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THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

THE past Cricket season was in all respects except one eminently satisfactory. The results give the excellent record of twelve matches played, seven won, four drawn, and one lost. Unfortunately the one match which constitutes the exception, and which was lost, was against Charterhouse. Why this should have been the case, it is difficult to say. The Eleven had much in their favour. They had not lost a match, they had cricketers of a calibre that has long been lacking to the School, and they had by no means the worst of the luck. Despite all this, no one except Moon could make anything of the somewhat moderate bowling opposed to them, and for the only occasion in the season they were dismissed on a good wicket for two miserable scores of under a hundred. It is a poor satisfaction to say that they ought to have won. Whether it was due to a bad tradition,

or want of pluck, or want of luck, or whatever the reason was, the fact remains that the match was lost.

Fortunately there is another side to the picture, and one that is full of encouragement to every supporter of Westminster Cricket. At Vincent Square not a single match was lost, and most were won and won well. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine a season in which the performances of the Eleven gave greater pleasure to the spectators. The wickets were excellent, the cricket was uniformly good, there was no semblance of panic or rot, and the Eleven could always be trusted to give a good account of themselves.

For securing these desirable results three members of the team were mainly responsible, Fisher, Moon, and More. The two former had averages of 47 and 46 respectively. Such averages speak for themselves, and they were gained by excellent cricket. Moon was the

most consistent scorer. He was only once dismissed under double figures, and, going in first, he almost invariably led off with a good score. Fisher made two centuries, and if not quite so consistent a scorer, he generally did well. His best innings were probably the best that have been played in Vincent Square for a very long time, and his placing on the leg side was admirable. Fisher has gone to Oxford, Moon to Cambridge. We shall be very disappointed if they do not make themselves known there also.

More had the good average of 33. In some of his later innings, noticeably his 109 *v.* M.C.C., he played cricket of the greatest promise. He will be captain next year, and ought to be the mainstay of the side. With regard to the cricket of the rest of the team—Beasley, though not a taking bat, played some useful innings. Blaker, Van der Gucht and Fox were, on the whole, disappointing, especially the first named, who ought to have done much better. He has many good strokes, and, if he can improve his defence, should make plenty of runs another year. Young began badly but improved afterwards. Taswell showed some promise but has, unfortunately, left. Murray and Whittow failed altogether to improve both in batting and bowling. The brunt of the bowling fell on Fisher and More. They both bowled well, and out of 116 wickets taken were responsible for 99. None of the other bowlers did anything, and the want of a good change bowler was at times severely felt. Flack is promising, and if he does not overbowl himself, ought to be useful in the future.

A word of praise is due to Elson, the new ground man. Despite the difficulties which a dry season always entails at Vincent Square, he succeeded in preparing a succession of excellent match wickets. Another year we hope to see an improvement in the wickets all over the ground.

We were fortunate also in securing the services of Baldwin, whose coaching was of the utmost value. We hope he may be available again. It is difficult to get hold of a good professional for a short time, and many of those who are sent out know little of the game and care less, and are often a standing example of how the game should not be played.

Town Boys were easily successful over Queen's Scholars, and Rigauds secured the shield for the second year in succession. They had a very strong side, and made the house matches remarkable for heavy scoring. A great improvement was made in the Form matches by

introducing the League system, whereby the interest was kept up throughout the term. The ordinary games on whole school days still constitute a difficulty. More supervision would be a good thing, but the games ought to be played with far more spirit and keenness than is at present the case.

It is pleasing to note that the attendance on match days showed a distinct improvement. It is to be hoped that the preposterous notion that anybody could be better employed than watching matches at Vincent Square on Saturday afternoons is dying out. Unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary, every member of the School ought to be present.

The following is the Cricket card with the results of all the matches:—

Sat.	May	9	<i>v.</i>	Incogniti.	Won by 81 runs.	Incogniti, 125; Westminster, 206.
"	"	16	<i>v.</i>	I Zingari.	Drawn.	Westminster, 325 for 7 wickets (innings declared closed); I Zingari, 156 for 7 wickets.
"	"	23	<i>v.</i>	Kensington Park.	Won by 61 runs.	Westminster, 162; Kensington Park, 101 and 65 for 8 wickets.
"	"	30	<i>v.</i>	Mr. J. H. Farmer's XI.	Drawn.	Mr. Farmer's XI., 375 for 5 wickets (innings declared closed); Westminster, 128 for 5 wickets.
Fri.	June	5	}	<i>v.</i>	Charterhouse.	Lost by 185 runs. Charterhouse, 138 and 232; Westminster, 90 and 95. Played at Godalming.
Sat.	"	6				
"	"	20	<i>v.</i>	Eton Ramblers.	Drawn.	Eton Ramblers, 323 for 8 wickets (innings declared closed); Westminster, 172 for 7 wickets.
Wed.	"	24	<i>v.</i>	West Kent.	Drawn.	Westminster, 173 for 9 wickets (innings declared closed); West Kent, 85 for 6 wickets.
Sat.	"	27	<i>v.</i>	Oxford University Authentics.	Won by 241 runs.	Oxford University Authentics, 95; Westminster, 336.
"	July	4	<i>v.</i>	Old Westminsters.	Won by 81 runs and 6 wickets.	Old Westminsters, 145; Westminster, 226 for 4 wickets.
Wed.	"	8	<i>v.</i>	Upper Tooting.	Won by 20 runs and 4 wickets.	Upper Tooting, 200; Westminster, 220 for 6 wickets.
Sat.	"	11	<i>v.</i>	Old Carthusians.	Won by 33 runs and 3 wickets.	Old Carthusians, 207; Westminster, 240 for 7 wickets.
"	"	18	<i>v.</i>	M.C.C.	Won by 117 and 4 wickets.	M.C.C., 103; Westminster, 220 for 6 wickets.

Matches played, 12; won, 7; lost, 1; drawn, 4.

Centuries for—

C. D. Fisher, 113 (*v.* Oxford University Authentics, June 27); C. D. Fisher, 103, not out (*v.* Upper Tooting, July 8); R. E. More, 109 (*v.* M.C.C. and Ground, July 18).

Ageinst—

Carpenter, 121, and S. Oppenheim, 150 not out (J. H. Farmer's XI, May 30).

Below will be found the batting and bowling averages of the team :—

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Total runs	Most in an innings	Average
C. D. Fisher (capt)	13	1	563	113	47.33
L. J. Moon	13	0	607	80	46.69
R. E. More	13	0	439	109	33.76
S. L. Taylor-Taswell	6	2	76	42	19.00
H. O. C. Beasley	13	3	165	35*	16.50
F. Young	7	3	50	23*	12.50
R. N. R. Blaker	13	3	108	39*	10.80
C. Van der Gucht	11	1	104	36	10.40
W. F. Fox	12	1	112	27	10.18
R. E. Murray	8	2	57	14	9.50
A. Whitto	8	1	60	25*	8.57
A. Berens	4	3	6	4*	6.00
W. A. E. Stamp	1	0	4	4	4.00
H. R. Flack	1	1	20	20*	—

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wides	No-balls	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Average
W. F. Fox	0	0	32	7	89	6	14.84
C. D. Fisher	1	0	278	61	728	49	14.86
R. E. More	0	5	348	111	744	50	14.83
A. Whitto	0	0	37	12	82	3	27.34
R. E. Murray	1	0	47.4	13	131	4	33.50
A. Berens	0	0	32.2	6	76	2	38.00
S. L. Taylor-Taswell	0	0	37	10	88	2	44.00
H. R. Flack	0	0	38.2	7	121	2	60.50
C. Van der Gucht	0	0	4	0	21	0	—
R. N. R. Blaker	0	0	10	0	50	0	—

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 50.—ZACHARY PEARCE, BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

THE materials for a sketch of the life of Zachary Pearce are to be found for the most part in an autobiographical memoir written by him in his seventy-ninth year, which was prefixed (with connecting comments by Dr Johnson) to the Bishop's 'Commentary with Notes on the Four Evangelists and the Acts of the Apostles,' published in the year 1777, or three years after his death. This memoir, with others, was republished by Chalmers in 1816, and amongst the other memoirs may be mentioned an autobiographical life of another Old Westminster—Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol.

