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A REVIEW OF THE CRICKET SEASON, 1923.

WE can look back with considerable satisfaction upon last cricket season. Fourteen matches were played, and of these 8 were won, 5 were lost, and 1 was drawn. Out of the 5 School matches we gained victories over Wellington and Radley, but we suffered defeat at the hands of Malvern, Sherborne and Charterhouse. In the latter, the great match of the year, our defeat was due to a comparative batting failure on a perfect wicket; we only made 195 against very mediocre straight up-and-down bowling, a score which was, in our judgment, just 70 short of what it should have been, for it enabled the Charterhouse batsmen to advance slowly but surely to victory without the necessity of taking even *the minimum of risk*. If we had given them 250 or 60 to make, they would have been compelled to bustle along the whole time, not to a great extent it is true, but scoring strokes would have had to be attempted on the off-side of the wicket, which very likely would

have proved fatal to some of the batsmen off the fast deliveries of Lowe and McBride; as it was, strokes off the off-ball were quite rightly strictly eschewed, and our opponents wore our bowling down by a total refusal to take risks—a perfectly legitimate and right plan of procedure under the circumstances. But in writing a review of a season, it is not, we believe, the duty of the writer to dwell at length on particular matches, but rather to mention a few of the main features of the season as they appeared to him, and to point out the lessons to be learnt from them.

Our side was a better balanced one than in the two previous seasons, but once again we depended to a great degree on Lowe, McBride and Jacomb-Hood. These three were the outstanding cricketers, both with bat and ball, a fact which may be seen readily, when it is noticed that these same three headed both the batting and the bowling averages. Lowe in obtaining 51 wickets for the School, and at the same time in obtaining 668 runs for an average of 51, had a glorious season, and he literally bore the whole side on his shoulders. This, coupled with the care and anxiety of cap-

taincy, is a wonderful feat, and constitutes an all-round performance which may never be excelled again during the next fifty years. Two performances of his stand out in the writer's mind as examples of heroic cricket. Against a powerful M.C.C. batting side, Lowe put himself on at the top end, when the score stood at 40 for no wickets. In another twenty-five minutes he had run through the whole side; they were all out for 90 runs, and Lowe hit the sticks 8 times, taking 9 wickets in all at a negligible cost. In the same match, he hit up a splendid 90, and so enabled the School to put up their finest performance of the year. M.C.C. were *trowned* (there is no other word for it) by 150 runs. In the truly disastrous match at Malvern, when in both innings we batted in the most feeble fashion, Lowe at the last moment relieved the whole thing from utter gloom and failure by the finest innings he has ever played. His off-driving was superb in its power and freedom and—in the generous words of the Malvern cricket coach—he played the finest innings of the match, and incidentally registered his first hundred for the School. Thus we left Malvern beaten, but not disgraced, as, indeed, we should have been if it had not been for the captain's great effort.

It was left to McBride to put up another record for the School by gaining 3 consecutive centuries against the I Z.s, Old Wykehamists and Wellington in that order. His placing on the leg-side was remarkable, and if only his off-side play was more free and more full of fluent rhythm he would be a great player. He has the foundation shot of all—the back shot to the good length ball—very fully developed, and his temperament is one which we consider is sadly lacking in the majority of the members of our School cricket teams; and which might with the very greatest advantage be copied by them: perfect coolness, absence of flurry and anxiety both before and *during* his innings, and the power of concentration kept up to concert pitch during a long innings; by this means—and this only—can great innings be played with any degree of regularity. When McBride made his three centuries, we were on the flood tide of success during the three first weeks of June.

We had started badly, experiencing one terrible period, when we batted miserably against the Butterflies and suffered an astounding defeat at the hands of Sherborne—a black week! Then, suddenly, in succession we beat I Z., Old Wykehamists, Wellington and M.C.C., and—this is a noteworthy fact—we totalled in those four matches 903 runs for the loss of 20 wickets, an average of nearly 50 runs a wicket. Then in July came the two batting débâcles at Charterhouse and Malvern,

then again we finished up well by beating Radley and the O.W.W. fairly handsomely.

The bowling of Jacomb-Hood was a great factor in our success, and he is yet another example of the untold value of the tossed up leg-break combined with length, when acting as a foil to two fast medium bowlers. Not only did Hood get 34 wickets himself, but he enabled Lowe and McBride to be ever so much more efficacious, owing to the strong contrast in pace and flight he and they afforded to each other. But the side relied too much on these three cricketers. There was no other bowler worthy of the name on the side, and the batting of the rest was of only very medium calibre. Clare was disappointing—so fearfully impatient and rash to a degree in trying to hit across the flight of the straight half-volley. His innings against Wellington was a fine one, though, in its daring and go-for-the-bowling attitude. Space forbids me enlarging—or I fear even mentioning—the doings of the other members of the side (they will have their "character" to look at!), but we can truly say that each member did his best all through and the morale of the side as a whole was excellent.

