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PRIVILEGE!

(As Charles I. passed along the benches, several resolute voices called out audibly, 'Privilege'!—MACAULAY.)

MANY years ago, when the famous Public Schools Commission was inquiring into the advisability of the removal of Westminster School into the country, many of the witnesses protested strongly against such a step, mainly on the ground that the connection of the School with the Houses of Parliament would be severed, and that thus one of the greatest privileges and advantages possessed by the School would be irretrievably lost. The late Sir Robert Phillimore, for instance, said, '... to remove the School would destroy all the old associations connected with it... That privilege, for instance, of visiting the Houses of Parliament is not a light one, and I well remember Sir James

Graham saying, in one of his most brilliant speeches, that his first desire to become an orator was stimulated by listening, when he was a Westminster boy, to the great speeches of Pitt and Fox; and I myself remember, when I was a Westminster boy, hearing Mr. Canning's splendid speech on the affairs of Portugal, the effect of which I never forgot.' Many others, too, have borne abundant testimony to the value in which they held this privilege both when boys themselves and in after-life; but we need not weary our readers with further quotations. We should like, however, with all due humility, to air a grievance, which will, we feel sure, attract the attention of all those who have even the slightest interest in the welfare of the School and in the maintenance of her traditions.

Before first we entered the School we had always been led to believe that six seats were

reserved daily in the House of Commons for those Westminster boys whose interest in politics might induce them to go to the House when circumstances permitted, and listen to the debates there, but soon after our admission we discovered that our impressions were by no means correct, and that Westminster boys, so far from having seats reserved for them, were treated as inferior to the common herd of visitors, and were scarcely ever able to obtain admission when any debate of public interest and importance was due to take place. Not that we think the average Westminster boy necessarily superior in any way to the average visitor to the House of Commons: the probability is that he is vastly inferior. But we do think that so time-honoured a tradition should command a little more respect even in these days, when 'venerableness is the prerogative of innovatory youth alone.' It is a well-known fact that the House of Commons is jealous of its own privileges, and long may it continue so! But we hope it will never be truly said that the House is jealous of the privileges of others. The advantages to the boys themselves are manifold. Their interest in public matters is stimulated, and their *savoir-faire* increased, while any fear that school duties might be rendered less important in their eyes, if they take a premature interest in affairs above their age, is discounted by the fact that in theory, at any rate, the senior boys of the School alone exercise full enjoyment of the privilege. But unfortunately the custom of going to the House appears gradually to be dying out. We say this after due consideration, and we are afraid it is only too true. There is no need, however, to go far afield for an explanation for this. In the old days, when seats were reserved for the boys, there was a natural incentive to exercise the privilege, but under present conditions, can any one of the boys feel a burning desire to go to the House when there is hardly any probability of his obtaining admission? The objection that the seats, if reserved, will remain unoccupied, seems particularly futile; we doubt very much whether they would remain unoccupied, and, in any case, a rule could easily be passed providing that the seats be only reserved until a certain hour.

The name of Westminster is writ large on the page of modern English Parliamentary history. She can lay claim to eight actual Prime Ministers and at least five potential ones, who were only prevented from reaching that office in some cases by inclination, in others by an untimely death. Six of the nine Victorian 'Fathers' of the House were O.W.W., and the M.P.'s in the past who have received their education at Westminster are a countless tribe. Should not some due respect be paid to the names of Parliamentarians like Russell, Burdett, Graham and others, by allowing Westminster boys their full privileges in the Houses of Parliament?

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Poetry.

THE BELLS.

O WHY do you worry us, worry us, worry us,
Bells of — — —'s?
Is it out of the world you are eager to hurry us,
Bells of — — —'s?
O would that I were
Or the streets of Stamboul or the coveted Fez in,
Where the minaret shelters the gentle muezzin,
As he calls with good reason In opposite season
The people to fall to their reverent knees on
Their carpets for prayer,
And there's none of your swinging And meaning-
less ringing
And merciless ear-cracking dingadongdinging,
O bells of — — —'s?

There was once on a time a distinguish'd Pro-
fessor,
His chair never held such a learned possessor,
For though in his day there was no Athenæum,
By his reading he knew quite as well as they do
Where the Bishops collect by thy Place, Water-
loo—
The poetical turn to their Lordships is due—
The martyrs who died in the red Coliseum
And those who before became torches for Nero;
And there upon Isis, where Lilliburlero
Was voted a libel, they dubb'd him the hero,
Because, as contr'ary To William and Mary,
And doggedly stubbornly Jacobite, ne'er he
The oath of allegiance could bring him to say,
And he held up to scorn, as the wickedest born,
Since Arius went his heretical way,
That swearing Erastian vicar of Bray.

