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AT the beginning of the New Year, when the regulations recently passed are coming into force, it is necessary to realise our position under the scheme. The Volunteer and Cadet Corps of Universities and Schools are to be known as Officers' Training Corps. There will be two divisions, Senior, to which the Universities belong, and Junior, to which the Public Schools belong. It is intended that the internal working shall be altered as little as possible.

Cadets will have no legal liability to service and will not be required to take the oath. No boy under thirteen years old will be enrolled in the Junior Division. With this exception the conditions for enrolment, service, and dismissal rest with the School authorities in each case.

Promotion is in the hands of the officers commanding each unit, subject to the condition that no cadet can become a corporal without having been at least once to camp. 'Cadet officers' may also be appointed. They will wear officers' uniform without badges of rank, and will have no power or position as officers outside their own corps.

Each corps will be trained by its own officers. Training will comprise drills, musketry and camp. The object is to bring as large a number as possible up to the standard required for Certificate A. This certificate entitles a cadet, should he take a commission in the Special Reserve of Officers, to a reduction of the probationary training; should he take a commission in the Territorial Force, to exemption from all or part of the examination for a lieutenancy; should he be a candidate

for Woolwich or Sandhurst, to receive 200 marks in the examination.

To gain this certificate he must be efficient. That is, he must have attended not less than thirty parades (if a recruit not less than forty); he must also have fired his musketry course. The subjects for examination are set portions of (i) 'Infantry Training,' 1905, (ii) 'Combined Training,' 1905. A red star worn above the chevron will denote the holder of such a certificate. An efficiency badge, a scarlet diamond, will be worn by all returned as 'efficient' in the annual return.

A yearly capitation fee of £1 will be paid to the corps for every 'efficient,' provided that fifty per cent. of those who are efficient have attended camp during the year, unless the school has been hindered or prevented by infectious illness, &c.

The advantages are obvious. Every 'efficient' means that the corps will be smarter—and richer; a double gain for all. The requirements are not exacting. It is perfectly easy to attend a few drills, to fire a simple musketry course, and to spend a pleasant week in camp. It is to be hoped that everyone will make a special effort to fulfil these slight demands: first, because every member of the corps should do his best to make it smart; secondly, because their labours will redound to their own advantage

NOTICE.

OLD Westminster who have not yet received invitations to Commemoration will oblige by communicating with the Bursar.

GUMBLETON ENGLISH VERSE.

THE CLOISTERS.

I.

DARKNESS and twilight gloom!
Where 'mid the silence of these hallowed walls,
The night so dimly falls
On crumbling monument and wordless tomb.
The fitful footfalls of the day are dying:
Now all is still: there is no stir nor sound,
Here, where the mouldered pomp of years is lying,
And dark-browed Death has spread his pall
around.
The footsteps of the ages echo here,
Dwindle and fade away,
And the grey walls stand silent day by day
And year by year.

O unremembered dead!
Wrapped in the folds of everlasting sleep!
Spring, summer, autumn pass above your head,
Nor winter wind disturbs the watch ye keep.
Oft did ye wake and watch the rising day
Brighten the hill-tops: oft ye saw it sink:
O, thought ye, when it faded o'er the brink,
That life, like shadows, soon must pass away?
O Love! O Life! O Hope!
How vainly in the darkness here we grope,
Seeking the tide to stay!
See ye the dead? How cold they lie!
Dust of the dust, how cold they lie!
Cold shall ye be as they.
O conqueror of all.
The autumn leaves that fall
Herald thee victor with their parting breath:
Sudden and loud the autumn storms rush by,
The autumn tempest blackens all the sky:
Dying, they cry thee victor ere they die,
Conquering Death!

So mused I, as I watched the daylight fade
In the long cloisters, and methought that Life
Is but a wraith, the shadow of a dream
Of Love and Grief and unavailing strife,
Of Hope and Love ephemeral, though they
gleam
In glittering robes arrayed.

II.

Amid the dusk I heard the night wind sobbing,
'Woe for the hopes that life has not surpassed.'
Lone in the dark I heard my sad heart throbbing,
'Woe for the hopes, the phantoms of the past.'
'Ghosts of the past, the heart in sorrow sleeping,
The golden flame of youth that cannot last,
The eager sowing of life that knows no reaping,
Ghosts of the past!
Pride of our heart, that has faded all too fast,
The song from our pulses leaping,
Heaped sacrifice on Fame's dim altar cast.
Ghosts of the past! Through the mist of the years
they are creeping,
Borne through the night on the wings of the
wailing blast!
Ever in waking are near us, and ever in sleeping,
'Ghosts of the past!
'Not ours to sweep the floor with even measure:
Harsh, ever-changing is the music here;
Pleasure in sadness, sadness marring pleasure;
Fear in our hope, and hope redeeming fear!
Hearken! The birds from out the woods are calling,
Mid the warm gladness of the opening year.
Look now! Behold, the autumn leaves are falling
—falling,
Falling—aye fallen: and the night is here.'

Amid the dusk I heard an echo waking,
 Sudden from out the darkening aisles it
 came ;
 Low on the silence of the evening breaking,
 Tender, and sweet, the breath of Love and
 Fame.
 It sounded in mine ears—shall sound for ever—
 Low as the whisper of the ebbing seas,
 As the slow-moving waters of a river,
 Stirred into ripples by the morning breeze.
 It told of Fame upon the death-bed lying,
 While the freed soul rose mightily on high ;
 Of Love that died and gloried in the dying,
 Of Faith that saw, and trembled not to die.
 So, when of old the waters of the fountain
 Poured from the stricken rock that erst was
 dry,
 And, o'er the silent ridges of the mountain,
 Jehovah led His captain out to die.
 He saw beyond the earthly sight that bound him,
 The browsing flocks, the grape-vines tipped with
 fire—
 And the wings of the Angel of Death spread softly
 around him,
 And he passed at length to the land of his soul's
 desire.

I spoke, but on the word
 Sudden amid the dark I heard,
 As the breath of the dawn on the sea,
 Light-winged from the highest heaven,
 The voices blent harmoniously
 Of a thousand souls that have striven,
 And come to their reward :
 Loudly they gathered and roared,
 As a wave on a stormy shore,
 ' Lord ! Lord !
 Thou art God for evermore !'

Then sudden peace come o'er my faltering
 heart :
 For doubt had fled and Truth gleamed bright afar
 From out her blest abode.
 At last I knew thee, Death, for what thou art :
 I looked, and saw thee, Hope, a shining star,
 A pitying tear-drop from the eye of God.
 Then, through the cloud-rift dim discerning,
 O Love, I saw thee fairer than a dream,
 Face high uplifted, eyes with victory burning,
 As the deep waters, where the moon-rays
 gleam.
 And I wrestled with this dull form to overcome it,
 Soaring on high on the wings of the tempest-
 wind,
 And the cold earth darkened beneath me and
 fell away.
 Gladly I cast this mortal shell behind,
 And longingly stretched mine arms towards the
 summit—
 But lo ! the dream had faded. And 'twas day !

