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THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

ANOTHER year's Sports are over, and another year has failed to find an answer to the oft-repeated question, 'How can Westminster improve her times and distances?' A practical answer, we should say, for a theoretical explanation is on every man's lips. 'Why,' demands a theorist, lolling in his easy chair, of the athletic friend who gesticulates wildly before him, 'why don't you practise more?' A pause. Then, at length recovering his voice, 'Practise more!' indignantly bursts out *ὁ δραστήριος*, 'are you by any chance aware what you are talking about? With seven separate strains I strained myself in last Saturday's match; five times have I barked my shins over hurdles; I cannot throw the cricket ball; I should be stiff all over if I tried to throw the hammer; the wind is too strong for

jumping; the ground is too wet for running; I have just a day and a half in which to rest and recuperate before the Sports; and you say, "Practise more!"' Whereupon our theorist adroitly turns the subject, and so ends this annual episode.

Not quite, however—at least not this year. Last term the Debating Society, which, in a fit of depression following on an examination of the results, usually passes a vote of utter abolition on the whole performance, introduced a more salutary scheme of reform. It was proposed, in brief, so to arrange the football programme of the future that practice for the Sports would be possible, and to a certain extent obligatory, for at least three weeks before the actual event. Various modifications were suggested in the course of a short debate, but the above idea, carried, we may say, *nem. con.* in a full House, has evidently commended itself to the most influential members of the

School. It is, indeed, high time that such a proposal should be made, and not only made, but accepted and carried into execution. At the present moment what are the usual athletic arrangements for the end of Lent Term? The last Saturday but one sees the last football match of the season, K.S.S. v. T.B.B. Between it and the Friday following, when the Sports begin, are four days assigned to training Up Fields, on one of which, Wednesday, the holding of Trials leaves little room for any private exertions. This year things were even worse. Not only did an exeat of four days, from March 28 to April 2, offer a strong and, we fear, irresistible temptation to break through the rigorous diet of the past weeks, but the consequent loss of Monday reduced the number of days available for practice to three. Fortunately these days were fine; but supposing the regular order of things were to be reversed, and the rain, instead of confining its attentions to the Sports themselves, were to leave Friday and Saturday unvisited and make its appearance on the previous days of the week—a thing which might happen any year—the results would be even more disastrous than those of which we now complain. Not that this year's results were all bad; some, indeed, were quite fair, and some, considering the great disadvantages of the weather, even good; but all, we are confident, might with due care and training have been vastly improved. And if we have not now that genius which knows, unaided and untaught, how to break records, surely we ought all the more to exert ourselves to train and foster the more solid talent which we undoubtedly possess, and so maintain, if not an exceptional, at least a more than mediocre standard of athletic skill. But do we so exert ourselves at present? It must be remembered that in athletic sports the competition is not merely between one boy and another, nor between one house and another; it is between one school and another; and however many 'disadvantages' we may plead on our side, however much circumstances may have 'favoured' our rivals, it is not pleasant to find in one's *Sportsman* a difference of three feet in the Long Jump and half a minute in the Mile Race between Westminster and other schools. Yet, incredible as it may seem, when our cricket, football, and racquets players are regularly coached either by professionals or by the kindness of the masters, and even Fives gets its word of encouragement (though very

much less than it deserves), no syllable of advice, no attempt at assistance is ever vouchsafed to the runners or jumpers of the School. They practise all alone, and it must be admitted that they practise very badly. The athlete, like any other artist, *cum nascitur tum fit*. To suppose that a boy can attain perfection in athletics without any previous instruction is as unreasonable as to suppose that a man with a good eye and steady hand could play a proper game of billiards without ever having learnt how to leave the balls or how to put on side or how to screw back. Instinct will tell him much, but it will not tell all. We beg our readers' pardon for labouring so obvious a point, but if Westminster will not recognise its truth without being told, we cannot help ourselves. At the present moment there is no one in the School who knows how to jump a long jump; very few who know how to jump hurdles; and very few who know how to run a mile; yet there are plenty of fellows who, properly trained, would give a very creditable account of themselves in these events. We most earnestly appeal to the authorities to give this matter serious attention, and allow us in future an opportunity, not only to practise enough, but to practise properly and well.

POETRY.

TO MY MORTAR-BOARD: AN ODE.

My battered friend, the fleeting years which sow
 Too fruitful seed of wrinkles on my brow,
 Write plain the difference 'twixt five years ago
 And now.

With me you proved through all my waking hours
 A nuisance in the very last degree,
 Who flung me into conflict with the powers
 That be.

Absent and present both, you proved my bane:
 Where laws decreed a cap, you lay concealed—
 Where absence had been bliss, you were again
 Revealed.

When I did 'Monos,' from my hand you sped,
 And crashed upon the portals with a will!
 'Twas fun for you: but *I* was later led
 To Drill.

Next week through shame you would not meet my
 eye;
 Bareheaded in the rain I had to go—
 In vain I told them I had sought you high
 And low.

My words were treated with contempt : the law
Was broken : they could not accept my tale.
(And o'er the rest in modesty we draw
A veil.)

At Oxford, where they fine (a five-bob tap)
The man who darkling trudges round the town
Without the seemly complement of cap
And gown,

You play me false ; the Proctors blandly say
'What is your name?' (no mention of a fine)
'And College?' Won't I call on them next day
At nine?

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Now in the Schools, when half my time is gone,
My weary soul strives with evasive skill
To write of Plato, Tacitus, and John
Stuart Mill.

I breathe on you, who waste my scanty time,
Mocking my fruitless efforts, and still worse,
Racking my reeling reason for a rime,
My curse !

O. W.

APOSTROPHES.

Eheu, fugaces anni! Apostrophe IV. appeared more than four years ago.

V. THE WESTMINSTER PRONUNCIATION.

I HEAR it said that you are doomed—you, whose system appeals not only to us your *alumni*, but to the instinct and the reason of every English boy who has to learn Latin. Was there ever a boy who called his father *patter*, or *Remus Remmus*, or *Titus Tittus*? Was there ever one who spoke of the record of Mr. Bultitude's unhappy experiences as '*Wicke wairsah*,' or who in the extremities of argument was driven to retort with *too cocke* (meaning *tu quoque*)? Never, surely. And now they tell us that your days are numbered. Indeed, if words could kill, you would already be extinct, for your enemies are many, and they are as intolerant and unreasoning as only those can be who ought to know better. Never have they been more active with tongue and pen to exterminate you than they are to-day; you offer but a passive resistance, confident that your merits will carry you through the storm. Why are they so bitter against you? Because, forsooth, they say you pay no regard to quantity, and you destroy all the dignity and the music of Latin. You turn a deaf ear to their reviling and wilfully persist in preferring e.g. *niger* to their dignified and musical *nigger*. If we lived in ancient Rome, we should doubtless do as the ancient Romans did. However, fortunately or unfortunately, we happen to live in modern England, and we incline towards you, who, without professing to be right, are at least convenient, rather than towards the so-called 'restored'

pronunciation of the reformers. We distrust that impudent word 'restored'; we know what 'restoration' too often means in the case of church architecture, and we have better means of ascertaining on what principles the Normans and early English built their churches, than with what pronunciation Cicero addressed the Roman Senate. Neither do we find that in practice, however much you may in your detractors' theory, you lead us into false quantities. I remember there used to be a very simple and summary method of dealing with any tendency towards that youthful indiscretion, and results prove its effectiveness; were it not so, the University Calendars would not show what they do show.

Yes, we are very well content with you, but we must not shut our eyes to the danger that threatens you. You have not many friends save among those who have been brought up under you. One, however, you have—a powerful ally—the law. When judges begin to speak of *bonna fiddays* and to lay down the principle that *frous est kaylahre froudem*, then indeed you may give up hope. Meanwhile be you prepared to defend yourself, and let the reformers, who would oust you, remember that it is for them to make out their case; at present the *onus* is not on us.

X-ED.

School Notes.

MR. FAILES, whose departure at the end of Lent Term was announced in our March number, has taken with him substantial tokens of the warm appreciation with which masters and boys alike acknowledge his long and valuable services to the School. On the occasion of his last public appearance at Westminster he was presented by the Captain, representing the whole School, with a silver inkstand and a well-bound edition of Hastings' 'Dictionary of the Bible'; the Masters gave him a silver rose-bowl; the boys of his House a pair of entrée dishes; and the boys of his form a gold pencil.

Mr. Failes' place as House Master of Rigaud's is taken by Mr. Fox; as Senior Master by Mr. Tanner; and as Form Master of the Mathematical VIth by Mr. Huckwell.

Mr. Sargeant succeeds Mr. Fox as House Master of Ashburnham; and we welcome this Term a new member of the staff, Mr. Wrigley, B.A. Cantab.

There are thirteen new boys this Term.

H. G. F. Longhurst having left, F. G. Turner has been made Head of Home Boarders.

The Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 8 o'clock.

