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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

THREE victories and fifteen defeats! Twenty-nine goals for, sixty-eight against! Such is the melancholy result of Westminster's efforts at football this last year. And yet the result is not unnatural or unexpected. Now and then every school must have a bad year, when all the old colours have left and only the rude raw material remains. We doubt, however, whether Westminster ever lost so much football talent as went last Election. Of the old team only Stevens and Willett remained, and as events turned out we faced Charterhouse with an Eleven every one of whom was a stranger to the match. Pinks, Pink-and-Whites, and Third Elevens had gone their ways—several before their time—and here we cannot too deeply deplore a practice which seems to have sprung up of late of boys leaving at the age of sixteen or thereabouts, just when they are

beginning to show promise. Not a few sterling players have been lost in this way, and it seems a great pity that Westminster should have to turn out so many 'unfinished articles.'

Few of the matches call for any comment. There were two which we could not expect to win—those against R. N. R. Blaker's XI and the Old Carthusians, both very hot teams. There were a few in which defeat was excusable—those against Casuals, Christ Church, Old Westminsters and Charterhouse. But the vast majority of defeats were inexcusable—those sustained against Clapham Rovers, Emeriti, Old Harrovians, New College, L. A. M. Fevez' XI, Old Felstedians, Eton. Of the three wins, two were over poor teams of Old Westminsters and Old Brightonians, one over a strong and representative Old Etonian side—the best performance of the season. A curious circumstance was the absence of draws.

Collectively the team was listless, spiritless, slow. There was no cohesion, none of the

machine-like regularity always noticeable in the Charterhouse team, and which is, or ought to be, the mark of every school team. The two most pronounced faults were (1) the entire absence of any grit, determination, 'devil'—call it what you like; (2) the continual passing in the air.

Individually.—GOAL.—BAKER was the final choice. ROBERTS and KNIGHT were also tried. Roberts was soon shifted elsewhere. Between Knight and Baker there was not much to choose. Both were fair with the hands, Baker weak, Knight extremely weak with the feet. Both, owing to slowness of movement, were unable to deal with the simplest low shots.

FULL-BACK.—Stevens, Willett, Page, Roberts and Powers all figured here. STEVENS had unfortunately to retire definitely from the game after Christmas, and we take this opportunity of condoling with him on his persistent bad luck. His loss meant a great deal to the team. POWERS gave promise, but was certainly not up to 'Pink' form, and soon took to playing forward. ROBERTS began badly and ended well. He has the unique distinction of having played for the School in every conceivable position. At Godalming he played a strong, determined game, and though always slow at turning was in other respects quite good at the end of the season. PAGE was selected to partner Roberts against Charterhouse, but was taken ill on the day before the match and could not turn out. His presence would probably have made the difference of a couple of goals, for he was playing his best at the time. Afterwards he distinctly fell off. WILLETT was the resourceful man of the team, equally prepared to play at back or half, though rather better at half. It was unlucky that he was compelled to play back at the last moment against Charterhouse, for he was the only half who had any idea of passing to his forwards, and without him to feed them they had but a poor time. We expect great things of him next year.

The HALF-BACK line was, with the exception of Willett, decidedly bad. Lock, Lewis, Ashley, Castle-Smith, Parker, Lowe and Colt-Williams were tried. LOCK and LEWIS were head and shoulders above the other five, but both left at Christmas. ASHLEY was keen and a persistent tackler (he was very attentive to Tuff in the Charterhouse Match), but he had no idea of feeding his forwards, and had not grasped the fundamental rule of passing wherever possible along the ground. He is young and just the

sort of player to whom another year will make all the difference. CASTLE-SMITH did not come on as much as was expected, but was unlucky in getting ill a few weeks before Charterhouse. He was perhaps better at back than at half. PARKER was very useful in a rough-and-tumble game like a House Match, but was ignorant of all the finer tactics, and inclined to kick vaguely in the air. His presence, however, was undoubtedly missed against Charterhouse. To COLT-WILLIAMS and LOWE nothing but praise can be given for the plucky show they made at Godalming. Though called upon at the last moment and making their first appearance for the School, they neither of them showed any signs of nervousness, and though of course of little use to their own forwards gave the opposing outsiders any amount of trouble. Both have pace and resolution, and should be heard of next year.