III.

And now I knew that Life is but a dream
 Of hope and love beginning : and that death
 Is but perfection's gateway, though it seem
 Darker than night : beyond whose portals gleam,
 Gold as the sun at morning glittereth,
 The glories of the day,
 Whose brightness we have seen but darkly here :
 And pain and grief and fear
 Are but the false immensities of sleep
 That fright our senses while the night is deep,
 But with the darkness all are swept away
 When morning doth appear.

So can we lift our eyes, and, bright with hope,
 Look to the ending as no lifeless sleep
 With which we cannot cope :
 Nor as an unattainable high steep,
 Where Righteousness alone may sit en-
 throned,
 While thousand sinful beings wail and weep
 In endless retribution unatoned.
 Nor as a joyless rest :
 But the one great fulfilling of the best
 That e'er we dreamed of : so, when life is done,
 Not with the craven tremors of the base,
 Not with the hopeless shrinking of despair,
 But in the glory of great triumphs won,
 But in the joy of victors in the race,
 May we go forth to meet the summons there,
 Knowing we are as we shall be,
 Our sins the sins that earth has made :
 And pass unfaltering and unafraid,
 Amid the gathering tumult of the sea.

J. W. M. S.

DR. RUTHERFORD.

WE reprint the following notice of Dr. Rutherford from Vol. III. of the 'History of Classical Literature,' by Dr. Sandys, just published.

We would also take this opportunity of calling attention to a mistake in the same book. Peter Elmsley is stated to have been educated at Winchester and Christ Church ; but he was undoubtedly a Westminster, and there is no evidence of his ever having been at Winchester.

'Greek scholarship had a singularly able and vigorous representative in the person of William Gunion Rutherford (1853-1907) ; a son of the manse, who was educated at the High School, Glasgow, and was under Lewis Campbell at St. Andrews, and under Jowett at Balliol. After taking a first class in Classical Moderations and a second in Natural Science, and hesitating for a while between the careers of a physician, an architect, or a soldier, he found his true vocation decided for him by Jowett, who divined that he was "one of the few men who could really think upon language." This decision led to his becoming a master at St. Paul's in 1877. His six years at that school, under the inspiring influence of Mr. F. W. Walker, were followed by eighteen as headmaster of Westminster, while

for part of the remaining six years of his life he was an examiner in Greek in the University of London.

His earliest work, an *Elementary Accidence* of Attic Greek (1878), briefly embodying some of the results of his researches, has since been incorporated in the admirably lucid *First Greek Grammar (Accidence and Syntax)* of 1891. He made his mark mainly by his *New Phrynichus* (1881), which, under the guise of a commentary on the grammatical rules of an Atticist of the second century, was really a comprehensive treatise on the history and on the distinctive characteristics of Attic Greek. It was the work of a loyal, but independent, follower of Cobet. The *New Phrynichus* was soon succeeded by an elaborate edition of Babrius (1883), with a dissertation on the history of the Greek fable, and on points of metre, and many other topics. His *Fourth Book of Thucydides* (1889) exemplified the theory that the text of that author had been corrupted by the addition of numerous "adscripts"; but, when all these "adscripts" had been eliminated, the rest was in general so easy that it became difficult to understand why Dionysius of Halicarnassus found the historian so hard. His recension of Herondas (1892) was a somewhat premature production; his *Lex Rex*, a collection of cognate words in Greek and Latin and English (the title of which was borrowed from a Rutherford of the seventeenth century), gave proof of an interest in Comparative Philology; while his new rendering of the *Epistle to the Romans* arrested the attention of those who had long acquiesced in the Authorised Version. The two volumes of the *Scholía Aristophanica* (1896), in which "he arranged, emended, and translated" the *scholia* to the Ravenna MS., were followed by a third volume of commentary and criticism under the title of "A Chapter in the History of Annotation" (1905). This last volume, his latest legacy to the literature of learning, teems with matters of interest to scholars, setting forth *inter alia* the *genesis* of the *scholia* in the class-room of the professional teacher; their connexion with the dramatic recital of the text, and with its use in illustration of certain tabulated lists of figures of speech; the contrast between the scholiast's neglect of textual criticism and the interest in that subject shown by Galen's remarks on the current texts of the old Greek Classics, and, lastly, the significance of the ancient method of catechetical instruction. The author is justified in implying that his work "has a bearing upon questions of some importance at the present time"; it contains materials for many essays on modern education, which might well have appealed to a wider audience in a work of more popular form.

CAMP, 1908.

THANKS partly, no doubt, to mumps, the Corps only sent to camp this year a detachment thirty-three strong, which started for Aldershot on Tuesday, July 28. It was pitched this year, not, as had been expected, on Danger Hill, but on Farnborough Common—a spot even better adapted to it. But for this, everything was much the same as in former years. Westminster was in the Fourth Battalion under Lord Henniker, and formed a half-company with Harrow.

The first day there was of course the parade before breakfast with battalion drill, which brought with it the usual anxiety on everyone's part to be tent-orderly. On Thursday and Saturday there were field-days, and a final one on the Tuesday following. The night attack, of which we have heard so much during the past five years, actually took place this year. It was a conspicuous success both as far as

the Brigade and Westminster were concerned. But the crowning feature of Camp from a Westminster point of view was the night on which Westminster furnished the guard. Not long after 'lights out' a tremendous clamour arose in the lines. The guard turned out and doubled to the Merchant Taylor lines, to find the whole company out of their tents. Prompt action on the part of the sergeant of the guard resulted in the cessation of the disturbance and the summary arrest of the offenders' colour-sergeant. The guard further distinguished itself by arresting a civilian who stood by taking an animated interest in the proceedings. It transpired later that he was Mr. Harold Blind, the correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, which afterwards published an admirable account of the affair. The guard was warmly congratulated on its conduct by Lord Henniker and the Adjutant. On Saturday Lieut.-Gen. Smith-Dorrien, C.B., D.S.O., inspected the brigade. The march past was exceedingly well done. Col.-Sergt. Treatt was in command of the Scouts' section, and Sergt. Davis, till he succumbed to mumps, was also active in the same sphere.

One thing that we felt humiliating, especially when the brigade marched past by schools after the inspection, was to see a school, that has one of the greatest names among Public Schools, turn out with one of the smallest detachments in camp. Let us hope that by next year members of the corps will be more awake to their duty both to it and the School, and prevent such an ignominious occurrence in the future.

School Notes.

THE Gumbleton Prize for English Verse has been awarded to J. W. M. Smith. The subject was 'The Cloisters.'

The Mure Scholarship has been won by K. D. Murray.

J. C. Gow has been awarded half an Ireland prize for a 'Latin Ode to Cato of Utica.'

Mr. H. A. Wootton's Popular Science Lectures have proved very interesting and have been largely attended.