The new Sub-Target, presented by the Elizabethan Club, has arrived, and will be used for the present Up School until a suitable place has been prepared for it.

C. C. Treatt is captain of the Shooting Eight this Term. Several more matches have been arranged than last year, and practice will be held regularly twice a week at Staines and Stanmore.

On Wednesday, May 8, ten K.S.S. attended the service in Abbey for members of the University of London. The procession, which included the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Principal, eighteen members of the Senate, and a large number of Doctors, all in their robes, was a fine sight; and among the congregation were very many graduates and undergraduates in academic dress. The Dean conducted the service, and preached an appropriate sermon welcoming the University to the Abbey.

An oak tablet has been fixed in the Racquet Court, bearing this inscription:

‘This Racquet Court
was erected in 1905 to commemorate
the services of the
Rev. W. Gunion Rutherford
Headmaster of Westminster
from 1883 to 1901
with moneys subscribed by
The Governing Body, Old Westminsters,
and the Masters of the School.’

The offertory on Ascension Day amounted to £3. 11s. 3d.

The theses for School Epigrams are:—(i) *Caelum non animus mutant qui trans mare currunt*; (ii) *All's well that ends well*.

The Vincent Prizes were divided between J. R. Wade, J. L. Benvenisti, and R. M. Barrington-Ward, all in the Senior Competition. There were no entries for the Junior. The play chosen was ‘The Merchant of Venice.’

The following is the Cricket Card filled in to date:—

Sat.	May 11	v.	Mr. F. S. Fleuret's XI. (Lost: Westminster, 54; Mr. F. S. Fleuret's XI., 320 for 4).
„	„	18	v. Eton Ramblers.
„	„	25	v. R.M.A. Woolwich.
„	June 1	v.	Old Wykehamists.
„	„	8	v. Incogniti.
„	„	15	v. Capt. A. G. Prothero's XI.
Wed.	„	19	v. I Zingari.
Sat.	„	22	v. Oxford University Authentics.

Fri.	June 28	}	v. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).
Sat.	„ 29		
„	July 6	v.	Free Foresters.
„	„ 13	v.	M.C.C. and G.
„	„ 20	v.	Christ Church Warrigals.
„	„ 27	v.	O.W.W.
Mon.	„ 29	K.S.S. v.	T.B.B.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD ETONIANS.

(Drawn, 0-0.)

THIS match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 9, and resulted in a pointless draw. The game was fast and interesting throughout, and on several occasions a score seemed imminent. Both sides, however, were very weak in front of goal, and many opportunities were thrown away. From the start the Old Etonians came away with a rush, and forced a corner which swerved behind. They continued to have most of the game during the first half, and on one occasion Burroughs got right away, but shot straight at the goal-keeper. At the other end Lloyd-Williams shot wide from a lovely centre by Harris. In the second half, play continued to be fast, and both goals had several narrow escapes; but the defence prevailed on both sides, and the game finished without any score having been registered.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. E. F. Wood (goal); W. R. Birchall and E. W. Wylde (backs); K. R. H. Jones, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and E. R. Mason (halves); W. B. Harris, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, S. C. Edgar, G. G. Feasey, and D. MacManus (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. O.W.W. A.

(Lost, 0-4.)

THIS match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 9, and ended in a win for the visitors by 4 goals to none. The result was on the whole satisfactory considering the strength of our opponents' team, which contained several 1st XI. players. It must be admitted, however, that several opportunities were missed which might have been made use of, but a decided improvement was shown by the 2nd XI. forwards in passing and general combination, while Gow worked very hard at centre-half.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

W. R. Hadley (goal); G. W. Hamel and C. G. Reed (backs); A. W. Peacock, J. C. Gow, and T. May (halves); J. W. Ferguson, J. W. Geare, M. T. Maxwell, J. Goodall, and A. P. Waterfield (forwards).

O.W.W. A.

R. C. Oppenheimer (goal); A. Whittow and H. F. Chatterton (backs); U. N. Known, W. Parker, A. N. Other (halves); H. C. Macpherson, E. V. Chatterton, A. Beney, R. S. Summerhays, and E. Moore (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD ALDENHAMIANs.

(Won, 2-1.)

Played Up Fields on Saturday, March 16, this match ended in a win for the School by 2 goals to 1. The start was delayed till 2.45, when the School kicked off against the wind. The form displayed on both sides was poor throughout, and there was not much difference between the teams. The visitors opened the scoring, the inside right netting the ball with a good shot. Gover looked like scoring once or twice at the other end, but was generally pulled up in time. Shortly before half-time, Lloyd-Williams put in a shot, and the goal-keeper failing to clear, Gover rushed the ball into the net. In the second half the School were mainly on the defensive, but managed to score again through Gover after the forward line had been re-arranged.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. C. Treatt (goal); J. W. Ferguson and W. R. Birchall (backs); E. R. Mason, S. C. Edgar, and K. R. H. Jones (halves); D. MacManus, C. C. Gover, J. Geare, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, and G. G. Feasey (forwards).

OLD ALDENHAMIANs.

G. C. Gauntlet (goal); E. Hammond and W. L. Whitaker (backs); J. A. Slater, E. H. Hacking, and J. H. Ormston (halves); R. C. Wilkinson, J. L. M. Symms, E. St. G. Hewetson, F. L. Fitch, and R. Snowdon Smith (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

(Won, 2-1.)

Mr. Fevez had managed to get together a very strong defence for this match, and the School did well to win by 2 goals to 1. Birchall won the toss and chose to play with the wind and sun, a decided advantage. The wind was strong and made the ball swerve in a very tantalising manner, and it was some time before the teams settled down and began to control the ball at all. After some fairly even play Westminster attacked strongly for some time, and from a corner the ball came out to Edgar, who seized upon it and put in a sharp low shot into the corner of the goal. The School continued to have the advantage for some time, and several good shots were made without any further success. Towards the end of the first half Wyldle let through Summerhays, who scored with a clever cross shot well out of Wood's reach. In the second half with the wind against them the School were kept mainly on the defensive; but after our goal had been in danger for some time the forwards broke away, and Lloyd-Williams scored from close quarters. Soon after this Beasley had the worst of a collision with Mason and retired to the goal, Kent going outside right and Chatterton falling back to left half. In spite of repeated efforts the visitors were unable to make any impression on the School defence, and the

whistle finally blew with the score 2 to 1 in favour of the School.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. C. Treatt (goal); E. W. Wyldle and W. R. Birchall (backs); E. R. Mason, S. C. Edgar, and K. R. H. Jones (halves); D. MacManus, C. C. Gover, M. T. Maxwell, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

C. Kent (goal); R. N. Balfour and L. A. M. Fevez (backs); G. Pollock Hodsell, C. Wreford Brown, and H. O. C. Beasley (halves); M. Hewitt, E. V. Chatterton, H. F. Chatterton, R. O. Barnett, and R. S. Summerhays (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OXFORD O.W.W.

(Won, 5-1.)

This, the last School match of the season, was played on Thursday, March 21, and ended in an easy win for the School. The visitors were unable to turn up at full strength, and two substitutes (J. C. Gow and G. G. Feasey) were provided from the School. There was not much between the teams in the first half, but in the second half the superior condition of the School team told its tale. After a few minutes play Lloyd-Williams opened the scoring for us. The visitors equalised with an excellent shot from their centre-half. The School were not very long in regaining the lead, Maxwell putting the ball back to Lloyd-Williams, who scored with ease. In the second half Edgar added another goal by means of a low, long shot, and Birchall scored a fourth, the ball glancing into the net off one of the opposing backs. Harris ran down the wing and passed to Maxwell, who scored a fifth and final goal.

For the School, Edgar was good at centre-half; Wyldle was very uncertain, and played far below his usual form.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. E. F. Wood (goal); E. W. Wyldle and W. R. Birchall (backs); E. R. Mason, S. C. Edgar, and K. R. H. Jones (halves); D. MacManus, C. C. Gover, M. T. Maxwell, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

OXFORD O.W.W.

A. H. Aglionby (goal); S. McKenna and J. K. Hepburn (backs); G. M. S. Oldham, A. G. Oodone and A. N. Other (halves); J. C. Gow, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, G. G. Feasey, and K. N. Colville (forwards).

K.SS. v. T.BB.

(K.SS. won, 6-1.)

