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Q.SS. v. T.BB.

WHAT a time-honoured phrase is the above! To what dark ages do not the struggles between 'Town and Gown' go back! There is no record, to the present writer's knowledge, of the precise date when the first Q.SS. and T.BB. cricket match was played. The earliest record at present is the College Cricket Ledger, which dates from 1806, and the match has been played without intermission since that time. Many are the famous cricketers of the last generation who first won fame in the great match—as it was then looked upon—being, in fact, the only one played during the season. Many are the old Blues whose names appear on the pages of the Ledger, such as W. G. Armitstead, C. G. Lane, A. D. Balfour, E. Bray, as well as the late John Loraine Baldwin, the founder of the I Zingari Club and of county fixtures. We even come across a century as early as 1822—which must

have been looked on as a marvellous feat in those days—Eden, a K.S., making 166, not out. Thus Moon's fine innings last year had a worthy precedent. Those were days when there were giants in the land, when Westminster rowed Eton, and when cricket (alas for our modern effeminacy!) began in the middle of March. The rules for the K.S. and T.B. match, which preface the entries, are curious. We append a few:—

At the beginning of the summer half-year the K.S.S. choose six Bats at Bentley's, and toss up with the T.BB. for first choice.

The K.S.S. and T.BB. take it by days to have the odd man in the morning and evening play when there is only a Thirteen, and also by days to play in all places in which they are to play in the match. [We confess our ignorance as to the meaning of this.]

The K.S.S. and T.BB. separate a fortnight before the match;

and, last of all, the curious rule, which still holds good—'In the match the T.BB. and Q.SS. take it in turns every year to have first innings.'

Great must have been the rivalry, though in the early days Q.SS., or K.SS. as they were then, generally managed to hold their own; or, as is the phrase used, K.SS. or T.BB. 'did beat' by so many wickets or runs. We even find the T.B. head of fields complaining in an entry in the T.B. Ledger, during the period of the school's greatest depression, that the match was only played to keep up the old custom, as it was scarcely possible to get up an eleven of T.BB. who ever played at all. Happily, that state of things is past, and it is now the turn of the Q.SS. to mourn for the loss of match after match. Still, it is a long lane with no turning, and the green and blue (when, we wonder, were the colours first introduced?) may yet hope to emerge victorious from the great struggle of their athletic year.

The football matches do not seem to have begun till much later, 1854 being the earliest record. Then the matches were decided by games, which often took two or three days to complete. It is curious to read such entries as—

This match was played at the Fields on Wednesday the 6th, Thursday the 7th, and Wednesday the 13th of December. The T.BB. obtained two games, and Q.SS. one. This match was not finished on account of want of time (!)

It also reflects but little credit on one side or another to see the account of a match begin, 'This contest of hacking and fouling was played on —;' for obvious reasons we suppress the dates. We may read such things with amusement now, but the matches in those days, not so far distant, can have been no light matter, especially for the smaller players. With the increase of foreign matches during the last two decades (though the School played O.WW. as early as 1827) the interest in the Q.SS. v. T.BB. match has naturally waned, more especially among T.BB., to whom the Shield matches offer a greater attraction. It has been proposed, for the sake of Q.SS., to give a Challenge Shield or Cup, to be held by the winners of the annual contest; yet, personally, we should prefer the match to remain as it is, and let Q.SS. have the chance only of winning glory (if not the match—*vide* Debating Society Report).

Yet, though shorn of some of its ancient glories, the T.BB. v. Q.SS. still remains with us as one of the events of the Westminster year. Long may it be before it is reckoned with things of the past, and may it enhance for many years to come the good feeling which at present

exists between the two great parties in the School, as compared with their πόλεμος ἄσπονδος of former days.

DOG-TOOTH.

POETRY.

ARMA CANO.

[Though the football season is over we venture to print the following.—Ed.]

If e'er by Westminster you chance to stray,
And down Victoria Street pursue your way
On Saturday at half-past two o'clock,
When shutters are put up, and people flock
In countless numbers from the teeming Stores,
And clos'd at last are all the office doors;
Then a small stream of persons you may meet
Issuing from Dean's Yard towards the street;
Youths in tall hats and Eton coats abound,
With no great scarcity of capp'd and gown'd;
While here and there a few in fighting gear,
Bare-knee'd and heavy-booted, do appear,
In coats and shirts of diverse colours dress'd,
Though pink predominates above the rest.
But see! they follow the same route as you;
If, therefore, you have nothing else to do,
Pursue their steps, and mark which way they go.
At first straight forward to Artillery Row
Their journey lies, but then obscure becomes,
And plunges into most mysterious slums,
At last emerging into purer air
That wraps the vast expanse of Vincent Square.
Here enter now with them, and you will see
Up in one corner no small company
Waiting expectant for the coming fray,
Which is to be decided here to-day.
The railings bristle with a goodly crowd,
Soon to indulge in cheers and hooting loud;
Here, wet or fine, they come at each week's end
Their hardly earn'd half-holiday to spend,
With loyal hearts to raise a mighty noise,
Cheering to victory 'the good old Boys!'
At length the teams turn out and seek the ground;
Nor long before you hear the whistle sound,
The signal for the battle; then begins
That Herculean conflict: shins meet shins,
And elbows clash with jawbones, ribs with knees,
And the poor feminine spectator sees
A seething mass of human beings, all
Contending madly for a worthless ball!
Meanwhile the rabble show their ready wit,
And fix on some poor stranger, whom they twit
With aught in his appearance that offends;
Loudly they jeer, each vying with his friends
In hurling epithets and uncouth names,
As 'Helephant,' or 'Ginger,' or 'Oice-cream,'
But most uproarious resounds their mirth
Whene'er some stranger grovels on the earth;

Of all the boys, he in their eyes is first
 Who charges most, and never comes off worst.
 The game with varying success proceeds ;
 No point is gain'd, though many valiant deeds
 Are wrought on both sides ; but the School at last
 Make a bold rush : the ball is driven past
 The hostile goal, and from the railings rise
 Deafening cries of 'Goal !' But otherwise
 The referee, omnipotent, decrees—
 Though he, poor fellow ! often fails to please
 The touchy mob, who with loud hooting greet
 His subsequent appearance in the street.
 Already half the appointed time is run ;
 The whistle brings relief to everyone,
 And lemons brought upon a lordly tray
 Quickly renew their vigour for the fray,
 Which soon begins once more from different ends ;
 Now to the Boys its aid the zephyr lends :
 The ball is kept within the hostile ground,
 And soon a yell that makes the Square resound
 Proclaims a goal ; then for a space outside
 Huge Pandemonium lords it far and wide.
 But soon the enemy secure the ball ;
 'Ice-creams' shoots wide, 'mid cheers ironical.
 With better judgment, 'Ginger' finds the net
 'Mid cries of 'Braivo ! Ginger, you'll do yet !'
 Thus, Fortune leaning to which side she will,
 They play with vigour undiminish'd still ;
 Ever uncertain is that glorious game :
 None till the end a victory can claim.
 It comes at last ; the rabble go their way,
 And all is over till next Saturday. C. O. R. X.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 54.—PETER ELSLEY, D.D., PRINCIPAL
 OF ST. ALBAN'S HALL.

'THERE may be some redeeming traits,' said one, who formerly held a high position in the Oxford hierarchy of teachers, 'even in a scholar who devotes himself to palæography ;' nor was Dr. Elmsley himself inclined to claim a higher dignity for his occupation than the above-quoted sneer would allow, for, in his criticism on Heyne's 'Homer,' he congratulates the German professor on having found coadjutors 'with the qualities which are requisite for exploring the charnel-houses of Grecian literature.' Yet so far was his practice from corresponding with his preaching, that he devoted the whole of his life to those 'charnel-houses,' and, having possession of a fair competence, great mental powers, and enormous learning, 'To collating gave up what was meant for mankind.'