The Play this year is the *Andria*; the Play Nights are December 10, 14, and 16.

It is now six years since the School purchased a number of books to form the nucleus of a Science Library, to be kept in the New Buildings for the use of the Modern Side. Considerable additions

have been made to it. Books have been purchased and others transferred from the Scott Library, the number of books in it now numbering over 100.

There will be no Exeat this term.

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

1908.	
Sat. Oct. 3	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-1.)
" " 10	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters. (Lost, 0-7.)
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 0-4.)
" Oct. 17	<i>v.</i> Casuals. (Lost, 0-4.)
" " 24	<i>v.</i> Woolwich. (Lost, 2-5.)
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> King's College A. (Scratched.)
" Oct. 31	<i>v.</i> Old Brightonians.
Wed. Nov. 4	<i>v.</i> Outcasts.
Sat. " 14	<i>v.</i> Old Felstedians.
" " 21	<i>v.</i> Kenley.
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters A.
" Nov. 28	<i>v.</i> Old Wykehamists.
" Dec. 5	<i>v.</i> Old Berkhamstedians.
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> King's College A.
" Dec. 12	<i>v.</i> Emeriti.
1909.	
Sat. Jan. 16	<i>v.</i> Lancing Old Boys.
" " 23	<i>v.</i> Exeter Coll., Oxon.
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters A.
" Jan. 30	<i>v.</i> Beckenham.
2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.
Wed. Feb. 3	<i>v.</i> Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.
Sat. " 6	<i>v.</i> Christ Church.
Wed. " 10	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters.
Sat. " 13	<i>v.</i> Casuals.
" " 20	<i>v.</i> Old Aldenhamians.
Wed. " 24	<i>v.</i> Winchester College (<i>at Vincent Square</i>).
Sat. " 27	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> Old Westminsters A.
" Mar. 6	<i>v.</i> Charterhouse (<i>at Godalming</i>).
Wed. " 10	<i>v.</i> Seniors.
Sat. " 13	<i>v.</i> Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Wed. " 17	<i>v.</i> Seniors.
Sat. " 20	K.S.S. <i>v.</i> T.B.B.

COMMEMORATION.

The Commemoration Service will, at the Dean's suggestion, be slightly altered to bring it into accordance with the form prescribed in Queen Elizabeth's Latin Prayer Book of 1560. The chief alteration is that the *Benedictus* will take the place of the *Te Deum*.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

Continued from our last issue:

- LEGG, GEORGE, 1st Baron Dartmouth, b. 1648, d. 1691. Admiral and commander-in-chief.
- LEGG, WILLIAM, 1st Earl of Dartmouth, b. 1672, d. 1750. Lord Keeper.

LEGG, WILLIAM, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth, b. 1731, d. 1801. Statesman.

LEMESURIER, HAVILLAND, b. 1783, d. 1813. Soldier.

LENNOX, CHARLES, 3rd Duke of Richmond, b. 1735, d. 1806. Statesman.

LENNOX, CHARLES GORDON, 5th Duke of Richmond, b. 1791, left 1809, d. 1860. Statesman.

LENNOX, LORD GEORGE HENRY, b. 1737, d. 1805. General.

LENNOX, LORD HENRY CHARLES GEORGE GORDON-, b. 1821, adm. 1836, left 1840, d. 1886. Statesman.

LENNOX, LORD WILLIAM PITT, b. 1799, adm. 1808, left 1813, d. 1881. Miscellaneous writer.

LEWIS, DAVID, b. 1683 (?), d. 1760. Poet.

LEWIS, ERASMUS, b. 1670, K.S. 1686, left 1690, d. 1754. Friend of Swift and Pope.

LEWIS, MATTHEW GREGORY, b. 1775, adm. 1783, left 1790, d. 1818. Author of 'The Monk.'

LISTER, THOMAS HENRY, b. 1800, adm. 1814, d. 1842. Novelist and dramatist.

LITTLETON, ADAM, b. 1627, left 1644, d. 1694. Lexicographer.

LITTLETON, EDWARD, fl. 1694. Agent for Barbados.

LLOYD, CHARLES, b. 1735, K.S. 1749, left 1754, d. 1773. Secretary to George Grenville.

LLOYD, ROBERT, b. 1733, K.S. 1746, left 1751, d. 1764. Poet.

LLOYD, WILLIAM FORSTER, b. 1794, K.S. 1807, left 1812, d. 1852. Mathematician.

LLUELYN or LLUELYN, MARTIN, b. 1616, left 1636, d. 1682. Poet, physician and Principal of St. Mary Hall.

LOCKE, JOHN, b. 1632, left 1652, d. 1704. Philosopher.

LOCKEY, THOMAS, b. 1602, left 1618, d. 1679. Bodleian librarian.

LOE, WILLIAM, left 1621. Compiler.

LOMBARD, PETER, d. 1625. Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland.

LONGLEY, CHARLES THOMAS, b. 1794, adm. 1807, K.S. 1808, left 1812, d. 1868. Archbishop of Canterbury.

LOWER, RICHARD, b. 1631, left 1649, d. 1691. Physician and physiologist.

LOWTHER, WILLIAM, 1st Earl of Lonsdale, b. 1757, adm. 1771, d. 1844. Politician; patron of Wordsworth.

LUTWICHE, THOMAS, b. 1675, K.S. 1688, left 1692, d. 1734. Lawyer.

LYNDE, SIR HUMPHREY, b. 1579, left 1596, d. 1636. Puritan controversialist.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CLAPHAM ROVERS.

THE first match of the season ended in a rather unlucky defeat for the School by one goal. The conditions were all against good football, as the temperature was 80° in the shade and the ground like asphalt pavement. This state of affairs necessitated a short game, and it was agreed to play thirty-fives. Gow lost the toss and Goodall kicked off for the School, who defended the Church end. After about five minutes' play the visitors over-ran our half, and, eventually, their inside right got away from a scrum and scored from what appeared suspiciously like an off-side position (0-1).

Play settled down more evenly after this, and the School forwards showed to considerable advantage. Heaton-Ellis got down on the right and centred to Cooke, who banged in a lovely shot, which unfortunately hit the cross-bar and glanced off to Hill, who failed. Play was confined to mid-field for the rest of the first half. After the interval the visitors went off with great dash, but the excellent work of Graham and Formilli relieved Cowie, and we got away and pursued the visitors in their own half, and indeed, but for the weakness of the left wing, must have scored. Gow took a snapshot from long range, but the ball just grazed the right post. Very little else of interest occurred, as neither side looked dangerous during the last quarter of an hour, and the game visibly deteriorated, doubtless owing to the heat. The School team was quite an experiment, and, although beaten, showed considerable promise.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. G. Cowie, R. A. Graham, G. C. Formilli, E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, J. May, J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, A. G. Hill, C. V. Miles.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* O.WW.