Zachary Pearce was the son of John Pearce, a distiller, of High Holborn, and was born there on September 8, 1690. His father appears to have been very successful in business, and at about the age of 40 was enabled to retire and spend the rest of his days on an estate which he had himself purchased at Little Ealing. The early part of the son's education was received at a school at Great Ealing, but in his fourteenth year he was removed to Westminster. From 1704 to 1710, when he was elected third to

Trinity College, Cambridge, the future Bishop remained at the School. He passed the last years as a Queen's Scholar, having been elected on the foundation in 1707. During his residence there the School was presided over by Dr. Thomas Knipe, and Zachary Pearce seems to have given evidence of the success of his training which was confirmed by his after life.

The future success of Bishop Pearce may be traced to the publication of his edition of Cicero's 'De Oratore,' which was issued with notes and emendations from the University Press in the year 1716. This work was dedicated to an Old Westminster (*Alumni*, p. 253)—Chief Justice Parker, afterwards Earl of Macclesfield, and was the means of commencing an acquaintance which subsequently developed into friendship. The suggestion of the dedication was made and the requisite permission obtained through a college friend. The Chief Justice appears to have been pleased with the work, and upon the author calling to make his acknowledgments for the honour conferred, he was presented with a purse of fifty guineas. In addition to this he mentioned his appreciation to Dr. Bentley, the Master of Trinity, and was the means of his being elected to a vacant fellowship at his college. In connection with Pearce's candidature for the fellowship may be mentioned the following anecdote, which is of much interest to Old Westminsters. Dr. Bentley, who was then having his well-known contest with Serjeant Miller, sent for Zachary Pearce, and suggested that he, 'being a Westminster scholar, might bring a body of students educated at that school, among whom a great *esprit de corps* existed, to block out the Serjeant by manual force.'

Although it might have been thought that the son would follow in his father's successful business, he seems to have made up his mind for a long time to take Holy Orders. He was not ordained, however, until 1717, or in his twenty-seventh year, when he had, as he thought, 'taken time enough to prepare himself and attain to so much knowledge of the sacred office, as should be sufficient to answer all the good purposes for which it is designed.' In the following year he was ordained priest, having received both ordinations at the hands of Dr. Fleetwood, Bishop of Ely. Chief Justice Parker had evidently taken a fancy to Zachary Pearce at his first interview, and had made up his mind to befriend him, and when he was appointed Lord Chancellor in May, 1718, he selected Pearce to be his private chaplain. Upon the appointment being made public Zachary Pearce formed one of the throng who called upon the new Lord Chancellor to offer congratulations. He was requested to remain until all the others had left, when he was offered the chaplaincy, which he accepted. He occupied this position for some three years, but this was only the commencement of his preferments. At the end of 1719 he was appointed Rector of Stapleford Abbots in Essex, which he resigned in 1722, and on the death of Dr. Adams, the Rector of St. Bartholomew, behind the Royal Exchange, in 1720, he was

chosen as his successor on the presentation of the Lord Chancellor. This living was supposed to be one of the most valuable in the City. While fulfilling his duties as chaplain in this year at a ministerial dinner given by the Lord Chancellor, Zachary Pearce was fortunate enough to attract the attention of the Duke of Newcastle, then Lord Chamberlain, who had been with him both at Westminster and Cambridge. Upon the chaplain's withdrawal the Duke spoke to his host about him, whereupon the Lord Chancellor suggested that the Lord Chamberlain should appoint Pearce one of the King's Chaplains when a vacancy occurred. This suggestion the Duke promised to adopt, and he kept his promise.

In September, 1723, Dr. Green, Bishop of Norwich, who held the vicarage of St. Martin-in-the-Fields *in commendam*, was translated to Ely, and the right of presentation to the Vicarage, which then fell vacant, became vested in the Lord Chancellor. This right the latter insisted on exercising in favour of his former chaplain, though another candidate was put forward by the Bishop of London, as the patron of the living. Upon his taking up the appointment the Lord Chancellor intimated to Zachary Pearce that he ought to take his degree of Doctor of Divinity, but as he was not of sufficient standing according to the University rules, the Lambeth degree of D.D. was at the request of the Lord Chancellor conferred upon him in June, 1724, by Dr. Wake, the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was while Dr. Pearce was Vicar of St. Martin's that the rebuilding of that church was in course of arrangement, and he was naturally one of the commissioners for the rebuilding.

One Act of Parliament had been obtained for the purpose of raising a capital sum by a parish rate, but the amount raised proved insufficient, and it became necessary to apply for a further Act. To obtain this the commissioners, after getting the approval of Sir Robert Walpole, the Prime Minister, canvassed those members of the House who might support the application by their influence and votes, including particularly those who were owners of property in the parish. Amongst these was an Old Westminster, a sketch of whose life has already appeared in this series—Pulteney, Earl of Bath—who was won over to give his countenance to the proposal. In the progress of the negotiations, Dr. Pearce of course came into contact with the future Earl, and the latter was drawn towards him by reason of their both being Old Westminsters. This acquaintance became enlarged into a friendship of many years, and in fact only ceased upon the death of the Earl. As will be hereafter seen, Dr. Pearce gained in him another patron, and an influential one, who materially contributed towards his subsequent preferments. The friendships contracted by Dr. Pearce seem to have been of a lasting character. He was with the Lord Chancellor but a few hours before his death in 1732, and he performed the funeral ceremony over Lord Bath in 1764. It is unnecessary to refer to the partisan impeachment of the Lord Chancellor beyond stating that Dr. Pearce was

present at his trial, and gives his own views of it in his autobiographical memoir.

Dr. Pearce was destined to obtain a more exalted patron still in the person of Queen Caroline, the wife of George II. This acquaintance with the Queen arose through the introduction of Lady Sundon, the wife of Lord Sundon, with whom he was brought into contact as a parishioner during the negotiations for the re-building of St. Martin's. Dr. Pearce was honoured with several conversations with Queen Caroline, and his appointment as Dean of Winchester is attributable to her. She recommended him for a deanery to Sir Robert Walpole, and he eventually carried out her wishes, though no vacancy arose during the Queen's lifetime. The Deanery of Winchester, though the first to be filled up, was not the first to fall vacant, but there were political difficulties in the way of his appointment to Wells. Pulteney was, as is well known, in complete opposition to Sir Robert Walpole, but his friendship to Dr. Pearce very eloquently showed itself by his request to the Prime Minister 'that Dr. Pearce may not suffer in his preferment for being my friend.' Sir Robert Walpole acceded to the request, and on the death of Dr. Nailor appointed Dr. Pearce as his successor in the Deanery of Winchester in 1739. He was instituted on August 4 in that year. Early in December, 1744, Dean Pearce was elected Prolocutor of the Lower House of Convocation, and he owed his election mainly to Dr. Potter, Archbishop of Canterbury. He closely attended to the duties pertaining to the office, thus proving the appropriateness of his selection.