Peter Elmsley was born in 1773, and educated at Hampstead, and afterwards at Westminster ; apparently he did not enter there until he was past the age of *min. cans.*, and consequently ended as he began—a T.B. He was, therefore, ineligible for a studentship at the House, although he had attained

what his biographer in the 'Gentleman's Magazine' seems to consider the unusual distinction of elevation to the VIth Form. However, he proceeded to the House as a commoner, and it was confidently expected that the Dean would present him to a studentship ; according to one account, he received a promise to that effect, which was never performed. He also entertained hopes of a Fellowship at Merton after graduating B.A. in 1794 ; but this, too, failed, and he left Oxford ; 'taking away,' it was said, 'more learning than he left between Folly Bridge and Magdalen.' He does not seem to have been very popular with the senior members of the University. He was 'rather unguarded in conversation, and possessed a strong propensity to seize the ludicrous point of view, which, though accompanied with perfect good-nature and benevolence, is not a talent in favour with dons. He also can hardly have helped feeling that he was at least as competent to instruct his tutors as they were to instruct him, and 'contempt,' says the Indian proverb, 'will pierce the shell of a tortoise.'

In 1797 he proceeded to the degree of M.A., and having been ordained, was in 1798 presented to the chapelry of Little Horkelesley, Essex, which he held for the rest of his life. He brought very little enthusiasm, we should imagine, to the discharge of his clerical duties, or, certainly, made very little parade of it, for his biographer has nothing to say on the subject, except that on obtaining a competency by the death of his uncle and namesake, the well-known bookseller, he gave up residence altogether. In those days, 'when pluralities were powerful and conscience weak,' it is much to his credit that he paid the whole income over to his curate ; what withheld him from resigning the benefice is not quite clear.

'Mental indolence,' wrote Elmsley in the article already quoted, 'is the faithful companion of wealth ;' but he was, at the time that he wrote, a brilliant example to the contrary. The only difference which the possession of wealth made to him was that it diverted his labour into pecuniarily unprofitable channels. In 1804 he published his 'Thucydides,' an edition of little value—indeed, Arnold considers he did little more than correct the proofs ; and this was followed by editions of the 'Acharnians' of Euripides, and of the 'Cedipus Tyrannus' and the 'Cedipus Colonneus,' on which, having small taste for Greek plays, the present writer must admit his inability to pass an opinion. Besides this, being at Edinburgh in 1802, he formed the acquaintance of Sydney Smith, Jeffrey, Brougham, and the rest of the Edinburgh reviewers, who were just founding their powerful and celebrated periodical. For a time Elmsley employed his pen in their service, and the articles on Heyne's 'Homer,' Schweighauser's 'Athenæus,' Blomfield's 'Prometheus,' and Porson's 'Hecuba,' which are ascribed to him, do not, I imagine, exhaust the list of his contributions. He subsequently transferred his allegiance to the

Quarterly, for which he wrote a notice on Markland's 'Supplicants.'

After spending some years in London, he removed in 1807 to St. Mary Cray, in Kent, for the purpose of residing with his mother, who had a distaste for town life; he remained there nine years, and during the latter portion of his stay made the acquaintance of Grote, the future historian of Greece. Their intimacy was concluded by a catastrophe to which I should not allude had not the writer of the notice on Elmsley in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' chosen to drag it into what I consider undue prominence. Miss Harriet Lewin, who subsequently became Mrs. Grote, resided at Beckenham; Grote was paying great attentions to her, when he received a sudden check on being informed by 'E——,' 'a great critic and clergyman of independent means,' that Miss Lewin's heart and affections were already engaged. Grote went away heart-broken, and promised his father never to offer marriage to a woman without telling him first: a curious result of a disappointment in love. However, on finding that 'E——' had had no grounds for his statement, and was himself a discarded suitor of Miss Lewin's, Grote wished to withdraw his promise; and his stern parent consented, but imposed a two years' probation, which does not seem an outrageous hardship for a lover of twenty-four. Miss Lewin graciously forgave Grote (what for? the guileless reader may ask), they were married, and lived happily ever after. Such is the story, as far as can be gathered from Mrs. Grote's narrative; though it contains some curiously difficult passages, as I must decline to believe that the 'malignant E——' informed Miss Lewin of what he had done, and yet it is distinctly recorded so in the evidence. I must say that the National Biographer would have done better to remember that if in law a wife cannot give evidence against her husband, still less in equity can a woman give evidence against a lover she has rejected *quoad* the rejection; that if she concealed the name of the 'malignant' clergyman, howsoever thin the disguise, her delicacy should be respected; and lastly, that her evidence does not at all bear out the facts, which all tend, even on Mrs. Grote's showing—which is all the evidence we have—to the conclusion that Mrs. Grote, in rejecting Elmsley's addresses, told him her heart was engaged; that Elmsley—if indeed E—— were Elmsley, which is not proven—innocently passed this statement on to Grote, in ignorance that the lady had referred to him; and that the wrath of Mr. and Mrs. Grote, though intelligible, was very far from righteous. If Mrs. Grote's story is to be read as the National Biographer reads it, 'it were a grievous fault,' but it stands in absolute contradiction to everything else that we know of Elmsley's life.

In 1816, Elmsley quitted St. Mary Cray and returned to Oxford, where he resided for the remainder of his life, with the exception of the winter of 1818, which he spent at Florence in collecting the MS. of the Scholia to Sophocles in the Laurentian Library,

and the period occupied by his expedition to Naples with Sir Humphry Davy to decipher the Herculeanum papyri.

These papyri, of which the Bodleian possesses a considerable number—one of which has very recently been deciphered and published by an Australian professor—were reduced by the eruption of Vesuvius to solid cylinders of charred substance, which could not, in Elmsley's day, be even unrolled, much less interpreted. The unrolling was to be Sir Humphry's work. When the first few lines became visible the philologist was to step in and decide whether the MS. was worth the trouble of continuing the tedious and costly process. The attempt, however, was quite abortive; its one ostensible result was the fever which attacked Elmsley on his way home at Turin, nearly killed him out of hand, and laid the seeds of the complaint of which he ultimately died.

In 1823 the learning of one of its most erudite alumni was tardily recognised by the University of Oxford. Elmsley became—rather inappropriately—Camden Professor of Ancient History, and at the same time Principal of St. Alban's Hall. The quaint little 'hostel' which received him as its head has now been absorbed by the very college which had rejected him as a Fellow; but the name of 'Stubbins quad' still survives at Merton, and the gate, hall, and chapel of the old foundation are still extant. Here Dr. Elmsley—for his degree of D.D. dates from the same year—spent the last two years of his life; and just as all Oxford was canvassing the likelihood of his appointment to a vacant canonry at Christ Church, it was shocked by the news of his sudden death, from heart-disease, on March 8, 1825, in the fifty-second year of his age.

Elmsley's name has survived as that of a philologist and an editor; but it was the belief of those who knew him best that his scholarship, though sound, was not his greatest attainment. His knowledge of ecclesiastical and constitutional history was declared by those admitted to the privilege of his conversation to be unrivalled; his knowledge of ancient history was deemed worthy of a professorship. But, except a single brief 'Critique of Lord Clarendon's Religion and Policy,' he has left no writings behind him which do not deal with classical learning. Whether it was delight in the labour, or a noble preference for uncongenial toil, which drew him to that task of collation which he congratulated Heyne on performing vicariously, the result is equally to be regretted, for the learning so much and so highly praised has left no adequate results behind. On his actual accomplishments it may be as well to quote a more recent editor of Euripides: 'Elmsley does sometimes explain, though he is not particularly trustworthy as an interpreter. His strength lay in illustration. While we admire the natural shrewdness, accurate judgment, and great extent of reading which Porson shows, we are impressed with the extraordinary diligence of Elmsley in bringing up a whole array of authorities, even on points of almost trifling minuteness. His

notes are, in consequence, valuable rather as a repertory of carefully determined Attic diction than as a commentary on particular Greek plays. He also sets a good example in adhering chiefly to the plan of illustrating an author from himself.

