure in those early days of civilisation! 'Epigrams' are still the salient feature of Election Dinner. This custom is one of our oldest, being a relic of the times when the declamation system was one of the approved methods of education. There is indeed but

little left of this interesting practice, seeing that the 'Challenge,' its last direct descendant, is now a matter of history. Yet College, the home of custom, does its duty in preserving religiously what yet remains. Every Queen's Scholar is well acquainted with 'Declams'; perhaps recollections of them are sometimes not as pleasant as they might be, though a Senior who has done his duty has little to fear at the hands of merciless critics. Over the final scene Up-School on the Tuesday it may be wiser to draw a veil. *Non sub divum rapiam.* Suffice to say that, though pleasurable announcements are made for the most part to successful competitors in the Election Examinations, in the subsequent proceedings the birch, a famous Westminster institution, is called upon to discharge its important part. The Westminster species is a singularly well-planned and cunningly-constructed implement, consisting of twelve projecting twigs—never more, never less—whose nether ends are bound closely together by a circlet of common twine. College Juniors in the early part of the century were still responsible for the construction of this sign of power; but of late it has been deemed expedient to entrust the making to more experienced hands. The Birch is the official badge, as it were, of the School. Whenever the Captain takes a business walk abroad, or the Monitor of School goes to arraign some luckless offender, he is accompanied by this authoritative emblem. The ordinary genus of 'tanning cane'—a thriving and ubiquitous instrument—demands but little illustration. No less than the Romans of Juvenal's day, we, too, *manum ferulæ subduximus* at some period or other of our lives. A close connection between this and another old friend of ours has somehow been established—even the inviolable custom of Station. For forty years they have been linked inseparably. 'Station' is the proud possessor of a monitor all to itself; but it deserves him, for has it not at some period or other proved for all of us the mainspring of daily conduct? For the benefit of the uninitiated, it may be explained that 'Station' is a system whereby constant attendance is secured at all manner of ceremonies and observances, pleasant or unpleasant, to the youthful mind! Its operations are most effective in eradicating from our midst the so-called 'Limax Scholastica'—a being pilloried with persistent regularity in the pages of THE ELIZABETHAN whenever opportunity offers. Seriously, it is a capital institution, and we may

say that chiefly to its efficacy is due the striking 'all-round' improvement generally noticeable in Westminster athletics during recent years. Some weaker brethren, however, are led to contemn its awe-inspiring powers by the fatal attraction which is exercised upon them by Sutcliffe's shop. Whether Shotton's offered the same inducements to our forefathers as 'Sut's' does to the rising generation, College Ledgers and the 'Census Alumnorum' do not say. But we *do* know that masters in the early part of the century found that this resort, coupled with a noted hostelry that formerly adorned the site now disfigured by Westminster Bridge Station, impelled their impetuous charges into acts of shocking audacity. Riotous disturbances with the 'Skis,' and bloodthirsty battles in the purlieus of Black Dog Alley, were things of everyday occurrence; while even in our own day the time-honoured 'Mills' in Fighting Green have only been superseded by the more correct seclusion of encounters in Little Cloisters. Here young Westminsters are safe from the raids of offended high bailiffs, as was hardly the case in Green, if we have studied our Forshall correctly!

One institution of paramount importance has had to recede before the progress of industrialism. The present congested state of the river has made rowing a virtual impossibility. 'Tis true, 'tis pity; and pity 'tis 'tis true.' But Westminster must devote its superfluous energy to its existing forms of sport. If that is done, our duty will have been performed to the full.

ἄλλον δ' αἶνον ἔχω! The athletic sports are one of the glories of every public school, and Westminster is second to none in her achievements therein. Have not her sons shown the world that the art of jumping is one of their numerous accomplishments? What about those unparalleled distances attained by a certain propeller of the cricket ball? As a grand finale to this noble list of institutions, may we not with all humility recommend THE ELIZABETHAN as a worthy recipient of the meed of honour? At any rate, how frequently has that illustrious body, the Debating Society, decreed that it compares very favourably with publications of other schools? The smartness of its letterpress may be doubted if one is used to the glib tongues and ready pens of the editors of the *Isis* and the *Granta*; but for soundness of views, consistency of opinion, and gravity of diction, where can its equal be discovered?

HALL EPIGRAMS.

ELECTION Dinner this year fell on July 25. Of the Epigrams, if few displayed striking excellence, at any rate most of them reached a respectable level. The Theses were 'Spectemur agendo' and 'χρήματ' ἀνὴρ'—or more, or less. We thought it strange that no elegy honoured the memory of Mr. Gladstone, so lately dead. And many Westminsters may have thought of another—truly 'spectatus et cognitus,' in our own world not least.

But to come to the 'book.' The political epigrams, written before midsummer holidays, seem low-spirited now that the British Lion has had time to forget about tail-twisting:—

Spectemur aut agendo aut loquendo.

Judged by the word:

To meet the Bear the Lion stirred,
Big threats were uttered, claims preferr'd,
Brummagem spoke and Moscow heard:
Judged by the word.

Judged by the fact:

We took a sop for what we lacked,
On our white elephant we backed,
To weakness adding want of tact,
Still asking to be judged by fact,

And

Spectemur loquendo.

If it need, we will fight—God speed!—for our right—
(Oh Sam, give us help: 'tis your brothers that cry)—
When our right is so clear, why, of course we've no fear
(Oh Sam, give us help: or we sink and we die).

Bulls and bears. British stock this time. No Russians!—

χρήματ' ἀνὴρ.

Aetas praeteriit quoniam virtutis amatrix,
Sideraque illa homines Taurus et Ursa regunt,
Exorere immerita lauru decorate poeta,
Versibus herois 'Aera virumque' cane.

Unfortunate Mr. Leiter—

χρήματ' ἀνὴρ.

θαυμαστὸς μὲν ἄπασιν, ὃς ἓν, μόνος εἶν ἀποθήκαις
περὶν ἔχων, δοικέη πλουθυγίαν ἔχειν
ἀλλὰ τὸν αὐτὸν ἐπὶν ὁ σοφώτερος ἐκβάλλη ἄλβου,
φροῦδα—τίς οὐ φήσει;—χρήματα, φροῦδος ἀνὴρ.