This annual fixture was played Up Fields on March 23, and resulted, as expected, in an easy victory for K.SS. The ground was in excellent condition, and from a spectator's point of view the weather was all that could be desired. Harris won the toss and Birchall kicked off for K.SS., who immediately ran down, but Gow sent behind. After a few minutes' play Birchall opened the scoring with a long shot which Treatt should have cleared. After even play Gow scored a second goal for K.SS. with a

hard, low shot. T.B.B. now got going, and on several occasions looked dangerous, with the result that Birchall went to his usual position at back, Jones taking left-half and Barrington-Ward going forward. Ferguson was prominent in saving several dangerous-looking rushes by Harris, but it was some time before either goal-keeper was seriously troubled. Barrington-Ward went through the entire defence on his own account, but Treatt ran out in the nick of time and conceded a corner. This was well placed by Mason, and Gow headed in, but Treatt fisted the ball out and Horton relieved with a big kick. Edgar was doing a lot of work and nearly scored on more than one occasion with some excellent long shots. Some delay was caused by Wylde kicking the ball into the tree, but after a few minutes a new ball was brought. Shortly before half-time Gow got away on the left and scored with a high, dropping shot. Half-time arrived with no addition to the score. In the second half T.B.B. re-arranged their forward line, Wylde going centre-forward. After a few minutes' even play Maxwell scored a fourth for K.S.S. At this period Jones hurt his knee and left the field for some time, Barrington-Ward coming back to half. After Jones had returned, T.B.B. scored their only goal, which was rather a lucky one, the players stopping under the impression that the ball had gone out, and Harris being left with an open goal. In spite of several re-arrangements of the T.B.B. front line, K.S.S. pressed almost continuously, and scored twice more through Maxwell and Barrington-Ward, thus finishing easy winners by 6 goals to 1.

For K.S.S. Edgar played a great game. He was easily the best half on the field, and, assisted by the backs, was able without difficulty to hold the opposing forwards, who never really settled down. The forwards were all good and combined well, Maxwell being the best. Wood had very little to do in goal.

For T.B.B. Harris and Summerhays were the best forwards, but did not receive much support from the halves, who were weak. The backs were moderate and Treatt not up to his best form in goal.

Teams:—

K.S.S.

A. E. F. Wood (goal); K. R. H. Jones and J. W. Ferguson (backs); R. M. Barrington-Ward, S. C. Edgar, and E. R. Mason (halves); J. C. Gow, J. E. Lloyd-Williams, W. R. Birchall, M. T. Maxwell, and J. S. Heaton-Ellis (forwards).

T.B.B.

C. C. Treatt (goal); E. W. Wylde and G. W. Hamel (backs); W. R. Horton, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and A. M. Harding (halves); A. W. Peacock, J. Geare, D. MacManus, W. B. Harris, and S. D. Summerhays (forwards).

SENIORS.

H.B.B. *v.* GRANT'S.

(H.B.B. won, 1-0.)

H.B.B. met Grant's in the first round of Seniors on Monday, March 18. Peacock won the toss, and Geare kicked off for Grant's from the Church end.

For the first ten minutes Grant's pressed, but their forwards were very wild, and in a short time H.B.B. got the better of the game, Summerhays playing well on the left wing, and Gover and Feasey making some good runs. Wylde played well at back, however, and nothing tangible happened. In the second half the game was fairly even, and nothing worth mention occurred till ten minutes from the end, when, following a free kick by Wylde, Rawson put the ball through. H.B.B. played up desperately after this reverse, and two minutes from time Feasey rushed the ball through, H.B.B. thus deservedly making a draw of the game.

The replay took place on the following Wednesday, when H.B.B. managed to snatch a victory by one goal, scored by Gover, to none, although Grant's were unlucky to lose, as they had slightly the better of the play, especially in the second half, when Geare shot an off-side goal.

A.H. *v.* RIGAUD'S.

(A.H. won, 6-0.)

Although weakened by the loss of Davidson, Ashburnham won this game by six goals to nil. The first half was in favour of Ashburnham, who scored twice through Harris. After the interval the winners had all the game and obtained four more goals, Johnston-Watson getting one with a very clever shot, Harris two, and Hadden one, while Walker put through for Rigaud's from an off-side position. For the losers MacManus was best, ably seconded by Clarke, while Gregory played very well for Ashburnham.

A.H. *v.* H.B.B.

(H.B.B. won, 2-0.)

The Final of Seniors was played Up Fields on Wednesday, March 27, between Ashburnham and Home Boarders. Neither side was at full strength, H.B.B. being without Summerhays, and Ashburnham having lost Hadden as well as Davidson.

Peacock won the toss, and Johnston-Watson kicked off for Ashburnham from the hospital end. H.B.B. almost immediately began to press, and before fifteen minutes had passed, after some combination by Gover and Dicker on the right wing, the ball went across to Circuit, who scored with a good shot. After this reverse A.H. played up harder, and the game became more even, Harris on the left wing putting in some fine runs, but being very badly supported by his other insides. The H.B.B. right wing was fairly prominent, and at length Gover got the ball, and through a misunderstanding between Hamel and Treatt, easily put his side two up, this being the extent of the scoring. Before the interval Ashburnham made an effort, and after Johnston-Watson had missed an easy chance, Goodall seized upon a pass from Oxley and beat Turner, but was given off-side. At the other end Gover also got an off-side goal. In the

second half the game was very interesting; Harris played a good game, but his forward line lacked shooting power, and the H.B.B. defence was very safe, Peacock and Bonner being especially good. Ashburnham kept pressing, but were unable to score, and H.B.B. were left victors by 2 goals to nil when time was called. For the winners, Peacock, Gover, and Bonner were best, while for the losers Harris played very well, Gregory was on the top of his form, and Rice-Oxley, too, was good.

Teams:—

H.B.B.

F. G. Turner (goal); A. W. K. Peacock and P. H. Wyatt (backs); J. M. Fisher, C. B. Bonner, and H. G. F. Longhurst (half-backs); C. S. Dicker, C. C. Gover, G. G. Feasey, C. M. L. Circuit, and H. G. Hill (forwards).

A.H.

C. C. Treatt (goal); G. W. Howell and G. C. Formilli (backs); A. M. Harding, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and J. S. Gregory (half-backs); E. S. Tyson, T. F. H. White, J. F. Johnston-Watson, W. B. Harris, and W. G. Goodale (forwards).

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1907.

THE Sports this year were held Up Fields on April 5 and 6. The first day was beautifully fine, but our expectations were not to be disappointed, and Saturday's weather was well above the average. It rained hard and it blew hard, with unpleasant effects not only on the athletic, but on the social aspect of the day. Still, we are used to such misfortunes at Westminster, and would hardly recognise the Sports without them, only it is hard that so many performances which might have been quite fair should have been handicapped, if not wholly spoilt, by the wind and wet. The Senior events were more evenly contested than usual, Lloyd-Williams being conspicuous with some good all-round work; and we were glad to notice some very promising Juniors, especially V. Cecil, who showed up so well last year, and the four prize-winners in the Junior Cricket Ball and the Junior High Jump. The Inter-House Cup was carried off by K.S.S. for the fourth time, after a keen fight with last year's winners, Ashburnham.

Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. O. R. Borradaile, who worked his hardest as judge and starter, and to Messrs. L. A. M. Fevez and A. Whittow, who assisted him on the Saturday, while Mr. C. Kent was kind enough to act as time-keeper on both days. The Stewards were A. P. Waterfield (Hon. Sec.), W. R. Birchall, S. C. Edgar, D. J. Jardine, F. G. Turner, C. G. Reed, and W. B. Harris.

On Wednesday, April 3, trials were held for the four Jumps, the two Cricket Balls, and the Hammer. In the first round of the Inter-House Tug-of-War Grant's pulled over H.B.B. (2-1) and Ashburnham Rigaud's (2-1).

The Sports resulted as follows:—

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

G. E. Tunnickliffe, 1; A. E. Rice-Oxley, 2. Time, 37½ secs.

Tunnickliffe, whose powers were unknown to the Athletic Committee, received a very liberal start and found no difficulty in keeping ahead.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—V. Cecil, 1; G. C. Formilli, 2.

Heat 2.—R. A. Graham, 1; W. F. Lutyens, 2.

Heat 3.—T. May, 1; T. F. C. Marriott, 2.

Heat 4.—H. N. Wood, 1; R. H. Yolland, 2.

3.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

R. R. Rawson, 1; A. G. Leck, 2. Distance, 78 yds. 1 in.

Some excellent throwing was seen in this event, Rawson, who was favourite, just beating Leck's 77 yards 4 inches with his third attempt. To beat this we must go back to E. W. D. Colt-Williams' throw of 79 yards 2 inches in 1899.

4.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

J. E. Lloyd-Williams, 1; C. G. Reed, 2; W. H. C. Hardy, 3. Time, 2 mins. 31½ secs.

V. Cecil made the running in the first round, but was passed early in the second by Lloyd-Williams, who came in an easy winner in fair time.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

W. D. L. Purves, 1; K. D. Murray, 2. Height, 4 ft. 8¾ ins.

There was little to choose between the winners, who both jumped very nicely. G. F. N. Wilkinson, who reached 4 ft. 7½ ins., was also good. Purves and Murray tied at first at 4 ft. 8¾ ins., but were evidently tired, and on jumping it off after a rest had to have the bar lowered twice before Purves succeeded in clearing it. This is the third year in succession in which the Junior High Jump has been above 4 ft. 8½ ins.