The subsequent preferments came to Dr. Pearce entirely unsolicited, and he accepted them indeed against his own inclinations. The eldest son of his father, who was now far advanced in years, he would in the ordinary course of things succeed him in his estate, and consequently he desired no further preferment, but wished to retain the Deanery of Winchester, and to be allowed to resign the Vicarage of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, which occupied a large portion of his time. These views he explained to Archbishop Potter in a conversation, during which the Archbishop suggested that he should enlist Lord Bath's assistance in being made a Bishop, and they elicited from the Archbishop the reply, 'Well, if you will not help yourself, your friends must do it for you.' Though it was not known to Dr. Pearce until after the Archbishop's death in 1747, the latter did at once approach Lord Bath on the subject, and Dr. Pearce's name was among those put forward on the next vacancy, though upon this occasion without result. The first intimation that Dr. Pearce received of the proposal that he should succeed Dr. Hutton as Bishop of Bangor, upon the latter's translation to York, was in a letter from an Old Westminster, who afterwards became Sir Thomas Clarke and Master of the Rolls. The letter reached him at Winchester, but the Dean heard nothing further until he reached his father's house at Little Ealing, on his return to his clerical

duties in London. Here he received a letter from the Duke of Newcastle, stating that he was commanded to offer him the Bishopric of Bangor, and containing a summons to Dr. Pearce to attend upon him the following day at the Cockpit. The formal offer was made at this interview, but the Dean was loth to accept it as he ascertained that he could not hold his deanery *in commendam*, though he would be allowed to hold his vicarage in this way, and it was the latter cure that he was anxious to resign. Obtaining permission to give his answer in three days, he so far followed his own inclination that he procured his father and Lord Bath's consent 'that he might decline to accept of that Bishopric without their displeasure'; but before his second interview with the Duke, Lord Hardwicke sent for him and strongly urged his acceptance of the offer, concluding his argument with the words: 'If clergymen of learning and merit will not accept of the Bishoprics, how can the Ministers of the State be blamed, if they are forced to fill them with others less deserving?' In result he consented to accept the offer, and was accordingly consecrated Bishop of Bangor on February 21, 1748. There seems little doubt that Lord Bath was partly instrumental in the offer of this Bishopric being made to Dr. Pearce. In the See of Canterbury, Dr. Potter was succeeded by Dr. Thomas Herring, who seems to have been the moving spirit in the translation of Dr. Pearce from Bangor to Rochester. Upon three separate occasions Dr. Herring urged Dr. Pearce to consent to the exchange, and it was only on the third request that he acquiesced in the Archbishop's proposal to endeavour to obtain it for him on the understanding that he should be at liberty to refuse it even if that Archbishop's efforts proved successful. The offer was again made through the Duke of Newcastle. At their interview the Duke pressed the Bishop to appoint his nominee to the vacant Chancellorship of Bangor and ultimately obtained his promise to do so. He then begged the Bishop to grant him another favour, and being asked to name his further request, the Duke replied, 'that you will accept of the Bishopric of Rochester and Deanery of Westminster in exchange for Bangor, in case the present Bishop of Rochester should die.' Dr. Pearce did not feel entitled to decline this generous offer, and upon the death of Dr. Wilcocks in the early part of the year 1756, he was shortly afterwards appointed to succeed him. While Bishop of Rochester Dr. Pearce had to undertake some of the duties of Dr. Sherlock, the Bishop of London, who was too old and infirm to do them personally, and upon his death at the end of 1761, Lord Bath once again wished to obtain, if possible, this further promotion for Dr. Pearce; but the Bishop had long made up his mind that he would never accept the Bishopric of London or the Archbishopric of Canterbury even if they were offered to him. Two years later Bishop Pearce endeavoured on the ground of age to resign both his preferments and retire into private life, and he was successful in

obtaining the King's consent. His wishes, however, were frustrated at the last moment. Lord Bath, upon the resignation being arranged, proposed that Dr. Newton, Bishop of Bristol, should be appointed to succeed him; but the Ministry objected to any appointment being made except through their nomination, and as the easiest way of preventing the appointment they strongly and successfully opposed Dr. Pearce's proposed resignation. He was thus compelled to continue his episcopal duties until his death, but in 1768 he was enabled to obtain consent to resign the Deanery of Westminster, in which he was followed by Dr. John Thomas, who had been his sub-dean. This resignation, according to Dean Stanley, is 'the sole instance of such an abdication.'

Dr. Zachary Pearce was only once married, namely, in February 1721-22, to Mary Adams, the daughter of Benjamin Adams, 'an eminent distiller, of Holborn, with a considerable fortune.' Their children died young, but Dr. and Mrs. Pearce's married life extended over fifty-one years. Mrs. Pearce's death occurred on October 23, 1773, in her seventieth year, and the Bishop only survived her some eight months. He died on June 29, 1774, at his house at Little Ealing, which he had come into possession of on the death of his father. He was buried by the side of his wife in Bromley Church, Kent. The epitaph upon the monument there was written by himself, and consists chiefly of a catalogue of his various preferments with dates. On the south side of the Nave in Westminster Abbey will be found a cenotaph erected to his memory with the following inscription in Latin from the pen of Dr. John Thomas:—

M.S.
 Viri admodum Reverendi
 ZACHARIÆ PEARCE, S.T.P.,
 Episcopi Roffensis, hujusque Ecclesiæ Collegiæ,
 Necnon Honoratissimi Ordinis de Balneo,
 Decani.
 Pueritiâ, in Scholâ Westmonasteriensi, benè actâ,
 Uberiorem Scientiæ Fructum
 Apud Cantabrigienses collegit.
 Quantus inde et Criticus prodiit et Theologus,
 Testantur Scripta ipsius iam dudum Edita,
 Testabuntur et mox Edenda.
 Secessit tandem et otii impensè cupidus,
 Quo Sacris Literis elucidandis vacaret,
 Decanatum hunc abdicavit;
 Episcopatum insuper, modo Licuisset,
 Abdicaturus.
 Absoluto demum, Quod precipuè in Votis erat,
 In Sacrosancta Evangelia et Acta Apostolorum,
 Limatissimo Commentario,
 A Laboribus requievit.
 xxix Junii, A. D. MDCCLXXIV. Ætat. lxxxiv.

Thus died Bishop Pearce, and, like his father, at a ripe old age. From the foregoing account it will be seen that he was according to the then prevailing custom largely indebted for his preferments to his several patrons and friends; but his capacity cannot be doubted, and the two Archbishops, Dr. Potter and Dr. Herring, would scarcely have pressed some of the preferments upon his acceptance unless they had

been convinced of his merit. From the fact that he was frequently importuned to accept the offers made to him, it is clear that he was not of a grasping disposition, and had he been left to his own inclinations he would unquestionably have declined some of the clerical honours which were really thrust upon him. In connection with his tenure of the office of Dean of Westminster must be mentioned his proposal to remove the 'exquisite mediæval monument' of Aymer de Valence for the cenotaph of General Wolfe. Horace Walpole refers to this attempted vandalism in his 'Letters' and himself remonstrated with the Dean. It may also be noted that he officiated at the funeral of George II. and of six other royal personages, and also at the coronation of George III.