χρήματ' ἀνὴρ.

Ipse loquitur.

Ille frumenti mihi praeter omnes
Angulus risit; mihi nunc vicissim
Orbis irridet, leviorque fio
Nomine dignus.

The Lombards' Arms:—

χρήματ' ἀνὴρ.

Why did no one suggest in the recent debate,
Among other more trite observations,
That my uncle, who's now taking care of my plate,
Is the best of *financial* relations?

'Loathed melancholy, of Cerberus—'

Spectetur loquendo potius quam agendo.

No blessings from me that dog receives
Who sings his monotonous tune ;
I am told that he guards the house from thieves—
I know that he bays the moon.

Lip-reading :—

Spectemur loquendo.

Ille quidem miseris de jure benignus habetur
Qui spectare labrum mobile primus erat.
Auribus immotis quamvis sonus absit amoenus
Nunc didicit surdus labra videre loqui.

An interesting parallel between H-rb-t C-mpb-II
and Mr. J-hn K-ns-t appears—but this is conjecture !
to be drawn here :—

Spectemur agendo.

Scenam religio die petebat
Prisca, seu Sophocles deis honorem
Mallet sive jocos dari Cratinus.
Saeclorum rediit novatus ordo,
Sed mimi superant, tragocedus exit :
Mimus turibulum vehit per aedem,
Mimus turicremo repugnat igni.

'Ah Sin !—or a Wei-hei-Wei we despise':—

Eadem ratione, qua
Dant Seres nobis Wei-hai-Wei,
Portus Arthuri Scythicis
Est interclusus terminis.
Quid inter Scythas intersit
Et nos, qui velit noverit :
Est illis quod sit usui,
Est nobis quod est nihili.

A guinea à visit—or, a box !—

χρήματ' ἀνήρ.

Tanta, Matho, rides quod est mihi cura valendi :
Hunc nacto censum par tibi cura foret.

The 'Fathers of the House'—a Westminster
record :—

Spectemur agendo.

Patres quot extitere Parliamenti
Regnante cui referimus hanc bonam vitam,
Quas hos scholas narrabis educavisse ?
Quot sunt ubique ceterae scholae terrae
Sive Herga sive Etona sive Wintonia,
Tres Proprios jactare dixeris posse.
Orando agendo principem locum nactos,
Labore claros impigrae senectutis,
Huc unde iere redditos, bonis divis,
Lex nostra soli vindicat sibi sedes.
Tuque o recens ascripte, jam ex novem nonus,
Vivax manentem demorere cui cedas,
Multos, Pater, precamur, audias annos

An 'auctore' :—

Spectemur agendo.

'Let deeds proclaim the man' :
So ran the ancient rule.
The Yankees tried the plan,
And killed—a Spanish mule.

Another :—

'Tis money makes the man' : and yet it's funny,
Ere this can be, the man must make the money.

The Speaker's Eye :—

Spectemur non loquendo.

An orator in Parliament
To catch the eye must seek
Of one who is the Speaker called—
Because he does not speak.

'Κροῖσος ἀνέθηκε'—(Mem.—or moral—τέλος ὀρᾶν)

οὐ χρήματ' ἀνήρ.

χρήματ' ἀπολλύμενα γνοῦς ὁ ξυνηγὸς διὰ μικροῦ
ἔφθασε δοῦς βωμοῖς Οὐλος ἀπολλυμένων.
τίς φθόνος ;—εἰφ' ἱερείς—μενεῖ ἐνθάδ' ὅς τ' ἐνθάδε κείται·
θεσμὸν ἔχει χωρὶς χρήματα, χωρὶς ἀνήρ.

The Conclusion :—

Spectemur agendo.

Epigramma cum citare conor in schola,
Tu, domine, numum parvulum das praeium ;
Sed cum Terenti fabulam in Collegio
Agimus, patroni, liberaliter datis
Aurum.—Agere nempe malo potius quam loqui.

GUMBLETON ENGLISH VERSE.

1898.

'THE VIKINGS.'

'Ariel, O my angel, my own
Whither away then art thou flown
Beyond my spirit's dominion ?'

ROBERT BRIDGES.

I.

'High festival this night
in Drontheim : Hakon's son
with his heroic band is come
back to his Northern home.
Fast flows the wine ; the rafters ring ;
when loud above the din is heard
Jarl Hakon's voice, and at his word
full in the flambeaux' light
rises the Skald to sing
the tale of wonders seen and battles won.

II.

'Three days to the South we sailed
seeing naught but sea and sky,
but on the fourth there came
forth from the East five ships :
their decks were thronged with warriors mailed :
fluttered on high
the pennant of Jarl Ericsson ;
then out spake thine heroic son :
"My father's fame
must suffer no eclipse:
ere falls this night
my shield no longer shall be white."

III.

' Fierce was the fight but brief :
 sudden upon our carven prow
 all clothed in light there stood
 the form of Thorgerd Hördabrud,
 with hands outstretched, and from each finger came
 volleys of arrows whose unerring aim
 laid each a warrior low.

IV.

' But when the fight was won
 Eirek, thy son,
 called for the leader of the foe
 and took him by the hand,
 and with his dagger oped a vein
 therein, and in his own,
 in token that he sought
 blood-brotherhood :
 then bid a bowl be brought
 to catch the ruddy rain,
 And raised it to his lips and drank and gave to Brand,
 And said, " For weal or woe
 my life is as thine,
 thy life is as mine,
 Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone,
 brother in blood."

V.

' Still to the South
 we travelled silently ;
 soft noontide's vaporous sea
 descending from th' unruffled air
 was urging sleep,
 when from the deep
 rose a monster, in form
 fish and woman, her hair
 green and silky, her mouth
 wide, and her piercing eyes
 flashed from beneath a broad white brow :
 "'Tis the Margygr, the herald of storm,"
 cried Vafn, and we amazed
 more keenly gazed
 as she gambolled hither and thither, making trial of
 her strength
 and skill : now before, now behind us, full of joy, till
 at length
 diving beneath the prow
 she sank no more to rise.

VI.

' That even the sun set green,
 and ere midnight
 fierce air and fiercer light
 enwrapped our quiv'ring bark :
 and ever blazing through the tremulous dark
 the keen flash showed a scene
 of wild commotion,
 wave ruining on wave
 across the vast expanse of ocean.