Now he held certain views upon backbones and devils,

How the tail'd ones when tired of Satanical revels
Will fly up away from the home of their clan
And cramp themselves close in the spine of a man,
Of a fat one for choice, but if not where they can,
And to make themselves room in a confine so narrow—

I must state what is said, though your feelings it harrow—

They widen the passage by eating his marrow ;
But the sound of a bell in the chime or the knell
Will draw them all forth helter-skelter pell-mell ;
And the reason no doubt Why they thus hurry out
(Though this is a view the Professor would scout),
Is they know there's an easy-got prey thereabout,
For in lieu of the victim they nibble and gnaw,
They're entitled to lay an acquisitive claw
On the men whose resounding thus makes them withdraw,

And a ringer or two will very well do,
Though it cannot be said that the offering's new,
Caught up by this honest industrious crew,
To present to the person they speak of as Plu.
These views the dear Doctor supposed would re-
fresh us,

And to keep to himself too he thought them too precious,
So he printed and published a pamphlet affirming 'em

On the word of a gentleman living near Birmingham,

Whom the leeches avow'd to be deep in decline,
Or chronic arthritis, Or perhaps meningitis,
Till they saw a black troop coming out of his spine
As the bells began ringing for worship divine.

Now there well might arise in the county of Warwick

A host of such creatures with odours phosphoric,
(What? sulphurous? Perhaps, but my pen is inimical—

This turn of its nib for myself a mere whim I call—
To distinguishing properly anything chymical,
And though much obliged that to rights you would set me,

I can't make the change, for the rhyme will not let me);

I say up to Brum They might very well come,
But no demon of sense near the Abbey can show himself.

Once an old one it's true, who of course dare not go himself,

Drest a little one up, a mere devilish pup,
In such a disguise as he took it would hide him ;
And rising to light near the underground station—

There's a smell to this day there which marks the location—

And walking as far as the Broadway beside him,
With the strictest injunctions he carefully plied him,

And a wrap or two more for more safety he lent him,
And by Tuttle Street on to the Sanctuary sent him ;
But the sight of the towers made his boots drop away

And out came the hoofs that his nature bewray,
And screaming he fled from the presence of day
With such crucial pain in his infant inside
That to see him so suffer a Spaniard had cried.
And reporting his fate To the fiend at the gate
He rais'd such a row in the regions of At—

(e follows, of course, though a little bit late),
That Lethe awoke in her sluggardly bed

To inquire who was painting her provinces red :
Like the hullabaloo out in Germany, when a

French agency father'd on Mr. McKenna
Just the opposite words to the words that he said.

Not a fiend from that day Has e'er wander'd this way,

And as for ourselves, all the demons and elves
In town or in country, by land or by sea,
Are powerless to touch us wherever we be.

If you note them approaching by sixes or twelves
Or fifties or hundreds—any number, there's none dreads—

Say ' Westminster boy ' and their onset it shelves.

Yes, if by mistake ever any come *arter* us,
Back he turns at the word and runs headlong to Tartarus,

And to fill to the full his dire agony's cup
Never more, never more is ' allow'd to go up.'

Now it follows from this that, while bells may become a gem,

Of quite other sort Than the men there export,

In the eyes and the ears of the people of Brum-magem,

For indeed to recline on a populate spine
Is like lying on harrows upturn'd to the skyne—

These obsolete forms are for verses like mine—
And thus to restore anatomical use

May afford to the ringers a reason'd excuse,
Still that doesn't apply to the land hereabout,

These precincts of ours, Where demoniac powers
Cannot enter the backbone to rummage and rout,

For to cure a whole man Is a quack-doctor's plan,
And what never was in cannot well be got out.

So why you ring here now becomes very clear ;
But believe me, good sirs, it's not playing the

game,
And on Phlegethon banks they are saying the same,
And surely they make no iniquitous claim,

That you shouldn't beguile 'em By right of asylum

But each answer the charges that stand to his name.

Be off where they can, if they've right, throw a net at you ;

It is shabby to ring where you know they can't get at you.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

ANTRON,

71 UPPER TULSE HILL, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—In reading your interesting Notes and Queries column, in the *Elizabethan*, it struck me that the enclosed extract from Boswell's Life of Dr. Johnson may be of use to you: it would be interesting to trace the career of Boswell, Junior.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. EDMUNDS (Rev.).

We talked of education at great schools; the advantages and disadvantages of which Johnson displayed in a luminous manner; but his arguments preponderated so much in favour of the benefit which a boy of good parts might receive as one of them, that I have reason to believe Mr. Murray was very much influenced by what he had heard to-day in his determination to send his own son to Westminster School. I have acted in the same manner with regard to my own two sons; having placed the eldest at Eton, and the second at Westminster. I cannot say which is best. But in justice to both those noble seminaries, I with high satisfaction declare, that my boys have derived from them a great deal of good and no evil; and I trust they will, like Horace, be grateful to their father for giving them so valuable an education.—A.D. 1776.

School Notes.

THE Second Trial for Orations was held Up School on Friday, March 22, when J. M. Troutbeck was first, prox. acc. H. A. G. Phillimore.

Senior House Matches have been won by Ashburnham.

In the Gymnastic Competitions, J. A. G. Cecil and J. C. Ainsworth-Davies were adjudged equal first, while C. L. Bayne won the Junior Competition, and H.B.B. the Inter-House Cup. A fuller account appears elsewhere.