His children having predeceased him, his brother became his heir, but he left a large sum in charitable benefactions. Of these may be mentioned a bequest of £5,000 in aid of the endowment of the College for Clergymen's Widows at Bromley, founded by Bishop Warner. During his lifetime he built a registry at Rochester for the better preservation of the diocesan records, an act which would more than favourably commend itself at the present day, when all records are deservedly receiving so much care and attention.

Ten of the Bishop's sermons were published, and a cursory allusion should be made to the one preached by him as Dean in 1760, upon the occasion of the Bi-centenary of the Foundation of the School by Elizabeth. He was the author of several religious, classical and other works, but it is unnecessary to tabulate here the results of his literary labours. They are duly scheduled to the article on the Bishop in the 'Dictionary of National Biography.' It may be recorded that he is stated to have been the only person who gave Dr. Johnson any assistance in his 'Dictionary.' He bequeathed his library to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and his manuscript works were left to the care of his chaplain, John Derby.

It remains to be added that the Bishop was a member of the Royal Society, and in 1757 acted as one of the Stewards of the Westminster School Anniversary.

According to the biographical work above referred to, there is a portrait of the Bishop at Bromley, and another portrait, by Thomas Hudson, in the possession of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. His bust, by W. Tyler, forms part of his monument in the Abbey.

The Bentley anecdote already alluded to refers to the *esprit de corps* of the scholars of Westminster School, and the life of Bishop Pearce as a whole seems to adduce evidence in support of the statement. For the most part his patrons and friends were Old Westminsters, and Bishop Newton refers to the kindness shown to him by Dr. Pearce when the former was a curate in London and practically unknown. It is a pleasing trait in the old school, which we are pleased to think still remains to some extent, though it may have lost some of its old intensesness.

Let us hope that the same spirit may continue to exist and increase in strength.

URLLAD.

HALL EPIGRAMS.

A VERY large number of O.W.W. were present at Election Dinner, which took place on Monday, July 27th. Among the guests were Dr. Ince (representing the Dean of Christ Church), Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, K.C.B., Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., Mr. Victor Williamson, Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, Colonel Turner, Mr. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C. The governing body were represented by Canon Gore, Mr. Eastlake, and Mr. Talbot. The theses of the Epigrams were 'ἄδωρα δῶρα' and 'Amabilis Insania.' There was more variation in the subjects than in last year's epigrams, when the General Election naturally occupied a very prominent place. With a few exceptions, nearly all were written in English or Latin. The new woman, the cycling woman, and the great wheel each formed the subject of more than one, while the Agricultural Rating Bill, the Transvaal, Venezuela, Röntgen rays, cricket, football, all found a place.

The following is quite a *tour de force* :—

The Germans at Rome
Are completely at home ;
Who tries to escape 'll s-
Till find them at Naples ;
Germans at Florence—
You meet them in torrents ;
Many too many 's
The German at Venice ;
And so to be sure in
The city of Turin ;
Fulmen Jovis missile
He has lighted on Sicily ;
Though they say you find still an
Italian at Milan ;

And in spite of it all, there are yet, they affirm, any
Number of Germans residing in Germany.

The next will, perhaps, be more appreciated by our Oxford than our Cambridge friends :—

ἄδωρα δῶρα.

Twelve you gave us, three times four,
And were still a hundred more.
Gifts, my Cantab, such as those
Are the giftless gifts of foes.
Give us twelve or let us follow,
Either way we beat you hollow.

Postcards and telegrams were the subject of a rather subtle epigram, the point of which was not at first sight visible :—

Amabilis insania.

Insignes duo sunt homines quos semper habere
Nomina raucisona plebis in ore juvat :
Quanto autem juveni differt a principe largo
Ingenio noster parvus adusque senex !
Non pretium est curae grave telegraphematis illi ;
Huic quae charta valet dimidium assis habet.

The great wheel and its failings were thus satirised :—

οὐκ ἄδωρα δῶρα.
Orbis ille magnus haesit
Noctis per tenebras, inque
Nubibus; nec ullum laesit,—
Cuique dantur librae quinque.

Idem Anglicè Redditum.

Through the long night the starving couples float :
Yet for their recompense who would not bid ?
She, robbed of music, yet obtains a note ;
Reft of tobacco, he receives five quid.

The inevitable Trilby and Röntgen rays contributed two Greek auctores :—

Amabilis et inamabilis insania.
Ὡς στυγέω μανίαν· τοιόσδ' εἶθ' ὠφελε Τρίλβης
μάλινδος ἡμετέρων μήποτ' ἔρωσ κρατέειν.

ἄδωρα δῶρα.
Ἐγκέφαλον φαίνειν αὐγαῖς Ποντῆγιος οἶδεν·
εἶπεν ἀνεγκέφαλος, “ δῶρον ἄδωρον ἔμοι.”

The following has the merit of brevity :—

ἄδωρα δῶρα.
Lex datur agricolis : tollenda est causa querellae :
Tollitur : at causas invenit iste novas.

One of the few political epigrams was—

ἄδωρα δῶρα—*Inamabilis insania.*
The Bill's introduced amid loud acclamations :
An unheard-of majority marks its approval.
On each line and each word then they heap imprecations,
With amendment its benefits bound to remove all.

An amusing 'oratore' was afforded by the Greek thesis. It runs as follows :—

ἄδωρα δῶρα.
A sovereign for your shilling fare I gave,
And so you've called to hand it back again !
Why, that's the way a cabman should behave ;
Honesty's always best, and for your pain
Take half-a-crown, my friend, my health to drink—
But stop ! He's gone : the sovereign's bad, I think.

An entirely original joke concluded the series, and was, perhaps, greeted with more applause than any other epigram of the evening :—

Amabilis insania.
How shall we civilise our Premph ?
Behead him—he'll become an M.P. !

SCOTT LIBRARY.

PLAY TERM 1895—
Volumes purchased 131
Volume presented 1*

* 'London and the Kingdom,' vol. 3, presented by the Corporation of the City of London.

LENT TERM 1896—
Volumes purchased 124
Volumes presented 4†

ELECTION TERM 1896—
Volumes purchased 118
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At Election 1895, Volumes in Library 379
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† 'Wisden's Cricketer's Almanack,' presented by Messrs. John Wisden & Co. ; 'Coaching Days and Coaching Ways,' by W. O. Tristram, presented by F. A. Lait, Esq. (O.W.) ; 'Martialis Epigrammata in usum Scholae Westmonasteriensis,' 2 vols., 1714 and 1721, presented by R. Waterfield, Esq. (O.W.).
‡ 'History of Felsted School,' by J. Sargeant, presented by the Author.

School Notes.

THERE are 32 new boys this term.

The results of Election were as follows :—

Elected to Christ Church :
C. D. Fisher, Q.S.
J. H. Reynolds, Q.S.

Elected to Trinity :
R. K. Gaye, Q.S.
R. Airy, Q.S.
W. C. Mayne, Q.S.

Christ Church Exhibitions :
A. H. Hogarth, Q.S.
O. J. R. Howarth, T.B.
W. F. Fox, T.B.

Triplet Exhibitions :
H. B. McCaskie, T.B.
R. Airy, Q.S.

Triplet Gratuities of £75 :
A. H. Hogarth, Q.S.
W. C. Mayne, Q.S.