VII.

' The storm was at its worst
 when curling high with many a spire
 all tipped with flick'ring fire,
 a long dark wave
 swept Eirek from the deck :
 all rushed to save
 our chief, but Brand the first
 leapt down into the water's race,
 won him, and with an arm beneath his neck
 upheld him on their face
 till we could aid.

VIII.

' Sank soon
 the fury of the waves and wind ;
 hushed was the thunder's voice ;
 And gathering her pale train of stars
 the moon
 quitted the sphered sky as the gleams
 Of freshening breezes and new-born sunbeams
 bid nature all rejoice —
 that night and storm and fears
 were left behind.

IX.

' Still on toward the South
 our course was set :
 nine days, nine nights had passed
 since we the Margygr met :
 white rising on the east the coast of Gaul
 appeared and then gave way
 to Moorish cliffs : at last
 we saw the Guadalquiver's mouth
 open before us, and without a thought
 of hesitancy thither urged the boat,
 and, following the river, sought
 the Moorish capital :
 we reached Seville at night,
 nor paused to watch the pale moon's ray
 reflected in transmuted light
 from the alembic of the golden tower
 on many a plantain-grove and orange-bower,
 but hastened on to gain the wall
 and pressed to the attack.

X.

' Bathed in the moon's pure light
 the city slept :
 upon the battlement we leapt,
 no sentinel
 stood there : no warning bell
 clang'd out the alarm to the still night.

XI.

' Within the Mecca of the West
 ringed by the azure firmament
 rises Azzarah's palace, monument
 of husband's love ;

Bagdad, Byzantium have given their best
 to grace the splendid pile :—
 Its halls are circled by
 pillars of marble, jasper, porphyry,
 green, violet, granite, rose, and red as blood ;
 and these above
 spring arches to uphold,
 studded with stars and burnished gold
 the roof of imperishable wood :
 a thousand fountains fling
 their diamond drops or silver spray
 high in the air, to fall
 in sparkling showers back :
 a thousand courts re-echo to their murmuring.
 Within an open peristyle
 the emperor stood
 watching the goldfish play
 in the pure pool below him, lost in thought,
 when, breaking on his solitude,
 the voice of Muley sounded through the hall,
 "Sire, Hassarac
 tidings hath brought
 from Seville that a wizard horde
 of Northmen have appeared
 upon the river ; sore afared,
 the citizens have fled
 Carmona-ward,
 and pray assistance from their lord :
 Seville is as a city of the dead."

XII.

' Off the deserted town
 two days we lay,
 but on the third sailed down
 the Moslem fleet, and every heart
 was filled with sombre gladness ;
 the foemen, on their part,
 were eager for the fray,
 and rushed against us in fanatic madness.

XIII.

' With dying eyes
 above him the sea-rover
 sees the Valkyrior hover,
 while kerchiefs green the Houris wave,
 and welcome every Moslem brave
 to Paradise.

XIV.

' Throughout that day
 fierce raged the fight,
 now we, now they
 prevailing ; but when night
 from heaven flung down
 o'er stream and town
 her star-inwoven veil,
 sated with combating,
 the two fleets drew apart,
 and clad in his ensanguined mail
 each weary warrior cheered his heart
 with revel and banqueting.

XV.

' Once more our course is bent
 towards our Northern home :
 and, well content,
 we watch the billows breaking into foam
 and sending showers of spray
 over the weary miles
 of warder isles
 that guard the coast of Norrway.

XVI.

' The while we watched the islets gliding by
 a rosy glow flashed out o'er sea and sky,
 and deepened into fire :
 the heaven is riven, and streaming green and red,
 amber and blue the flame-darts spread
 wider and higher,
 till leaps from east to west the golden arch,
 intense and glorious, through which march
 the heroic dead,
 and over it a canopy
 of pearly mist
 pierced by swift darts of amethyst.

XVII.

' Then gliding from the shore there came
 a ship from stern to stem
 caverned with ice and snow,
 whereof the Northern flame
 flecked every spire
 with palpitating fire,
 till every crystal jag became a gem,
 and all the frozen sheet
 a glorious radiancy
 of colours fleet,
 beneath the potency
 of the radiant parent bow.

XVIII.

' Swift came a change : a veil
 of rising smoke hid all
 the bark, and through the cloud
 flashes of flame
 the Viking's crimson shroud
 burst, making the bright heaven seem pale :
 then 'neath the wave
 the good ship sank, and through the grave
 another hero came
 to Valhalla's hall.

XIX.

' With a prayer for the dead
 buried there, on we sped,
 and soon we saw
 widen before us Drontheim's bays :
 then rose from all a cry
 of joy, and I
 poured forth mellifluous lays
 of praise to Woden, praise
 to Aku-Thor.'

L'ENVOY.

Since Eirek the rover
came back to Drontheim
circling ages have passed :
as his first is our last :
thus we triumph over
the triumph of time.

S. A. S.-T.

School Notes.

CAPTAIN NEVIL SMYTH of the Bays, who has been awarded the Victoria Cross for his conduct at the battle of Khartum, is an Old Westminster, and was Up-Grants from 1882 to 1885. He has seen service on the North-West Frontier, and has taken part in every action since the beginning of the present Soudan Campaign, throughout which he has been attached to the Intelligence Department. At the battle of Khartum he was galloping as General Hunter's orderly officer, and in the course of the fight had one charger killed under him, and another disabled. Unfortunately he received more than one wound; notwithstanding, he was one of the first Englishmen to enter Omdurman, having then been twenty hours in the saddle.

We offer our congratulations to P. M. Francke (O.W.) on his appointment to a Revising Barrister-ship by the Lord Chief Justice in August last.

We also notice with pleasure that A. J. Mackey has been appointed to the Recordership of Andover. Mr. Mackey was captain of the School in 1861-2, and was elected head to Trinity College, Cambridge.

We offer hearty congratulations to S. A. Sydney-Turner on his election to a Major Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, and to F. T. Barrington-Ward on winning the Brasenose Scholarship (thrown open *pro hac vice*) at Hertford College, Oxford.