Of Elmsley's wit, of which his friends spoke very highly, a single specimen will suffice. Talking of the admittance of anapæsts into the tragic iambic senarius, he says, 'Brunck is a strenuous defender of anapæsts, which he seems to have regarded with compassion as innocent and persecuted beings'—a sentence which we should not be surprised to find among the writings of Sydney Smith—but perhaps the Oxford humour of their day rather ran in that groove.

Elmsley was a great traveller, and the letters recording his journeys are said to have been the best things he ever wrote. His temper was easy and his manners ingratiating. His person was not handsome, if we may accept the description of a personal enemy: 'a monster weighing 20 stone, and looking, perhaps, more like a man than any other animal.' His obituary notice allows him all Porson's merits with none of his defects; but he would have been the last to claim equality with Porson as a scholar. Suffice it to say he was a man who might have spent his life in idleness, but chose instead to give the world much hard work. The world thought he could have given it more than he did; but at this interval of time it is impossible to say whether he could.

FLOREAT.

School Notes.

THE following is the Cricket Card :—

May 8 Sat.	XI. v. XXII. XXII. won. XI., 72 and 177; XXII., 199 and 49 for 4 wickets.
„ 15 „	v. Lords and Commons. Scratched. v. R. Tanner, Esq.'s XI. XI. Mr. Tanner's XI.
„ 22 „	v. Kensington Park.
„ 29 „	v. Incogniti.
June 5 „	v. I Zingari.
„ 9 Wed.	v. Eton Ramblers.
„ 19 Sat.	v. Old Westminster.
„ 23 Wed.	v. West Kent.
„ 26 Sat.	v. Old Carthusians.
July 3 „	v. Oxford University Authentics.
„ 9 Fri.	} v. Charterhouse.
„ 10 Sat.	
„ 17 „	v. M.C.C.
„ 24 „	v. Harrow Blues.
„ 26 Mon.	Q.SS. v. T.BB.

It will be noticed that the Upper Tooting match has been dropped.

The Lords and Commons at the last moment were unable to raise a team, and were compelled to scratch the match.

The success of H.BB. in the sports was very marked. They carried all before them, winning no less than nine first prizes. Corfield's performances were wonderful. On the Saturday he won the 300 yards, the 100 yards, the quarter, and the mile. We venture to think this is a record that has been rarely beaten.

A proposal to add 'putting the weight' to the list of events was rejected.

We hope in future years some provision will be made, as suggested by a correspondent, in order to prevent such a large number entering for races like the mile, the majority of whom do not intend to run more than a quarter of that. Perhaps to make the races only open to those over sixteen would meet the requirements of the case.

Our best thanks are due to Rev. W. Failes, Rev. A. G. S. Raynor, and R. Tanner, Esq., for providing their excellent prizes for the Sports, and to the Masters as a whole for their prize; and to the Headmaster for providing the tea, which, we are quite sure, was a most welcome change from the band.

Through the courtesy of the Office of Works a limited number of Westminster boys are to be provided with seats on Constitution Hill to witness the Diamond Jubilee procession.

We expect something at cricket from our Westminster representatives at the Universities this year. At Cambridge, L. J. Moon played in the Freshmen's Match, and made innings of 34 and 41 not out, and also had the honour of being the first batsman to register a century this season, playing an innings of 111 for Pembroke College against Trinity Hall. At Oxford, S. C. Probyn played in the Seniors' match, and C. D. Fisher in the Freshmen's match, with no little credit. Fisher also has been playing in the trial matches, and it will be no surprise if he is tried for his University.

R. Berens assisted Lord Hawke's team once more in the West Indies. Though he had not a startling average, he was very consistent in his scoring.

Since writing the above we have to congratulate L. J. Moon on playing for Cambridge v. A. J. Webbe's XI. It is a long time since an O.W. assisted his University at cricket, and we trust that Moon will revive the best traditions of Westminster cricket.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports were held this year on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. The weather was fine, and the interest taken in the various events much greater than it has been for some years past. This is mainly to be ascribed to the Inter-House Challenge Cup, presented by members of the School, which was competed for for the first time. The cup, a handsome silver two-handled trophy, was won for the first time by Home Boarders, who are to be congratulated on their success. Corfield proved the greatest winner of points, carrying off no less than six first prizes. Other improvements are also to be noted, such as the string-courses for the Hundred, a long-felt want; the new hurdles, the circle for the hammer (though not perhaps from the competitors' view), and the House colour trimmings, worn by nearly all. These last were almost necessitated by the new cup, as it was possible for O.W.W. and visitors to see at a glance which house had won. Rigauds', with their black vests trimmed with gold, looked very workmanlike, and College, with their green and blue, were also much admired. The judges were: F. Street, A. H. Hogarth, and S. C. Probyn, while E. O. Kirlaw had charge of the watch. O. R. Borradaile superintended the starting on the first day, and R. T. Squire and L. A. M. Fevez on the second. The stewards were: R. E. More, M. L. Gwyer. Hon. Sec., P. T. Jones, C. E. L. Johnston, R. N. R. Blaker, W. H. Lonsdale, and E. F. Colville.

The results were as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

Heat 1.—C. E. L. Johnston, 1; N. Cunningham, 2. Time, 37 sec.

Heat 2.—W. F. Corfield, 1; P. T. Jones, 2. Time, 35 sec.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

Heat 1.—E. Æ. Cotterill, 1; A. C. Barnby, 2. Time, 12 sec.

Heat 2.—S. Jolly, 1; W. Jacob, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 3.—A. Lechmere, 1; S. Kennedy, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 4.—H. Roose, 1; M. S. Thompson, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

Heat 5.—R. Wynter, 1; E. G. S. Ravenscroft, 2. Time, 12½ sec.

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

H. S. Gaskell (Q.S.), 1; R. Wynter (Ash), 2. Distance, 77 yards. Gaskell made the best junior throw that there has been for many years; indeed, we should not be surprised to find that it was a record for the event.

4.—HALF MILE, WITH HURDLES. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; C. E. L. Johnston (Q.S.), 2. W. V. Rayner (H.B.), 3. Corfield led all the way and spurred finely at the finish, Johnston being only a yard or two behind. Rayner was close up. Time, 2 min. 27 sec.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

H. Murray (Ash.), 1; D. H. Whitmore (Gr.), 2. Height, 4 ft. 4½ in. Murray jumped well and won easily.

6.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN. CHALLENGE HAMMER. (Simultaneously with preceding.)

R. E. More (Rig.), 1; W. H. C. Clay (Q.S.), 2. Distance, 56 ft. 6 in. More and Clay tied at first, but on throwing it off More won. The hammer used weighed 18 lb.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 1; T. O. Kirlaw (Ash.), 2. Distance, 18 ft. 7 in. Won by nearly 2 ft. Cotterill, who had jumped over 17 ft. during the week, took off badly, and failed to secure a place.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 15.

Heat 1.—J. P. Blane,† G. T. Boag,† (dead heat). Time, 22½ sec.

Heat 2.—A. Willett, 1; T. C. Keely, 2. Time, 21½ sec. This race was substituted for the 300 yards, under 14.

9.—100 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—W. F. Corfield, 1; R. N. R. Blaker, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

Heat 2.—P. T. Jones, 1; S. Jolly, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

Heat 3.—W. V. Rayner, 1; A. C. Robinson, 2. Time, 11½ sec.

10.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—A. C. Barnby, 1. Time, 20½ sec.

Heat 2.—C. E. L. Johnston, 1. Time, 20½ sec.

Heat 3.—R. Truslove, 1. Time, 20½ sec.

11.—100 YARDS. UNDER 14. FINAL.