The winning league is A, captained by J. G. Barrington-Ward.

Lent Term ends on Tuesday, April 2, while Election Term begins on Friday, April 26, as the day preceding is the Festival of St. Mark, and

according to statute the school shall not re-assemble on a Saint's day.

The Inter-House Drill Competition has been won by H.B.B. An account will appear in our next issue.

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

Played at Vincent Square.

		1911.	
Sat.	Oct. 7	v.	R.M.C., Sandhurst. Lost 1—5.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.WW. (A.) Won 1—0.
	„ Oct. 14	v.	Casuals. Lost 1—2.
	„ „ 21	v.	Old Bradfield Boys. Won 5—0.
Wed.	„ 25	v.	Outcasts. Drawn 3—3.
Sat.	„ 28	v.	O.WW. Won 2—1.
Wed.	Nov. 1	v.	Guy's Hospital. Scratched.
Sat.	„ 4	v.	Old Wykehamists. Drawn 1—1.
	2nd XI.	v.	King's College (A.) Won 5—0.
	„ Nov. 18	v.	Old Berkhamstedians. Lost 0—2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters 2nd XI. Won 4—0.
	„ Nov. 25	v.	Beckenham. Lost 0—3.
Wed.	„ 29	v.	Woolwich. Lost 0—2.
Sat.	Dec. 2	v.	Old Foresters. Lost 1—2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI. D. 2—2.
	„ Dec. 9	v.	Old Aldenhamians. Lost 1—2.
	„ „ 16	v.	Emeriti. Scratched.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.WW. (A.) Lost 1—2.
		1912.	
Sat.	Jan. 20	v.	Clapham Rovers. Lost 3—4.
	2nd XI.	v.	The School Mission. Lost 0—2.
Wed.	„ 24	v.	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI. Scratched.
Sat.	„ 27	v.	Old Brightonians. Drawn 3—3.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.WW. (A.) Lost 1—5.
	„ Feb. 3	v.	Lancing Old Boys. Scratched.
Wed.	„ 7	v.	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI. Scratched.
Sat.	„ 10	v.	Casuals. Lost 0—4.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI. Won 3—1.
Sat.	„ Feb. 17	v.	Old Felstedians. Won 3—0.
	2nd XI.	v.	King's College (A.) Drawn 1—1.
	„ Feb. 24	v.	Charterhouse (at Vincent Square). Drawn 1—1.
	„ „ 28	v.	Eton. Lost 0—4.
	„ Mar. 2	v.	Old Malvernians A. Drawn 1—1.
Tues.	„ 5	v.	Winchester (at Winchester). Lost 0—2.
Sat.	„ 9	v.	Old Etonians. Lost 1—4.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.WW. (A.) Drawn 1—1.
Wed.	Mar. 13	v.	Seniors. Grant's beat Rigands 1—0, Ashburnham beat H.B.B. 2—0.
Sat.	„ 16	v.	O.WW. Drawn 2—2.
Thurs.	„ 21	v.	Seniors. Ashburnham beat Grant's 3—0.
Sat.	„ 23	v.	K.SS. v. T.BB. T.BB. won 2—0.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* WINCHESTER.
TUESDAY, MARCH 5.*(Lost, 0-2.)*

PLAYED at Bar End. Rain was falling heavily when Winchester kicked off. Hill was called upon to save in the first few minutes, but dealt with all shots that came his way quite easily. Westminster then attacked and forced a corner, which, however, was put behind; and after about ten minutes' even play, Lambert scored for Winchester with a good shot. A few minutes later, Winchester added a second goal through Millar. Neither shot gave Hill any chance of saving. Westminster attacked vigorously after this, and two corners were forced in rapid succession, both of which were put behind.

Half-time, 0-2.

In the second half, Westminster had more of the game than Winchester, but the forwards found it difficult to combine, and missed their chances, when they did get through. Winchester, on the day's play, deserved their victory of 2 goals to love.

Of the defence, Hill was good in goal, making some excellent clearances: Pink, Potter and Cardew were all sound, kicking and tackling well. The forwards, on the whole, were weak. There was a lack of combination, and they very rarely looked really dangerous, although they had the opportunities. Northcroft kicked far and was very safe for Winchester; the backs were both reliable; and of the halves, Hough and Beart were best.

Of a hard-working lot of forwards, the left-wing and Lambert were best.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill, goal; R. F. Potter and R. E. D. Cargill, backs; F. W. Pink (capt.), B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew, half-backs; T. W. H. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and J. C. Hansen, forwards.

WINCHESTER.

A. G. C. Northcroft (B), capt., goal; G. F. Lawrence (COLL.) and A. H. Hornby (I), backs; G. de L. Hough (K), C. W. Beart (K), and E. Wodehouse (B), half-backs; A. J. I. Donald (K), A. D. Finney (COLL.), C. H. Miller (B), R. H. Middleditch (I), and W. R. Lambert (B), forwards.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD ETONIANS.
SATURDAY, MARCH 9.*(Lost, 1-4.)*

THIS match—one of our oldest and most enjoyable fixtures—produced the usual good game associated annually with it, although the School were without the services of Potter and Hurst-Brown.