D. Shearme (O.W.), who has now left England to take up his duties as a Civil Servant in Burmah, has been awarded the Bhannagur medal at Trinity College, Cambridge.

W. F. Fox and R. E. More represented Westminster in the Seniors' match at Oxford, and both acquitted themselves creditably. S. C. Probyn was also put down to captain a side, but was prevented by an injury from taking part. More has since appeared several times for the 'Varsity. Fox was also selected, but a return of an old strain prevented him from playing. We condole with him on his bad luck and wish him a speedy recovery. A. H. Hogarth has also played more than once for Oxford.

At Cambridge R. N. R. Blaker and S. M. Anderson played in the Freshmen's match. Blaker has appeared regularly in the Cambridge team with conspicuous success. He has also played more than once for the Corinthians.

In the Freshmen's sports at Oxford, R. Truslove tied in the High Jump, with a jump of 5 ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

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

		1898.	
Sat.	Sept. 24	.	Clapham Rovers. (Won 2-0.)
"	Oct. 1	.	Casuals. (Scratched.)
"	2nd XI. v.	E. H. Winslow's XI.	(Won 5-1.)
"	Oct. 8	.	Old Reptonians. (Lost 1-4.)
"	" 15	.	F. Bickley's XI. (Lost 1-3.)
"	" 22	.	2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Won 6-2.)
"	" 22	.	W. F. Fox's XI. (Scratched.)
"	" 29	.	Old Carthusians. (Lost 1-4.)
"	Nov. 5	.	Old Westminsters. (Scratched.)
Wed.	" 9	.	Christ Church. (Lost 0-3.)
Sat.	" 12	.	Old Foresters. (Won 6-2.)
"	2nd XI. v.	Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	(Lost 5-7.)
Wed.	Nov. 16	.	Selwyn College, Cambridge. (Lost 2-3.)
Sat.	" 19	.	R. N. R. Blaker's XI. (Won 2-1.)
"	2nd XI. v.	London Hospital 2nd XI.	(Won 8-0.)
"	Nov. 26	.	Magdalen College, Oxon. (Scratched.)
"	" 26	.	Casuals. (Drawn 1-1.)
"	Dec. 3	.	University College, Oxon.
"	" 10	.	Old Felstedians.

		1899.	
Sat.	Jan. 21	.	Old Malvernians.
"	" 28	.	Clapham Rovers.
"	2nd XI. v.	Old Westminsters 2nd XI.	
Wed.	Feb. 1	.	H. O. C. Beasley's XI.
Sat.	" 4	.	Casuals.
"	2nd XI. v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	
"	Feb. 11	.	Richmond A.F.C.
"	2nd XI. v.	London Hospital 2nd XI.	
Wed.	Feb. 15	.	Old Etonians.
Sat.	" 18	.	Old Harrovians.
"	" 25	.	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
"	Mar. 4	.	Old Brightonians.
Wed.	" 8	.	Old Westminsters.
Sat.	" 11	.	L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Wed.	" 15	.	T.BB. v. Q.SS.

We hear that the Governing Body has decided to adopt the electric light throughout the whole School. Many complaints have been made lately against the gas, and it will be a great improvement. We understand that the work will be executed next summer.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS House met on October 13, and the following motion was discussed: 'That the annexation of the Sudan would be advantageous to England.'

Proposer, A. C. BARNBY; Seconder, J. HEARD; Opposer, S. A. S.-TURNER.

The Proposer took two views of the subject, pointing out that England could never become completely masters of the Sudan. He asserted that the French expedition to Fashoda must have been organised with the assent of the French Government, who must have known that their action was directly contrary to the Law of Nations. He then proceeded to show that we could never annex the Sudan without going to war with France, which would be very undesirable.

S. A. SYDNEY-TURNER opposed the motion in a very able speech. He began by saying that England has just conquered the Sudan, a country which was almost verging on barbarism and whose government had been very negligently administered. He also pointed out that the Nile waters might be turned to some purpose, and that, unless England took strong measures, France and Belgium would extend their boundaries into the Sudan, which would be dangerous for England as well as for Egypt.

The Seconder (J. Heard) in rather an ambiguous speech, began by saying that the Proposer took the opposite view to his own. He went on to say that the Egyptian Government was hopelessly incapable of managing its own affairs and that, unless stringent measures were adopted, the Dervishes would reconquer the Sudan. After speeches from Messrs. Barnby, McKenna, and Willett, the House divided, and the motion was lost by two votes. The House then adjourned.

This House met on October 20, and the following motion was discussed: 'That in the opinion of this House the English Navy is sufficient for the needs of the country.'

Proposer, A. C. BARNBY; Seconder, A. McKENNA; Opposer, B. H. WILLETT.

The Proposer (A. C. Barnby) evidently tried to speak against time and wasted the best part of the evening in delivering a long speech, which might have been expressed much more briefly. He gave a very graphic account of the statistics of the British Navy, mentioning the various types of vessels and their armaments, equipment, navigation, &c. He also pointed out that the guns used by the British Navy were superior in every way to those of any other Naval Power, but at length he had to sit down through lack of vocabulary.

B. H. WILLETT, in opposing, managed to confuse his notes and got utterly muddled; he pointed out that Mr. Barnby's statistics were totally unfounded. The House then adjourned.

On Thursday, October 27, the motion was continued.

B. H. Willett explained that the boilers used for the British Navy were defective, but, being unable to read his notes, was compelled to sit down.

A. McKenna, in seconding, suggested that the next time Willett spoke he should write out his

notes more legibly. He pointed out that in saying that there are no forts on the South Coast, was completely wrong. He then showed how the British Navy at the Jubilee display had astonished the world by its size and strength. After speeches from Barnby and Gaye the House divided, and the motion was carried unanimously. The House then adjourned until next term owing to the Play rehearsals.

THE 'CAPTIVI' AT RADLEY.