Samwaies Exhibitions :
R. K. Gaye, Q.S.
R. Airy, Q.S.

The following are the School Officers for this year :—

Captain of School.—M. L. Gwyer, Q.S.
Monitors.—P. T. Jones, T.B.
B. S. Boulter, Q.S.
E. Hackforth, T.B.
Head of Grants.—W. H. Lonsdale.
Head of Rigauds.—R. E. More.
Head of H.BB.—P. T. Jones.
Head of Ashburnham.—E. F. Colville.
Captain of Football.—C. Van der Gucht.
Captain of Cricket.—R. E. More.

The theses for 'Up School' Epigrams this year were 'Advocatus Diaboli' and 'Noblesse oblige.' There were only two epigrams.

The Mure Scholarship has been awarded to H. L. Henderson; *proxime accessit*, S. A. Sydney-Turner. The Gumbleton Prize for English Verse has been awarded to E. F. Colvile, and the Ireland Prize for Latin Verse to M. L. Gwyer.

There will be an exeat this term lasting from Friday, November 7, to 9.15 A.M. on the following Wednesday.

The Cricket Elevens were filled up as follows:—

<i>Pinks</i>	<i>Pink and Whites</i>	<i>Third Elevens</i>
*C. D. Fisher	T. S. Holland	R. O. Barnett
*A. Whittow	A. H. Hogarth	W. V. Rayner
*L. J. Moon	A. Berens	S. M. Anderson
*H. O. C. Beasley	F. Young	H. C. Lecky
R. E. More	W. A. E. Stamp	W. C. Stevens
*W. F. Fox	A. P. Day	E. M. Eustace
C. Van der Gucht	H. R. Flack	M. L. Gwyer
*R. E. Murray	C. E. L. Johnston	S. H. Langston
R. N. R. Blaker	B. H. Willett	P. Cunningham
*S. L. Taswell		E. Æ. Cotterill

* Have left.

Orations were held 'Up School' on Friday, October 9, when Rutherford was placed first, and F. Waterfield second.

The Mission Offertory in Abbey on Michaelmas Day amounted to £16. 4s. 5d., which was increased by the Head Master's subscription to £20. 10s.

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

		1896	
Sat.	Oct. 3	Clapham Rovers.	(Lost 1-3.)
"	" 10	Old Reptonians.	(Lost 1-3.)
"	" 17	F. Bickley's XI.	
"	" 24	Old Westminster.	
"	" 31	Old Carthusians.	
"	Nov. 7	Magdalen Coll., Oxon.	
Wed.	" 11	Christ Church, Oxon.	
Sat.	" 14	Old Foresters.	
Wed.	" 18	Selwyn Coll., Camb.	
Sat.	" 21	Trinity Coll., Oxon.	
"	" 28	Casuals.	
"	" 28	2nd XI. v. Old Harrovians.	
"	Dec. 5	Old Etonians.	
"	" 5	2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	
		1897	
"	Jan. 23	Old Felstedians.	
"	" 23	2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.	
"	" 30	Casuals.	
"	Feb. 6	Clapham Rovers.	
Wed.	" 10	Old Etonians.	
Sat.	" 13	Keble Coll., Oxon.	
"	" 20	Old Westminster.	
"	" 27	Old Brightonians.	
"	Mar. 6	Charterhouse (at Godalming).	
"	" 13	Old Wykehamists.	
"	" 20	Old Harrovians.	
Wed.	" 24	T.B.B. v. Q.SS.	

The Play this year is the 'Phormio.' The Play nights are Thursday 17th, Monday 21st, and Wednesday 23rd of December.

The Queen's Scholars elected at the Challenge in July are:—

1. H. A. Roberts	6. W. T. Kennedy
2. G. K. A. Bell	*7. W. A. Greene
*3. W. T. S. Sonnenschein	*8. L. H. Bennett
*4. A. T. Willett	*9. O. G. F. Lühn
5. H. S. Gaskell	10. E. G. S. Ravenscroft

* Non-Residential.

The following are the captains of the Leagues for this year:—

A. O. H. M. Williams	E. L. E. Deacon
B. E. Æ. Cotterill	F. H. R. Flack
C. B. H. Willett	G. R. J. Murray
D. H. J. M. Hudson	H. M. L. Gwyer.

We congratulate R. H. Phillimore on passing into Woolwich, and R. E. Lloyd on gaining a scholarship at University College.

The appearance of Little Dean's Yard has been much altered by the entire demolition of Rigauds, which is to be rebuilt next year.

New railings are being put round Vincent Square, which are a great improvement upon the old, though not from the point of view of the 'skis,' we should imagine.

From the *Times* of September 2: 'Mr. George Bettsworth Piggott has been appointed by the Marquis of Salisbury Judicial Officer in Nyasaland, British Central Africa, under the administration of Sir H. H. Johnston. Mr. Piggott was educated at Westminster School, and was called to the Bar, in June, 1888, at the age of twenty-one. He joined the South-Eastern Circuit, and was a member of the Middlesex Sessions, North London Sessions, Sussex Sessions, and Central Criminal Court.'

THE FIELDS.

H.B.B. v. ASHBURNHAM

(FIRST ROUND, SHIELD MATCHES).

In the Ashburnham v. Home Boarders match H.B.B. outplayed Ashburnham and won by the respectable margin of nine wickets. Ashburnham made a good start by compiling 184, chiefly owing to Langston (26), Holland (32), Beveridge (32), and Addison (24); but

the H.B.B. bowling was poor. The first few H.B.B. wickets fell quickly, but some good cricket by Jones (28) and Anderson (36), and some rather lucky play by Corfield (33) and Howarth (27), brought up their total to 176, the Ashburnham fielding being wretched. On going in for the second time Ashburnham, with the exception of a good 29 by Langston, and a hard-hit 16 by Holland, failed utterly, and the whole side was out for 68, leaving H.B.B. 67 to get to win. This they obtained easily for the loss of only one wicket. Score :—

ASHBURNHAM.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. C. Lecky, run out	9	b. Murray	1
S. H. Langston, st. Cunningham, b. Anderson	26	b. Murray	29
R. O. Barnett, c. Murray, b. Jones	19	b. Murray	4
T. S. Holland, c. Corfield, b. Jones	32	c. Anderson, b. Jones	16
S. S. Harris, b. R. E. Murray	0	b. Anderson	5
E. F. Colvile, c. Paget, b. Jones ...	3	not out	0
H. W. Beveridge, run out	32	b. Murray	1
H. G. Addison, c. Robinson, b. Murray	24	c. Corfield, b. Jones	5
W. H. C. Kennedy, c. Rayner, b. Murray	1	c. Paget, b. Anderson	2
C. G. Holiday, c. Paget, b. Anderson ..	15	b. Jones	0
D. Young, not out	0	c. Corfield, b. Murray	0
Byes, &c.	23	Byes, &c.	5
Total	184	Total	68

H.B.B.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
R. E. Murray, b. Harris	9	b. Harris	6
H. B. McCarbie, b. Barnett	18	not out	23
W. V. Rayner, c. Addison, b. Harris ..	3	not out	39
P. T. Jones, b. Lecky	28		
S. M. Anderson, c. and b. Beveridge ..	36		
A. C. Robinson, run out	9		
F. J. Corfield, c. Kennedy, b. Barnett ..	33		
O. J. Howarth, b. Holland	27		
A. B. Paget, b. Barnett	4		
P. B. Cunningham, not out	0		
A. J. Murray, b. Barnett	11		
Extras	8	Extras	2
Total	176	Total	70

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ASHBURNHAM.