Pick kicked off and the School at once made a prominent showing, and it was probably only due to Foljambe, who played exceedingly well throughout the game, that our forwards did not score immediately on several occasions. The visitors' forwards for the first twenty minutes were quite at sea on the treacherous ground, and Scholfield had several good shots to deal with, before Pick finally beat him with an exceedingly clever shot after twenty-five minutes' play. This reverse appeared to put new life into our opponents' forwards, and after A. Cardew had forced a corner, the inside right headed the ball into the corner of the net from an exceptionally difficult position.

Half-time, 1-1.

On the run of the play in the first half of the game the School were easily the better side, and it is easily conceivable that they would have proved successful but for the remarkable shooting of A. Cardew. After the resumption, a quarter of an hour's fast and exciting play followed. A. Cardew then put the Etonians ahead with a magnificent left-footed shot, and repeated the process after one and ten minutes' interval. All three shots might very well have been missed by any forward without the slightest discredit, and we hope that any forwards in the School team who are staying will profit by the lesson, and remember to shoot whenever a possible opportunity occurs. The School attack was demoralised for some time by these reverses, though Rudd and Pick made gallant attempts to beat the goal-keeper just before time, and forced that worthy to concede two corners, which were, however, placed indifferently. A fast and highly interesting game thus ended in a 1-4 defeat for the School.

For the Visitors, Scholfield (in goal), Cartwright and Foljambe played well. A. Cardew, apart from his magnificent shooting, was not as conspicuous as we had anticipated. (We may here remark, in all good humour, that he is an Old Reptonian!) For the School, the defence was steady and passed more to the forwards than usual, while the latter, although on occasions somewhat terrified by the stature of the Old Etonian backs, executed many neat passing runs.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. E. D. Cargill and F. W. Pink; C. G. Cardew, B. Smith, and J. M. Troutbeck; J. W. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and J. C. Hansen.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* O.WW.
MARCH 16.*(Drawn, 2-2.)*

THIS match against the Old Westminsters turned out to be a very interesting game, although the School were unlucky not to win. Pick kicked off

from the Church End, and Nott-Bower was called upon to save several times in the first few minutes, but the Old Westminster defence held our forwards in check pretty easily; their forwards, on the contrary, were very feeble, being mostly conspicuous for their continual propensity for being ruled off-side. Throughout this half both defences had the upper hand, and although our forwards often got down to the Visitors' lines, they never really got into a shooting position.

Half-time, 0-0.

The second half was far more exciting than the first, and better play was seen: the O.W.W. were the first to score through MacManus; the School, however, soon drew level through Rudd, who ran through, and scored with a good shot. The game became much faster after this, the School forwards getting the better of the Old Westminster defence, which was now beginning to tire. After some time, MacManus scored again for the Visitors, only for Hansen to equalise with a splendid shot. In the closing stages of the game, the School were all over their opponents, and O.W.W. may think themselves lucky to have drawn.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. E. D. Cargill and F. W. Pink; C. G. Cardew, B. Smith, and J. M. Troutbeck; J. W. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and J. C. Hansen.

O.W.W.

R. E. Nott-Bower; G. G. Feasey, and W. Parker, E. C. K. Clarke, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and P. H. Wyatt; W. G. Goodale, D. McManus, H. Walker, W. R. Birchall, and H. C. MacPherson.

THE WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
A	—		W	W	W	W	W	W	=12 points
			2-1	4-1	3-1	5-0	4-1	4-1	
B		—			D		L	W	= 3 points
					3-3		0-8	1-0	
C	L		—				D	L	= 1 points
	1-2						1-1	1-4	
D	L			—	W	W			= 4 points
	1-4				2-0	7-0			
E	L	D		L	—	W			= 3 points
	1-3	3-3		0-2		2-0			
F	L			L	L	—		W	= 2 points
	0-5			0-7	0-2			4-3	
G	L	W	D				—		= 3 points
	1-4	8-0	1-1						
H	L	L	W			L			= 2 points
	1-4	0-1	4-1			3-4			

Captains:—

A	J. G. Barrington-Ward.	E	W. M. Frankish.
B	R. S. Partridge.	F	H. Eyre.
C	C. A. Munro-Faure.	G	C. Chitty.
D	O. I. Burgess.	H	A. H. Bird.

FIVES.

Lent Term Ties—Semi-Final:—

A. C. Feasey	} beat	{	J. G. Barrington-Ward
G. B. F. Rudd			(2-0)	G. H. Humphreys
D. F. Jerrold	} beat	{	F. R. C. Cobbold (sub.
N. E. Barraclough			(2-1)	for R. F. Potter)
			P. W. G. Kann

THE GYMNASIUM.