The kick-off was at 2.39, and almost immediately the visitors pressed, but Gover put behind. Directly afterwards W. B. Harris was conspicuous for a good run, and from his centre Gover opened the score. Our opponents continued to keep the ball in our half, and once S. S. Harris got away, but was given off-side. Shortly after the same player ran down and passed to Blaker, who scored. After the kick-off Heaton-Ellis ran down and passed to Feasey, who nearly scored. Blaker and Gover quickly added goals from passes from S. S. Harris. Cowie then saved a hard shot by Gover. From a good centre by Heaton-Ellis Cooke scored for the School. Gow then nearly beat Wood with a high shot. Soon afterwards Blaker added another goal.

Half-time : School 1, O.WW. 5.

Directly after the resumption S. S. Harris scored. Play was chiefly in our half, Formilli stopping some dangerous rushes. Marriott once got away nicely, but Feasey failed to score from his centre. Formilli shortly after got a hard kick on the ankle and was obliged to retire, Feasey going back. With only four forwards, as was natural, we could not get away, and whenever the forwards did they were usually stopped by Ashley. Just on the stroke of time Gover scored, making the O.WW. easy winners by 7 goals to 1.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); G. C. Formilli, R. A. Graham (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, G. G. Feasey, T. F. C. Marriott (forwards).

O.WW.

A. E. F. Wood (goal); Capt. Chatterton, W. Parker (backs); H. Plaskitt, R. W. Barnett, F. N. Ashley (halves); D. MacManus, C. C. Gover, R. N. R. Blaker, S. S. Harris, W. B. Harris (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* THE CASUALS.

The Casuals kicked off from the Hospital end, and at once began to press, Cowie having to save several times. Then Gow got away, and nearly scored with a hard low shot. The Casuals now got a corner, but Tupper put behind. The visitors' outside left now got away, and nearly scored. The outside right now got away, but was well stopped by Feasey. Then Tupper, after some fine combination, scored with a good shot. Almost immediately afterwards the same player again scored. Heaton-Ellis now got away, but was well stopped by P. R. May. Half-time : School 0, Casuals 2. The Casuals now pressed for some time, and very nearly scored once or twice, Feasey once just saving a goal by heading out. After a quarter of an hour Tupper got away, and easily beat Cowie. The School forwards could not get past the opposing backs, May being very prominent. Once again the Casuals scored, this time from a corner. Towards the end the School began to press and Circuitt put in a good shot, which was, however, easily saved. Just on time our forwards got away, but Circuitt put behind. Result : School 0, Casuals 4.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); G. G. Feasey, R. A. Graham (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, T. F. C. Marriott (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. *v.* O.WW. A.

Circuitt kicked off against the wind at 2.45. Immediately the O.WW.'s left got possession, and Davey put in a hot shot, which went behind. The School was confined to their own half for some time,

having some very anxious moments. At last, however, B.-Ward got away, and passed to Geare, who raced down but failed to centre. The O.W.W., however, continued to press, and Hammond unfortunately put through his own goal. Rawson was hurt from a tussle in front of goal shortly after this, when the visitors registered their second goal. Half-time arrived with the score (0-2). The second half was not so one-sided, the School playing altogether better. Directly after the kick-off Geare ran down and B.-Ward sent in a hot shot, which was well cleared. The ball was kept in the visitors' half for some time, and soon Circuitt put Barrington-Ward in possession, and the latter scored from an off-side position. The visitors again pressed, Davey being to the fore with some good runs, and a bout of passing between the brothers Sommerhays ended in one of them scoring; the centre forward also added a fourth; and the end of a very fast and good game came with the score (0-4).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

H. F. Rawson (goal); M. Hammond, G. Leck (backs); W. F. Lutyens, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson (halves); W. Geare, R. M. B.-Ward, C. M. L. Circuitt, C. B. Bonner, K. D. Murray.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL COLTS v. O.W.W. B.

This game took place up-Fields on Saturday, October 17, and after an exceedingly good game ended in a draw (3-3). The School team was very scratch and put up a good performance, Rudd particularly playing a fine game, scoring all three points for the Colts. Pinker also played a good game at centre-half. Unfortunately, further particulars of the game are not to hand.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL COLTS.

A. J. Daniels (goal); W. D. L. Purves, C. M. Goodall (backs); D. A. McManus, E. S. Pinker, A. B. Johnson (halves); K. D. Murray, J. F. Johnson-Watson, W. E. Young, G. B. F. Rudd, W. S. Gray (forwards).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	K.SS.	A.H.	R.	G.	H.BB.
K.SS. . . .	—		W 2-0		
A.H. . . .		—			D 1-1
RIGAUD'S . .	L 0-2		—		
GRANT'S . .				—	
H.BB. . . .		D 1-1			—

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	—				W 2-1	W 2-0		
B		—		L 1-4				
C			—				W 2-0	W 3-2
D		W 4-1		—				
E	L 1-2				—			W 5-0
F	L 0-2					—		
G			L 0-2				—	
H			L 2-3		L 0-5			—

Captains:—

- A. - E. S. Wood.
- B. - J. R. Wade.
- C. - C. K. Covington.
- D. - K. D. Murray.
- E. - W. F. Lutyens.
- F. - F. G. Hobson.
- G. - G. L. Troutbeck.
- H. - W. S. Gray.

RACQUETS.

A MEETING of members of the Racquet Court was held in Mr. Day's room on Friday, October 9, when the question of subscriptions for the coming year was settled. It was agreed to re-engage the services of a professional, and increase the facilities for the coaching of the younger players. C. M. L. Circuitt is captain of Racquets, while there are twenty-six members.

FIVES.

SCHOOL TIES.

THE following is the result of the first round:—

- H. F. Rawson } beat { E. C. K. Clarke
 - R. R. Rawson } (2-0) { E. S. Wood.
 - J. Goodall } beat { R. M. Barrington-Ward
 - G. B. F. Rudd } (2-0) { K. D. Murray.
 - J. C. Gow } beat { J. S. Heaton-Ellis
 - C. M. L. Circuitt } (2-0) { C. K. Covington.
 - G. C. Formilli } beat { J. R. Wade
 - G. L. Troutbeck } (2-0) { G. G. Feasey.
- A. C. Edgar and C. B. Bonner drew byes.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

THE Swimming Competition was held this year at the St. George's Baths on July 10 and 13. The Junior Race was won by N. Wilkinson in record time after a good race with Lawrence, and the two Senior Races by C. K. Covington. The Plate-Diving was very good this year, and H. Williamson won after a tie with R. A. Graham, who had the misfortune to drop four plates.

Senior 150 yards.—C. K. Covington, 1; E. C. K. Clarke, 2. Time, 2 mins. 17 secs. Also swam: R. Graham and Johnston-Watson.

Junior 120 yards.—N. Wilkinson, 1; Lawrence, 2; Harvey, 3. Time, 1 min. 44 secs. Won by 6 yards.

Senior 45 yards.—C. K. Covington, 1; E. C. K. Clarke, 2; Johnston-Watson, 3. Time, 31 secs. Won by a foot.