6.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN. CHALLENGE HAMMER.

C. C. Treatt, 1; A. M. MacGregor, 2. Distance, 64 ft. 8 ins.

J. Geare, who had thrown over 66 ft. in his only attempt at the trials, and would probably have gone some distance better, was unfortunately out of school. Treatt threw consistently, but seemed unable to go beyond a certain limit. MacGregor, with a throw of 59 ft., beat Lloyd-Williams for second place by an inch.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. G. Goodale, 1; S. C. Edgar, 2. Distance, 17 ft. 2 ins.

The jump was poor, and the style shown not good. W. B. Harris, whose chances were considered favourable, had not reached his true form and failed to secure a place. Both he and Goodale, we are sure, could have done better with longer practice.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14.

E. H. Bird, 1; C. F. Monier-Williams, 2. Time, 20 secs.

Only one heat was required for this race, which Bird won by 6 yds.

9.—100 YARDS. OPEN. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—J. W. Ferguson, 1; V. Cecil, 2. Time, 11 secs.

Heat 2.—W. G. Goodale, 1; White, 2. Time, 11 secs.

Heat 3.—A. E. F. Wood, 1; G. C. Formilli, 2. Time, 11½ secs.

Heat 4.—H. N. Wood, 1; B. V. T. Worthington, 2.

Time, 11½ secs.

10.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

C. G. Usher, 1; A. K. Gilmour, 2. Distance, 14 ft. 7 ins.

A very fair jump. A. C. Edgar exceeded it by some inches at his first attempt, but his feet having just touched the line, it was disallowed, and over-caution made him fail in his other two tries. Gilmour had shown much better form in the trials.

11.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. HEATS.
CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—G. P. Blizzard, 1; V. Cecil, 2.

Heat 2.—C. C. Gover, 1; W. G. Goodale, 2.

Heat 3.—W. B. Harris, 1; E. S. Leach, 2.

Heat 4.—E. R. Mason, 1; C. G. Reed, 2.

Heat 5.—E. W. Wylde, 1; W. R. Horton, 2.

12.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

G. E. Tunnicliffe (70 yds.), 1; L. E. Claremont (85 yds.), 2; R. A. Shore (65 yds.), 3. Time, 2 mins. 15½ secs.

Claremont led until the straight was reached, when Tunnicliffe passed him and won by some 5 yards. Shore was a close third.

13.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Brown, 1; Sergt. Mellican, 2.

14.—INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR. FINAL TIE.

GRANT'S.

ASHBURNHAM.

	st.	lbs.		st.	lbs.
1. Boulton, A. C. ...	12	0	1. Treatt, C. C. ...	11	10
2. Adrian, E. D. ...	11	3	2. Hall, D. L. ...	11	8
3. Wylde, E. W. ...	10	13	3. Goodale, W. G. ...	10	12
4. Vey, F. H. ...	10	10	4. MacGregor, A. M. ...	11	0
5. Storer, R. S. ...	10	7	5. Formill, G. C. ...	10	5
6. Reed, C. G. ...	10	7	6. Hadden, E. R. ...	10	2

There was little to choose between the two teams in weight. Grant's repeated their successes of former years (it is curious how often they have won the Tug of late), and pulled over their opponents (2-1).

SATURDAY, APRIL 6.

15.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.

V. Cecil, 1; H. N. Wood, 2. Time, 11½ secs.

An excellent race, won by an inch in very fair time.

16.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

J. R. H. Harley, 1; C. B. Bonner, 2. Distance, 81 yds. 2 ins.

A very moderate throw, for which even a strong wind in the faces of the competitors did not wholly account.

17.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

R. A. E. Voysey, 1; S. C. Edgar, 2; J. W. Ferguson, 3.
Time, 58 secs.

The two leaders, mistrustful of their powers, had only decided to enter the day before, and were more or less out of training. Had they been in proper condition the time would doubtless have been really good. About a dozen started, and Edgar led as far as the straight, when Voysey passed him and won by two yards; Ferguson coming in four yards behind Edgar.

18.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

Heat 1.—A. K. Gilmour, 1; A. C. Edgar, 2.

Heat 2.—A. G. Leck, 1; K. D. Murray, 2.

Heat 3.—R. R. Rawson, 1; G. F. N. Wilkinson, 2.

19.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

V. Cecil, 1; W. F. Lutyens, 2. Time, 59 secs.

Another good race. Won by four yards. Cecil ran very well, and his time was only a second slower than in the Open event.

20.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

A. E. F. Wood, 1; W. G. Goodale, 2. Time, 11½ secs.

Wood and Goodale at first ran a dead heat; later, on a second trial, the former came in winner by a yard. They are both very fast, but their time was quite spoilt by the rain.

21.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

A. G. Leck, 1; A. K. Gilmour, 2. Time, 21⅔ secs.

Won by three yards.

22.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

W. R. Horton, 1; J. E. Lloyd-Williams, 2. Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.

Horton jumped very neatly and easily, and seemed likely to go higher. Lloyd-Williams, who cleared 5 ft. 2¼ ins., and C. C. Gover were also good after a more robust style.

23.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

W. B. Harris, 1; E. W. Wylde, 2. Time, 19 secs.

E. R. Mason and C. C. Gover both slipped on the wet grass before the second hurdle. Harris, jumping very nicely, came in a winner by three yards. The time, considering the state of the ground, was really good.

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

L. Rice-Oxley, 1; G. L. Brown, 2. Time, 66 secs.

Rice-Oxley won by eight yards.

25.—FLAT RACE, ONE MILE. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

J. E. Lloyd-Williams, 1; M. T. Maxwell, 2; C. G. Reed, 3.
Time, 5 min. 27 secs.

About twenty-five started. Maxwell early went ahead, and kept his lead stubbornly till just before the straight, when Lloyd-Williams, who had been taking things easily—too easily, perhaps—coming up with a fine sprint, passed him and won by some ten yards. Reed finished strongly, and was close behind Maxwell at the winning post. A good time was of course impossible with the track in its condition, and Lloyd-Williams' performance was by no means discreditable. His last lap was well run, but he was too slow in the first part of the race.

26.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

A. K. Gilmour, 1; A. G. Pemberton, 2. Time, 12½ secs.

27.—CONSOLATION RACE (Winners excluded).

D. M. MacManus, 1.

28.—O.W.W. RACE.

W. F. Corfield, 1; R. O. Barnett, 2.

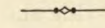
The weather conditions had no effect on the number of entries, though they doubtless left their mark on the hats and clothes of the competitors. The finish was very close, and, as usual, the judges had no easy task in giving their verdict.

29.—TUG-OF-WAR. K.SS. v. T.BB.

K.SS.		T.BB.	
	st lb.		st lb.
1. Mason, E. R.	12 0	1. Treatt, C. C....	11 10
2. Gow, J. C. ...	12 0	2. Boulton, A. C....	12 0
3. Lethbridge, M. H. B.	11 10	3. Watson, E. C. ...	12 8
4. Ryan, L. E. N. ...	11 6	4. Geare, J. W....	12 2
5. Lloyd-Williams, J. E.	11 4	5. Hardy, W. H. C....	11 10
6. Macklin, A. S. R.	11 2	6. Hall, D. L. ...	11 8
7. Edgar, S. C....	11 1	7. Longhurst, H. G. F.	11 5
8. Birchall, W. R. ...	10 7	8. Worthington, B. V. T.	10 5

T.BB. easily pulled over K.SS. (2-0). It is only fair to add that most of the winning team were fresh, and most of the losers tired out already from other events.

The prize-giving and other concluding ceremonies were entirely spoilt by the rain. The cups had to be produced from the depths of the pavilion, all the front part of which was used as shelter for the visitors. Mr. R. T. Squire (O.W.), who had been asked to give away the prizes, was unavoidably prevented, and at the last moment Mrs. Gow kindly consented to fill his place. Owing to the enforced absence of the senior stewards, and the anxiety of everyone to hurry off and change into dry clothes, the customary cheers and speeches were omitted, and the proceedings closed informally as soon as the prizes had been distributed. We take this opportunity, therefore, of thanking Mrs. Gow for her welcome assistance, and hope that when next she is good enough to preside at this function we may be favoured with better weather than in 1907.



FIVES.



THE SCHOOL v. THE MASTERS.

ON Tuesday, April 2, the School (W. R. Birchall and A. J. L. Circuitt) played the Masters (R. Tanner, Esq., and Rev. A. G. S. Raynor). Unfortunately, there was no time to finish the third game, and the match ended in a draw (1-1). In the first game the Masters, early establishing a lead, kept well ahead and won without much difficulty (15-7). The second promised to be a replica of the first, the Masters having reached 12-7, when the School, with a fine effort, drew level, and having set at game ball all, eventually came out winners (17-16). A very close and exciting game. The third began evenly, but the Masters soon went away, and the score stood at 10-4 when play ceased. For the School, Birchall, though not at his best, was very sound all through; Circuitt, while good on the whole, was a little uncertain. We hope that this once regularly played match may become again an annual fixture.