THE performance of the 'Captivi' at St. Peter's College, Radley, this year met with even greater success than that which attended the 'Aulularia' last year. It is a play only too worthy of the excellent handling it received, being in the opinion of many eminent scholars the best drama that Plautus ever produced. It has never appeared on the Westminster stage, and was given for the first time at Radley this year. The plot is briefly as follows:—Hegio, an Aetolian gentleman, whose son Philopolemus has been taken prisoner by the Eleans in war, purchases Elean prisoners, in order to exchange one of them for his son. Among these he purchases Philocrates and his slave Tyndarus. These two agree to change characters in order that Hegio, intending to send the slave to Elis, may really send the master Philocrates. The plot succeeds, but as soon as Philocrates has gone, another Elean prisoner, Aristophontes, is brought in by Hegio, to see the supposed Philocrates, who is really the slave Tyndarus. Hegio discovers the deception after a time and orders Tyndarus off to punishment. The real Philocrates returns in the last act with Hegio's son, Philopolemus, and a slave is sent for the suffering Tyndarus. Philocrates has also brought Stalagmus, a quondam slave of Hegio, who some years before had kidnapped his younger son, then a child of four years old. This child turns out to be none other than the slave Tyndarus, who is accordingly re-introduced to his father, and with a fond embrace all ends well.

The scene presented has the prison on the left, and the country of Attica and a temple in the background. A bust on a tall pedestal also appears on the stage, which is the great saving of the inevitable absurdity so frequently apparent on the Westminster boards; where an actor comes in in great haste, almost brushes past the man he is looking for, without of course seeing him, tears his hair, addresses a few words of desperation to the audience, and then, turning round, at last discovers the long sought presence, with the old

Te ipsum quaerebam.

A monument forms a most convenient hiding-place. Space will not admit of anything in the shape of a 'critique,' but if one may draw any distinction between one character and another, Ergasilus, which

was taken by Mr. H. S. L. Slater, and Aristophontes in the person of Mr. L. U. Wilkinson, deserve the highest credit. Mr. Gibbs was built for a 'flogging slave,' and looked admirable in the part. Like 'Euclio' in the 'Aulularia,' Ergasilus perhaps constitutes the humour of the whole piece. As Euclio worships his god, so Ergasilus worships his appetite. However, he has to content himself with 'asper victus,' even on his birthday, till the fifth act, when, returning from the harbour, he brings Hegio the good news that he had seen his son, Philopolemus, and his runaway slave Stalagmus, whereupon Hegio kills the 'fatted calf' in delight, and Ergasilus is allowed to 'run riot' in the cellar and kitchen. The arrival of Aristophontes in the second act presents a most amusing scene. He not unnaturally refuses to allow himself or anybody else to be persuaded that he is mad, and the vehemence and gusto with which Mr. Wilkinson rendered his part left nothing to be desired. As for the minor parts, there might perhaps have been a little more 'go' about them, but the applause, which was spontaneous and 'unconducted,' that greeted the whole performance—and one may perhaps add that the applause was by no means confined to the generally supposed more enlightened set—testified only too well to the general excellence, with which the whole piece was rendered. There was little prompting throughout, and what there was, was perhaps only noticeable to those whose ears are trained to catch the least sound from the side scenes: the 'parasitic' 'r' might have been modified with advantage.

Mr. L. James (O.W.) was as usual responsible for the Prologue. The references were more general than those of the usual Westminster Prologue, the Battle of Omdurman, the recovery of Khartum, the Cuban War, and M. de Rougemont, all finding a place in Mr. James's splendid 'iambi.' The following line gives briefly and forcibly the somewhat sorry relation between the French Government and the *Ile du Diable*,

Damnatus insons exulat, fugit reus.

A portion of Henry IV. followed the 'Captivi.' This was hardly as well done as the scene from the 'Critic' last year, but this was probably more the fault of the selection than of the actors. Mr. Burdon as Falstaff, and Mr. Belgrave as Prince Hal both did their parts extremely well.

We have paid our tribute to the actors, the stage-manager, and the intelligence of the audience, and we must not conclude without a word in praise of the Radley Amateur Orchestra, whose excellent performance made the weary waits between the acts only too short. In conclusion we would again congratulate our histrionic rivals and wish them all success in the future.

THESAUROCHRYSONISO-CHRYSIDES.

THE FIELDS.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD REPTONIANS.

THIS match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, October 8, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 4-1. Old Reptonians turned up one short, but S. M. Anderson, who was on the ground, consented to play in goal to complete the team. The School kicked off from the hospital end, and quickly got to work near their opponents' goal. Peck, however, returned the ball, and Barnby was forced to give a corner, which proved abortive owing to a neat kick by Foster, who gave the ball to Jacob; the latter took it down and shot, but the ball went outside the goal. For the first twenty minutes the game was very even, and there was little to choose between the teams. Both goals had narrow escapes, Willett just clearing from a scrimmage at one end, and Kennedy, by a weak shot, missing a good opportunity at the other. At the end of this period Cattley scored the first goal of the match, placing the ball neatly out of Anderson's reach. Westminster tried hard to retaliate, but mainly owing to poor shooting the score remained unaltered till close on half-time, when Anderson, in saving from Harris, kicked the ball against Peck, and it rebounded into the net, thus equalising the scores (1-1), which was the state of the game at the interval. In the second half the visitors soon re-assumed the lead through the agency of H. G. Bryant, while our forwards seemed to find the opposing defence too strong, Peck in particular playing a very sound game. Once a shot by Harris seemed likely to take effect, but Anderson fisted well away; otherwise he was not much troubled for the remainder of the match, the ball seldom getting past the visitors backs. The Old Reptonian forwards, on the other hand, kept our defence very busy. Abell was particularly noticeable. After the game had been resumed for about a quarter of an hour he further increased the lead with a beautiful shot, and the same player adding another before the end, the match ended as stated.

The forwards were very poor, making no headway at all, Jacob especially not being able to do anything against Peck. The defence was good at first, but fell off in the second half.

The teams were:—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (half-backs); O. H. M. Williams, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, S. D. Kennedy, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

OLD REPTONIANS.

S. M. Anderson (goal); F. S. Mammatt, M. Teichmann, (backs); A. R. Peck, A. F. Bryant, R. T. Archibald (half-backs); G. F. Abell, H. G. Bryant, A. E. Smith, T. F. Cattley, E. L. Lewis (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* F. BICKLEY'S XI.