In the fielding there was an improvement, especially in the slips, where Clare and Shepley-Smith brought off some good (and to the writer) some surprising catches. Our slip fieldsmen are gradually learning the art of being on their toes and of stooping down when waiting to receive the ball. Cook in the long field was good and full of energy, and at Charterhouse especially he got through a tremendous amount of work. Blair at cover set a splendid example of keenness; there was a great improvement, too, in the way in which the ball was *always* smartly and quickly returned to the bowler (and wicket-keeper), regardless of the fact of whether a run was being attempted or no. May we say here that this is one of those small points which redound so much to the general and smart appearance of a side? Nothing is more slovenly than to see a ball returned to the bowler in a slow and careless manner, just because the batsmen are attempting no run. Hartley, our stumper, did really well, although too prone to lift his hands when the ball just missed the wicket. Mention must be made here of his gallant display at Malvern with the bat, when he stayed in for 1½ hours, while Lowe was getting his century, an innings which, above all others of the year, redeemed the good name of Westminster batting, at a place too where good cricket is appreciated to the full.

This article would not be complete if we did not record with pleasure and pride the great honour which C. H. Taylor has brought to Westminster cricket. Not only did he gain his Blue at Oxford

as a Freshman, the first cricket Blue which the School has had for many years, but he gained a hundred in his first 'Varsity match, being the first Freshman, we believe, to accomplish this feat. The School owe him their congratulations, and all boys who have seen him bat cannot do better than model their batting on his—sound in defence, yet sure and effective in attack.

The new grounds at Harrods, we hope, will serve their purpose in encouraging and bringing out the talent among the young cricketers at the School. We may assure them that everything that possibly can be done to help the younger cricketers *will* be done.

At the Lords *v.* Commons match the Prime Minister was an interested spectator, the first time he has been 'Up Fields.' It is the wish of all of us that he will repeat his visit next year.

May we close on just a note of criticism and a word of exhortation? Is it too much once more to beg that the School at large will back up and support the doings of their representative eleven to a greater degree next year? The apathy of some members of the School is truly heartrending. An instance of this was seen when McBride, after coming out with his third successive century in his pocket, was received with about half-a-dozen half-hearted handclaps from those boys who were watching. Surely this *was* a moment for some little demonstration of enthusiasm, however slight? And Taylor coming down for the first time to play at Vincent Square, after gaining his Blue, was met with an apathetic silence when he went out to bat that was as ungenerous as it was bad-mannered. We plead earnestly for a greater show of enthusiasm amongst the School at large, and also for a greater and more noticeable appreciation of the successful efforts of *our opponents* when playing at Vincent Square. We are sure in our own mind that such a state of affairs as now undoubtedly exists is not the result of intentional rudeness or of intentional lack of interest, but that it is simply an attitude fostered in some by tradition and in others by unintentional carelessness. We beg *most earnestly* that this will be remedied not only in our cricket, but in our football as well.

D. J. K.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

R. G. H. LOWE (*Captain*).

Has the makings of a great cricketer. His batting and bowling performances speak for themselves. He shouldered his great responsibilities last season as captain of the side in a most courageous manner, and any success we gained last year was in great measure due to him.

W. N. MCBRIDE.

A batsman with the true cricketer temperament. Magnificent on the leg-side, but lacks freedom of swing in off-driving. A much improved bowler, with a distinct bend from the off. Should make a little more use of his great height. A safe and reliable fieldsman.

J. W. JACOMB-HOOD.

Has bowled leg-turners really well. Bats in very attractive style, but is a little lacking in power as yet. Should let himself go more and should try and obtain more lightness and quickness on the feet. Has the makings of a first-class player.

T. G. LUND.

A batsman of the stodgy type, who wants to cultivate more strokes. His style is at the present too cramped; he wants to loosen his swing more and to stand in a more upright position at the wicket. A good fieldsman.

L. CLARE.

Disappointing batsman. Has plenty of power, but has an unhappy knack of choosing the wrong ball to hit. Inclined to off-drive off his near foot, instead of throwing left leg over the ball. Hits the ball very truly and hard. Should make heaps of runs if he could just settle down a little more and play each ball on its merits.

J. H. BLAIR.

Improved batsman with a quaint late-cut as his pet stroke. Excellent at cover-point, but inclined to field a little too deep in that position.

R. W. P. GORMAN.

A most promising left-hander, but he has had bad luck in not getting going properly. Needs more confidence in himself and needs to pay special attention to the art of calling and running between the wickets. Inclined to be a non-bender in the field.

R. W. HARTLEY.

Fair wicket-keeper. As a batsman is a hitter pure and simple, and should always play with that idea, but should remember that the mashie swing is not so effective as the correct up and down swing to the straight pitched half-volley. Should hit the straight ball over the bowler's head and not 'round the corner.'

A. M. SHEPLEY-SMITH.

Seems cowed and overawed when batting in the middle. Should pay attention to the correct grip of the bat with the hands, and make up his mind to hit the ball hard. If he can master the art of keeping a length might possibly make a slow spin bowler.

D. J. K.

THE FIELDS.

CRICKET, 1923.

SCHOOL BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	N.O.	Runs.	H.S.	Av.
R. G. H. Lowe ...	15	2	668	110	51'38
W. N. McBride ...	15	2	643	114	49'46
J. W. Jacomb-Hood ...	15	0	296	69	19'73
T. G. Lund ...	12	3	165	28	18'33
L. Clare ...	14	0	208	56	14'85
J. H. Blair ...	12	3	127	23	14'11
R. W. P. Gorman ...	9	1	105	18	13'12
R. W. Hartley ...	12	2	110	39	11'00
J. A. Cook ...	7	2	43	16*	8'60
A. M. Shepley-Smith	10	4	49	23	8'16

* Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
R. G. H. Lowe ...	216'1	42	733	51	14'37
J. W. Jacomb-Hood	164'1	24	684	34	20'11
W. N. McBride ...	121'3	16	419	16	26'18
A. M. Shepley-Smith	42'3	6	181	5	36'20

SCHOOL COLOURS.