<i>First Innings.</i>			
Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. Murray	14	1	50
S. Anderson	21	2	61
P. Jones	11	4	29
A. Robinson	4	0	16
<i>Second Innings.</i>			
Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. Murray	15	5	21
S. Anderson	10	2	26
P. Jones		4	11

H.B.B.

<i>First Innings.</i>			
Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. O. Barnett	17	3	60
S. S. Harris	11	2	25
H. W. Beveridge	7	1	28
T. S. Holland	11.3	1	27
H. G. Addison	2	0	9
H. C. Lecky	6	1	29
<i>Second Innings.</i>			
Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. O. Barnett	10	3	17
S. S. Harris	7	1	20
H. W. Beveridge	2	0	12
H. C. Lecky	3.3	0	18

RIGAUDS v. GRANTS.

This match resulted in a win for Rigauds by ten wickets. Grants won the toss, but began badly, losing Moon before he had scored, Taswell shortly after following him. Fox and Day improved matters, taking the score to 70, when Fox was dismissed for a useful 26. Day played very patiently for 30, aided by fortune ; and of the rest, Lonsdale, with 13, was the best. On Rigauds going in, Blaker did nearly all the scoring, Beasley only making 6 out of the first 34 before being unfortunately run out. Blaker left after making 43 out of 58, including a 5, six 4's, and three 3's. More and Willett took the score from 86 to 150, when the former left after scoring 60, which included a 5, five 4's, and seven 3's. Next day Willett did not add to his score of 29, which was most serviceable, as was Lord's 19 not out, both being most creditable innings. Barnby and Stenning, by free if somewhat rash hitting, made double figures, and the close of the innings left Rigauds with the useful lead of 111 runs. Moon was by far the most successful bowler, and might have put himself on sooner with advantage. Grants began again with Moon and Day, but the latter failed. Taswell, however, helped Moon to add 38, and then Moon and Fox became associated. Unhappily for Rigauds, they were both badly missed early in the innings, and their partnership realised 78 runs, when Moon was neatly taken for 49. His innings, which was perhaps not quite equal to his best standard, included five 4's and six 3's. Fox continued to hit in splendid style, and was very unlucky in missing his century. He hit capitally all round the wicket, and, despite the freedom of his play, only gave the chance above mentioned. He hit a 5, seven 4's, eight 3's, and twelve 2's. Heard and Barnes offered a sturdy resistance for some time, and if the former had not run himself out the score might have been even larger than 201—setting Rigauds 93 to win. It was expected that they would do this, but to do it without loss was a fine performance. Both Blaker and Beasley played with confidence and ease, and made the requisite runs under the hour. Whittow's wicket-keeping throughout the match was especially noticeable. Full score :—

GRANTS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
L. J. Moon, b. Berens	0	c. Lord, b. More	49
A. P. Day, b. More.....	30	b. More.....	0
S. L. T. Taswell, b. More.....	5	c. Whittow, b. Blaker.....	23
W. F. Fox, c. and b. Blaker	26	b. Blaker	96
H. G. H. Barnes, b. More.....	0	b. Blaker	12
W. C. Stevens, b. More	7	b. Blaker	0
W. H. M. Lonsdale, b. Blaker.....	13	b. Blaker	0
J. Heard, c. More, b. Blaker.....	0	run out	17
H. S. Bompas, b. More	5	not out	0
W. J. Collins, b. Blaker.....	1	b. More.....	0
W. P. Daniel, not out	4	b. Blaker	0
Byes 17, leg-byes 4.....	21	Bye 1, l.b. 1, n.b. 1	3
Total	112	Total	201

RIGAUDS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
H. O. C. Beasley, run out.....	6	not out	39
R. N. R. Blaker, c. Moon, b. Fox...	43	not out	51
R. E. More, b. Moon	60		
A. Berens, b. Stevens.....	2		
B. H. Willett, b. Moon	29		
A. Whittow, b. Moon.....	1		
J. W. Lord, not out	19		
L. Y. Barnby, run out.....	11		
H. McKenna, b. Taswell	0		
K. H. Stenning, b. Moon	11		
F. R. Cunningham, b. Taswell.....	1		
Byes 32, leg-byes, 7, wides 1	40	Byes 1, l.b. 2	3
Total	223	Total	93

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

GRANTS.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	19	9	41	5
A. Berens.....	7	2	24	1
R. N. R. Blaker	11.2	3	26	4
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	28	9	67	3
A. Bhrens.....	12	1	61	0
R. N. R. Blaker	19	3	59	6

RIGAUDS.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
W. F. Fox	10	1	54	1
S. L. T. Taswell.....	27	6	57	2
W. C. Stevens	4	0	27	1
W. J. Collins	3	1	11	0
J. Heard	2	0	6	0
L. J. Moon	13	3	29	4
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
W. F. Fox	4	0	22	0
S. L. T. Taswell.....	7.4	2	26	0
W. C. Stevens	2	0	9	0
L. J. Moon	8	1	33	0

(FINAL.)

RIGAUDS v. H.BB.

This match was chiefly notable for producing two records in House matches—the highest total (though only 5 wickets fell) and the highest individual score. On Wednesday afternoon Rigauds, having won the toss, began as usual with Beasley and Blaker, who at once collared the bowling and put on 154 for the first wicket, when Blaker retired after compiling 68, consisting of a 6, three 5's, five 4's, four 3's. More followed and the score rose rapidly, the second and third hundred being passed, and the score was 330 when the second wicket fell, More being bowled for 79, which included five 5's, a like number of 4's, and seven 3's. Berens added 26 in a few minutes, and then at last H.BB. got rid of Beasley. He had made no fewer than 194—as above mentioned the highest score on record in these matches. He was badly missed before he had scored and once later in his innings, but in spite of these blunders the ease with which he met the attack was remarkable. His chief hits were a 6, four 5's, nineteen 4's, eleven 3's. Willett foolishly ran himself out, and at time the score was 417 for 5 wickets. Next day Rigauds declared their innings closed and dismissed H.BB. for 53, Rayner alone making double figures. On following on they improved on this, making 75 for 1 wicket, and then, as convenient time was wanting to finish the match, H.BB. agreed to withdraw, leaving Rigauds again in possession of the Shield.

Score and analysis :—

RIGAUDS.

H. O. C. Beasley, b. Jones	194
R. N. R. Blaker, b. R. E. Murray.....	68
R. E. More, b. Anderson.....	79
A. Berens, b. R. J. Murray	26
B. H. Willett, run out	2
A. Whittow, not out	11
J. W. Lord	} did not bat.
L. Y. Barnby	
H. McKenna	
K. H. Stenning	
F. R. Cunningham	
Byes 25, leg-byes 7, wides 5	37

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 417*

* Innings declared closed.

H.BB.

H. B. McCaskie, b. More	0
A. C. Robinson, c. Whittow, b. Blaker.....	0
R. E. Murray, b. Blaker	3
W. V. Rayner, b. Blaker.....	20
S. M. Anderson, b. More.....	1
P. T. Jones, b. More	7
R. J. Murray, c. Berens, b. Blaker.....	0
P. H. B. Cunningham, b. Blaker	0
F. J. Corfield, not out	5
O. J. R. Howarth, b. More	1
A. B. Paget, b. Blaker	1
Byes 14, no-ball 1	15
Total	53

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.B.B.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
S. M. Anderson	26	4	127	1
R. E. Murray	26	5	91	1
P. T. Jones.....	14	3	61	1
R. J. Murray	8	1	38	1
A. C. Robinson	3	0	23	0

RIGAUDS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More.....	10	5	14	4
R. N. R. Blaker	9.4	4	24	6

Q.SS. v. T.BB.