SCHOOL TIES.

(Play Term, 1906; and Lent Term, 1907.)

The following is the result:—

F. G. Turner	} F. G. Turner	} F. G. Turner	
A. J. L. Circuitt			} A. J. L. Circuitt
B. V. T. Worthington	} A. P. Waterfield		
A. E. Rice Oxley			} C. C. Gover
A. P. Waterfield	} S. C. Edgar		
C. C. Gover			} H. G. F. Longhurst
S. C. Edgar	} W. R. Birchall		
H. G. F. Longhurst			} G. J. Hunter
W. R. Birchall	} M. T. Maxwell		
G. J. Hunter			} T. E. Rodocanachi
D. J. Jardine	} J. C. Gow	} W. R. Birchall	
W. B. Harris			} J. D. Marks
M. T. Maxwell	} (w.o.)	} W. R. Birchall	
T. E. Rodocanachi			
J. C. Gow			
J. D. Marks			

SCHOOL TIES (Election Term, 1907).

The following is the draw for the First Round:—

A. P. Waterfield	} v. {	S. C. Edgar
M. T. Maxwell		A. E. Rice-Oxley
W. B. Harris	} v. {	B. V. T. Worthington
J. C. Gow		J. C. C. Davidson
D. J. Jardine	} v. {	A. E. F. Spencer
J. D. Marks		G. P. Chapman
W. R. Birchall	} a bye	
C. C. Gover		

INTER-HOUSE TIES.

The following is the draw for the First Round:—

K.SS. v. H.BB.		Grant's v. Rigaud's.
		Ashburnham a bye.



THE GYMNASIUM.

THE first Inter-House Competition for the Horne Cup was held in the Gymnasium on April 4, and resulted in an easy victory for Rigaud's. It was generally expected that a close fight would be seen between Rigaud's and K.SS., but the former carried off the Cup with a margin of 11½ marks. K.SS. were second, but only beat H.BB. by half a mark, while Ashburnham and Grant's were respectively fourth and fifth with considerable intervals. Both members of the winning pair did very well, Worthington being well up to his Aldershot form, while Blizard has come on unexpectedly. They thoroughly deserved their victory. For K.SS., Griffin was weak on the parallel bars, and Macklin showed the effects of his want of practice in Play Term and the first half of Lent Term.

We are pleased to note the good effects which have already resulted from the institution of this

Competition. The attendance at the Gynnasium has been much larger, and a higher standard has been generally reached, so that in years to come there should be a much larger number to pick from, in the selection of representatives for Aldershot.

The following were the marks:—

<i>Rigaud's</i>	B. V. T. Worthington...	86	} 162½
	G. P. Blizard	76½	
<i>K.SS.</i>	D. M. Griffin	79	} 151
	A. S. R. Macklin	72	
<i>H.BB.</i>	C. B. Bonner	74½	} 150½
	E. C. Jaquet.....	76	
<i>Ashburnham</i>	F. R. Fuller	68	} 129½
	A. M. MacGregor	61½	
<i>Grant's</i>	J. W. Geare	56	} 114
	S. D. Graham	58	



THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

WE regret that considerations of space prevent us from inserting any report of the debates in the present number of THE ELIZABETHAN. We hope next month to publish a brief account of the Society's meetings during the latter part of the Lent Term Session.



House Notes.

K.SS.—Our victory over T.BB. has been fittingly crowned by our success in the Sports, and we congratulate all who contributed, however little, towards the grand result, especially J. E. Lloyd-Williams, who worked very hard throughout and well deserved his reward. R. A. E. Voysey left us last term, and will be greatly missed, especially by the Cadet Corps. With him our hopes of retaining the Shooting Cup would have been excellent; without him we dare not prophesy the result. Our representatives in the Gymnastic Competition last term were out of form, and we had to content ourselves with second place. We were very much pleased to see the Vincent Prizes last term won by three K.SS.—J. R. Wade, J. L. Benvenisti, and R. M. Barrington-Ward. Hitherto this year, all but two of the open School prizes have come to College. With congratulations to E. R. Mason on becoming a Senior, and a word of welcome to G. G. Williams, who was out of school for the best part of last term, we turn our eyes from the past to the future. With four of last year's 'Pinks,' three 'Pink and Whites,' and two 'Third XI.'s' staying on, our prospects for the coming season are pleasant enough. Our Juniors are resolved to give a better account of themselves than they did at football, and we have reasonable hopes of reversing last year's defeat by T.BB. The term promises to be busy indeed: besides Election and all its incidental excitements, we are threatened with a conclusion of the

School Chess Tournament (in which only K.SS. compete; we should add that the College Tournament was won by A. P. Waterfield); with new Fives Ties, both School and College; and with numerous Inter-House Competitions—Fives, Racquets, Singing—in all of which we mean to acquit ourselves well. We conclude with best wishes to all Old K.SS. who are engaged in 'Varsity examinations this summer, and hope the results will substantially increase our Honours List.

ASHBURNHAM.—We take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. Sargeant, who takes Mr. Fox's place this term.

J. C. C. M. Davidson returned home last month from Argentina, and we welcome him amongst us again. We regret the loss of G. W. Hamel, and also of A. M. Harding, who has unfortunately deserted us for Rigaud's, where we are sure he will be fully appreciated. Our heartiest congratulations to J. D. Marks, A. M. Harding, and G. W. Hamel on their success at Cambridge, and to A. R. Hadden on his at Oxford. Unfortunately we were not successful in retaining the Sports Cup, but we came in an excellent second. This was largely due to W. B. Harris, W. G. Goodale, V. A. G. Cecil, L. Rice-Oxley, C. C. Treatt, and A. M. Macgregor. The tug team is to be congratulated on pulling over Rigaud's, and on its excellent but unavailing attempt to pull Grant's. The Junior Gymnasium Competition was won by F. R. Fuller last term. We hope that his promise of excellence in the future will be fulfilled.

GRANT'S.—E. W. Wyld and G. R. Greene left at the end of last term, to the regret of all; we wish them every success in their future careers. Their places have been filled by two new boarders, John and Radford. We are sorry to hear that Viney will not be able to join us this term, owing to illness. We were rather disappointed in the result of the Sports. Horton, Rawson, and Tunnicliffe did well, and a few others gained points, but on the whole the result was not up to our expectations. We hope for better luck next time. We are glad to be able to say that we won the Inter-House Tug-of-war. There are some very promising cricket juniors coming on, and our hopes for retaining the Cup are bright. In Seniors, too, we stand a very fair chance of winning the Shield.

H.BB.—Our first thought this month is the loss we have suffered through the departure of H. G. F. Longhurst; he did much for H.BB., and as Head of the House performed his duties with diligence and tact. All that is left to us is to wish him all success in his future career, and this we do most heartily. F. G. Turner has been appointed Head of the House in his stead.

Our gloomy forecast of our doings in the Sports,

we regret to say, turned out true, and we did but poorly; Purves, however, won the Junior High Jump with an excellent performance. As the past year has been so eminently satisfactory as far as regards ourselves, we must not grumble at this one comparative failure. It is a noteworthy fact that the winners of the School Fives Ties last term, namely, A. J. L. Circutt and Turner, are both H.B.B., which shows that this game, too, is flourishing in the House. We do not feel very sanguine about Juniors this term, but wish them good luck.

In conclusion, we offer Mr. Nall our best thanks for the most successful and excellent supper he gave the team at the end of last term in honour of our winning the Shield; he reminded us that we had set up a record, as previously no day-boy House has held both Shields at the same time. May we continue to hold them!

RIGAUD'S.—Our first duty this term is to chronicle the arrival of our new House-master and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fox, to whom we wish to accord a hearty welcome. We feel sure that under their care Rigaud's will prosper and continue to hold its own both in School and Up Fields.

Our numbers are one less than last term. D. M. MacManus, to our great grief, has left, and we have also to deplore the loss of Matthews and Bruce-Joy. A. M. Harding comes to us from Ashburnham, and there is one new boarder.

Our first and foremost congratulations are due to our representatives, B. V. T. Worthington and G. P. Blizard, on winning the Gymnastic Cup at the end of last term. In individual marks, Worthington secured first place with 86 marks out of 90, while Blizard was third with 76½—two excellent performances. The Cup—the only trophy, unfortunately, which we possess at present—adorns Hall to great advantage; we hope it will be the first of many more.

Our successes in the Sports were few; but we are glad to be able to congratulate J. R. H. Harley on winning the Cricket Ball, while, among Junior members of the House, E. Bird and Leck were prominent. Fives-ties, which have lain dormant throughout the winter, are to be resumed, and it is to be hoped that promising players will be discovered.