T. C. S. Keely (Q.S.), 1; A. Willett (Rig.), 2. Won by inches. Time not taken.

12.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15.

Heat 1.—H. Murray, 1. Time, 22½ sec.

Heat 2.—R. Wynter, 1. Time, 23 sec.

13.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

E. Goodhart (Rig.) (95 yds.), 1; N. Cunningham (Rig.) (110 yds.), 2; J. W. Lord (Rig.) (80 yds.), 3. Cunningham, who had a very liberal start, led almost all the way, but was beaten by Goodhart on the tape, with Lord very close. Corfield came in fourth, in spite of his exertions in the Half with Hurdles. He ran magnificently from scratch, and deserved a place.

14.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Westaway, 1; Fagg, 2.

15.—INTER-HOUSE TUGS OF WAR.

RIGAUDS.

	st.	lb.
1. R. N. R. Blaker	10	1
2. L. V. Barnby	10	4
3. S. M. Anderson	10	2
4. B. H. Willett	11	7
5. A. McKenna	13	0
6. R. E. More	11	8

ASHBURNHAM.

	st.	lb.
1. D. H. W. Young	10	0
2. H. W. Beveridge	10	13
3. T. O. Kirlaw	10	13
4. R. Scarisbrick	10	9
5. H. B. Day	11	0
6. E. F. Colville	11	8

Rigauds beat Ashburnham (2-0).

The first pull lasted about five minutes, Rigauds winning. The second was timed to last 12 min. 50 sec., which is a record for these pulls. Many of the pullers were entirely exhausted by their exertions. Rigauds at last got their opponents over, after the rope had remained perfectly stationary for quite 10 min. Young pulled grandly for Ashburnham, and More for Rigauds.

H.BB.		GRANTS.	
	st. lb.		st. lb.
1. P. T. Jones .	10 4	1. J. Heard .	9 7
2. W. V. Rayner .	10 5	2. M. G. Baillie .	9 7
3. J. A. Blaxland .	10 10	3. E. C. Stevens .	9 5
4. A. L. Lefroy .	11 0	4. W. Lonsdale .	9 9
5. L. E. Deacon .	11 1	5. R. Roche .	10 4
6. W. F. Corfield .	11 2	6. W. C. Stevens .	11 4

H.BB. beat Grants (2-0).

H.BB. won easily.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

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

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), scr., 1; P. T. Jones (H.B.), scr., 2. Time, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Corfield ran splendidly and won easily. The time was exceedingly good.

17.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16.

E. Æ. Cotterill (Q.S.), 1; S. Jolly (Ash.), 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Won by a yard in capital time.

18.—THROWING THE CRICKET-BALL. OPEN.

R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 1; R. E. More (Rig.), 2. Distance, 93 yds. 2 ft. 6 in. More threw 89 yds. Blaker, who was expected to throw over 100 yds., had hurt his hand the previous day during the long pull with Ashburnham.

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

(Prize Presented by Rev. A. G. S. Raynor.)

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; P. T. Jones (H.B.), 2; W. V. Rayner (H.B.), 3. Time, 55 sec. Corfield again ran exceedingly well, and was never pressed, winning by 6 yds. Jones was 3 yds. before Rayner. The time was better than for some time past.

20.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

H. S. Gaskell (Q.S.), 1; E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 2. Distance, 14 ft. 6 in. Stevens was 4 in. behind Gaskell, who jumped well.

21.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

R. J. Murray (H.B.), 1; T. O. Kirlaw (Ash.), 2. Height, 4 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Not up to the standard of late years, but doubtless Murray could have done more had he been put to it. He has a good, easy style.

22.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

W. R. Jacob (Q.S.), 1; M. G. Baillie (Gr.), 2. Time, 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Jacob ran finely, and came in an easy winner. Cotterill was second till half-way down the straight, when his bolt was shot. The time was good, and Jacob with care should develop into a first-rate quarter-miler.

23.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 2. Time, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Blaker was fancied for this race, but Corfield came with a rush in the last 10 yards, and won by a couple of feet.

24.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL.

D. H. Whitmore (Gr.), 1; R. Wynter (Ash.), 2. Time, 21 sec. Whitmore, in spite of his size, took the hurdles very neatly, and won by a yard.

25.—HURDLES. OPEN. FINAL.

R. Truslove (H.B.), 1; A. C. Barnby (Rig.), 2. Time, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Truslove jumped neatly, and won by a couple of yards.

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

E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 1; R. Wynter (Ash.), 2. Time, 65 sec. Won easily, though the time is not up to the standard.

27.—ONE MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. F. Corfield (H.B.), 1; P. T. Jones (H.B.), 2; W. V. Rayner (H.B.), 3. Time, 5 min. 5 sec. An enormous field started for this event, which must have hampered the real runners considerably, and certainly had an effect on the time. Blaker led for the first two laps, followed by More, Corfield, Rayner, Jones, and Johnston, in the order named. Corfield took the lead in the third lap, and increasing his advantage every stride, won easily by 25 yards. Rayner was close to Jones, and Johnston, who was fancied for a place, just behind. We are sure Corfield could do the mile considerably under 5 minutes, but, as we have said above, he was hampered at the start, and was no doubt feeling the effects of all the other races he had run (and won). He is, therefore, all the more to be congratulated on his performance.

28.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

E. C. Stevens (Gr.), 1; A. Scarisbrick (Ash.), 2. Time, 12 sec. Stevens secured the verdict by inches only.

29.—100 YARDS. UNDER 13.

P. Napier (H.B.), 1; G. T. Boag, 2. Time, 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec. Substituted for the 150 yards under 13. Napier led all the way, and won easily.

30.—INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR. FINAL.

H.BB. beat Rigauds (2-0). Rigauds were evidently still suffering from the effects of their tug the day before, but H.BB. pulled well and deserved their victory.

31.—CONSOLATION RACE. (Winners excluded.)

300 YARDS.

A. C. Robinson (H B.), 1; G. H. Bernays (Q.S.), 2. Won easily. Time, 37 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

32.—O.WW. RACE. 150 YARDS.

1. F. Street. 2. A. H. Hogarth.

A very large number started, but Street ran very well, and secured an exceedingly popular victory by a couple of feet.

33.—TUG-OF-WAR.

Q.SS.		T.BB.	
	st. lb.		st. lb.
1. F. A. S. Gwatkin .	10 7	1. S. M. Anderson .	10 2
2. F. T. B. Ward .	10 6	2. W. C. Stevens .	11 7
3. F. Young .	9 12	3. L. E. Deacon .	11 1
4. W. R. Jacob .	10 4	4. W. F. Corfield .	11 2
5. B. S. Boulter .	10 10	5. B. H. Willett .	11 7
6. M. L. Gwyer .	11 3	6. E. F. Colville .	11 3
7. W. H. C. Clay .	13 10	7. A. McKenna .	11 0
8. C. E. L. Johnston .	11 6	8. R. E. More .	11 8

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

The first pull was won fairly easily by Q.SS., who looked very neat in their College trimmings and rosettes; but the second produced a very long struggle. The fine combined pulling of the Q.SS. at length gave them the victory, though they were some 6 stone lighter. It is fair to add that the winners were of course fresh, while most of the T.BB. had already been engaged in a pull.

At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were given away by Sir F. Seager Hunt, Bart., M.P. (O.W.). The Headmaster then, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Sir Seager Hunt for coming down, and also O.WW. for appearing in such large numbers. He spoke of the energy that the Games Committee had

shown this year with regard to the Sports and the ground generally. Sir F. Seager Hunt replied, thanking the Headmaster for his kind words, and speaking of the love of O.W.W. for their old School. He praised athletics as a means of training boys for after-life, but exhorted present members of the School to remember that the cultivation of the mind as well as of the body was of primary importance. He called for three cheers for the Headmaster, which were heartily given. M. L. Gwyer then called for three cheers for 'the Ladies,' which were also loudly responded to.