Pinks.—*R. G. H. Lowe, W. N. McBride, L. Clare, *R. W. Hartley, J. W. Jacomb-Hood, *J. H. Blair, R. W. P. Gorman, T. G. Lund, A. M. Shepley-Smith.

Pink and Whites.—*J. M. Hornsby, *J. H. Witherby, *D. E. Lashmore, J. H. Robson, *G. N. Salvi, *G. D. Harvey, J. A. Cook, *E. B. H. Baker.

Thirds.—H. E. Wood, D. R. Cambell, G. E. Johnstone, C. O. Ormerod, C. A. Harvey, A. C. D. Ensor, A. Clare, F. M. Radermacher, *W. S. Strain, *A. T. Lloyd-Jones, E. C. Lester.

Colts' Caps.—E. L. B. Hawkin, J. G. K. Green, A. C. Grover, J. P. H. Dunn, A. A. G. Black, M. F. L. Haymes, J. B. H. Bird.

* Denotes will probably have left by next season.

School Notes.

THERE are 55 new boys this term.

The Play this year is the *Adelphi* of Terence. The Play nights are December 15, 17 and 19.

We welcome to the Staff this term Mr. A. R. W. Harrison and Mr. H. Read.

Mr. Harrison comes from Merton College, Oxford, to take the Classical Under Sixth, a new form which sprung into existence this term.

Mr. Read, who has recently come over from India, was at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he gained his Blue for soccer.

The Clifton Gordon Reading Prize was won by R. A. Frost; Orations by I. W. T. Allen.

The workmen have recently been let loose in College Hall, with most remarkable results. The dust and cobwebs, together with the bulky and unsightly plate-warmer, have been removed. Some

of the pictures have been transferred to Ashburnham. The walls are now white, with French mustard panelling, the minstrels' gallery a light coffee colour and the beams somewhat like it. Electric light has been installed, more windows made to open, and the kitchens much improved. Two qualities in particular recommend it: it is light and it is clean.

The Library also has been redecorated, and the pictures arranged in some intelligible order. The Ashburnham staircase has been repaired and opened to the School.

All this much needed work has been largely achieved through a munificent gift of £1,000 from an Old Westminster who desires to remain anonymous.

ELECTION, 1923.

Elected to Christ Church.—P. R. B. May, F. A. V. Madden, G. C. S. Curtis.

Elected to Trinity.—W. S. Strain, W. H. Dyson, R. G. H. Lowe.

Elected to Christ Church Exhibitions.—A. W. Stonier, E. B. H. Baker, D. I. Wilson.

Triplet Exhibitions for three years were awarded to A. T. Lloyd-Jones (£30), and to A. W. Stonier, E. B. H. Baker, J. H. Blair and G. D. Popplewell (£25).

Samwaies Exhibitions were awarded to W. S. Strain, W. H. Dyson, R. G. H. Lowe.

THE TRIFLER.

It has been decided to make an index of the issues of *The Trifler*. It would be a great help if those Old Westminsters who wrote between the years 1912 and 1915 would send the names of their contributions to the Editor, R. A. Frost, 2, Little Dean's Yard.

SCHOOL BOARDS.

IN order to provide more space for the future records of the names of the cricket and football elevens in the Pavilion at Vincent Square, it is proposed to remove the present name boards and reproduce them on a smaller and permanent scale.

To help meet the cost, the captains of several of the past football and cricket teams have bought the boards of their particular years for £1 10s. each. The cricket eleven boards which have been so allotted are those for the years 1870-72-80-84-87-90-91-99, 1900-02-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-18. The football eleven boards which have been allotted are those for the seasons 1868-69, 72-73,

75-76, 77-78, 83-84, 84-85, 98-99, 1901-02, 18, 20-21, and 21-22. The name boards for all years, other than these, may be bought for the same price on application to Mr. L. A. M. Fevez, Public School Club, 61, Curzon Street, W. 1. Applications only, unaccompanied by remittance, should be made in the first instance, as a draw will be made when there is more than one application for the board of any season.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD WESTMINSTER.

II.

IN 1873, the match with Charterhouse was resumed, and was played at Vincent Square. It was arranged to play alternately there and at Godalming. The chances of Westminster before the match seemed small. We had then probably about 230 boys in the School, of whom a large number were home boarders, who did not appear in the evenings at Vincent Square. Water had just been re-started, and, of course, took away a good many. The team that faced Charterhouse contained nine new members, and of the other two one had been eleventh man in the team of the year before. But in spite of all this, Westminster won by an innings and 17 runs, the fast bowling of W. S. Rawson being the main cause of the victory. He got six or seven wickets in each innings, many of them with yorkers, as the tell-tale dents on the turf just inside the crease testified. It is curious that this was the second time on which Westminster beat Charterhouse by an innings and exactly the same number of runs.

In 1874 the match was played at Godalming, and the Westminster eleven, which was much stronger than that of the year before, had hopes of a victory. The weather in the morning was just like the weather of July 7th, 1923. Westminster won the toss, and got just over 200, their best bat failing; but then a thunderstorm intervened; one of the big trees close to the ground was struck by lightning, and rain fell in such volume that when it stopped there was a small lake, not far from the wickets, some three inches deep, which had to be allowed to subside before play could be resumed. In the short time left for play Charterhouse scored about 90 for 3 wickets, and the match was drawn.