THE Gymnastic and Fencing Competitions took place on Wednesday, March 20. It was expected that there would be very keen fights in the House Competition between College and Home Boarders, and in the Senior (Individual) Competition between Cecil, Ainsworth-Davis and Durrant. Durrant was obviously very nervous and failed to do himself justice; while Cecil and Ainsworth-Davis were in fine form. The result was that the Home Boarders pair (Ainsworth-Davis and Sondheim) beat the College pair (Durrant and Burgess) by 6 points; and in the individual competition Ainsworth-Davis scored a slight advantage over Cecil.

The standard this year was higher than usual; all the competitors showing skill in the exercises. But it is regrettable that Rigaud's and Ashburnham did not enter pairs for the House Competition.

We hope that Ainsworth-Davis and Cecil will do well at Aldershot. In recent years, we have not reached a very high position in the Public Schools Competition; but we look for better things this year. Davis is very neat in all the exercises; in fact, if he had a little more muscle in his arms he might win the medal at Aldershot. Cecil is very strong; and if he can do as well as he did in our competition, he should score high marks. For next year our prospects are bright. Davis will still be here and should have improved; and Durrant should make a good gymnast if he works hard.

The Junior Gymnastic Competition was won by Bayne, who beat Powell by a narrow margin.

The Fencing Competition was won by Garvin, Hobson and Langton being placed second and third respectively. Garvin fenced in good style and should do well at Aldershot. The fencing was good all round and it was pleasant to see a fair number of competitors.

Mr. E. D. Adrian (O.W.), the Cambridge fencer, very kindly acted as Judge.

We hope to score a success in the Boxing (Light Weights) in the Public Schools Competition. O'Sullivan is a very keen boxer and should give a good account of himself.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

H. BB.	{ Davis	84½	} 155½
	{ Sondheim	71	
K. SS.	{ Durrant	75½	} 149½
	{ Burgess	74	
G.	{ Miles	72	} 136½
	{ Hobson	64½	

SENIORS.

Davies	...	...	101½
Cecil...	...	...	101½
Durrant	...	...	91½
Burgess	...	...	86
Miles	...	...	84

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society held a meeting on Thursday, March 7, to discuss a motion 'That in the opinion of this House the demand of the Irish for Home Rule is justifiable.'

MR. J. C. HOBSON (the Proposer) laid great emphasis on the misgovernment of Ireland in the past. Her education question had been ignored and her agrarian problem had only been superficially discussed, while her people were branded as traitors and barbarians, and had been treated (most unwarrantably) as such. He was in favour of a full measure of self-government for the Irish nation, and warned the Society that the lawful request of the Nationalists must not be refused, as if this opportunity was neglected we should deal unjustly with a nation which had sworn to defend itself. In conclusion, he made an eloquent appeal to the *Manes* of Swift, O'Connell, Parnell, and Dillon!

The Opposer (the PRESIDENT) objected strongly to the Proposer's view of history. He sought to prove, on the contrary, that Home Rule was the cause of Ireland's misfortunes, and that the Union, now that it had at last got a fair chance, was rapidly repairing the damage of centuries. He denied that the Irish were in any sense a nation, arguing that the economic and political conditions which had welded the United Kingdom together prevented any assertion of independent nationality by any of the four countries concerned. He condemned the 'Colonial' argument in favour of Home Rule, and then quoted Mr. Redmond's reluctant

admission that the dawn of Irish prosperity was at hand. It was his belief that the future of Ireland depended on the continuance of the level-headed policy inaugurated by Mr. Balfour twenty-five years ago.

MR. B. H. LUNN (the Seconder), after criticising adversely the last speaker, said that the question of Home Rule was not merely a question of expediency, but one of a right that belongs to every nation in the world. Short, but sensible.

LORD HUGH CECIL began a long and interesting speech, of which we can only attempt to reproduce the merest outline, by an attack on the federal system, a system which could only be productive of friction and confusion. Such an Act, for instance, as the Insurance Act could never be passed in an identical form through four separate parliaments, and different contributions from employer and employé in different parts of the United Kingdom would cause much jealousy. All the quarrels and misery of Ireland in the past had been the result of faction-fights between the Irish themselves, not of Anglo-Irish rivalry. The strong hand of England as arbiter was necessary to keep the peace. Alike in material prosperity, and in respect for law and order, the Irish, since the Union, had made enormous advances. The proposed safeguards for Ulster could only create an atmosphere of distrust, and might lead to civil war. The proposals of the Government would satisfy neither English nor Irish.

THE EX-PRESIDENT, also, in a long speech, first of all denied that the trivial questions could be as easily dealt with in an English as in an Irish Parliament. Those matters that seemed very trivial to the English were really of the utmost importance to the Irish. The Union had been a financial failure, as was proved by the fact that the English would have to subsidise Ireland. England had originated the faction-fights of the Irish by planting down Protestant colonists in Ulster at the expense of the Roman Catholics, and the present comparative prosperity of these colonists was due to English favouritism more than to their own personal efforts. He then quoted historical precedent to show that no Empire founded not on autonomy but on conquest had ever lasted. Finally, he gave emphatic denial to statements of the Opposer and Lord Hugh Cecil that the spring of Ireland's prosperity was at hand; already, her sere and yellow leaf, the barren fruit of English misgovernment, was falling, and if present conditions were allowed to continue, soon would follow the 'winter of her discontent.'