F. Street, as representing O.W.W., was then called on for a speech, which he made amid great applause, thanking the Headmaster for giving O.W.W. the privilege of coming down to the Sports. After three cheers had been given for O.W.W. the proceedings came to an end.

Besides the prizes for the races mentioned above, the Inter-House Challenge Cup was presented to H.B.B., represented by W. F. Corfield and P. T. Jones. The scores of the various Houses were as follows:—

H.B.B.	40
Rigauds	26
College	19
Ashburnham	12
Grants	12

For open events the scoring is: For a first, 4 points; second, 2 points; third (when there is a third), 1 point. For events under 16 and under 15: 3 for a first, 1 for a second. For other events: 2 for a first, 1 for a second.

THE FIELDS.

THE ELEVEN *v.* NEXT TWENTY-TWO.

THIS, the first match of the season, was played up-Fields on May 9 and 13, and resulted in a draw. The XXII. batted first, and made 199, chiefly due to three players, H. R. and W. H. Lonsdale, and W. H. Clay, who scored 132 runs between them. Byes were also responsible for a large number of runs. The brothers Lonsdale opened the game, and the elder was at length bowled by Stevens for a steady 21. His brother, who played a confident game from the first, defied all attacks, and was not out till late in the afternoon for a fine 75, including seven 4's and a 5. Though missed more than once, his display was most creditable. Clay hit hard and well for 36, 20 of which were 4's. Blaker took 7 wickets at a cost of 71 apiece, but Willett's average was remarkable: 2.4 overs, 2 maidens, 0 runs, 4 wickets. The XI. began with Young and Blaker, the latter of whom hit freely. Young was soon l.b.w. to Beveridge, after being in a long time for 4. After Blaker had been caught there was a collapse, 9 from Gwyer being the next highest score; and the innings closed for 72, the XI. consequently following on. In their second venture they did much better, Blaker scoring a brilliant 90, includ-

ing half a dozen 5's and as many 4's. Young again played steadily for 11, and Cotterill contributed an exceedingly lucky 40, the fieldsmen appearing totally unable to hold the simplest catch. The total was 187. Beveridge bowled well in both innings, taking 6 for 18 and 5 for 42; and Gwatkin kept wicket in good style. The XXII. made a great effort to win the match, and had scored 49 for 4 wickets at the close of time. Young's lobs were fairly successful, and we hope to see him develop his powers in that direction.

Score and analysis:—

XXII.

<i>First Innings.</i>	<i>Second Innings.</i>
W. H. Lonsdale, b. Stevens 21	b. Young ... 1
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Rayner, b. Blaker 75	b. Young 9
F. A. S. Gwatkin, b. Stevens..... 0	not out 12
A. C. Robinson, c. Flack, b. Blaker... 16	b. Willett 5
H. W. Beveridge, c. and b. More..... 0	not out 11
P. T. Jones (capt.), b. More 0	b. Willett 0
L. Y. Barnby, c. Gwyer, b. Blaker ... 5	
G. H. Bernays, b. Anderson 0	
S. S. Harris, b. Blaker 0	
H. McKenna, b. Blaker 0	
H. G. H. Barnes, b. Anderson..... 0	
J. Heard, c. Stevens, b. Flack 0	
W. H. C. Clay, c. Anderson, b. Blaker 36	
G. R. Palmer, c. Stevens, b. Blaker... 3	
E. F. Colvile, c. More, b. Flack 0	
S. D. Kennedy, b. Willett 0	
H. G. Addison, not out 2	
W. P. Daniel, b. Willett 0	
K. B. Anderson, b. Willett 0	
H. S. Gaskell, b. Willett 0	
W. F. Corfield, } absent.	
H. J. Hudson, } absent.	
Byes 36, leg-byes 5 41	Byes 11
199	(for 4 wkts.) 49

THE ELEVEN.

<i>First Innings.</i>	<i>Second Innings.</i>
R. N. R. Blaker, c. Addison, b. Robinson..... 44	c. Jones, b. Beveridge ... 90
F. Young, l.b.w., b. Beveridge..... 4	b. Jones..... 11
R. E. More, c. and b. Beveridge 3	c. Gwatkin, b. Beveridge ... 7
W. C. Stevens, st. Gwatkin, b. Beveridge 3	c. Colvile, b. Jones..... 3
B. H. Willett, st. Gwatkin, b. Beveridge 2	b. Beveridge... 0
M. L. Gwyer, c. Robinson, b. Beveridge 9	b. Beveridge... 1
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Robinson..... 2	b. Jones..... 40
H. R. Flack, b. Robinson 1	b. Beveridge... 6
C. E. L. Johnston, l.b.w., b. Beveridge 0	b. Robinson ... 6
W. V. Rayner, c. W. Lonsdale, b. Beveridge..... 0	b. Robinson ... 7
S. M. Anderson, not out 0	not out 0
Byes 3, l.b. 1 4	Byes 13, l.b. 3 16
72	187

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

XXII. <i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wicket
R. N. R. Blaker	27	12	50	7
H. R. Flack	11	3	20	1
W. C. Stevens	9	1	32	2
R. E. More	12	4	22	2
C. E. L. Johnston	4	1	11	—
S. M. Anderson	6	1	21	2
H. B. Willett	2.4	2	0	4
E. A. Cotterill	2	1	2	—

Second Innings.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
F. Young	5	0	26	2
B. H. Willett.....	4	0	12	2

XI. First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A. C. Robinson.....	17	3	47	4
H. W. Beveridge	18	11	18	6
S. S. Harris... ..	1	0	3	—

Second Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
H. W. Beveridge	21	4	42	5
A. C. Robinson.....	16	1	37	2
H. G. Addison	5	2	16	—
P. T. Jones	21	4	51	3
S. S. Harris	3	1	13	—

WESTMINSTER v. MR. R. TANNER'S XI.

Lords and Commons having scratched, Mr. Tanner got up a team to play the School; the match ended in a draw greatly in favour of Westminster. A start was made soon after 2 o'clock, when we sent in Blaker and Young to face the bowling of Elson and Beveridge. Blaker at once began to score freely, and one over from Beveridge yielded 10. With the score at 57, J. F. More was tried, and Blaker obtained 11 from his first over. Runs continued to come quickly, and at 91 Mr. Tanner took the ball from Elson, and from his first delivery he secured a return from Young, who had made 32 by steady cricket. His chief hits were a 4 and six 3's. More came in, and got his first ball away to leg for 5. Blaker was now playing more quietly, and More was making most of the runs. At 110 Elson went on again; but the separation came from the other end, Blaker being caught at deep square-leg by Rayner; his 75 was a dashing innings, though not faultless, and he hit nine 4's and six 3's. Stevens soon succumbed to Elson, and Cotterill, Lonsdale, Willett and Flack gave no trouble. At 190 More was well caught by Clay in the deep field from a big hit. Johnston and Anderson put on 42 for the next wicket, and the innings closed for 234. Hine-Haycock obtained the last two wickets for no runs.

Mr. Tanner sent in Hine-Haycock and J. F. More, who were opposed by R. E. More and Flack. The former got a neat 4 from the first over, and seemed quite at home with the bowling from the first. Flack beat More constantly, but could not hit the wicket. However, he was soon disposed of by a catch at cover-point, after making 2 out of 13 runs scored. Gwyer was run out without scoring. Mr. Sargeant and Mr. Tanner did not stop long, but Rayner remained with Hine-Haycock while 27 were added. He was bowled by Blaker, who had gone on for More. In the next over he caught and bowled Hine-Haycock low down. He had made 57 out of 86 by vigorous hitting, and his runs included a 5 and six 4's. Clay and Lonsdale played out time, and stumps were drawn with the score standing at 90 for 5 wickets. Blaker had the best analysis—2 wickets for 14.