After 1874 I saw very few matches, and much regret that I did not see the match (about 1881, I think) in which F. T. Higgins scored 170 for Westminster (which is probably a record on our side) and so won the match. One match, which I saw about 1895 at Vincent Square, recalls to me two incidents: one was a bye for 6 (all run) given us off a not very fast Charterhouse bowler; and the other, a fine innings by R. N. R. Blaker, which won the match for Westminster and included a fine cut for 5, just behind point, the like of which I did not see at Godalming on either side on July 7th of this year.

Of this year's match I will say little, save that it was plain that the team have to-day much better chance in the matter of coaching than we ever had in my time; after a bad start the Westminster batting, for about an hour, was as good as I had ever seen. "O fortunatos nimium, sua si bona norint." [Always get in some Vergilian tag when writing to a school paper.] This reminds me that I was one of the small band which

managed to start THE ELIZABETHAN, and I remember something said by the first editor, E. V. Arnold, in an early number of the paper, in his notices to correspondents; after repeating the well-worn instructions to 'write on one side of the paper only,' and the like, he added: 'With every communication, send somebody else's name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a pledge of good faith.' I will comply with the spirit of this instruction by not sending my own name, and will end by saying, as Mantle used to say at the dinner on the Q.S.S. v. T.B.B. match day—'Gentlemen, here's Floreat.'

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

THE following are the officers for the ensuing year:—

Captain.—H. E. Wood (K.S.).
Monitors.—M. F. Young (R.R.), A. Herbert (A.H.), W. N. McBride (G.G.).
Captain of K.S.S.—H. E. Wood.
Prin. Opp.—M. F. Young.
Head of Home Boarders.—L. Clare.
Head of Rigaud's.—M. F. Young.
Head of Grant's.—W. N. McBride.
Head of Ashburnham.—A. Herbert.
Captain of Cricket.—W. N. McBride.
Head of the Water.—E. C. T. Edwards.
Captain of Football.—M. F. Young.
C.S.M., O.T.C.—M. F. Young.

THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE following are officers for the ensuing year:—

Editor.—H. E. Wood.
Literary Editor.—R. A. Frost.
Hon. Secretary.—J. A. Peck.
Hon. Treasurer.—I. F. Smedley, Esq.

SWIMMING.

THE finals of the Swimming Sports were held at St. George's Baths on July 27. The results were as follows:—

House Race.—Rigaud's, easily.
 1 *length, 30 yds.* (under 16).—H. K. Symonds.
 1 *length, 30 yds.* (open).—J. W. Filson, H. N. D. Russell, 16 secs.
 2 *length, 60 yds.* (open).—H. N. D. Russell, J. W. Filson, 39 secs.
Neat Diving.—M. F. Wingate (20 pts.), R. C. S. Hooper (19 pts.).
Plate Diving.—F. R. Worthington.

The Headmaster's permission has been obtained to run a water polo team next year. It is hoped

to start practising next term. Mr. Watkins has consented to coach the team. All those interested should give their names to J. W. Filson.

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DEBATING SOCIETY.

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AT an extraordinary meeting of the Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Visitor.—The Rev. the Headmaster.

President.—H. E. Wood, K.S.

Vice-President.—A. Herbert, A.H.

Hon. Treasurer.—J. A. Peck, K.S.

Hon. Secretary.—D. Binyon, K.S.

There was a meeting of the Society on October 1 to discuss the motion that:—

“In the opinion of this House, history is a science.”

R. A. FROST (*Proposer*) said that history was twofold. It might be called the story of the world and the study of that story. He then demanded answers to the questions how? when? where? why? which the society appeared unable or unwilling to supply. In asking these conundrums he was emulating physical science, which, he said, continually put the same questions. Starting from the thesis that science was an assiduous searcher for truth, he then proved that history was not an art.

J. M. H. HOARE (*Opposer*), in the course of a few impromptu remarks, dismissed the subject as unworthy of his attention and directed his efforts towards the history form. History was futile, he exclaimed, and was the study of men.

F. J. TABOR (*Seconder*) started by confessing that he did not believe what he was going to say. He also divided history into two and discussed the question mathematically with the help of Dr. Johnson. History consisted in being taught and learning it, in both of which branches there was a larger percentage of science than anything else. By a simple process of addition he arrived at the conclusion that history was a science.

THE SECRETARY (*fourth Speaker*) had no time to prepare a speech; whence he deduced the laziness of man. Of mental gymnastics, however, he did not approve and considered the driving power behind the scientific historian was vanity. Having delivered a brief homily upon vanity, he drifted into natural history and discussed the goose. In connection with this he referred to the spirit of man down the ages.

THE VICE PRESIDENT considered that the dress was far the most important study for the historian,

and delivered a few illuminating remarks at the Secretary about the pterodactyl; and

W. S. DE G. RANKINE spoke about sympathy.

During the next few minutes, J. H. SHAKESPEARE remarked that history was a state of mind; J. M. H. HOARE apologised, the SECRETARY pursued the goose, E. C. LESTER drew from Trevelyan and R. CHAPMAN produced the Domesday Book.

F. J. TABOR then proceeded to draw some amazing deductions by means of the scientific method. William III.'s horse stumbled over an anthill while he was watching a battle; therefore he was a great general.