An extremely able and vigorous defence of Home Rule, which unfortunately left little impression because of the failure of the speaker to make his points clear.

It was a pity that Lord Hugh Cecil was obliged to leave the Society at this point owing to an

urgent Parliamentary engagement. It would have been interesting to hear his answer to Mr. Jerrold's arguments.

After MR. R. R. SEDGWICK had given it as his opinion that nothing remained to be said on the motion, MESSRS. LITTLE and STANNARD made some hesitating and uninteresting remarks. The closure was then moved by the SECRETARY and carried, and on a division there voted for the motion 10, against the motion 13.

The debate was naturally raised from the common by the presence of the Fourth Speaker, but we venture to think it would have been exceptionally good even if he had not been there. The general level of excellence was remarkably high. The system of six instead of four set-speakers worked successfully, in spite of the inability of the sixth speaker to say anything. Finally, we must express once more our thanks to Lord Hugh Cecil for being so good as to speak before a somewhat insignificant society.

B.—W.

LECTURE.

ON Friday, February 16, Miss C. Everett-Green gave an extremely interesting lantern lecture on the Fleet, showing about sixty slides which dealt with different classes of ships and their armaments and life in the Navy. She first of all showed us a slide of the Navy League map to illustrate the vastness of the British Empire compared with Great Britain herself; she also pointed out how dependent we are on our colonies for our food supplies, and the necessity for us to have a very strong Navy to insure the safety of our trade routes. She then described to us and showed us some slides of Watts Naval College for training boys for the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine. After telling us that the number of ships in the Navy is approximately 555 and explaining to us how difficult it is at any time to tell the exact number, she exhibited slides of the newer British warships, including the *Orion*, *Invincible* and *Dreadnought*, pointing out the distinguishing features of each. We were then shown a slide of the mammoth Cunarder *Lusitania* and it was explained to us how, in the event of war breaking out, this ship and her sister, the *Mauretania*, would, each with the escort of two *Invincibles*, bring food supplies to this country. She also showed us the German battle-cruiser *Von der Tann*, and informed us that this ship was the first German battle-cruiser, and that her successor, the *Moltke*, with her 29½ knots, was the fastest warship—excluding destroyers—in the world, until the new British cruiser, the *Lion*, which exceeded 31½ knots. After exhibiting some slides of firing

practice in our Navy, she showed us an imaginary picture of the blowing up of the Russian flagship, in order to point out how terrible mines are, and she informed us that the British Navy has ships for the special purpose of mine-laying and mine-sweeping. She finished up with some slides depicting our sailors at work, including gunlayers, stokers and signalmen. Last of all, she showed us our sailor King.

W.S.N.H.S.

ON Saturday, March 2, C. A. Crow lectured on 'Beetles.' The paper was short but interesting, though not very carefully prepared, but this shortcoming can well be attributed to the short notice at which the lecturer read. Most of the commoner British Coleoptera were dealt with, and their peculiarities duly noted, especially the Burying Beetle, and the Bombardier Beetle.

B. H. Lunn proposed a vote of thanks, which was enthusiastically carried; the meeting then adjourned.

The President (J. G. Barrington-Ward) gave an address on 'Bird Persecution.' He took us out for a walk with a gamekeeper and pointed out the numerous birds that are wantonly and cruelly destroyed, owing to the crass ignorance of the keeper. Magpies, owls, jays, hawks, cuckoos, etc. did not molest game to any considerable degree; on the contrary, the keeper, blundering through the undergrowth and firing off cartridges right and left, disturbed the hen birds during the brooding season—the very time when they should remain unmolested. In proof of the average keeper's ignorance, he quoted a story of one of that tribe, who had solemnly assured him that the cuckoo, the most inoffensive of birds, became a hawk in the autumn and ate birds' eggs in the following spring! He emphasised the great utility of the owls and kestrels in keeping down mice, of the sparrow-hawks in diminishing the vast hordes of sparrows, and of the other birds in killing off caterpillars, grubs, and other agricultural pests. In conclusion, he asserted that man had no monopoly in the enjoyment of life, and protested once more in strong terms against the wanton destruction of birds whose great services to mankind were unfortunately not yet fully recognised by so many.

The paper was vivid in conception, and though its striking sentimentality failed, perhaps, to move some members of the Society, its merits did not pass unnoticed.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ON Tuesday, March 19, a meeting was held in Mr. Sargeant's class-room. The attendance was rather poor, but this was probably due to the enforced absence of two of the officers. J. Foster read a paper on 'Commemorative Issues,' of which he showed numerous examples. The lecture was rather spoilt by the undue haste with which the lecturer spoke. During the meeting three more lectures were promised—one from Dr. Barclay-Smith, M.R.Phil.S., on March 26, and at the beginning of Election Term another from the Vice-President on 'Bavaria,' and another from H. A. Carless, on 'South Australia.'

After the usual brief interval for exchanging the Society adjourned.