Score and analysis :—

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, c. Rayner, b. Tanner.....	75
F. Young, c. and b. Tanner	32
R. E. More, c. Clay, b. J. More	53
W. C. Stevens, b. Elson	2
B. H. Willett, l.b.w., b. Beveridge	0
E. E. Cotterill, c. and b. Elson	6
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Elson, b. Beveridge.....	4
H. R. Flack, c. Tanner, b. Elson	1
C. E. L. Johnston, c. J. More, b. Hine-Haycock	41
S. M. Anderson, b. Hine-Haycock	12
F. A. S. Gwatkin, not out	0
Byes.....	8
Total.....	234

MR. TANNER'S XI.

Rev. T. R. Hine-Haycock, c. and b. Blaker.....	57
J. F. More, c Blaker, b. R. E. More.....	2
M. L. Gwyer, run out	0
Mr. Sargeant, b. More	5
Mr. Tanner, b. Flack	4
W. V. Rayner, b. Blaker.....	5
W. H. C. Clay, not out	3
W. H. M. Lonsdale, not out	1
H. W. Beveridge, Elson, Ruston, } did not bat.	
Byes 9, leg-byes, 4	13
Total (for 5 wickets).....	90

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Mr. Tanner.....	7	0	36	2
Elson	29	4	83	3
J. F. More	10	0	53	1
H. W. Beveridge ...	16	1	54	2
Rev. T. R. Hine-Haycock3	—	0	2

MR. TANNER'S XI.

R. E. More	7	1	27	2
H. R. Flack	8	3	27	1
R. N. R. Blaker.....	6	1	14	2
B. W. Willett.....	4	0	9	0

GYMNASIUM.

THE FENCING competition was held on Monday, April 5. In the first round, R. J. Reynolds defeated W. F. Corfield by 5 points to 2, and W. T. Stead defeated H. Prince by 5 points to 3. In the final, Stead won by 5 points to 3.

The GYMNASIUM competition was held on Tuesday evening, April 6. The Marks and Exercises are given in full below. The Seniors are considerably below the average of the last few years, but the Juniors much above the average. Roose and Lynch would certainly have beaten all the Seniors had they been competing against them; in Exercise 6, on the parallel bars, which was the same for Seniors and Juniors, their superiority was very marked.

SENIORS.

Final Order	No. OF EXERCISE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
		MAXIMUM											
1	Aston, J. . .	6'5	5	3'5	5	5	4	10	4	9	5	6'5	63'5
2	Gatley, J.C.C.	6	4	4'5	5	4	5	9	4	8	5	6	60'5
3	Hunt, A. G. .	4	4	5	4'5	3'5	4'5	9	3'5	8	4'5	6	56'5
4	Kirlew, T. O.	6	4'5	2'5	4	3	4'5	9'5	4	8	4	5'5	55'6

EXERCISES.—(1) *Bar*—Upstart, vault to left. (2) *Bar*—Slow circle under and back, slow circle over, slow down, slow back circle, back swing. (3) *Bar*—Rise above bar, right and left, slow down, slow circle, over and shoot. (4) *Rope*—Right hand leading with the legs. (5) *Parallel Bars*—Double march and rest forwards, short arm balances. (6) *Parallel Bars*—Single march backwards with rest. (7) *Bridge Ladder*—Both hands leading backwards. (8) *Horse*—Vault to right. (9) *Horse*—Back lift. (10) *Rings*—Double circle, extend right and left, cut away right and left, circle over. (11) *Rings*—Cut away both hands.

Judge: Colonel E. J. Lynch.

JUNIORS.

Final Order	No. OF EXERCISE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	11	12
		MAXIMUM												
1	Roose, H. F. G.	5	5	4'5	3	9	5	5	5	4	5	50'5	5	7
2	Lynch, C. St. J.	5	5	5	2'5	8	5	4'5	5	5	4	49	4	6
3	Venables, A. J. .	4	1	3	3	5	3	2	1	1	4	27
4	Lock, P. F. . .	4	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	26

EXERCISES.—(1) *Bar*—Circle under and back, circle over and shoot. (2) *Bar*—Slow back circle, back swing. (3) *Bar*—Right and left leg acting, sitting swing off, hands inside. (4) *Rope*—Right hand leading with the legs. (5) *Parallel Bars*—Double march and rest forward, short arm balances. (6) *Parallel Bars*—Double march backwards with rest. (7) *Bridge Ladder*—Right hand leading backwards. (8) *Horse*—Vault to right. (9) *Horse*—Back left. (10) *Rings*—Double circle, extend right and left; cut away right and left, circle over.

EXTRA EXERCISES.—(11) *Bar*—Upstart, vault to left. (12) *Parallel Bars*—pull up.

Judge: Rev. G. H. Nall.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—We did not do as well as we had hoped in the Sports, mainly owing to Johnston's indisposition. Gaskell, however, showed great promise, and Jacob should do well in future quarters. The pull, however, made up for a great deal. Rarely have Q.S.S. pulled so well. We have six old cricket colours left—Young, Flack, Johnston, Eustace, Gwyer and Cotterill—and with good material to work upon ought to have a successful season. Our junior team is not over strong, especially in bowling. We hope to see the old Lamprobatic match re-

instituted this term, rumours to that effect having lately been heard. We are all looking forward to an exceedingly pleasant term, though the last two will be hard to beat. The representatives of College playing for the XI. against the XXII. were F. Young, H. R. Flack, C. E. L. Johnston, M. L. Gwyer, E. E. Cotterill, and against Mr. Tanner's team, the names of H. R. Lonsdale, F. A. S. Gwatkin must be added. We congratulate Lonsdale and Gwatkin on their College Colours. Not since 1893 have there been so many Queen Scholars playing for the School. Six Q.S.S. also appeared for the XXII., Lonsdale making a brilliant 75. We are glad to see that many of our members are going to express their loyalty at the Jubilee. B. S. Boulter undertook the arduous duties of Hon. Sec. of the Glee Society, and was ably assisted by Johnston, whose lark-like notes were one of the features of the Concert.

RIGAUDS.—We have two new half-boarders this term. Nothing else very exciting has happened yet. In the Sports last term we were fairly successful, without accomplishing anything extraordinary. We had four representatives in the XI. against the XXII.—More, Blaker, S. M. Anderson and Willett—while for the XXII., Lord, L. Barnby, H. McKenna, and K. B. Anderson appeared. Our congratulations are due to S. C. Probyn, who was the only Westminster representative in the Seniors' match at Oxford. Several members of the House sang in the Concert. Blaker was also heard. Four Rigaudites are captains of their forms—K. B. Anderson, Roose, Armstrong and Pashley. We wish them every success.

GRANTS.—We have five new fellows this term. We ought to have a fairly strong junior team, but our senior team will not be much stronger. W. R. Stevens was our sole representative for the XI. against Mr. Tanner's XI., he also played for the XI. against the XXII. We congratulate Moon on playing in the Freshers' match and on making several large scores for Pembroke; also A. R. Severn in playing in the Oxford Seniors' match. We saw several Grantites singing in the Concert.

ASHBURNHAM.—Nothing very startling has occurred. We regret the loss of D. H. Young and Collins. Beveridge is captain of cricket, and we offer him our best congratulations on playing for the School *v.* Kensington Park. Colville and Harris also played for the XXII.

H.BB.—We congratulate our representatives on their splendid performance in winning for the first time the Sports Challenge Cup. Corfield was the hero of the hour, but bore his honours modestly. Rayner and Jones followed at varying distances in his wake, and Murray and Truslove must not be forgotten. W. V. Rayner is our only school cricket colour, and kept wicket for the XI. *v.* XXII. who were ably led by P. T. Jones.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on March 4 to discuss the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House all English railways should be under the control of the State.' Proposer, A. MCKENNA; Opposer, W. H. M. LONSDALE; Seconder, F. WATERFIELD.