R. CHAPMAN refuted this argument on the ground that William was not looking on at a battle, and that it was a mole hill, not an ant hill.

A. L. BINNEY said the king wanted to know how to govern.

A few more remarks were then made on the historical value of the detective magazine for the pickpocket.

THE PRESIDENT in his speech was impressive and muddled, and concluded by offering the Society life or death.

The motion was LOST by a large majority.

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SAMUEL RUTTER, BISHOP AND POET.

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ON May 21 a manuscript volume of poems was sold by auction in New York. There seems little doubt from internal evidence that they were written by Samuel Rutter.

Samuel Rutter was a King's scholar at Westminster and in 1623 was elected to Christ Church. It is an interesting fact that in this year, out of the eight successful candidates—three went to Christ Church and five to Trinity—no less than six were budding poets, the best known being Thomas Randolph, the author of *The Muses' Looking Glass*; his name is the first of the long list of Randolphs on the end wall of School.

Samuel Rutter was on intimate terms with the Derby family and became chaplain to the seventh Earl, who wrote of him to his son Lord Strange, “He is a man for whom you and I may both thank God,” and again, “Love still the archdeacon, he will give you good precepts.” He was present at the siege of Lathom House in 1644. In 1660 he was appointed a prebendary of Lichfield, and in the next year he was confirmed Bishop of Sodor and Man. On May 30, 1662, however, he died and was interred in the centre of St. German's Cathedral. About a hundred years ago the brass

plate on which his epitaph was engraved was stolen by a tourist. The epitaph was:—

'In hac domo quam a vermiculis
Mutus accepi confratribus meis
Sub spe Resurrectionis ad vitam
Jaceo Samuel permissione divina
Episcopus hujus insulæ
Siste Lector, vide et ride
Palatium Episcopi.
Obit 30 die mensis Maii, an. 1662.'

In Hackett's *Epitaphs*, 1757 (I., 258), it is translated:—

'In this House which I have borrowed of my Brethren the Worms, do I lye, Samuel, by divine permission, Bishop of this Island, in hopes of Resurrection to life. Reader, stop, view the Lord Bishop's Palace and smile. He died May 30, 1662.'

The poems and ballads of Samuel Rutter seem to have been written only for his own amusement and the pleasure of the Derby family. They do not appear to have been published in his lifetime. Those in this recently-sold volume date from 1630 till 1651, in which year his patron, the seventh Earl, 'the Great Stanley,' was beheaded. A few others were written at a later date. Many of them are really beautiful and are interesting examples of seventeenth century poetry. An account of this MS. book appeared in the *Times Literary Supplement* of August.



HALL EPIGRAMS.

THE custom of reciting epigrams at election dinner is a very old one, but it is not exactly known when it originated. There is no doubt that formerly the theses for the epigrams were not announced until the dinner itself, and that the guests then wrote extempore epigrams, which were handed to the King's scholars to recite. A survival of this practice is seen to-day. During the dinner the captain goes to the high table, where he gives out the theses, and then goes to the other end of the hall and announces them there. The art of immediate composition has been largely lost in modern times. But in Elizabethan days it was no uncommon thing. The seemingly extravagant wit which Shakespeare puts into the mouths of his characters was really not unusual.

After a time, when hall epigrams became a recognised feature of the dinner, the custom passed out of its original form. The theses are now announced beforehand and the epigrams are printed and given to each of the guests, though they are still recited by King's scholars.

Taken as a whole, the epigrams this year were, perhaps, not quite as good as usual. We reproduce a selection below.

In piam memoriam JACOBI GOW, nuper demortui.

Quod nunc decet, paullisper amotis iocis
Pio vacemus muneri,
Raptumque lugeamus ex nostratibus
Unum virum carissimum;
Qui tot per annos rector huic olim scholæ
Amans amanti præfuit,
Veraeque ei virtutis exemplum dedit,
Fortis, modestus, candidus.
Sed absit omnis laudis hinc iactatio;
Nam, siquid in me iudicist,
Nec ipse tali cuperet auctum se modo,
Nec noster hoc suasit dolor.
Ergo in quietem te sequatur ultimam,
O iure dilectum caput,
Sincera tacitæ mentis observantia,
Et fletus, et simplex amor.
Dolemus, eheu! nec tamen sortem tuam
Lugere debemus nimis,
Cui dulce tenebris lumen ex feralibus
Aeterna pax affulserit.

In JACOBUM GOW.

οικτεῖρας Ἀΐδης ψυχῆν, φίλοι, ἀνδρὸς ἔλυσεν,
ὃν φονεροὶ προσιδεῖν ζῶν ἔτ' ἠθέλομεν.
τίς δ' οὐ δακρυβεῖς; ἐκέλευε δὲ μᾶλλον ἂν αὐτός
μνήσιν ἔχειν ἡμᾶς μεδιόωντας ἅμα.
οὐ γὰρ ἀμειδῆτος πόλλ' ἀτρέμας ἄλγε' ἔπασχε,
πολλὰ δ' ἄμ' ἡμέτερον σιγῆος ἔρεζ' ἀγαθά.
Μοῦσα δὲ τῆσδ' αὐλῆς, κεχαρισμένος ἦ τόσ' ἔπαιζε,
πρὶν γελάσαι, στεφάνῳ τῷδ' ἐνέπλεξε πόθον.