Plate-Diving.—H. Williamson, 1; R. A. Graham, 2; C. G. Feasey, 3. Won after a tie.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, October 1, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House, professionalism in sports is much to be deplored.'

The PROPOSER (J. C. Gow) said that professionalism tended to make sport a business. In Leagues the richer clubs won because they were able to buy out anyone they liked; such was the case of Newcastle United, whose team was composed entirely of Internationals, besides having two Internationals as reserves. The regulations of the Football Association excluded an amateur from good football, as he is forced to play only against a few clubs. In this way both games tended to be degraded. Professionalism debased the race in the same way that Gladiatorial Shows debased the Romans.

The OPPOSER (E. C. Clarke) maintained that in football the professionals left the amateurs alone, while in Cricket professional bowlers were a necessity. There were many clubs in London for which amateurs might play, and he considered the system of buying members both to be profitable and necessary. Nor could amateurs give the time that was necessary in such things as racing and billiards. He concluded by saying that in his opinion professionals were necessary in everything.

The SECONDER (J. Heaton-Ellis) said that, on the contrary, the abolition of 'pro.' bowlers would raise the standard of the game, while the fact that only professionals were ever turned off a field proved, in his opinion, that they tended to debase the game. There was far too much 'playing to the gallery' in Cup-ties, and the more professionalism was put down the better would be the tone of the game.

J. WADE said that 'pro.' bowlers had ousted amateurs and made them batsmen instead, while professionals introduced business into games and so took away all benefit from sport.

The PRESIDENT pointed out the best players usually became professionals. In golf and billiards professionals are necessary. In football the crowd is mostly composed of a class that cannot play themselves, and he felt sure that any attempt at legislation against professionals was impossible, and the present state could not be changed.

After some further discussion the motion was put to the House and carried by acclamation.

The House met again on Thursday, October 8, to discuss the Motion:—

'That this House approves of the system of fagging.'

The PROPOSER (D. M. Low) began by saying the system was essential in our Public Schools. No school has quite the same system, for while at Harrow the privilege is extended to all in the two top forms, at Westminster it is more restricted, and consequently more valued, and the fags themselves respect more the few who are able to fag them. It was a good thing for a boy coming from a Preparatory School to be brought down to his own level. Fagging was, of course, heavier in the boarding-houses, but, on the other hand, there the fags are attached to one particular 'Master,' who takes an interest in him, and helps him in various ways. That this was not the case in the day-boy houses, he admitted, was somewhat of an evil. Years ago, of course, fagging was much heavier, and Dr. Goodenough gave as a reason why people refused to send their sons to Westminster that they did not wish their sons to clean boots and candlesticks.

The OPPOSER (M. Hammond), in a maiden speech, remarked that new boys lost all their self-respect by fagging, and merely looked upon themselves as servants. Fagging made Monitors slack and little boys homesick and inclined to be bullied. Fagging interrupts work out of school hours. Monitors make fags do what they don't like to do themselves, and fags are often made late for school. Monitors sometimes abused their privileges, and he concluded by drawing a pathetic picture of clothes stained and sticky with jam, which had oozed from the pot the fag had been 'fagged' to fetch.

The SECONDER (W. Bell), also in a maiden speech, denied that fagging interfered with work; it taught discipline and respect, two useful lessons for those who would probably eventually rise to power themselves; nor did he think that fags resented fagging, and the fact that they were rewarded at the end of the year was an incentive to do their work well.

J. L. BENVENISTI compared English and German schools, and pointed out how much higher the general tone was in English schools, which he attributed largely to fagging.

G. B. WILSON, Esq., said the fagging was one of the pillars on which the Public School system rests. In a debate at Cambridge the Public School system was approved by a large majority. He had been struck by the remark of a speaker in that debate, that the education given at Public Schools was deplorable, but in his opinion the amount a boy learnt depended on himself. He did not think that Westminster boys sufficiently realised the associations of the Abbey, and he himself was only just beginning to realise them, and he wished to point them out to others and to broaden the debate, which seemed to be becoming narrow.

The PRESIDENT said the system of fagging couldn't be abolished, but it could be criticised. It prevented originality, spirit and freedom, and was nothing more than moral slavery, and developed selfish and lazy men. Fear of punishment only led to subterfuge, and we ought to look at the system from a wider standpoint than we were accustomed to do.

The SECRETARY drew attention to the lasting effects a bad Monitor, fortunately rare but existent, might have on the character of a sensitive boy, and quoted Lord J. Russell, who remembered sixty years later the hardships of his Westminster life.

The discussion was carried on by C. B. Bonner and W. Gray.

The question was put and carried by acclamation.

The following is the list of Debates for the Play Term, 1908.

Oct. 1.—'That this House deploras the increase of Professionalism in Sports.' Proposer, J. C. Gow; Seconder, J. Heaton-Ellis; Opposer, E. Clarke. (Carried by acclamation.)

Oct. 8.—'That this House approves of the system of Fagging.' Proposer, D. M. Low; Seconder, W. Bell; Opposer, M. Hammond. (Carried by acclamation.)

Oct. 15.—'That this House approves of the Licensing Bill.' Proposer, P. Ham; Seconder, E. Williamson; Opposer, R. Barrington-Ward. (Lost by acclamation.)

Oct. 22.—'That this House deploras the present State of Naval Administration.' Proposer, L. E. Tanner; Seconder, J. Benvenisti; Opposer, C. B. Bonner.

Oct. 29.—Impromptu Debate.

Nov. 5.—'That this House would deplore the re-introduction of "Water" at Westminster.' Proposer, H. Hill; Seconder, W. Gray; Opposer, W. Lutyens.

Nov. 12.—'This House would approve of the introduction of the Metric System into England.' Proposer, C. G. Usher; Seconder, C. Formilli; Opposer, H. Wood.

Nov. 19.—'This House would approve of the Nationalisation of Railways.' Proposer, E. Wood; Opposer, G. Tunnicliffe.

Nov. 26.—'This House deploras the prevalence of Motor Racing.' Proposer, G. L. Troutbeck; Seconder, F. Hobson; Opposer, C. Covington.

Dec. 3.—Impromptu Debate.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, October 3, an Extraordinary Meeting was held, when the following officers were elected:—

Visitor.—The Rev. the Headmaster.

President.—R. McG. Barrington-Ward.

Vice-President.—D. M. Low.

Hon. Treasurer.—L. E. Tanner.

Hon. Secretary.—H. N. Wood.

The Committee consists of the above with

G. G. Williams and E. C. K. Clarke (co-opted), and E. S. Wood (elected by the Society).

On Saturday, October 10, A. E. F. WOOD, Esq., read a very interesting paper on Nests before the Society. He described various kinds of nests, pointing out that birds were not the only builders of nests. He described the nests of several animals and insects, including anthropoid apes, several species of spiders, and a good many rodents.