This match was played on Saturday, October 15. There were several changes in the School team, Willett going centre-half instead of Young, who had severely injured his arm, and Plaskitt played half on the left. Summerhayes was given a trial at outside left, Jacob going inside, while on the right wing Pashley played for Williams. The visitors won the toss, and Bompas kicked off towards the hospital end. The rain made the ground slippery, and consequently spoilt combination. The visitors at once took the ball down, and Anderson nearly scored; on the kick-off, however, the School forwards got possession, and Harris passed to Summerhayes, who beat Landale with a lucky shot. Gaye now arrived to keep goal for Bickley's XI., who had hitherto been playing with only ten men. The School goal was frequently assailed after this, and the visitors had hard luck in not scoring more than once, several shots going only just outside the mark, and half-time arrived with the score at 1-0 in favour of the School. On restarting the rain increased, making things most unpleasant. The visitors had more of the play in this half than the School, and chiefly owing to the excellent play of Lea at centre-half, and Landale at left back, the School forwards seemed unable to get away, and it was not long before Brodie scored the first point for the visiting team. The School then attacked for a short time, and Willett very nearly scored with an excellent shot, which just went over the bar. But the visitors soon got away again, and Lowes sent in a shot which Anderson might have stopped had he not slipped at the critical moment, thus making the score 2-1 against the School. After this Westminster seemed unable to get the ball over the half-way line, and several shots were aimed at the School goal, but without effect, until about five minutes before the call of time Fermie sent in a long shot from half-back along the ground which Anderson did not stop. This proved to be the full extent of the scoring, and a somewhat uninteresting match ended in the defeat of Westminster by three goals to one.

The forwards showed improved form in mid-field, but were again very weak in front of goal. Willett played a good game at centre-half.

Teams :

F. BICKLEY'S XI.

A. S. Gaye (sub.) (goal); N. Landale and P. Greatorex (backs); A. E. Fernie, S. E. Lea, H. W. Sweptstone (halves); H. W. Brodie, S. M. Anderson, B. G. Pearce, E. Lowes, J. Davidson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs); A. L. Foster, B. H. Willett and H. Plaskitt (halves); W. Pashley, S. S. Harris, W. R. Jacob, R. S. Summerhayes (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD CARTHUSIANS.

This match was played on October 29 in wet weather. Young was still 'dished,' Willett playing in the centre. The Old Carthusians immediately ran up on the right, but shot behind. Barnby sent in a long shot, a scrimmage in front of goal resulting in a corner. This, however, was unsuccessful, and the Old Carthusians returning to the attack, Murdoch centred the ball right across the mouth of goal. Foster cleared well, and play was for a short time transferred to the other end. Our opponents, however, were not to be denied, and from a clever run on the right by Bray, Garnett scored with a good shot (0-1). From the kick-off the Old Carthusians immediately obtained possession, and Bray sent in a hard shot, which was well saved by Anderson. The same player shortly after sent in a stinging shot, which Anderson had no chance with (0-2). They continued to press, the Westminster forwards very rarely getting away. Bray sent in a good shot which was fisted out, and Murdoch getting the ball, sent across to Crosdale, who easily scored (0-3). Half-time was then called. On restarting Old Carthusians attacked, and Foster stopped a dangerous rush on the left-wing. A good attempt by Garnett was well saved by Anderson, and Crosdale, getting away, was pulled up by the referee for off-side. Some good work by Wreford Brown ended in Bray getting the ball and scoring with a low shot in the corner of the net (0-4). From the kick-off Westminster at last got away, and Harris just shot over the bar. The right wing got away again, and Pashley centred, the ball going behind after a short scrimmage. The Old Carthusians pressed for the rest of the time, but Barnby and Wynter saved on many occasions. They were unable to score again, and when the whistle blew the Old Carthusians were left victors by 4-0.

For the School Barnby played an excellent game at back.

Teams were as follows:—

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

A. H. Morris (goal); A. L. Scott, W. V. Timms (backs); F. L. Fane, O. E. Wreford Brown, H. A. Merriman (halves); B. Murdoch, E. H. Bray, E. Garnett, E. T. Hardman, G. Crosdale (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby, R. Wynter (backs); H. Plaskitt, B. H. Willett, A. L. Foster (halves); R. Pashley, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. S. Summerhayes (forwards).

2ND XI. *v.* CLAPHAM ROVERS.

This match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, October 22, on the first game ground, owing to W. F. Fox's XI. having to scratch. Westminster lost the toss and kicked off, defending the church end. The School forwards got together quickly, and Kennedy missed an easy chance of scoring in the first minute. They continued to press for some time, Bompas making two good efforts, one being well saved and the other went just wide of the mark. At length,

from a corner, which was very well taken by Plaskitt, Kennedy scored (1-0). Clapham Rovers then pressed and forced Wynter to give a corner, which went behind. The School forwards were now playing very well; several good shots were sent in, but with no result, one by Pashley being a beauty. At last Bompas scored from a scrimmage in front of goal (2-0). From the kick-off the School forwards went straight through, Bompas scoring with a good shot (3-0). The School continued to press and scored twice more before half-time through Harris and Kennedy, when the score was 5-0. After half-time the game became much more even, the School falling off somewhat in their play, the School backs frequently mis-kicking. This enabled the visiting forwards to score twice, Anderson having no chance of saving either time. The School scored once in this half, a beautiful long shot from Harris hitting the post and going into the net. Time was called leaving the School victorious by 6-2.

Teams were as follows:—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); R. Wynter, E. C. Stevens (backs); H. Plaskitt, H. W. Beveridge, R. Whittow (halves); R. Pashley, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, S. D. Kennedy, R. S. Summerhayes (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

The Visitors did not leave their names.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Our first duty is to offer our hearty congratulations to F. T. Barrington-Ward, and S. A. Sydney-Turner, on their achievements at Oxford and Cambridge, which will be found more definitely described elsewhere. Since the last number of THE ELIZABETHAN the cast of the Play has been made up, and rehearsals are now in full swing. We offer to all concerned our best wishes for a successful Play. We have been singularly unlucky this term in the matter of injuries met with Up-Fields and elsewhere, some of which have been unusually serious. It is a strange fact that all those who hold colours were with one exception at the same time incapacitated. However, Young is now fit and well, and we hear that Lonsdale will soon be able to resume his place in the team. In the Juniors we were not so successful as we had hoped; after beating Ashburnham (3-1) we succumbed to Grants after a hard game (0-1), the winners being much superior to us in combination. Fives ties are progressing. The Literary Society has read 'King Lear,' 'Comedy of Errors,' and 'King John.'