The PROPOSER, in a speech of some length, reviewed the question from several points of view. State control would be to the public advantage.

The OPPOSER, in a maiden speech, argued that the national debt would be increased by State control of railways. English rails yielded 4 per cent., but Victorians, which were under State control, only yielded 3 per cent.

The SECONDER pointed out the probability of railways eventually becoming State property, as had been the case with the Post Office, the Telegraph, &c. The difficulty would lie in effecting the change.

H. MCKENNA considered that the profits accruing from the railways would form a source of revenue, and thus help to decrease the national debt.

The PROPOSER and R. E. MORE made a few remarks about the national debt, after which the House divided as follows:—Ayes, 3; Noes, 13.

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on March 11.

W. V. Rayner was elected a member of the Society.

The House then proceeded to discuss the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House, the state of the British Army is gravely in need of reform.' Proposer, F. A. S. GWATKIN; Opposer, J. HEARD; Seconder, G. H. BERNAYS.

Maiden speeches were heard from Bernays and Heard.

The PROPOSER's speech was chiefly remarkable for its obvious lack of preparation and remarkable brevity. He compared the English and German armies.

The OPPOSER seemed to have got up his subject with great care, but his speech was unfortunately marred by being almost absolutely inaudible. He made some remarks on the short service system.

The SECONDER, in the course of an admirable speech, said that the short service system was rapidly filling the country with able-bodied paupers. Not one battalion could be sent abroad without drawing upon the reserves.

M. L. GWYER, after making a few remarks about conscription in Germany, forgot what he had intended to say, and was compelled to sit down somewhat abruptly.

H. MCKENNA said that time-expired men were rarely paupers, in fact it was the exception.

R. E. MORE, as usual, devoted his opening remarks to severely attacking Mr. McKenna. He had once read that Irishmen made the worst soldiers.

H. MCKENNA rose at 6.15 to defend the characters of the Irish soldiery. He was interrupted by loud

cries of 'Divide,' and with considerable difficulty was at last prevailed upon to sit down again.

The question was then put, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on March 18, when the following motion was discussed: 'That in the opinion of this House the old customs of Westminster and their observance compare very favourably with those of other schools.' Proposer, M. L. GWYER; Opposer, A. MCKENNA; Seconder, R. E. MORE.

The PROPOSER discussed the Play, Election, and the Pancake Greeze, which he contrasted with the Carthusian Lemon-Throwing.

The OPPOSER criticised the Pancake Greeze very severely, and mentioned mantel-piece walking and shouting after Q.SS. and T.BB. matches as still prevalent customs.

The SECONDER mentioned the Mon. Os., and reminded the House that Westminster was the first school to start Association football. 'Substance and Shadow,' though dying out up-College (*sic*), still flourished up Rigauds and Grants. Westminster 'handing' was absolutely unique.

H. MCKENNA said that he had authority for saying that 'Substance and Shadow' had never existed up-College under that name.

The motion was carried unanimously, after which the House adjourned.

The House met again on March 25, and proceeded to discuss the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House something might be done for the farmers of Great Britain.' Proposer, E. M. EUSTACE; Opposer, H. R. LONSDALE; Seconder, A. MCKENNA.

The PROPOSER, in a maiden speech, which was at times hard to hear, said that high railway rates and foreign competition made it very hard for the farmer.

The OPPOSER, in an even more inaudible maiden speech, said that farmers always found something to grumble at. They tried to indulge in too much pleasure and too little work.

The SECONDER was very full of a scheme for turning convicts into agricultural labourers under proper surveillance.

R. E. MORE expressed a fear that convicts so used would escape, to the public danger and inconvenience.

H. MCKENNA exhaustively treated of Irish pigs and pig farming, and

R. E. MORE, in answer, indulged in a lengthy tirade against Irish bacon and labour generally.

The House then divided as follows:—Ayes, 12; Noes, 2.

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on April 1, and proceeded to discuss the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House Amateurism in Sport is but a name.' Proposer, S. M. ANDERSON; Opposer, E. F. COLVILE; Seconder, F. YOUNG.

The PROPOSER, in a maiden speech, criticised the cases of A. J. Gould and W. G. Grace. The whole question was a very delicate one.

The OPPOSER prefaced a remarkably poor speech by an apology for having lost his notes. The 'Varsity system of giving orders on tradesmen was professional.

The SECONDER discussed the question of so-called amateurs being secretly remunerated for their services.

H. MCKENNA then made a speech chiefly remarkable for the inaccuracy of his statements. The only amateur event at Westminster was the T.B.B. and Q.S.S. match, as the Q.S.S. could only win glory. (A voice, 'But not the match.' Laughter.)

R. E. MORE discussed American and Australian professionalism.

H. MCKENNA contended that the cases of Gould and Grace were perfectly analogous.

M. L. GWYER made a few remarks on the broken time question, after which a division resulted as follows:—Ayes, 13; Noes, 5.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on April 8, for the last meeting of the session. The motion for the evening was: 'That in the opinion of this House the past year has been entirely satisfactory.' Proposer, R. E. MORE; Opposer, H. MCKENNA; Secunder, A. MCKENNA.

The PROPOSER made an excellent and comprehensive speech, despite the fact of his having left his notes down-School. The school year had been highly satisfactory.

The OPPOSER said that the Debating Society had made great advances in the past session, but had not yet reached perfection. Another year had passed and Ireland was as far from getting Home Rule as ever. (Laughter.)

The SECONDER commented on the fact of the last President of the Society having lately become a distinguished oarsman. (Laughter.) The grass up-Fields was satisfactorily green this year. (Laughter.)

Mr. SARGEAUNT complimented the Proposer on his prescience. He (the Proposer) had decided at the beginning of the session that it would be a satisfactory year, and had, therefore, inserted the present motion into the list. (Laughter.) Seriously, could the country be said to be in an entirely satisfactory state, with war at her gates, and ready to break out against her at any moment?

The PROPOSER answered a few of the preceding speaker's allusions to himself.

The closure was applied at 6 P.M. and a division resulted as follows:—Ayes, 8; Noes, 6.

F. YOUNG then proposed a vote of thanks to the Officers, which was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT gracefully returned thanks for the Officers.

The House then rose.

Obituary.

WE deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. WILLIAM WICKHAM, M.P. for the Petersfield Division of Hampshire. Mr. Wickham was the elder son of Henry Louis Wickham (O.W.), sometime Chairman of the Board of Stamps and Taxes, by Lucy, youngest daughter of William Markham (O.W.), formerly private secretary to Warren Hastings. Mr. Wickham was therefore a great-grandson of Archbishop Markham, and closely connected with Westminster on both sides of his house. He was born July 10, 1831, and entered the School January 19, 1844. He became a Queen's Scholar in 1846, and left in the following year. In 1850 he matriculated from New Inn Hall, Oxford, and graduated B.A. in 1854, and M.A. in 1857. In the latter year he was called to the Bar, and in 1860 he married Sophia Emma, daughter of Henry Francis Shaw-Lefevre. For many years he lived the healthy life of a country gentleman, and when in 1892 he was induced to enter Parliament as Conservative member for Petersfield, he found his health much tried by the change in his habits. Mr. Wickham was a Busby Trustee, and his death will be lamented by a large circle of friends, and not least at the Election Dinner and other Westminster celebrations, where he was a frequent attendant. He died on May 16 at Brinsted-Wyck, his seat near Alton, in the 66th year of his age.

We regret to announce the death of Major RICHARD PELHAM WARREN, at the age of 81. Major Warren was the eldest son of the late Dr. Pelham Warren (O.W.), by a daughter of Dr. Shipley, the celebrated dean of St. Asaph. He was at the School from 1829 to 1833, was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1868 was High Sheriff of Flintshire.