On Saturday, October 17, the PRESIDENT read a most instructive and highly interesting paper on Bats. He described several curious species of bats, and also mentioned the Vampire legend. He drew particular attention to the remarkably sensitive nerves of the bat, which can make it aware of the presence of an obstacle when still a considerable distance away.

The Society desire to acquire a collection of Natural History Specimens to be exhibited in Lent Term and afterwards to become a permanent possession of the School. All contributions should be addressed to the Treasurer, 2 Little Dean's Yard, St. Peter's College, Westminster, S.W. Old Westminsters and others are cordially invited to contribute.

The following is the list of papers to be read during Play and Lent Terms:—

PLAY TERM, 1908.

October 10, A. E. F. Wood, Esq., Nests. October 17, R. McG. Barrington-Ward, Bats. October 24, J. R. Wade, Ants. October 31, H. W. Barber, Esq., Mendelism. November 14, G. G. Williams, Bees. November 21, L. E. Tanner, The Migration of Birds. November 28, H. N. Wood, Animal Arts and Crafts. December 5, C. G. Usher, Bacteria. December 12, J. Sargeant, Esq.

LENT TERM, 1909.

January 16, W. B. Harris, Esq. January 23, D. M. Low, The Divining Rod. January 30, H. A. Wootton, Esq., River Development. February 6, Rev. A. G. S. Raynor, February 13, C. B. Bonner, British Fungi. February 20, C. K. Covington, Owls. February 27, K. R. H. Jones, Esq., Queen-Bees. March 6, A. S. R. Macklin, Esq., Curiosities of Natural History. March 13, R. E. Nott-Bower, Esq., Photographic Studies.

SHAKESPEARIAN SOCIETY.

AN extraordinary meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, October 6, when the following officers were elected :—

President.—L. E. Tanner.

Vice-President—C. B. Bonner.

Hon. Secretary.—D. M. Low.

The first reading will be from 'Henry V.'

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB.

THE following is the draw for the first round :—

C. K. Covington *v.* R. A. Graham.
Covington (2-1).

W. S. Gray *v.* E. B. Shaw.
E. S. Wood beat F. G. Hobson.
(2-1).

L. E. Formilli *v.* C. A. M. Faure.
S. G. B. Ward *v.* C. B. Bonner.
G. C. Formilli *v.* G. G. Williams.
T. F. C. Marriott a bye.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We congratulate our Juniors on their brilliant victory (2-0) over a strong Rigaud's team. This considerably strengthens our chances of ultimate success. Besides J. C. Gow, J. S. Heaton-Ellis appears regularly for the XI., while in the 2nd XI. we are more strongly represented. G. B. F. Rudd has appeared for the Colts. G. C. Lowry has returned to us after an absence of three weeks due to an unfortunate illness.

The cast for the Play has been filled up, and with so many old actors still available we hope to repeat the successes of previous years.

The first round of the Fives ties has been played off already, an occurrence at once rare and wonderful. We suspect that certain drastic measures of a guillotining nature, that have recently come into force with regard to unplayed ties, have had much to do with bringing this excellent state of things to pass.

The Literary Society has read *She Stoops to Conquer* and *Julius Caesar*, the former reading being, as usual, exceedingly successful.

Under the energetic management of E. S. Wood a Chess Tournament is at its height, round following round in bewilderingly rapid succession.

ASHBURNHAM.—There is little that has happened in the past month that is worthy of record. Our congratulations are, however, due to Mr. W. B. Harris, who has played in the Freshmen's Match at Cambridge, and to J. W. M. Smith on gaining the Gumbleton Prize. We must sympathise also with G. C. Formilli, whose unlucky mishap has disabled him for a time; this, fortunately, will not be of very serious duration. Our Juniors drew in the first match with Home-boarders, and show promise of doing better still in the succeeding games. We have been told that the Fives ties are progressing favourably, but seeing will be believing. As we go to press we hear that Mr. Harris is playing for Cambridge against Ealing; may all good luck attend him!

GRANT'S.—We have to congratulate Mr. C. E. G. Shearman (O.W.) on passing into Woolwich and Mr. D. Philby (O.W.) on passing his Army Preliminary Examination, also Mr. C. G. Reed (O.W.) on playing in the Freshmen's match at Oxford. We hear that Mr. F. N. Ashley (O.W.) is starting for Nigeria shortly, and Mr. R. W. Reed (O.W.) for Germany; we wish them all success on their respective journeys. The Literary Society has had two meetings this term and finished 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' In the Cadet Corps, F. G. Hobson has been made a full Sergeant, G. E. Tunnicliffe a Lance-Sergeant, and F. R. J. Tomlinson a Lance-Corporal. Yard ties have finished their first round, and House Fives ties are to be started at half-term. We must congratulate H. Rawson and R. Rawson on winning their tie in the School Fives ties. A scheme is under consideration to have the names of the former Heads of the House painted up in Hall. A practically complete list has been made out of former 'Heads' from 1817 to the present day. A certain amount towards the estimated cost has already been promised, and it is hoped that the rest will be raised by subscriptions.

H.BB.—A sop to Cerberus, house-notes to *The Elizabethan!* Some of our members have been distinguishing themselves in a somewhat unwonted manner. Hill made a promising appearance for the School, on which we congratulate him, and then, we are sorry to say, retired with water on the knee. C. D. Gray has had the misfortune to break his wrist, while R. W. May has fallen another victim to water on the knee and is still out of school. We condole with them all and wish them as speedy a recovery as possible. Besides Hill, Feasey, Circuit and Bonner have played for the School. Geare has made a first appearance (and that a good one) for the Second, and we had three representatives in the Colts match. In Juniors we drew with Ashburnham (1-1). The defence played well, and Lawrence was conspicuous

amongst the forwards. We hope they will do even better in the future, although opposed by stronger sides. The Fives ties are progressing slowly but surely. Thoresby-Jones and Williamson were defeated by Mellor and Feasey, while Purves and Young beat Gray and Daniels.

RIGAUD'S.—The wheel of Fortune, which has so often turned favourably for us, has for a brief, but let us hope only a brief, interval turned against us. For, sad as it is to relate, our Juniors succumbed to College, being beaten (0—2); they all worked hard, but they never managed to get through the enemy's defence. To balance this we must congratulate Goodall and Cooke on obtaining their Thirds after the Casuals Match.

We are supplying a strong contingent to the 'Terriers,' for we have three recruits this term, thus making our section fifteen in number; we think Mr. Haldane will have no cause for alarm now. In work, as in other things, we are still up to the mark, for we must congratulate M. D. Methven on passing his Qualification for Woolwich. By an oversight in our last notes we forgot to congratulate Mr. R. N. R. Blaker on his recent marriage. Our notes seem to be short this month, so we will fill them up by giving the usual information that by next month Yard ties will be in full swing. As we said last month, we hear very little of old Rigaudites and we should be much obliged to obtain any news of them, however little. The Muse no longer inspires us, and therefore our ideas are cut short. Necessity bids us bring these notes, alas! too short, to an end.