In conclusion, our cricket prospects are hopeful: we have four old School Colours, and some very promising juniors. We wish them all the best of luck in the coming season.

Old Westminsters.

AT Oxford Mr. E. F. C. Mosse has taken a First Class in Classical Moderations.

Mr. Richard Wynter, we are informed, has been created by the King of Spain a Knight of the Most Exalted Order of Ferdinand and Isabella.

Mr. Oswald Lewis has paid a Life Subscription to *The Elizabethan*.

We hope in our next number to print accounts of the more important matches played by the Old Westminsters' Football Club during the past season, which lack of space has unfortunately kept out of the present issue.

Births.

ON April 24, the wife of Frederick Waterfield, I.C.S., of a daughter.

ON May 8, the wife of Geoffrey Norman, of a son.

Marriages.

NITCH—BRYDEN.—On April 10, Cyril Alfred Rankin Nitch, F.R.C.S., to Amy Annie, elder daughter of the late Surgeon-Major Bryden, M.D.

AGAR—DUKE.—On April 17, Charles Talbot Agar to Beatrice Sybil, youngest daughter of Mrs. Duke, of East Sheen.

ARNOLD—TUCKER.—On May 1, the Rev. Henry E. B. Arnold to Mary Hamilton Tucker.

Correspondence.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Christ Church:

May 6, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—It is still so early in the term that there does not seem much to tell that would interest your readers. We are glad to see that O. H. Walters has been selected to play in the Seniors' Match, and can only regret that his cricket this term will be cut short by the near approach of his Schools.

A large number of O.W.W. have to face their respective examiners this term: besides O. H. Walters, G. M. Rambaut, and W. F. H. Waterfield are taking Math. Mods., and A. T. Coleby and H. T. Tizard their Math. Final; E. A. Bell, E. C. Cleveland Stevens, and O. C. Chapman, the Honour School of Modern History; K. N. Colvile, the School of

English Literature; while many others are taking pass schools.

We were all delighted at E. F. C. Mosse's first in Mods., which he thoroughly deserved.

R. E. Nott Bower has come up again, quite recovered from his football injuries of last term. We regret to think of the losses we shall sustain at the end of this term, and can only hope that you are sending a strong contingent up next October.

And now, Sir, with best wishes for the coming term in general, and for the Charterhouse Match in particular,

Believe me,

Yours &c.,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—It is difficult for one in the position of your present Correspondent to understand by what inadvertence Mr. W. S. Gilbert failed to include importunate editors among those 'evil lovers' whom the Mikado endeavours to make 'a running river of harmless merriment.' I leave it to you, Sir, to imagine a doom as fitting to your crimes as that imposed upon the 'billiard sharper.' With this prelude, without which no Cambridge letter to *The Elizabethan* appears to be complete, I may proceed to give you what Old Westminster news I have been able to glean.

The annual Cambridge O.W.W. dinner was held last term. For the first time in recent years—and it is hoped that the experiment may be repeated—a master was invited to take the chair. We were all pleased to see Mr. Michell, and there is no need to say that he proved an admirable chairman. A company of forty, of whom twenty-four were O.W.W., sat down to dinner. It was a pleasure to welcome such stalwarts as Messrs. Kent and Clark-Kennedy back to their old haunts. The toast of 'Floreat' was given in an eloquent speech by the chairman, and G. J. E. Neville replied with his characteristic wit. The health of 'The Guests' was then proposed by G. T. Boag, and acknowledged by Mr. G. W. Buckle, of Winchester and Trinity, whose figure we hope is as familiar to those inside as it is to those outside the railings of Vincent Square. F. S. Fleuret then proposed 'The Chairman' in a few graceful words, and the proceedings were drawing to a close when C. Kent, by a happy thought, proposed the toast of 'Absent Friends,' coupled with the name of Carol Powers. Needless to say this was honoured with enthusiasm. It was perhaps not surprising that only a few were energetic enough to get up the next morning in time to see Mr. Michell off by his early train.

Kent, by the bye, is coming up this term to cox Third Trinity, who, he reports, are not as bad as they are made out to be. This will be the third year he has performed that arduous task, the two previous occasions being in 1904 and 1905.

We have had a welcome visit from Powers this term, and it is satisfactory to note that his visit to America has not impaired his keenness for Westminster. We hope the claims of school-mastering will leave him time to pay us many another visit.

Of Rawlings we are expecting to hear much as the cricket season begins, though we must condole with him on his unfortunate accident in the Freshers' Match. But otherwise we can boast no conspicuous athletic light. For next week the Triposes begin to claim their victims and to yield their triumphs; among the latter we expect to see the proper number of O.W.W.

G. T. Boag is presiding over the debates of the Magpie and Stump this term—an office which is no sinecure, as all who know the Society will agree.

Finally, Sir, I hope you will forgive me if, in spite of your own prejudice in favour of the other place, I use your columns to urge Westminster to send many and of her best up to

Cambridge next term. We shall badly need some to fill the numerous gaps which will be left among us.

And so, with all wishes for a term successful in every way,

Believe me, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

May 5, 1907.

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

EDWARD JACOB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—While looking through some back numbers of *The Elizabethan* I recently came across an article headed 'Guile' (December 1904, Vol. XI., No. 9), which deals somewhat hardly with the memory of an Old Westminster, Edward Jacob. As he was a man who did credit to Westminster in his day, and would probably have done much more but for his early death, it may be well to put on record in *The Elizabethan* something about him, which is perhaps better authenticated than the story of how he stole a march upon Whewell in the race for the Senior Wranglership.

Should this meet the eye of the writer of 'Guile' he will perhaps be able to give his authority for stating that Jacob was born in 1794 in Newgate Street. In Dr. Venn's 'Biographical History of Gonville and Caius College' Jacob is said to have been aged sixteen at the date of his admission as pensioner on October 19, 1812, and to have been born at his father's house in Fenchurch Street. And this account of his age is corroborated by the admission book at Lincoln's Inn, which states that he was aged twenty when admitted there on May 7, 1816. The date of his birth is left blank in Barker and Stenning's Register, but the year must have been 1796.

Jacob was called to the Bar in 1819, and almost immediately commenced work as a reporter, publishing first in conjunction with John Walker and afterwards by himself the Chancery Reports which are known by his name. But he soon had to abandon reporting for more lucrative business, as his rise at the Bar seems to have been very rapid. He was appointed K.C. in 1834, and in those days a silk gown was a far greater distinction than it is now. He then entered upon an enormous practice as a leader in the Chancery Courts and the House of Lords, and apparently killed himself by overwork. His health seems to have broken down finally about the Long Vacation of 1841; the last case in which I have been able to trace his appearance as counsel is *Lombe v. Stoughton* (reported in the twelfth volume of Simons' Reports) which was heard by Vice-Chancellor Shadwell on July 30 and 31 of that year. The Bill providing for the appointment of two additional Vice-Chancellors was passing through Parliament, and Dr. Venn states as a fact that Jacob, just before his health failed, had received an assurance from the Lord Chancellor that one of the new judgeships would be his. But the breakdown was too complete, and Knight-Bruce and Wigram were raised to the Bench at the end of October, while Jacob had to go south and died at Malta in December, as stated by the writer of 'Guile.'

That Jacob was not one of those whom success in life deprives of all interest in their school is proved by the fact that he acted as one of the stewards at the Westminster Anniversary Dinner in 1839. Had his health lasted, he would have been the only Westminster Judge who presided in a Court of Equity during the whole of the nineteenth century, or indeed since Lord Northington resigned the Great Seal in 1766. It is somewhat remarkable that although from the last-mentioned date up to the present day there has been an almost unbroken succession of Westminster Judges on the Common Law side, there has not been one O.W. Judge in Chancery; nor during the same period have I been able to trace the existence of any Westminster among the acknowledged leaders of the Chancery Bar, with the solitary exception of Jacob. Under the circumstances, it is matter for regret that the only memorial of Jacob at Westminster should be the article to which reference has already been made.

There does appear to have been some tradition at Cambridge that Whewell lost the Senior Wranglership because he underestimated Jacob's industry; but Whewell himself is said to have attributed his defeat to the fact that he could not write fast enough in the examinations.

It is only fair to state that the article referred to was obviously not written as a serious contribution to Westminster biography. For instance, Jacob's career at the Bar is disposed of in the words, 'he made good friends with old father antic the Law,' which may mean anything or nothing. There is more exception to be taken to the statement, 'not all men spoke well of him,' which seems to imply that his character was considered shady, though probably it is to be read in connection with the story about Whewell. Fortunately for Jacob's memory we have more than one contemporary account which shows the estimation in which he was held. Thus a writer in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for March, 1842, after describing him as 'a man of singularly acute mind, with great power of reasoning, besides possessing large stores of information upon most subjects,' adds: 'He was remarkable for a most kind and affectionate disposition; and his urbane manner, particularly to his juniors, secured for him the esteem and respect of all who came in contact with him. Previous to his unfortunate illness which terminated in his death, his practice at the Bar was daily increasing; and it is certain that it was fully intended to have appointed him one of the new Vice-Chancellors under the recent Act of Parliament.'