*In memory of HENRY TROUTBECK, O.W., for many years
School Medical Officer: died June 3rd, 1923.*

SI MONUMENTUM REQUIRIS, CIRCUMSPICE.

These words stood once upon a doctor's grave
In irony; of you who in this place
Lived and died nobly, yours to serve and save,
None truer;—we to-night your monument.

In honorem CHRISTOPHERI WREN, alumni: obiit 1723.

σῆματός ἀντι μακροῦ σοῖς δώμασι πατρὶς ἅπασα
κοσμηθεῖσα τάφον θαυμάσιον παρέχει.
ἐνθάδε καὶ χάριν οἶδεν ὀμηγερέσι μετὰ παισὶ,
Χριστοφορ', ἡ μήτηρ σοῦ τε καὶ ἡμετέρη.

Ad ERNESTUM FOX, nuper multos annos magistrum.

Γνωθὶ σεαυτόν.

πόλλ' οἶδ' ἀλώπηξ, ἀλλ' ἐχίνος ἐν μέγα.

Cui iam vita sit acta longa, vulpes
Novit multa, sed hoc docere echino
Unum te liceat, precor, sodales
Absentem puerique amore quanto
Te desiderioque prosequantur.

Γνωθὶ σεαυτόν.

'You're a fool, Bill!' Thomas cried,
Having several pints inside.
'Ugh! you're drunk,' said Bill in sorrow;
'Yes, I'm drunk now, though to-morrow
I'll be sober, but you will
Be a fool for ever, Bill!'

Γνώθι σεαυτόν.

Carmina Pindaricis nobis memoranda papyris ;
At, credo, vobis notior est ' Papyrus.'

Γνώθι σεαυτόν.

Χρυσούν ἐστὶν ἰδεῖν ἐν Δελφοῖς ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΕΑΥΤΟΝ·
ἦν δ' ἐθέλης εὖ ζῆν, καὶ τόδε, ΜΗΔΕΝ ΑΓΑΝ.

SI MONUMENTUM REQUIRIS, CIRCUMSPICE.

Tu loqueris : nos somnus habet : circumspice, Tulli ;
Videris eloquii tot monumenta tui.

SI MONUMENTUM REQUIRIS, CIRCUMSPICE.

δισσὰ τὰδ' Ἑρμογένους εὐρήσεις μνήματ' ἱατροῦ,
οὓς τ' ἔκαθεν ζῶων, οὓς τ' ἀνέσσωσε θανάων.

Γνώθι σεαυτόν.

Electors ask for information
They're sure I cannot show ;
They ask for information
They do not want to know.
Γνώθι σεαυτόν, then, I say :
Examine yourselves and go away.

Γνώθι σεαυτόν.

Poenarum oblitos non haec meminisse iuvabit,
Queis male fida comes lingua Latina latet ;
Irradiet vultus sapientia ficta, repente
Plaudite, neve hostis vos simulare putet.

SCHOOL EPIGRAMS.

UNLIKE the epigrams recited in Hall, School epigrams seem never to have been extempore. Since the time of Queen Elizabeth those considered worthy of recitation have been awarded Maundy. The following four were read this year.

NON SCIRE FAS EST OMNIA.

Beside a castle one fine day
An aged pilgrim sang his lay ;
' Oh, all that happened long ago,
And all that is to come, I know !'

' Ha !' said the Baron, ' Tell me true,
Know you my past ?' ' My lord, I do.'
' Odsbobs !' the Wicked Baron said,
' You know too much !' And struck him dead.
M. R. HOLMES.

ONCE BIT, TWICE SHY.

Once bit, twice shy, so runs the tag.
We know there's truth in it,
For either one is very shy
Or just a little bit.

A. HERBERT.

NON SCIRE FAS EST OMNIA.

Non fas est omnia scire—I haste to dispute it ;
For doesn't the History Form entirely confute it ?
A. HERBERT.

NON SCIRE FAS EST OMNIA.

When men began to criticise
And Bible truths to seek,
' We must not let them use their eyes ;
Confound the spread of Greek,'
The bishops said, ' We really must
Keep truth and knowledge in the dust.
They'll know too much, and then, you see,
They'll question our authority.'
They burnt the books ; but all in vain.
What then were they to do ?
They scratched their heads and thought again—
And burnt the readers too !

R. A. FROST.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

NEW PROLOGUES—continued.

1729.

THE Radford MS. has the epilogue, ' You've seen to-night' (*Lusus*, p. 58), with slight variations. There is nothing between 1729 and 1734.

PHORMIO, 1734.

The *Lusus* has no record of any Play in this year. The Radford MS. has the following Prologue (previously unknown) to the ' Phormio':—

PROLOGUS PHORMIONIS 1734.

Italicis aderant ex quo nova gaudia ab oris
Annua Cantorum cum tulit aura gregem,
Harmoniae primos meruit Farinellus honores
Primaque mellifluae praemia vocis habet.
Nunc Ille Angelicus nunc Ille Bravissimus audit
Solutus, et in titulos it, Senesine, tuos,
Tuque secundus agis : nec longum tempus, et alter
Cui nunquam similem viderat orbis, erit.
Sic, vice quisque sua, propriam plauduntur in horam
Et Tramontanas quisque reportat opes.
Carmina Nos scenâ quanto magis digna feremus ?
Quam magis ingenium, nobilisque, melos ?
Harmoniam si saltem habeant Suadela Venusque
Omnibus et Musis Gratia quaeque comes,
Pergat in Italico languescere turba teatro,
Non intellectis immoritura sonis.
Vivida sunt cecinit quaecunque Terentius, intrant
Atque animi sensus, imaque corda movent.
Quare absint inducti omnes vulgusque profanum ;
Non nisi Cecropiis auribus illa placent.