On March 26th the Society met in the Old Library. It was decided to hold the Election Term Meetings on Saturdays, at 1.35. Dr. Barclay-Smith talked about early British Stamps, especially those of the West Indies, and showed some fine sheets of Barbados stamps. The Head Master was present in his capacity as visitor. The attendance was good, and the Society ought to hold some very successful meetings next term.

O.T.C.

THE O.T.C. sent in a record number of entries for the examination for Certificate A this term, no fewer than sixteen candidates entering. They all passed the oral examination, which took place on Monday, March 18, many of them doing extremely well. The results of the written examination, which took place on Monday, March 11, are not published till about two months hence; but we look forward to seeing the number of red stars in the corps greatly increased when the results finally do appear.

House Notes.

K.SS.—Once again we have little to record. We must lament the loss of the Gymnastic Cup by the narrow margin of 6 points, but we can congratulate our pair on a performance that was far from discreditable. At the same time, C. L. Bayne is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Competition, and we hope that it is only the precursor of further successes in the same line. Training for the Sports is at present our principal occupation, varied with violent discussions on the

comparative merits of Grape-nuts and Bovril! Hurdle-racing has also become a popular pastime. In conclusion, let us offer heartiest congratulations to Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward, who has been elected President of the Oxford Union Society.

ASHBURNHAM.—Our first duty is to congratulate our Senior Team on regaining the Shield after a lapse of four years; also C. G. Cardew on being made a Monitor. We must not forget to mention also that Blair, Fursdon, and Byham have been awarded their House Colours.

Our prospects for the Sports are dimmed by the threatened absence of Fowler, but we are not without hope of retaining the Cup.

Apart from the world of sport, the month has been singularly uneventful, and we will therefore bring our brief record to an early close.

GRANT'S.—Our notes must be tragical with grief, and therefore short. After a double replay of an original draw with Rigaud's in the first round of Seniors, we won by a goal to nothing, and meeting Ashburnham in the final, lost both the game and the Shield. We, however, congratulate Kelly on his good play throughout, and his House Colours. Our gym. pair were unsuccessful, and our drill section unaccountably so. Let us close the dark account by painting into this black picture the vivid flash of hope that grows even brighter at the approach of the Sports.

H.BB.—Inazmuch az it nau apeers tu bee thee fashun for Haus Notes tu provied az much literari instrukshun az iz kompatibel with a minimum ov rearly intristing informashun, wee humbli ofer tu auer reeders auer one partikuler literari hobi, viedeeliset thee Nyu Speling.

Thair iz kwiet a lot ov nyuz tu bee kronikuld this munth. Hansen plade for thee skul agenst Winchister, and Lang woz twelphth man. In Seenyers wee wer unforchunatli difeetid bie Ashburnum bie tu goles tu luv, but auer teem plade ekseedngli wel thruaut, and wee must kongrachulait Ekin, Cownie, Feasey and Ashley on wel ernd Haus Kulers. Wee must orlsoe phelisitait Garvin on wining thee skul phensing kompitishun, with an unbeetn rekord. Larst and best, thee Jim Kup iz wuns mor auerz, thanx tu thee eferts ov Ainsworth-Davis and Sondheim, hoo dipheetid thee Kolij pare bi a veri smorl marjin: Ainsworth-Davis tide fer pherst plais in Jim Seenyers, at witsh sukses wee awlsoe hartili rejois.

RIGAUD'S.—The Editor seems bent on wearing the unhappy composer of House Notes out; for the fourth time this term has he issued his solemn mandate of 'all contributions, etc.'

We must first condole with Pink and the Senior team on losing to Grant's, after two and almost three drawn games. Pink especially deserves our sympathy, as he was crocked almost

at the beginning of the last game: he has torn a ligament in his ankle.

The Rigaudite contingent of the Corps has been seen lately practising diligently, and we hope its performance will be in accordance with its enthusiasm, and not the limited amount of practice it has had. Unfortunately, we shall not have Pink, fresh from the tremendous amount of drill he has crammed for Certificate A, to lead us to victory and the Drill Cup.

One day a short time ago some Rigaudites were seen creeping into green with a rope—it belonged to H.B.B. we hear; the performance has not been repeated, but, nevertheless, we hope to do well in the Tug.

We must congratulate Powell on acquitting himself so well in the Junior Gym. Competition; he only lost by one mark. Our Senior pair were not prominent; in fact, we could not raise one.

Yard ties have actually been started, but the compiler of these Notes has been knocked out in the first round and has no further interest in them.

We fear that our hopes for the Sports have been somewhat dashed to the ground by Pink's accident, since at the present moment it is doubtful if he will be able to turn out.

Finally, we sincerely hope that all those joyous spirits whom we saw cramming on Sunday and giving commands like born officers on Monday, will not be disappointed, and that the War Office will realise what really competent officers (in embryo) the House possesses.

Old Westminsters.

MR. R. M. Barrington-Ward has been elected President of the Oxford Union Society.

MR. E. B. Barnes has won the first of the two Junior Scholarships for Anatomy and Physiology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and is also bracketed for the Treasurer's Prize for Practical Anatomy.