Another notice of him occurs in the *Law Magazine* for February, 1842, at page 104, which is too long to quote in full, but from which a few extracts may be given: 'He was a man who had accumulated a vast extent of knowledge, and he had the power of recalling at a moment's notice any portion of his learning which happened to be required for immediate use. . . . By his amenity of disposition, his uniform good humour, his careful abstinence from irritating and angry remarks, his readiness to impart assistance and advice, and his universal courtesy to all with whom he came in contact, he established amongst the profession such feelings of respect and friendship as created universal regret on his retirement, and the deepest sorrow at his melancholy end. He was the person whose early promotion to the Bench in one of the Courts of Equity had been desired not merely by counsel practising in the Court, but also by the leading conveyancers. . . . It has pleased Providence to close his career at the moment when he was approaching the threshold of that office for which he had exhibited peculiar fitness. Lawyers will mourn over one whom they would have addressed with confidence and respect; and the country has reasons to lament a man of vast attainment and strict integrity, who would have rendered great public services in a responsible and exalted station.'

A few lines are devoted to Jacob in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' at the end of the article on his father, William Jacob the Economist. This article is taken almost *verbatim* from the *Gentleman's Magazine* for May, 1852, where it is said that Edward Jacob 'during the latter years of his life had been in the receipt of a large professional income, without having the time to spend or even to invest it to advantage. The very considerable amount which he had accumulated at his bankers came on his death to his father.'

Edward Jacob appears to have been the only Senior Wrangler whom we have had at Westminster; and after recent events at Cambridge we cannot have another. To have been Senior Wrangler and first Smith's prizeman at twenty, to have taken silk with success at thirty-eight, and to have had the promise of a judgeship at forty-five is not a bad record. Perhaps some day a corner may be found for his arms Up School. He seems at least as worthy of that honour as some of those who have already attained it.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. PECK.

Lincoln's Inn : April, 1907.

[The article headed 'Guile' was not of course intended to be taken entirely seriously. Nevertheless, it was open to mis-

construction, and Westminster will feel deeply indebted to you for your very clear and interesting account of Edward Jacob's true career, which forms a fitting supplement to the long list of Westminster Worthies which has already appeared in these pages.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN.']

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

3 Little Dean's Yard,
Westminster, S.W.

SIR,—I feel that an explanation is owed to your readers to account for certain statements which appeared in the *Sportsman* for April 8. That paper, in dealing with the School Sports, declared that the rain not only spoilt the results, but entirely upset the organization of the day's events. 'Even the school-boy stewards,' we were told, 'seemed never to know what was to be the next race on the card; the times and winners' numbers were in no case published; and our reporter, finding it quite impossible to obtain accurate information on the spot, has had to be content,' &c. The actual facts were as follows: No heats being run in one or two of the minor races, and in two of the open events, the Hurdles and the Hundred, a semi-final being required as well as a final, some alteration had to be made in the card. As such a contingency was naturally unexpected, this had to be done in a hurry, on a brief consultation between the judges and the senior stewards. It is possible that some of the latter were not present at the time, and only heard of the change indirectly later on. In regard to the second point, *all* the times and *all* the winning numbers were put up on the scoring board by one or other of the stewards. With one race following close on another (especially in the case of heats) it was, of course, impossible to leave them up long, even if the rain had not wiped out the figures, as it very quickly did; but special care was taken this year that they should all be published. The reporter's other difficulties seem to have arisen thus. I had filled in or corrected his card after Friday's proceedings were over, and on the Saturday he came to me about half-way through the afternoon and wished me to help him again. I told him to come to me later, but though I was waiting Up Fields for at least a quarter of an hour after the prizes had been distributed he never appeared. I leave it to your readers to judge whose fault it was if the *Sportsman's* card was wrong.

I venture to express the opinion that on the whole the arrangements Up Fields were good, and if the rain interfered with them at all it was not to the extent which the *Sportsman* would have us believe.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. P. WATERFIELD,
Hon. Sec. Athletic Committee.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Following the example of your correspondent 'X-Spectator,' I beg to propose some alterations in the present arrangements for the Sports, which I trust will meet with approval. First—both in importance and in seniority, for it is a proposal made for the first time many years ago—may we not at length have socks worn by runners instead of stockings? If the latter are worn on the way Up Fields, and the former only during the actual race, surely the plea for the 'demands of propriety in London' falls to the ground. Those in a position to speak have shown us how impossible it is to run well in stockings drenched and heavy with rain. Are the effects of wet weather so pleasant that we can wish to add to them; and are our times at Westminster so good that we can afford to see them spoilt?

Secondly, may we have two new sets of hurdles, stronger and heavier—one for Seniors and one for Juniors? An attempt

was made this year to prevent the absurd arrangement which allowed a runner in a so-called hurdle race to knock over as many top bars as he liked without any penalty (for the bars come off so easily that there is no appreciable loss of time). Unforeseen circumstances caused that attempt to miscarry; but in order to make it successful it would be necessary, so I understand, either to disqualify any competitor who should knock over two bars, or, which would be far better, to get other hurdles, a separate set for Senior and Junior races, with the top bar fixed, and firm enough to be active, not passive resisters of any attempt to jump through the middle of them. Those at present in use might be set apart for practice before the Sports, when old hurdles which may be broken with more or less of impunity are sadly needed.

My third request deals with the arrangements for spectators. There is no doubt that matters were managed very much better than usual this year, when the courses both for the Hurdles and the Hundred Yards were saved from the feet of strangers, which used of old to trample them out of shape. But surely both stewards and spectators would be relieved of much trouble and annoyance if another rope were stretched parallel to the course from the corner of the pavilion enclosure some forty yards in the direction of Elson's. This would effectually prevent any dangerous influx over forbidden ground.

Lastly, Sir, I submit with some hesitation a plan for reforming the Mile Race. About thirty fellows usually start at present, several of whom are content with trotting a quarter at a mile pace, most drop out after the second lap, a few more after the third, and only some half-dozen have ever had any serious intention of finishing. This mixture of slackness and energy has two bad results. First, the size of the field often impedes the really good runner; I refer especially to the year 1897, when W. F. Corfield's time was quite spoilt in this way. Second and more important, the majority not only do not intend to help themselves, but they have no idea of helping anyone else, e.g. by setting the pace for another fellow in their own House. As a general rule, a good miler will lie nearly last for the first three laps, and sprint sooner or later in the fourth. Follow that rule at Westminster, as intending winners usually do, and what is the result? Lying last for three laps means going the pace of the majority for three laps, namely and to wit, four minutes and a quarter. *Hinc illa tempora.* Or try setting the pace yourself, as no one else will do it for you, and again what is the result? Finding yourself quite alone, and not knowing in the least where your rivals are, you will almost invariably make the mistake made by the leader this year, of miscalculating your wind and sprinting too soon. Now, Sir, would it not be possible to limit entries for the mile to four from each House? This step, I think, would have several advantages. By starting a small House competition (each House might hold a trial to select its representatives) it would improve the School competition. It would abolish the risk of too much crowding. Each House would have its own sprinter to set the pace, and the rest, being picked men, would move along fast enough to allow the winner a chance of finishing in good time. We have several fellows in the School—this year's holder, for example—who can finish with a strong sprint. What we need is a good average speed for the first three laps, and I think my suggestion offers at least one, if not the best, way of securing that result.

With apologies for the length of this letter,

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Z. V. X.

GAMES AT WESTMINSTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—To the suggestions for future Football Seasons made in your last number by 'X-Spectator,' I should like to add one more—that in Big Games the custom of one side wearing colours and the other white throughout should be regularly

enforced. It was introduced (or revived?) last year, but no attempt, or at least no successful attempt, was made to carry it out in strict practice. To those who, like myself, are cursed with weak eyesight, the help such a distinction offers is enormous, and I think even players whose vision is unimpaired must find it an assistance towards accurate passing.

And may I further echo your correspondent's hopes by asking that the supervision of 'Pinks,' which he demands for football games, should be extended to cricket house-nets? In No. 21 of your Xth Volume appeared a letter signed A. H. H. C., containing an urgent appeal for a better system of coaching at these nets—an appeal which is as well adapted to the year 1907 as it was to the year 1903. I understand that the authorities hope to improve the standard of play this year by the introduction of a new scheme in the games. While heartily applauding their zeal, I believe that far higher and quicker results would be obtained by a closer attention to the lower nets, which are at present often entirely neglected. Without wishing to intrude my own personality, I may mention that I have been at the nets regularly for three years, and *not one word of advice* have I yet received from pro., 'Pink,' or master. And my case is by no means peculiar.