Old Westminsters.

THE Rev. E. N. Sharpe has been presented to the Rectory of Kersal, in Lancashire.

Mr. Dudley Clark has been ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of London, and licensed to the curacy of Christ Church, Isle of Dogs.

Mr. C. G. Reed played in the Freshmen's Match at Oxford, and Mr. W. B. Harris at Cambridge. The latter has since represented his University against Ealing.

Mr. Edgar D. Adrian has paid a Life Composition to the ELIZABETHAN.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the deaths of JAMES FRANCIS KATHERINUS HEWITT, PHILIP SOUTHBY, and EDWARD BOVILL. Mr. Hewitt, who was elected to Oxford in 1850, was many years in the Indian Civil Service. Mr. Southby, who went to Christ Church in 1861, was a barrister on the Oxford Circuit. Colonel Bovill was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and an officer in the Medical Service of the Indian Army. His son, who was for some time at Westminster, is now in the Indian Staff Corps.

Another loyal Westminster has passed away in SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, who was elected to Cambridge in 1861. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple, and was afterwards Chief Justice of West Australia. He was knighted in 1895.

Major WILLIAM ADAM CUPPAGE was drowned in the River Blackwater, near Fermoy, on October 19, 1908. He was admitted to the School in 1872, and entered College in 1875. He left in 1879, proceeding to Sandhurst. He joined the Bengal Staff Corps, and served in the Burmese Expedition in 1886-7, being severely wounded in an engagement in the Shan Hills. His services were mentioned in despatches, and he obtained the medal and clasp. He will be remembered by his contemporaries at Westminster for his football playing and his singing, and also for his remarkably clever performance of the part of Geta on the one night on which 'Phormio' was played in 1878.

Correspondence.

OUR OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request for an Oxford letter, I will sit down to do my little best. News is scanty, so I may have to invent before I get to the bottom of the page.

When we got up this term, great changes seemed about. We noticed many absent faces, with which (as 'Punch' has it) we had been accustomed to shake hands. Charles, Henderson, Oldham, Maxwell, Cott-Williams, Aglionby, Lane-Claypon, Reed, Bartlett have all left us, and if Tizard is not now in pursuit of the fleeting form of science in Germany, he shortly will be. In their place we have got several O.W. freshmen, who will (we hope) try to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before them.

The older O.W.W. up here are continuing to fill the prominent situation which befits them. Walters, Edgar, and Nott-Bower represent the House in Association, Mason is

doing great things with the beagles, while S. McKenna is President of the Twenty and Palmerston Clubs.

The various distinctions gained by O.W.W. up here last term have already appeared in *THE ELIZABETHAN*, and need not be repeated here.

In fact, there seems nothing for it but to offer you the usual good wishes on behalf of all O.W.W. up here for the Play, and end this somewhat inconsequent rambling.

Believe me,
Yours, &c.,
EX AED. CHRISTI.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—The beginning of the academical year finds us with a fair amount of material for a Cambridge letter, yet hard to glean withal from the colleges, *σποράδες γάρ*. It is our melancholy duty to bid a long farewell to G. T. Boag (left Trinity 1907) and H. B. Philby, whose departure for the East is imminent, there to swell the large band of O.W.W. who have gone before. Of the latter, at any rate, we shall have a part remaining on this side of the water, for it is now known that he will be leaving his heart behind him, and we desire to congratulate him most heartily on that account. Fleuret will be much missed, for on him Old Westminster organisation here largely depended. We also chronicle with regret the departure of Leach, Whittard, Willcocks, Bonser, Davey, Pearson, and, we believe, Failes and Walker; but exact information is not forthcoming. We gladly welcome in their stead Adrian, Turner, Wood, Thomas, Torrey and Gregory, to Trinity; Geare, Harris, and Gordon, to Pembroke; Jaquet, to Jesus; Horton, to Trinity Hall; and Storer, to Clare. Harris played in the Freshers' match, and Thomas and Wood, from Trinity, at any rate, have started to row. R. K. Gaye is with us for yet another year, and has been appointed an examiner in the Varsity Schol. Exam. in January. We were privileged to hear the Dean of Westminster preach the University Sermon on Sunday, October 18. In conclusion, we send our best wishes for a successful Play and a record 'cap.'

Yours truly,
TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

THE GOLDEN TABLETS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

3 Little Dean's Yard,
Westminster.
October 25, 1908.

SIR,—As mentioned in your July issue, a fund has been started with the object of re-gilding the names of Liberty Boys and Captains on the Golden Tablets up dormitory.

So far nearly twenty pounds have been subscribed, another fifteen pounds being required to make up the total sum.

The following have already subscribed or promised a subscription:—

Sir Henry Waterfield, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., C.B.; The Provost of Oriel; the Revs. H. Lowry, E. H. Alington, H. W. Waterfield; Professors E. V. Arnold and J. S. Phillimore; and Messrs. W. A. Peck, A. R. Knapp, P. Williamson, J. S. Shearme, R. K. Gaye, A. S. Gaye, C. W. Adams, W. T. Kennedy, G. T. Boag, A. P. Waterfield, M. L. Gwyer, C. C. J. Webb, F. Waterfield, and G. B. Wilson.

It has been suggested that the atmosphere causes the gold to fade quickly; and that, in spite of the associations of the name 'Golden Tablets,' the record of past Captains should for the sake of durability be repainted in white. I should be glad to have the opinions of old Captains on the point.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. M. BARRINGTON-WARD.

THE 'DAILY EXPRESS.'

The Wynstones, South Ascot.

October 12, 1908.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I understand from Mr. S. S. Harris that the article written by me in the *Daily Express* some time ago about Westminster School has created 'a feeling of disappointment and keen annoyance,' especially as it was written by an Old Carthusian. That this should be the case I most sincerely regret, and trust you will publish this brief letter as an apology for what, you must believe, was written in a wholly inoffensive spirit. I have a keen recollection of the hospitality extended to the Charterhouse Cricket XI., of which I was a member, in 1903, when we visited Westminster, and am particularly anxious that no offence should be taken where no offence was meant.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. L. PAYNE.

LORD BURLEIGH AND ARCHBISHOP KING AS O.W.W.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

October 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—On p. 27 of a book which you probably know, *The History of Westminster School, printed for and published by R. Ackermann, MDCCCXVI.*, these words may be read:

'If the names of those eminent persons in every branch of learning, science, and public duty, who received their education within these walls, were to be an object of research, they would demand a larger space than this brief history could afford them; but Westminster will have no reason to be dissatisfied with the selection that is here offered to gratify the pride of its scholars.'

'Lord Burleigh; King, Bishop of London, . . . King, Archbishop of Dublin, &c.'

I shall be greatly obliged to anyone who can tell me by what right the first and last of these three are claimed as Old Westminsters. The rest of the list, though not perhaps fully representative, is at least correct; and in the substance of his monograph, the author seems to have taken pains to secure accuracy. May we, arguing from analogy, infer the truth of these two remarkable statements?