Births.

ON February 23, the wife of John H. Alderson, of a daughter.

ON March 11, the wife of the Rev. Algernon A. Markham, of a daughter.

Obituary.

WE record with regret the death of OSWELL SULLIVAN MACLEAY, who was at the School from 1863 to 1873. He was a graduate of Balliol College and a conveyancing barrister. His family have long had a distinguished connection with the Colonies, his father (who was admitted to the School in 1822) having done much for the suppression of the Slave Trade at the Cape, and his uncle (Sir George Macleay), admitted in the same year, and William, admitted in 1806, having long served in New South Wales and elsewhere.

REVIEW.*

IN our January number we were pleased to herald the coming appearance of an illustrated monthly magazine, which, under the title of 'The Arena,' would be 'partly devoted to the subject of amateur sport and athletics, partly to matters of historical and architectural interest, and would specialise on the leading public schools and the ancient Universities.' Frankly, we did not anticipate that two such ideals which in schools are usually so sharply divided could be united into one homogeneous whole, but we are forced to admit that in the first issue, at any rate, our suspicions have proved to be unfounded. For the 'sportsman,' there are interesting treatises on all branches of amateur sport, while for the sportsman's 'intellectual' brethren there is an excellent article on the Oxford Union Society by P. Guedalla, Esq., whose name is still remembered with pleasure in the School Debating Society, and other very readable contributions on the proposed University of London, Cambridge Streets, etc. The illustrations also are both well chosen and well executed. Westminster in this issue figures only in the Public School Notes column. (By the way, we hope that no Westminster was guilty of 'Formio'!) We are, however, assured by the Editor that Westminster's turn will come in due course, and we are glad to hear it, for, to speak candidly, the Notes by themselves are not very satisfactory. We are ready, however, to make allowances, for this is the paper's first appearance, and we feel sure that if the high standard of this issue is maintained 'The Arena' will have fully justified its appearance.

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Correspondence.

POETRY—WANTED, AN AUTHOR!

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed to trespass on your valuable space in order to disclaim on behalf of myself and my House the preposterous attempt to emulate Mr. Silas Wegg which characterises the Ashburnham House Notes in your last issue. To begin with, a man so original as myself would never have been so much at a loss for poetical inspiration (especially when only aspiring to four lines) as to borrow two lines from one so inferior as Wordsworth, and yet a third from an author so hopelessly out of date—(I may mention the fact that he is an Old Westminster)—as John Dryden. Nor can I bear without wincing the insinuation that such a line as 'the glorious happening made us young again' is my production; or that the House which cherished in its bosom the last two Gumbleton winners could in any way be connected with such a disastrous composition.

Yet one more word. I am not an authority on heaven, but I am assured that the throne and domination—not to mention the principalities and powers—pronounce it, as we do, as a disyllabic [*sic*]. In other words, the pronunciation 'he-av-en' (necessary to complete the second of the supposititious verses, and also in order to make matters worse by rhyming with 'again' in the fourth line) has not even supernatural authority.

Who the author of these verses may be rumour has not credibly informed us; perhaps, sir, you could.

I am, sir, yours

D. F. JERROLD.

[We had thought that our correspondent—a man well-known in rowing circles—had quoted from a new Westminster boating-song, which he had himself perpetrated for the occasion, for it is well known that such compositions are deficient in metre, sense, and everything else. But in view of his disclaimer, we must, it seems, attribute them to the only other House-Note poet of our acquaintance.—ED.]

THE FOOTBALL XI FIXTURE LIST.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should like to suggest, if it is not already too late, that some alteration be made in the order of the Football Fixtures for next season. Is it really necessary to have the three inter-School matches (besides two others) all in ten days? Surely the result of such an arrangement is that the XI must become stale; besides, it gives little time for those injured in the first School match to recover for the others. Certainly, staleness was very apparent in the Winchester match—at least, I hope it was staleness. In this game the backs (who I believe had had a good rest owing to injuries), the goal-keeper and wing-halves did their part nobly, but the rest of the side played as though they would not mind if they never saw a football again. In fact, the forwards were so slow that I heard one Old Wykehamist remark: 'Those Westminster forwards simply ask to be tackled.' Surely boredom and slowness are the two surest signs of staleness. For this reason I

hope alterations can be made to avoid all fear of this evil next season. Perhaps I am meddling; if so, I apologise. But that the School should do well is the wish of every O.W., including

Yours truly,

'ONE OF THEM.'

SCHOOL SOCIETY FUNDS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I make my appeal to you because the only way open to an unimportant and unheard of member of Westminster School to get his grievances redressed is through the medium of your columns. Can nothing be done to recover the money which lawfully belongs to different School societies and with which former treasurers have absconded on their departure from the School? I am certain they can have only done it out of forgetfulness; but perhaps if they read their memories will be stirred up or their consciences will prick them; anyhow, why should I have to pay a larger subscription to clear off debts owing for some years back? Hoping that you will find room to publish my plea,

Yours truly,

N. O. C. ASH.

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