Finally, Sir, I venture to ask for an editorial assurance that these letters have at least reached the eyes of the proper authorities, and not been cast unread into the letter-basket like so many of your correspondents' humble proposals.

Yours faithfully,

EXPECTATOR.

[The Captains of Cricket and Football have read both letters, and heartily approve of most of their suggestions.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN.']

NEW COLOURS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I understand that the Games Committee has been considering a proposal to allow last year's 'Pinks,' who have not regained their colours, to bear some mark of distinction other than that of a 'Pink and White.' The shag is naturally the chief article under dispute, since there is no existing medium between a 3rd XI. and a pink shag. Numerous suggestions have been proffered, such as the creation of a 2nd XI. shag—white with a pink border—and the wearing of pink shags, with the date of the season in which they were gained worked on the pocket. Both these ideas, I believe, have been carefully weighed by the Games Committee, and have been found wanting. May I be allowed to make a suggestion which would, at the same time, banish another existing grievance? It has always seemed to me to be rather absurd—to say the least of it—that the Old Westminster colours should be the same as the 2nd XI. I am fully aware that there is a slight difference in the breadth of the colours of the sash and the arrangement of the colours of the hatband; but this difference, I suppose, is not sufficiently important to be observed, as I have frequently noticed Old Westminsters, who had no pretensions, to football or cricket when at school, turning out in 2nd XI. colours *en masse*. Surely there is need of some reform here.

It is my proposal, Sir, to add black to the existing O.W. colours (largely owing to the popularity of the 3rd XI. shag, black has become a well-known and important school colour, and I think it would tone in well with pink and white), and to allow 'Pink and Whites' to wear the present O.W. shag and old 'Pinks' to have the School crest on the pocket—a distinction which, I think, would be considered sufficient. This remedy should satisfy all parties involved—'Pink and Whites' have long been clamouring for a shag of their own, and I should think O.W.W. would gladly welcome distinct colours of their own, since I am confident that it is not the wish of any one to pretend to colours which he is not entitled to wear.

Objections will of course be made as to the sacrilege,

expense, and other difficulties entailed in altering the colours of so ancient and famous a club, but I think the impartial critic will come to the conclusion that the alteration is highly necessary and the general proposal by no means unreasonable.

May 6, 1907.

Yours truly,
ROMANES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I feel quite jealous when I see my brothers adorned with large pink crests, marked Aldershot, in the cricket as well as the football terms, while my wearer, who is a footer 'Pink,' is not allowed to adorn me at all. Are gymnastics considered so much more important than footer? May I not even have a small pink crest on my pocket? I should so much appreciate just a tiny little one, as I feel quite out in the cold.

I remain, yours,
Perishing from present plainness,
And expecting speedy splendour,
A BLUE SHAG.

THE SWIMMING COMPETITION.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Might I suggest that there should be a short open swimming race as well as the present five lengths Senior and four lengths' Junior events? Very little interest is taken in the competition now, probably because at a public baths it is neither pleasant nor easy to train regularly for such a distance. The introduction of a new race would not affect the few fellows who are really keen on long distance swimming, and would almost certainly be an inducement to the far larger number who can swim a short fifty yards well enough, but will not take the trouble to race for four times that length.

Surely, too, there ought to be a real diving competition as well as one merely for plate-diving. Plate-diving tests little more than a boy's power of holding his breath under water, a power which may be very useful to possess, but certainly should not be cultivated to the exclusion of artistic diving, which is at present hardly practised at Westminster at all.

Yours truly,
WATER.

FRENCH v. GERMAN.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

3 Little Dean's Yard,
Westminster:

May 7, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—May I call attention to the absurd system at Westminster of dropping French after passing the Higher Certificate? The very small amount of German learnt in the two years which the average fellow has in the Seventh Form is absolutely useless for examination purposes. For most of the Civil Service examinations five subjects are necessary, and therefore a fellow in the Seventh has to take Latin and Greek, English, of which he may or may not have a fair knowledge, and two other subjects of which he is practically totally ignorant. It seems to be a general practice among the authorities at Westminster, when the subject of examinations is broached, to say that one should look at these matters from a less material level, and this is of course very largely true. But nevertheless such a level does not help one to pass examinations any the more.

The German learnt in the Seventh Form is supposed to be merely for the purpose of studying German notes to the Classics. But surely the most important German scholars have written in Latin, or else their works have been translated.

It really seems absurd that, when a fellow has a fair knowledge of French, he should have to give that language up entirely in favour of the very smallest and most useless smattering of German.

Hoping that this letter will meet the eye of the authorities on the subject,

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
ANTIGERMANUS.

SCHOOL OR UP SCHOOL?

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—While looking over old *Elizabethans* the other day I came upon a letter from Mr. W. H. C. Cowell asking whether the use of 'Up School' as a noun as well as a prepositional phrase had become crystallised by that time, and whether modern Westminster spoke of 'Up Grant's,' 'Up Rigaud's,' instead of 'Grant's' and 'Rigaud's' in the exact way. This letter, which appeared about six years ago, was followed by an editorial note explaining that 'Up School' and 'Up Fields' were authorised by custom in place of 'School' and 'Fields,' but that 'Grant's,' 'Rigaud's,' &c., were not regularly combined with the preposition 'up' except in phrases like 'going up' or 'being up' such a place. But I surely remember reading in a later number of *The Elizabethan* sentences like 'Fields were in bad condition,' 'School was packed with visitors'—I invent examples, as I cannot now find the exact context in your pages—which seem to contradict the former part of this assertion. I should be much obliged if you could tell me whether I am right in my recollections, or whether this, to me, most objectionable innovation has really become fixed in the vocabulary of the School?

Believe me, Sir,
Yours very truly,
X.

[With all due deference to our predecessor, we cannot possibly agree with his dictum. It is true that the smaller and more ignorant members of the School do, unfortunately, speak of 'Up School,' 'Up Fields' in the sense you mention, and we have even heard or read such monstrosities as 'Up School is a fine building,' 'The door of Up School,' or, worst of all, 'Down Up Fields'! But we absolutely refuse to admit such phrases as the recognised modern usage, just as we should refuse to admit a split infinitive or a 'very pleased' as sound modern English. One might as well talk of 'at home is a pleasant place,' 'going down upstairs,' 'coming out of in Abbey.' It is a great pity that the interesting use of the preposition 'up' at Westminster should be corrupted into these barbarities. We should like also to object to the spelling of 'Up School,' 'Up Fields' (in their proper sense) with a hyphen and inverted commas, a practice for which, as far as we know, there is neither authority nor need; indeed, we are most grateful to you for giving us an opportunity to record our opinions on this subject.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN.']

GREEZE OR GREAZE?

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I see that in your account of Shrove Tuesday's ceremonies in 1906 and 1907 you speak of the pancake *greaze*, whereas in former years, if I remember right, it was usually spelt *greaze*. Perhaps you would be kind enough to inform me whether the correct spelling has yet been established, and also whether the true derivation of the word is known?

Yours truly,
CURIOSITATUM EXPLORATOR.

[We must answer both your questions in the negative, but usage, we believe, has preferred the spelling 'greaze.' The following is quoted from Forshall's Glossary: 'The word

is usually spelt "greeze," but in the "Lusus A.W." is spelt with an "a." Much ingenuity has been exercised on the derivation of this word. It is most probably either a corruption of "squeeze" or else from "grease," the idea being that great pressure is likely to produce a soft, fatty substance.' We have also seen the word written 'grease,' and believe we have come across 'grieze,' though this last could hardly be anything but a misprint. If there is anything in Forshall's ideas, we might suggest that the term was originally a compound formed from the head of the one and the tail of the other, just as the College word 'Spasmatic' is a curious jumble of 'Sporting and Dramatic,' and means the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*. We quote, however, an extract from *The Elizabethan*, Vol. II. No. 16, July 1879: 'In Webster's dictionary the word is given with the meaning "step," or "staircase," remarking, however, that the word is obsolete. Old Bishop Latimer is quoted thus: "The Top of the ladder or first greeze is this," &c.' This from an O.W. correspondent, with the following editorial note attached: 'It has been suggested to us from another quarter that possibly the word "greeze," as used at Westminster, is not a genuine Westminster word at all.' Perhaps another correspondent will help us to elucidate the problem, but we fear the origin of the word is wrapt in impenetrable mystery.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN.']

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

C. OLDMEAT.—We advise you to read the Notices at the end of *The Elizabethan*.

ERRATA.

IN Vol. XII., No. 2, p. 13, five lines from the bottom, for 'even' read 'ever.'

In Vol. XII., No. 3, p. 27, l. 21, for 'Lost, 3-1' read 'Lost, 2-1'; p. 25, l. 26, for 'of the School' read 'of School'; p. 28, three lines from bottom, for 'Gehrs' read 'Gjers.'

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