SOME INDIAN O.W.W.

THE recently-published third volume of the memoirs of that renowned O.W. William Hickey contains much valuable information for the School historian. We find, for instance, an account of Warren Hastings presiding at the annual dinner which he gave to O.W.W. at Calcutta. These gatherings had the tradition of exclusiveness which has survived into the present century.

'The rest of the family,' writes Hickey, 'who had not been brought up at that school were obliged to dine out or in a private room upon every Westminster meeting. Mr. Hastings unbent upon these occasions . . . reciting a number of ridiculous circumstances that occurred in his time.' Here for once Hickey fails us; he has not recorded Hastings' stories, which would have cast light on the School as it was in the days of Nicoll. He has, however, preserved the names of the guests; all of whom attended at another O.W. dinner given by Hickey himself a fortnight later. Among the party were at least seven of the donors of the Warren Hastings Cup, viz.: Edward Hay, George Arbuthnot, Peter Touchet, Francis Pierard, William Franklin, Robert Samuel Perreau and Charles Cooper. The list of names illustrates the error of Mr. Sargeant's curious statement that 'five men who were not Old Westminsters were proud to join in the gift' of the cup. The five alluded to are apparently John Wombwell, John Scawen, Edward Bengough, Charles Cooper and Charles Mouat. But of these five Cooper was at the dinner as an O.W., and Scawen, though not one of the dinner-party, is mentioned by Hickey as having been at the School.

After another fortnight the same party (having had time to recover from the effects of Mr. Hickey's champagne, of which he tells us they highly approved), dined with William Burke. It was at this meeting that it was resolved to send a gold cup with an appropriate inscription to Vincent, then Under-Master—Hickey has ante-dated his promotion to the Headmastership. The cup was sent, but the gift was never acknowledged. 'A young lad recently from the School,' subsequently told the donors that the inscription (which was veiled in the obscurity of a learned tongue) was inappropriate to the extent of containing a false concord, and that Vincent had stated that bad grammar was no compliment from former pupils. One is tempted to think that this guileless youth may have been pulling the legs of his grave and reverend seniors, and that either Vincent never got the cup or a letter from him miscarried. Whatever happened, the cup was never heard of again.

Even migratory O.W.W. gave Westminster dinners at Calcutta; we read of one given by 'Captain Gerard of the Company's ship *Deptford*,' who must have been a bird of passage. At another dinner, given by Edward Hay, the case of Poll Puff was considered. This lady seems to have been the successor in business of 'Nan the Pye Woman.' Hickey immortalises her as follows:—

'This Madam Poll Puff every morning at the opening of the School took her station at the great gate with a deep basket filled with most ex-

quisite apple puffs, from which she derived her name, the price of each being threepence; but she would divide one, of course, the charge being threehalfpence. This occupation she had followed upwards of thirty years, becoming grey in the service.'

It was determined to buy her a small annuity 'so as to provide the necessary comforts for her in old age, and yet not encourage the vice of dram drinking to which she was known to be addicted' by giving her a lump sum down. No less a person than Sir Elijah Impey, who was then in London, was commissioned to buy the annuity, which he did; it is to be hoped that Poll Puff's end was not accelerated by the purchase.

But all O.W.W. were not equally generous. There was Stephen Popham, of Madras, who did not pay his debts. Like other O.W.W. he employed Dicky Roberts, the waterman, to build boats after he had left the School; but Dicky Roberts had to wait for his money. Dicky's memory lives in an epigram of 1816, the year of his death; it was he who resuscitated the younger Colman when half drowned by applying the blade of a scull to what Colman describes as 'that part of my person which had so often smarted under the discipline of Dr. Vincent.'

Old Westminsters.

LORD HEADLEY, who is head of the English Mohammedan community, has just returned from a pilgrimage to Mecca. He is the first Englishman who has made the journey under his own name and as an Englishman.

The Rev. W. H. Aglionby has been appointed to the Vicarage of St. Frideswide, Poplar.

In the Final Honour School of Modern History at Oxford, Mr. W. A. Pantin was awarded a first and Mr. G. E. A. Dix a 'second.' Mr. R. L. Bennett, Mr. R. A. P. Bevan, Mr. C. M. Cahn, and Mr. H. Chisholm were in the second class in Classical 'Greats.'

At Woolwich, Mr. T. I. Lloyd has passed out second in order of merit.

Mr. D. B. Murphy has passed into the Indian Police Service.

Mr. H. A. Meyer has won the 100 yards championship of Sussex.

Mr. W. L. Hartley and Mr. R. W. Hartley have together won the London Amateur Foursomes Golf Championship.

Births.

HOLMES.—On March 17, the wife of Stephen L. Holmes, of a son.

TENISON.—On September 6, at Kandy, Ceylon, the wife of E. Heron Ryan Tenison, of a son.

Marriages.

MCCONNELL-PHILLIPS.—On July 10, William Edward McConnell, son of the late William Robert McConnell, to Rose Gertrude, only daughter of Harry Cecil Jones, of Dulwich.