ASHBURNHAM.—In the Juniors we were beaten by College (3-1). The team as a whole did not fulfil expectations. The fives ties are progressing. There were sixteen entries, and the first round, which has been finished, produced some good games. On Saturday, November 17, six members of the House

played for the School: Harris, Wynter and Featherstone for the first; and Beveridge, Scarisbrick and Walker for the second eleven. Beveridge has since played for the School.

GRANTS.—We have no news of grave importance to chronicle this number, but we must congratulate H. Bompas on playing regularly for the School. We have to condole with W. Stevens for being unable to play football for the second year in succession. The Literary Society has read 'Richard II.,' and is now reading to Tennyson's 'Becket.' We must congratulate N. M. Smyth on obtaining the V.C. in the Soudan.

H.B.B.—We have been beaten by Junior Rigauds (5-1). Plaskitt has played four times for the School, and we congratulate R. S. Summerhayes on having also played. Though rather late, we congratulate Plaskitt and Foster on Pink and Whites at cricket, and Knight in House colours.

RIGAUDS.—R. Pashley and K. B. Anderson have been playing for the School regularly. We congratulate R. Whittow, G. Myers, M. S. Thompson, A. Willett, and A. Coleby on playing for the 2nd XI. of whom the first has played twice. We hear with pleasure that L. Y. Barnby has passed his examination successfully. Our Junior team proved the winners this term, for the first time for many years. In Yard ties up to date R. Whittow and A. T. Willett have won their ties. In the league matches C. M. Page is doing great things, and on one occasion has even led his team to victory.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

ON Friday, Oct. 14, a meeting was held Up-School with reference to the School Mission. Among those present were the Rev. W. Failles (Chairman), Mr. T. W. Wheeler, Q.C., the Rev. S. Napier, the Rev. C. Erskine, Mr. J. Sargeant (Hon. Sec.), Mr. T. W. O. Wheeler, Mr. George P. Allen (Architect), Mr. E. A. Gates, Mr. Churchman, and many others.

After the usual course of business, the scheme for building a Mission-house was discussed. The plans prepared by the architect were submitted to the Committee, and, after considering them fully, it was decided that designs should be made showing a smaller scheme, and that these be brought before the next Committee meeting.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, the Committee again held a meeting Up-School. The following members were present: The Rev. W. Failles (President), Mr. W. S. Rawson, the Rev. S. Napier, the Rev. C. Erskine, Mr. J. Sargeant (Hon. Sec.), Mr. T. W. O. Wheeler, Mr. George P. Allen (Architect), Mr. T. S. Oldham,

other gentlemen interested in the Mission, and several members from the School. Mr. Allen's new plans for the Mission-house were submitted to the approval of the Committee, and certainly seemed far better adapted to requirements, as the expenses of building had been greatly reduced. The Hon. Sec. then read the draft of the Annual Report, which was considered very satisfactory.—Mr. T. S. Oldham then proposed that a circular should be sent round, together with the Report, to put the question to O.W.W. whether "in their opinion the work of the Mission should be made more strictly religious," and whether if this alteration were made, they would guarantee a fixed annual subscription, as the last year's balance-sheet showed a great falling-off in the subscriptions from the O.W.W.—The meeting was then adjourned.

SWIMMING, 1898.

THE Annual Swimming Races took place on July 15 and 18, at the St. George's Baths.

FIRST DAY, JULY 15. HEATS AND DIVING.

150 YARDS (5 LENGTHS), OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1st Heat.—Jonas, Foster, Newton. Jonas was the only one to finish. (Time, 2 min. 30 sec.)

2nd Heat.—Anderson, K., Armstrong, Roberts, Smith. 1st, Smith; 2nd, Anderson, K. (Winner's time, 2 min. 33 sec.)

JUNIOR. 120 YARDS (4 LENGTHS), UNDER 16.

1st Heat.—Napier, Dickson, Beny, Britton. 1st, Britton (time, 2 min. 30 sec.); 2nd, Dickson (time, 2 min. 35 sec.)

2nd Heat.—Tacon, Blane, Johnstone, Fraser. 1st, Blane (time, 2 min. 40 sec.); 2nd, Johnstone (time, 2 min. 45 sec.)

PLATE DIVING.

1st, Smith (24 plates); 2nd, Jonas (22 plates). Three tries, 12 plates each time. Ten entered.

FINALS. SECOND DAY, JULY 18.

150 YARDS OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Anderson, Smith, Jonas. 1st, Jonas (time, 2 min. 20 sec.); 2nd, Smith (time, 2 min. 30 sec.)

JUNIOR. 120 YARDS (UNDER 16).

Blane, Britton, Dickson, Johnstone. 1st, Blane (time, 2 min. 27 sec.); 2nd, Britton (time, 2 min. 35 sec.)

The times were taken by Professor Francis, of the St. George's Baths.

ODYSSEY, IX. 502-536.

(In quantitative hexameters.)

"Cyclop, if here there come any o' men that live for a season
Asking who blinded thine eye thus shameful of aspect,
Say thou wast blinded by Odysseus, waster of Ilium,
Son of Laertes, the Ithacan, that dwells in his island.

So I spake taunting, but he moan'd and made me this answer :

"Out on it, old oracles come back to me now to remembrance.

There was a seer dwelt here, one great and noble, aforetime,

Telemus Eurymides, a prophet well skill'd i' the future,
Who wax'd old uttering prophecies to the race o' the Cyclops.

He told me all these things should stand thereafter accomplish'd,

How I should lose mine eyesight by the hand of Odysseus.
Aye, but ever some goodly presence and thews of an hero
I look'd for, one mighty in soul with strength for his harness ;

Now a little weakling, a nothing-worth puny and feeble,
Reft me of mine eyesight when wine was master upon me.
Now hither, O Odysseus ; take cheer that a guest hath a right in,

While I pray to the Land-shaker that he grant thee a convey :

I was born his son and he my father avows him :

He can cure me, if he will, and none can cure me beside him,

Neither happy deity nor man that lives for a season."