This time-honoured match was played 'Up Fields' on Election Monday, as usual. Q.SS., who lacked the services of Van der Gucht, went in first, but, with the exception of Young, gave a very poor display, and were all out in two hours for 121. Stamp was bowled the first ball of the match by a beauty from More. Fisher followed, but seemed unaccountably nervous, and though he made a few good strokes, he was soon out (2 for 28). Young, who was playing very steadily, was joined by Hogarth, and the score was slowly taken to 81, when Hogarth was bowled (3 for 81). Wickets then fell rapidly, Lonsdale, Flack, and Gwyer troubling the scorers very little, but Johnston and Eustace made a few hits, and with a 2 from Reynolds the innings closed as stated for 121. Young played remarkably well for 38, but could get no one to stay for him. T.BB. started their innings with Moon and Fox to the bowling of Fisher and Flack. Both began steadily, but when Fox had scored 9 he succumbed to a good ball from Fisher (1 for 30). More came in, and then came the chief stand of the innings. Both scored freely, and the total mounted steadily; More in particular made several fine hits. Changes in the bowling were tried without avail. But on Flack going on a second time the separation was brought about by a very fine catch in the deep field by Stamp. More had hit hard for his 51, but it was by no means without blemish, Fisher failing to hold a return from him before he scored. The hit which cost him his wicket was an exceptionally hard drive off Flack. 104 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket. On Beasley joining Moon, the rate of scoring slackened considerably, the former opening very cautiously; Moon, too, on nearing the century, scored less freely than before. Beasley had scored 22 out of 50 made during his stay of over an hour before he returned the ball to Flack, who secured it without difficulty (3 for 184). Blaker followed, but was caught and bowled by Fisher without scoring. Taswell came next, and started carefully, while Moon soon afterwards completed his century with a 4 to leg from Fisher. He quickly added 17, and was then beaten by a ball of Fisher's (5 for 232). His innings was not faultless by any means, as he was

missed several times. Murray and Whittow made a few hits each, while Taswell increased his score to 38 before time was called, leaving T.BB. victorious by 3 wickets and 159 runs. Fisher was the most successful bowler, his 5 wickets costing 23 runs apiece. Flack and Eustace also bowled much better than their figures might lead one to suppose.

Q.SS.

F. Young, st. Moon, b. Murray	38
W. A. E. Stamp, b. More.....	0
C. D. Fisher, b. More	7
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Taylor-Taswell	2
A. H. Hogarth, b. Blaker	13
H. R. Flack, run out	4
M. L. Gwyer, c. Moon, b. Murray.....	0
C. E. L. Johnston, c. Beasley, b. Murray.....	14
E. M. Eustace, c. Murray, b. More	10
J. H. Reynolds, b. More	2
E. Cotterill, not out	0
Extras	31
Total	121

T.BB.

L. J. Moon, b. Fisher	117
W. F. Fox, b. Fisher	9
R. E. More, c. Stamp, b. Flack	51
H. O. C. Beasley, c. and b. Flack	22
R. H. R. Blaker, c. and b. Fisher	0
S. L. Taylor-Taswell, not out	33
R. E. Murray, b. Fisher	9
A. Whittow, c. Flack, b. Fisher.....	7
A. Berens, not out.....	4
H. B. Willett } did not bat.	
A. P. Day }	
Total	257

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Q.SS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	21.1	10	24	4
S. L. Taylor-Taswell..	11	4	23	1
R. N. R. Blaker	12	1	21	1
R. E. Murray	15	6	22	3

T.BB.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher.....	33	0	116	5
H. R. Flack.....	24	2	79	2
C. E. L. Johnston ...	2	0	15	0
E. M. Eustace	14	1	45	0

Case Notes.

COLLEGE.—The Town-Boy match at the end of last term was disappointing, Young's display being the only redeeming feature. We congratulate Flack and Johnston on their Pink and Whites, and Eustace, Gwyer, and Cotterill on Third XI's and College colours. Johnston, Young and Gwarkin have played for the School in the first match, but we were sorry to

see that Van der Gucht's injury did not allow him to captain the team. There are very few people left in the Literary Society, but there is plenty of promise in the new members. There are only 5 juniors, whereas 8 fellows left last term. We shall greatly miss the services of Fisher and Hogarth against Town-Boys next term, but there is plenty of young blood to fill the vacancies in the team. We must congratulate Hogarth on playing for O.W.W. *v.* Marlow.

GRANTS.—The following fellows left last term: W. F. Fox, L. J. Moon, A. P. Day, S. L. Taylor-Taswell, W. Collins and H. Loughborough. There are six new boys. We congratulate W. C. Stevens on playing for the School against Clapham Rovers. There has been no meeting of the Literary Society yet this term. The monitors this term 'Up Grants' are W. M. Lonsdale, M. C. R. Graham, and W. C. Stevens. We have just begun the Yard Ties. We congratulate W. C. Stevens and W. M. Lonsdale on getting house colours for cricket last term, and the former on his 3rd XI's.

RIGAUDS.—The great occurrence of this term has been our moving temporarily into Grants while Rigauds is being rebuilt. It is almost superfluous to say that we have experienced the greatest kindness from Mr. Tanner, and that every arrangement has been made for our comfort. Last term we were again successful in the Shield matches, and accomplished some remarkable performances. We congratulate Willett on getting his Pink and Whites, and Lord, Cunningham and Stenning on their House colours. We shall feel the loss of Beasley, Berens, Whittow, Stenning and Cunningham very much, and great difficulty will be found in filling their places worthily. There are five new fellows this term, four of whom are half-boarders. Four Rigaudites played for the School *v.* Clapham Rovers—More, Blaker, McKenna, and L. Barnby.

HOME-BOARDERS.—We beat Ashburnham in the House-Matches last term, but in the final were obliged to scratch to Rigauds after a very unsuccessful beginning. A great many fellows left at Election, and our numbers have decreased from 71 to 59. However, as other houses have suffered equally in this respect, we hope at least to be in the final round of the Trials. We had three representatives in the team *v.* Clapham Rovers—Anderson, Jones, and Corfield—and W. V. Rayner played *v.* Old Reptonians.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—Eleven fellows left last term, but eleven new ones have taken their places. We shall especially miss Holland, Barnet, and Langston in our games. Our football prospects are not bright, as Beveridge, our captain, is our only colour. We congratulate H. Morris on winning a scholarship at the R.N. College, Greenwich. We

hope to have some Fives ties a little later in the term. Langston and Harris received their House colours after the H.B.B. match last term.

THE MISSION.