HARRIS-KITSON.—On July 24, Noel Gordon Harris, youngest son of Sir Alexander Harris, K.C.M.G., C.B., etc., to the Hon. Thelma Eirene Kitson, sixth daughter of the Lord Airedale.

WATERFIELD-HEPBURN.—On August 10, Donald Corrie Waterfield, Lieut., R.N., retired, eldest son of the Rev. H. W. Waterfield (O.W.), to Jean Meta, second daughter of Malcolm L. Hepburn, M.D., of 111, Harley Street, and Pole House, King's Langley.

YELD-YELD.—On August 11, at Victoria, B.C., Reginald Arthur Yeld, M.D., of Edgewood, Arrow Lakes, B.C., younger son of the late Edward Yeld, I.S.O., of Hampstead, to Muriel Heart, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Reginald Heart Yeld, of Houghton-le-Spring.

SEVERN-MARSHALL.—On September 4, Agnew Ruskin Severn, to Mary Edith Marshall, only daughter of the late Henry Wordsworth and Mrs. Wordsworth, of Brooklands, S. Godstone.

USHER-WORSFOLD.—On September 22, Cyril George Usher, M.C., son of S. L. Usher, of Clifton to Dorothy Margaret, daughter of the late John H. Worsfold.

HILARY-MAHON.—On August 2, Robert Jephson Hilary, Assistant Master, Westminster School, to Nita Margaret MacMahon, youngest daughter of the late W. H. Cortlandt Mahon.

Correspondence.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL REGISTER.

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To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Information is desired by the Editors about the following O.W.W. of whom but little or no details are given in the Register:—

Gordon, Hugh; adm. 1877, left 1881.

Gotto, Donald; adm. 1878, left 1881.

Grantham, Herbert Payne Dawson; adm. 1866, left 1867.

Gray, Robert Webster; adm. 1873, left 1875.

Green, Richard Mead; adm. 1879, left 1880.

Green, William Thomas; adm. 1881, left 1884.

Grosvenor, Chetwynd George; adm. 1882, left 1884.

Gurney, Thomas; adm. 1844, left 1847.

Hammick, St. Vincent Almrick; adm. 1869, left 1872.

Hart, Harry Cartwright; adm. 1877, left 1880.

Hawkins, Frederick Thomas Chalmers; adm. 1878, left 1881.

Hill, Pascoe Grenfell; adm. 1857, left 1858.

Hodgson, Arthur; adm. 1881, left 1882.

Hooper, William Ernest Anderson; adm. 1858, left 1858.

Horne, Arthur Frederick; adm. 1866, left 1867.

Horne, Edward Adolph; adm. 1872, left 1875.

Hose, John Christian; adm. 1878, left 1882.

To save time and trouble, as well as valuable space in your columns, I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers, who can help us by supplying information, would kindly communicate direct to me.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. RUSSELL BARKER.

Our Contemporaries.

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THIS Lodge was formed in 1888, and consists of Old Westminster. It meets at Westminster School four times a year—in March, June, October, and December. It is the senior Public School Lodge belonging to the Public Schools Union, which holds an Annual Festival at each School in turn.

Old Westminster desiring to join the Lodge should communicate with the Secretary, W. J. ARMITAGE, Esq., Longholt, Hildenborough, Kent.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Mission was founded in 1888, and began work as a Boys' Club in Soho. In 1891 it moved to Westminster, and the work is now carried on in the parish of St. Mary, Vincent Square.

The Mission is largely responsible for the upkeep of Napier Hall, where the club-rooms and hall are used by the St. Mary's (Westminster School Mission) Club for young men and boys, and by the St. Mary's Troop of Boy Scouts. Religious instruction is provided by the clergy of the parish. Physical training and gymnastic classes, lectures and debates are held, and the club provides a library, billiards, and the usual recreations. The club has its own football and cricket ground. More personal help from Old Westminsters is urgently needed.

Financial assistance is also given by the Mission to the 'E' (Westminster) Company, 1st Cadet Battalion, London Regiment, 'The Queen's.'

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N.B.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at the School at 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st. The Committee invites the attendance of Subscribers and of all Old Westminsters interested in the work of the Mission.

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TRADITION

What is the difference between a tradition and a legend? The first is the truth of the thing, the second is the truth of the story. It is not the truth of the thing that matters, but the truth of the story. The Westminster tradition is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster. It is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster. It is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster.

Tradition is a great thing, but it is not treated with the respect that it is due to. Many are too ready to cling to the letter of tradition. Nothing could be more perverse. At the heart of Westminster tradition is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster. It is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster. It is a feeling of great awe, not for the tradition, but for the cause of Westminster.

That is the spirit of Westminster tradition.

Why then is the lady tradition looked at with such a scorn? Because we are afraid that it is too old-fashioned. But that does not mean that all change is pernicious. Why must change and tradition always be linked together? For it is the spirit, and not the letter of tradition that matters. The letter is only an extension of the spirit, and if life and vigour can no longer be united with an old tradition, then that tradition is dead. It should not be left a prey to wild beasts, but should be given an honourable burial.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP

It was an interesting scene in the afternoon of the Royal Laws, when the first hundred mounted and public school boys were pelting one another for their feathers down to camp at New Romney. These already arrived stood round in impatient fashion, reading or fidgeting as usual, or doing for the moment what they pleased. The boys were waiting for the start of the race, and were waiting for the start of the race, and were waiting for the start of the race.