Yours very truly,
CURIOSITATUM EXPLORATOR.

To the Editor of the 'The Elizabethan.'

66 Barkston Gardens, S.W. :
October 14, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed the enclosed in a recent issue of the *Telegraph*. I do not know if you will think it is worthy of a note in the 'ELIZABETHAN.'

Yours truly,
J. G. VEITCH.

'CLASPER, BOATBUILDER.'

'To the Editor of "The Daily Telegraph."

'SIR,—Your correspondent, in his excellent notice of the late Jack Clasper, is perfectly correct in attributing the invention of the outrigger as well as the round bottom for racing boats with either sculls or oars to Harry Clasper. I remember when a Westminster boy, between 1845 and 1850, the great excitement there was over the first outrigger sculling boats, which were called "Claspers," and before I left Westminster for Oxford in 1850 rowed in these boats, "single Claspers,"

pair-oars, fours, and eights, and there was no material change in the construction or names of these boats while I was at the University, a period when our eight was stroked by two of the finest oars Westminster School ever turned out, viz., William Gordon Rich and Henry Raine Barker, both captains of the school while I was there, and brother Queen Scholars, and both students of Christ Church; and thorough scholars and gentlemen both were. I believe my esteemed friend W. G. Rich is alive and in New Zealand. As regards the sliding-seats, I cannot say I admire them. They may save labour, but in my judgment do not make for style, but at 75 *bien sonn * one is apt to be "*laudator temporis acti.*" I know my old friend and brother Westminster, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, held with me, and he was no mean authority. The old rule of swinging well over your toes was a sound one.

'I am, Sir,

'Your obedient Servant,

'September 23.'

'KENNETH CORNISH.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Last term we experienced a crushing and unexpected single innings defeat at the hand of Charterhouse. Now, by this time, it has doubtless occurred to most of us who follow the School Games with any interest that something must be radically wrong with the present games system, or at least cricket system at Westminster. What is wrong, and what is the remedy? I was talking to a present Westminister the other day, and he said that he had been trying to get a Junior in his house into the way of making a certain stroke. The Junior, he said, replied that he knew his mistake, but how could he get out of it? He was never taught to avoid it, and as the result found it now almost impossible to shake off. This is but one instance. The fact is that no Junior, unless he happens to be exceptionally good when he comes to Westminster, receives any coaching at all until it is too late. You will perhaps remember, Sir, that in THE ELIZABETHAN of July 1907 a letter appeared suggesting two cricket reforms of considerable merit. The letter appeared when we were smarting under a defeat from Charterhouse, and yet a whole year later we find that no steps whatever have been taken even to try the suggested reforms. The more important of the improvements advocated was the proposal to have nets in green to encourage Junior talent; it was suggested that matting on boards could be used for these wickets. Since that letter appeared, the only mention of the idea occurred in the May number of 1908. The Hon. Sec. of the Games Committee, in a long letter, mentioned among other things that in his opinion matting on boards would not make a good wicket. Well, Sir, with all due deference, I disagree with his opinion entirely. I have often played on such a wicket, and have found that its only fault, if fault it may be called, is that the wicket is rather too good; certainly truer and faster than a grass wicket. I am sure that any cricketer who has played on such a wicket will be of the same opinion. I would, therefore, venture to suggest that the Games Committee reconsider that letter, as I confess I fail to see any objection to the suggestions made therein. Let these reforms be adopted, and I am convinced that in a few years Westminister cricket will enter upon a new era, and that a great step will have been taken towards future victories over Charterhouse.

With the usual apologies,

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

J. C. Gow.

Christ Church, Oxford.

October 20, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—During last month I was fortunate enough to have some conversation, and subsequently correspondence, with Major G. H. Courtenay, who was at the School in 1826, and

is almost certainly the oldest living Old Westminister. Not only was he kind enough to write out for me some of his recollections of the School, but he has also lent me a complete School List for February, 1797 (one of the years for which the Head Master's entrance-book has been lost), compiled by his father, the Right Hon. Thomas Peregrine Courtenay, then a Second Election in College. I confess I was slightly disappointed to learn from Mr. Russell Barker, to whom I sent a copy of this list, that he already possessed another of nearly the same date, that had belonged to Mr. C. B. Phillimore, so that my find was not as important as I had supposed; still, I hope it may prove useful as corroborative evidence at least. Some of Major Courtenay's notes I take leave to enclose, hoping that if you can find space for them they may prove of interest to your readers.

Your obedient servant,

A. P. WATERFIELD.

'When a boy was admitted to the School he was first examined by the Head Master (then Dr. Goodenough) and his form settled. A boy in the form was told off to put him to School ways, and was called his substance, while the new-comer was the shadow. He was fitted out with books by Ginger, in College Street: they comprised a Grammar, a small Dictionary, Virgil, Ovid, Cæsar, and an Exposition of the Church Catechism. Boys in the Lower School carried their books in a red leather satchel; in the Upper with a strap and buckle. It was against etiquette for King's Scholars to run down School with their books.

'I do not think our curriculum was a good one. We spent much time on Latin Verses, and although we learned what we called "Expos.," I never heard a single question asked upon it. No writing was taught' (this in the days of the Petty!) 'and no mathematics. The head boy could leave school with credit, although totally ignorant how many angles there are in a triangle or that 2 and 2 make 4.

'Boys who stood out for College examined one another in competition. Each candidate for a short time before the election had a Senior boy called his help to coach him. There was no fagging among the day boys, but the system in College was not very satisfactory. When my elder brother, the late Bishop of Jamaica, came to his first night in College, he found a wooden pillow set out for him, it being one of the privileges of a Fag Master to appropriate his fag's pillow.

'My father had a curious old book of coloured prints of the School. One was of a long dormitory, the ceiling of which was so low that the boys could not stand upright. I wish I had that book still—it would have been most interesting; but it has long since disappeared.

'At Westminster I do not think that the Home boys, as they were called—of whom I was one—took a very prominent part in the games. One of these much practised was the leaping-bar. One boy—I suppose he was older than his height made him look—could leap over the bar and then walk upright under it. Some boys could go over the bar in an almost horizontal position and still come down on their feet; this was a regular performance. We also practised the standing jump a good deal.

'But by far the most popular exercise was on the river. On every half-holiday crowds of the boys rushed down and rowed off in boats of various sizes. The traffic on the Thames was at that time almost entirely confined to boats. I remember nothing of the Fields except the name, which was pronounced "Tuttle." There was a good deal of fighting, but it was carried on without dangerous results.

'Boys at all schools at that time were told most particularly not to mention the names of their sisters; but many years afterwards, when my son was at the Charterhouse and some friends of his came to stay with us in the holidays, I found that the rule was no longer kept among them. As to their fagging, all I could make out was that the fag made the porridge for his master's breakfast, and ate half of it.'

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