So spake that Cyclop, but so I made him an answer :

"Would to god I were sure of soul and life to deprive thee
And thus send thee down lifeless to the mansion of Hades,
As none shall cure thee, no not thy sire Enosichthon."

So spake I, but straightway he pray'd to princely Posidon

And praying uplifted his hand to the lights o' the welkin :

"Hear me, thou Earth-shaker, dark-hair'd lord, princely Posidon :

Surely as I am thy son and thou my father avow'st thee,
Grant that he find not his home, this Odysseus, waster of Ilium,

Son of Laertes, the Ithacan, that dwells in his island.

Yea, but an if doom be that sight of kinsmen await him

There in his home well-built and there in his own dear country,

Late may he come, and sad be his plight, and lost his comrades ;

Come he on a ship not his own, and woes may he find in his island."

So he spake praying ; his prayer went up to Posidon.

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AN APPRECIATION.

So rare is perfection in this world that when a work of any kind approaching perfection appears, it is the duty and privilege of each one of us, not only to appreciate it, but to make known our appreciation. Within the last fortnight a promise made fourteen years ago by one of the greatest of living critics has been performed, Mr. Theodore Watts-Dunton has published 'Aylwin,' and the world is the richer by a story of extraordinary interest and value.

No reader of 'Aylwin' that loves the sea will be content with once reading the words with which the story opens ; no lover of nature but will peruse and re-peruse the sketches of scenery in which the book is so rich ; no regular novel-reader can fail to admire the plot and the drawing of the characters—especially of Sinfu Lovell.

But the book contains more than nature-sketches

and character-delineation. It is a protest against materialism—it seeks to show that no one who has truly loved and lost can be a materialist. Both the hero's father and the artist D'Arcy have proved the truth of this, and in the latter's mouth is placed the most complete exposition of this creed:—

'I, alas! have long known that the tragedy of tragedies is the death of a beloved mistress or a beloved wife. I have long known that it is as the King of Terrors that death must needs come to any man who knows what the word "love" really means. . . . How shall the modern materialist, who you think is to dominate the Twentieth Century, and all the centuries to follow—how shall he confront death when a beloved mistress is struck down? Your bitter experience made you ask materialism "What comfort is there in being told that death is the very nursery of 'new life,' and that our heirs are our very selves, if when you take leave of her who was and is your world it is "Vale vale in æternum vale"?'

But what is the cure? 'To hope till Hope creates from its own wreck the thing it contemplates.' For Philip Aylwin every object his dead wife had cherished became spiritualized, sublimated, became alive—alive as the Moonlight Cross he valued for that once it had been hers, which wearing on his breast so that the facets cut his flesh he felt 'joy, bliss, heaven.'

So much for the mystic side; but to those who

prefer what they call 'more practical things,' what can 'Aylwin' offer? We have spoken of the descriptions of scenery. But Mr. Watts-Dunton has done more than describe scenery; he has drawn for us the finest heroine in recent fiction, Sinfi Lovell; he has given us descriptions of Romany life that equal Borrow's; he has drawn for us Rossetti, with his love for young animals, and Blake, with his strange delusions and loveableness.

A book for the serious, yet by no means caviare to the general: a book to stimulate and help us against the time when we kneel and cry in anguish—

'What answer, O Nin-ki-gal?
'Have pity, O Queen of Queens.'

ROSECRUX.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, I believe that the last Conservative Government regularly used to reserve six seats for Q.S.S. in the House of Commons. When the Liberals came into office, however, the custom was dropped, and has apparently not been revived.

I am, Sir,
Yours, &c.,
O.Q.S.

Obituary.

WE deeply regret to record the death of Sir WILLIAM GOODENOUGH, which occurred at the Cape on October 24. William Howley Goodenough, who was a son of Dr. Edmund Goodenough, Dean of Wells, and sometime Head Master, was born in 1833, and entered the School in 1845. In 1849 he joined the Royal Artillery, and afterwards served as a Captain and Brigade-Major in the Indian Mutiny. He was present at the siege and capture of Lucknow, and in other engagements. In the Egyptian campaign of 1882 he commanded the artillery, and was present at three engagements. For his services he received a Companionship of the Bath and the second class of the Medjidie. He subsequently commanded the North-Western and Thames districts. He became a Major-General in 1886, and in 1895 was appointed to the command of the troops in South Africa. On that occasion he came down to the School and asked for a Play. He was made a K.C.B. in 1897. He was a constant attendant at Election Dinner, and his death will be much lamented by his many friends among Old West-

minsters. Sir William, who was the recipient of a distinguished service reward, was joint author of the "Army Book for the British Empire." He married in 1874 Anna, Countess Kinsky.

ONE of the oldest Westminsters has passed away in MARMADUKE ROBERT JEFFREYS. He was the elder brother of Canon Jeffreys, whose death we recorded in the summer. He was born in 1807, and admitted to the School in 1820. He was elected into College as Liberty boy in 1821. Of his election one scholar, his junior by four months, still survives. Mr. Jeffreys was elected to Christ Church in 1825, and was called to the bar, but soon gave up practice. He died on November 10.

WE read with regret in a Natal paper the death of WILLIAM NAPIER TAYLOR, which occurred at Pietermaritzburg on September 1. He was a well-known character up Rigauds. Of late years he had lived entirely in South Africa.

Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following: Brighton College Magazine, Working Men's College Journal, Carthusian, Cheltonian, The Blue, The Haileyburian, Manchester Grammar School Magazine, The Wykehamist, The Meteor, Scranton High School, Felstedian, Rossalian, Our Boys' Magazine, Wellingtonian, Malvernian, Oxford Magazine, Repotnian, Newsagents' Chronicle, Marlburian, Chums, Haileyburian (2), Melburnian, Pauline, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Penn Charter Magazine (2), The Meteor, Working Men's College Journal, Oakham School Magazine, Alleynian, Newtonian, Cliftonian, Our Boys' Magazine, Children's Special Service Mission, Lancing College, The Herald, King's College (2), Tonbridgian, Fettesian, Wellingtonian, Blundellian, Radleian, Cantuarian, Quernmorian, Dovorian, Crimson and White, Bradfield College Chronicle.

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