At the last meeting of the Committee an offer from the Porpoise Swimming Club to give a swimming and diving entertainment in aid of the funds of the Mission was considered and accepted. Further particulars will be announced in our next issue, but we are informed that the entertainment will probably be held in the last week of November.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The House met on September 25, when the following officers and new members were elected:

<i>President</i>	. . .	M. L. GWYER.
<i>Secretary</i>	. . .	H. MCKENNA.
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . .	B. S. BOULTER.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . .	R. E. MORE.
J. Aston, Q.S.		W. H. C. Clay, Q.S.
E. Æ. Cotterill, Q.S.		A. S. Gaye, Q.S.
G. R. Palmer, Q.S.		W. Lonsdale, T.B.
W. C. Stevens, Q.S.		F. T. B. Ward, Q.S.
E. F. Colville, T.B.		E. Hackforth, T.B.
G. H. Bernays, Q.S.		H. G. Quin, Q.S.
M. C. R. Grahame, T.B.		

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on October 1, when the following motion was discussed: 'That this House would welcome the revival of "water" at Westminster.' Proposer, R. E. MORE; Opposer, M. L. GWYER; Seconder, A. MCKENNA.

The PROPOSER was rather vague as to the headquarters to be adopted for rowing, but thought that Putney might suit, as it could be reached in twenty minutes on bicycles. He did not think that the expenses to be incurred would be heavy, and considered that O.W.W. and parents would doubtless come forward with subscriptions. He considered that the numbers of the School would be raised and that the existing games would not suffer.

The OPPOSER criticised the recent letters on the subject in the public press very severely; and then rather boldly asserted that only three pastimes were of real interest to the public nowadays—football, cricket, and cycling. He denied that the boathouse could be reached in twenty minutes, and then after drifting off for a few minutes into empty contradictions of the Proposer's statements, concluded by very truly remarking that the same authorities who had abolished rowing were still in office, and that nothing had since occurred to cause them to reverse their former decision.

A. MCKENNA, in seconding, pointed out the existence of the underground railway and the penny steamboat service as possible means of conveyance. He contended that the fields were at present over-

crowded, and urged past successes on the water as an encouragement for the future.

After a few brief remarks from H. McKenna, perhaps rather off the point, R. E. MORE rose to speak again. He reminded the House of the time when Royalty followed Westminster rowing with interest, beside the famous 'railings.' He explained how cricket could be played during morning station in the summer, and rowing practised during evening station.

Upon the question being put, the motion was carried by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. Alexander Orr, which occurred on September 23, at the age of 81. He was admitted to the School September 30, 1828, and was an M.A. of Oriol College. He had been vicar of Lambeg Connor, co. Antrim, and of Salehurst, Sussex, and was afterwards rector of Cheriton, Hants. Some few years since he resigned his rectory and retired to Eastbourne, where he died.

We also have to regret the death of one of the oldest decade of Old Westminsters. Sir John Henry Fludyer, Bart., was the third son of George Fludyer (O.W.), sometime M.P. for Chippenham, by Lady Mary Fane, daughter of John, ninth Earl of Westmorland (O.W.). He was born December 3, 1803, and entered the School January 10, 1815. His father and grandfather had been at Westminster before him, as his sons were after him. He was of St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. in 1826 and M.A. in 1828. He was ordained deacon in 1826 and priest in 1831, and from 1834 to 1870 was rector of Ayston and of Thistleton, Rutland. The former rectory he held till his death, and for some years past was the oldest incumbent in the diocese of Peterborough. He married May 7, 1832, Augusta, daughter of Sir Richard Borough, Bart. He is succeeded by his elder surviving son, Arthur John (O.W.), Lieutenant-Colonel in the Northamptonshire and Rutland Militia.

We also regret to announce the death of the Rev. Thomas Gregory Smart. He was born May 29, 1827, and was admitted September 13, 1839, becoming a Q.S. in 1841. After leaving Trinity College, Cambridge, he was ordained in 1854, and held successively curacies at Enfield, Banbury, Brill, and Lytham in Lancashire. He was appointed a Minor Canon of Wells in 1859. He died May 29 of the present year.

We are sure that a large number of O.W.W., and Grantites especially, must have seen with deep regret the announcement of the death of Mrs. Jones at Dedham Vicarage. For the many years Mr. Jones was housemaster of Grants, she assiduously studied the comfort and welfare of the numerous boys who passed through the house, and these will ever carry with them memories of the invariable kindness and unselfish care which they received from her. There are others, too, now and formerly connected with the School, who will always remember her as a true and valued friend. Gifted with singular energy, amid all the duties of a large household she found time to do most valuable work for the Church; and when she left Westminster her departure was felt to be a loss far beyond the walls of the School. At her funeral, on August 17, Westminster past and present was represented by the Rev. James Marshall and the Rev. W. Failes. We take this opportunity of expressing in the name of the School our deep sympathy with Mr. Jones.

Among those who lost their lives in the 'Drummond Castle' was Henry Hughes, who entered the School in April 1874, became a Q.S. in 1877, and left at Christmas 1878.

We have also to regret the death of Robert Vavasseur, who was killed in South Africa. He entered the School in 1876, became a Q.S. in 1880, and was elected to Christ Church in 1884. He took a first class in Classical Moderations and second class in 'Greats.'

We have further to regret the death of Gerald Edward Downes, who was elected to a Queen's scholarship last year. He was the youngest son of the Rev. William Edward Downes, rector of Baylham, Suffolk, and died on September 11.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In "Charterhouse Records 1850-90," it is stated that the first football match recorded in the (Charterhouse) Ledger as "the first match with Westminster for many years" was played in Oration Quarter, 1863, at Vincent Square.

Does the Westminster Football Register contain any record of the football matches played against Charterhouse prior to 1863; or will any O.W. tell me of them, or in what newspaper the accounts were published? I should be also glad to know the names of the Westminster Football XI *v.* Charterhouse in 1863, and the name of the player styled Talo (the others being Preston, F. Giles, Short, Lucas, Pownall, Short,

Harrison, Chapman, and Hartley), and the name of the eleventh player in this match, if eleven a side played; also the name of the forward (with A. T. Gamble, W. A. Cabbage, J. A. Turner, A. E. Black, H. Westmoreland and W. C. Aston, captain) in 1877; and the half-back with J. G. Veitch and J. E. Phillimore in 1886.

Yours truly,
A CANTAB O.W.

[At the present moment only one Register is available, which only dates from 1876. No doubt an earlier one will be able to be consulted before our next. Meanwhile, we have no doubt some O.W. could supply you with the details you require.

You mention six forwards in 1877—the total number. The rest of the XI consisted of C. Secretan and W. G. R. Egerton (halves), H. W. Abernethy and R. Mead (backs), C. B. Ryde (goal). The half-back with J. G. Veitch and J. E. Phillimore in 1886 was S. Petrocochino.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I be permitted to ask if *The Elizabethan* possesses a literary critic or any one capable of acting in that capacity? If so, I venture to suggest that one who is not so utterly incompetent as the present one appears to be should be instated. The poem (*sic*) that appeared in your last issue was a disgrace to any paper. The maudlin sentiment and the wretched doggerel of which it consisted have hitherto found no place in *The Elizabethan*, but if this latest departure is to be taken as a precedent we shall have its pages flooded by the trash of any one in the School who considers himself a poet. The lines on 'Leaving,' though meant to be pathetic, came much nearer the ludicrous.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
ARISTARCHUS.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *Blue*, *Fettesian*, *Our Boys' Magazine*, *New'onian*, *Marlburian*, *Carthusian*, *Wellingtonian*, *Cheltonian*, *Alcynian*, *Barrovian*, *Cantuarian*, *Melburian*, *Brighton College Magazine*, *Blundellian*, *Quernmorian*, and *Pauline* (2).

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Morat.