We regret to announce the death of Captain ARTHUR BISCOE HAWES, who was at the School from 1846 to 1849. He was the youngest son of the late Sir Benjamin Hawes, K.C.B., sometime Under-Secretary for War, by Sophia, daughter of Sir Marc Isambard Brunel. On leaving school he entered the Bengal Army, which he left in 1858. He was afterwards in the India Office, and from 1863 was on the Committee for the Valuation of Military Equipments. Captain Hawes died on May 15, aged 64.

Birth.

On May 15, at Grassdale, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, the wife of W. R. Moon, of a daughter.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The following extract is from the *Times* of April 17:—

THE ASHBURNHAM LIBRARY.

The first portion of this magnificent library, the approaching sale of which we announced last year, is to come under the hammer of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, on June 25 and seven following days, and copies of the auctioneers' excellent catalogue will be in the hands of book collectors and others within the next week. This library was practically formed by Bertram, fourth Earl of Ashburnham, who was born in 1797 and who died in 1878. The founder's world-wide reputation as a collector of manuscripts has eclipsed his achievements in other directions; his pictures, his armour, coins, and medals were all of the first order, and proved him to be a connoisseur and expert of the foremost rank. An examination of the catalogue of the first portion of his library will show that he was, if possible, more distinguished as a book collector than in any other respect. He may be said to have contracted the disease of bibliomania at a very early stage, and the ruling passion was with him up to the last. His earliest purchase was made in 1814, when, as a boy at Westminster School, he bought a copy of the 'Secrets' of Albertus Magnus for eighteenpence at Ginger's well-known shop in Great College Street.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of *'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—The athletic fixture between the House and Pembroke College, Cambridge, which took place at Cambridge last term, resulted in a defeat for us by the odd event. It goes without saying that Kirlow won the high jump; and here we may congratulate him on his performance in that event at the 'Varsity Sports. Probyn secured a place in the House Rugby XV.; this term he is secretary of the House Cricket Club, and represented us in the Seniors' Match. He and Severn have been making runs for the House, and, amongst other scores, both ran into their eighties against Magdalen this week. Fisher began the season well with a score of 70 for the next XXII. *v.* the House XI.; lately he has been playing in the Parks, in the Freshmen's match, when he made 19, and in the subsequent Trial match, in which his scores were 14 (when he was unorthodoxly run out after a promising start) and 42; he also took some wickets in both matches. To-day he is playing for the XI. against the next XVII., and we wish him success. Corfield occupies his last year's place at 2 in the Pembroke eight, and Martin has been rowing 3 for Wadham.

There were five of us in for Mo's last term; Probyn, Waterfield, and Waters from the House, and Boulter from B.N.C. obtained seconds, and Martin from Wadham, a third.

There is no need to say much about the Prince's visit, except that after his hard day's work he was entertained at dinner in his old college, the members of which afterwards drew him in his carriage from Tom Quad to the reception at the Town Hall. The subsequent proceedings, which gave the Press an excellent opportunity for exaggeration and misstatements, need no mention here.

With best wishes for a successful cricket season,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

May 21.

'UP-SCHOOL.'

To the Editor of *'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—If your correspondent 'O. W.' will read my letter again, he will see that it contains no suggestion as to 'ideal' notices. I ventured to give an instance within my own knowledge in which the use of 'Up-School,' as a substantive to denote the schoolroom, came as a matter of course to an Old Westminister.

As 'O. W.' says he should like to know my views on what he calls his analogy of 'Up-Fields,' perhaps you will let me add that I do not see what it has to do with the question, which is one of usage and not of grammar. But if 'O. W.' means that 'Up-Fields' has never been used except as a locative, I can only say that I do not agree with him.

Your obedient servant,

W. A. PECK.

May 11, 1897.

To the Editor of *'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—The large number who started for the Half with Hurdles and the Mile provoked much comment at the Sports, many competitors with a chance of a place being terribly hampered. Could not something be done to prevent it in future years?—say, a limit of age in open long distance events, and in the Quarter, where a good start is above all things important. The Junior Quarter also needs attention, as I saw myself a disgraceful piece of fouling (I have no doubt quite unintentional) which entirely prevented a boy with a very good chance of getting a place from being in the running at all. It speaks well for him that he came in fourth.

Hoping to see this remedied, and congratulating the Games Committee on their welcome energy,

I am, yours very truly,

FAIR-PLAY.

[The attention of the Committee was drawn to the cases of which you speak, and some provision should certainly be made next year to prevent the re-occurrence of such exhibitions. The stewards this year could not, however, prevent anyone entering for an open event as such.—ED.]

To the Editor of *'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—The death, under very painful circumstances, of Mr. E. A. Bulkeley, of the Bombay Police, an O.W., may not, perhaps, have come under your notice. I therefore send you some particulars of it in the enclosed cutting from a Madras paper.

Mr. Bulkeley was in College from 1874-1878, when he left. After serving in the Bombay Police in various capacities he became Superintendent of Police at Khandish, which office he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Bulkeley was a very devoted Old Westminister. In 1887, when he went home on furlough, his first visit on landing in London was to the School.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR R. KNAPP.

From the *'Madras Mail.'*

POONA, April 26.—Particulars have been received concerning the death of Mr. Bulkeley, District Superintendent of Police, Khandish, which show that, accompanied by two Bhil sepoys and his butler, Mr. Bulkeley went into the jungles of Vyjapur, in Chopda Taluka. They came across a huge tiger, which Mr. Bulkeley fired at from a tree, wounding it slightly. The tiger disappeared, and after a while the party descended from the tree. Going back towards Chopda, Mr. Bulkeley and his butler had given their guns unloaded to the Bhil sepoys, when in the thick jungles one of the latter saw the tiger lying close to the road. Mr. Bulkeley ordered all to get into trees, and was just climbing up himself when the tiger saw him, and

with a loud roar rushed at him, severely mauling his back and legs. Mr. Bulkley rammed his *lopee* into the tiger's mouth and held him round the neck. The butler then came to his master's assistance and hit the tiger with a big stone. The tiger then attacked the butler and severely mauled him. A Bhil sepoy shot the tiger. Both Mr. Bulkley and his butler died on the road in dhoolies, between Chopda and Dhulia. The funeral was largely attended by the inhabitants of Dhulia, where the deceased was greatly respected.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—On this day, when the heart of Cambridge has been stirred to its depths with joy and exultation, because the danger that has long impended has been swept away once and for all—on this day, Sir, you ask me to stop from my rejoicings and write a Cambridge letter. Stirred only by a strong sense of duty I leave all to fulfil my task.

Events to Westminster have not been many. Our most hearty congratulations to Gaye on his Foundation Scholarship at Trinity, and to R. Balfour on gaining a Winchester Reading Prize.

As regards Athletics, Towers may be seen any evening coxing the Third Trinity May Boat. L. J. Moon has been making high scores for Pembroke, as also in the Freshers' Match; at the present moment he is playing for the 'Varsity *v.* Mr. A. J. Webbe's XI.

An O.W.W. meeting was held in H. T. Sheringham's rooms on Sunday, May 9.

With all best wishes for the success of the Cricket Team,

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

May 21, 1897.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As Westminster is a royal school, might not something be done in commemoration of her Majesty's long reign? The most useful thing, we venture to think, would be a clock for the Pavilion up-Fields. The need of a clock is very severely felt, and especially during practice at the nets, when the loss of three or four minutes is of considerable importance in an innings of a quarter of an hour.

We remain, dear Sir, with the usual apologies,

Yours obediently,

FABER ET ALTER.

Westminster, 18.5.97.

[We think your proposal admirable, though it has been made before. The Games Committee do not see their way to it at present, but we hope your request will be fulfilled before long.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed to suggest that it would cause great convenience, especially in the cricket season, if there was a clock just above the verandah of the pavilion up-Fields. The cost would not, I think, be great.

Yours truly,

TENUIS ARGILLA.

[See answer to 'Faber et alter.']

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