The FORWARDS gave perhaps the greatest trouble. Eleven in all were tried. At outside left BATTLE was played for the greater part of Play Term. Sometimes pretty, seldom effective, never dashing, he gave place first of all to ROBERTS. The latter was obviously out of place. VERNON played in a few matches and showed fair promise, but he is by nature an outside right. NAPIER was finally chosen, and thoroughly justified his choice. Improving rapidly, he was the best of the forwards by the end of the season. With a little more weight and by dint of hard practice he should be quite good next year. COLEBY played inside left throughout the season, and has therefore no excuse to offer for his lamentable displays against both Charterhouse and Eton. In both matches he was the worst man on the field. He is undoubtedly tricky against players of his own size—a fact of which, by the way, he is by no means unconscious—but as soon as the game becomes a trifle vigorous he might just as well be off the field altogether. Certainly we would have done much better against Eton with WHITMORE in his place. HARRISON, like Coleby, never rose to the occasion. Lazy and lethargic, he did little to keep his forwards together, and though possessed of size and weight made no use of either. Of course he was badly backed up by his insides, but that is no excuse for giving in as he did both against Charterhouse and Eton. There is no reason, however, why he should not become good if only kept up to the mark. His principal

weakness is shooting when on the run. He is also inclined to wander too much. For inside right Whitmore, Woodbridge, Powers, Kitson, and Scott were tried. WHITMORE was showy but not effective. WOODBRIDGE was not good at the beginning of the season, being inclined to part with the ball too soon. He was well worth a place in the team towards the end, playing as he did with much greater dash and keenness. POWERS at one time showed great promise, but failed to pass a certain point, and latterly deteriorated. There was this to be said for him, that he honestly did his best. We should recommend him, all things considered, to play full-back again next year. KITSON was another honest hard-working forward. His energetic display against Eton was particularly praiseworthy. SCOTT was tried once, but was a failure—he will never make a player so long as he travels along the ground at an old woman's pace. BENEY was a nice shot and fairly fast, but was inclined, like Woodbridge, to part with the ball too soon. He never improved beyond a certain point.

Grant's won the Shield—the first time for many years. It was generally expected that Rigaud's would prove the winners, especially after their somewhat easy win over H.B.B. Grant's, however, had got well together after two days' practice against Ashburnham. The latter, with a team vastly inferior to that which won the Shield last year, made an uncommonly plucky fight. T.B.B. just managed to beat K.S.S.

It has indeed been a year of endurance, and we now turn with somewhat eager hopes to the future. The greater part of the Eleven are staying on, and there is plenty of rising talent. Out of several promising players the most prominent seem to be Dickson, Blane, and Lonsdale of Grant's; Graham of H.B.B.; Craig of Rigaud's; and Edmunds of Ashburnham.

Of suggestions there is only one to make, and that is that Pinks, and such masters as play, should occasionally (say once a week) go down to the lower games including Green, in order to instil some method into the play of the younger boys, and notice and encourage individual merit.

It only remains to wish Willett every success, and to remind those who are leaving and not going to the 'Varsity that they can get plenty of matches next year by joining the O.W.F.C.

THE MISSION.

WE reprint the following extract from the *St. Mary's, Vincent Square, Parish Magazine* :—

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION CLUB.

Our readers will be glad to learn we are in a very happy condition. We number just forty, and all feel quite at home in the three rooms, one of which is very large, and is used for concerts, &c. A few pictures and curtains would improve the appearance of the rooms, but we are willing to wait for these luxuries. A very interesting draught tournament is in course of progress, and about twenty members have entered for it. A short time ago three of our members had a friendly game of draughts with three members of St. Andrew's Club, Great Peter Street, and to our delight and surprise our representatives were victorious—H. Hill, T. Sharpe, and W. Christie had on their return a great reception.

Mr. Clare reports most favourably on his Gymnastic Class, and is looking forward to better apparatus. Mr. Clare's lieutenant (A. Lawless) is of much assistance.

On February 16 (Saturday evening) we had a capital concert, given by members of St. Andrew's Home and Club, under the direction of Messrs. R. C. Heron Maxwell and G. Devine. We had a large and appreciative audience, and loud was the laughter at the 'comics.' We are deeply indebted to the members of St. Andrew's Club for this friendly act, and hope soon to show our gratitude by giving them a concert. We have just been affiliated to the Federation of London Working Boys' Clubs.

We append the programme of the concert :—

Glee, 'Sweet and Low,' St. Andrew's Glee Society; song, 'When the Boys come Marching Home,' A. Cowing; song, 'Sunshine Above,' J. Alcock; violin solo, 'Le Rève,' E. Brazier; comic song, 'Swanee River,' A. Powell; recitation, 'Jim Bludso,' F. Jeffries; song, 'Marguerite,' G. Devine; recitation from 'Henry V.,' E. Weller; glee, 'Playing on de Ole Banjo,' St. Andrew's Glee Society; song, 'Reefer,' R. Bradford; song, 'Ho! Jolly Jenkins,' G. Appleby; song, 'The Lads in Navy Blue,' C. Braithwaite; violin solo, 'Melody,' E. Brazier; patriotic song, 'Under the Flag,' A. Cowing; sketch from 'Julius Caesar,' G. Devine (Brutus), A. Cowing (Cassius); song, 'A Soldier's Song,' G. Appleby; recitation, 'A Soldier's Story,' A. C. Wells; comic song, 'Star of the Evening,' A. Powell and chorus; song, 'Doughty Deeds,' R. Bradford; song, 'Somebody's Pride,' G. Devine; recitation, 'The Betrothed,' C. Braithwaite; song, 'My Coal Black Lady,' A. C. Wells; glee, 'Good Night,' St. Andrew's Glee Society; God Save the King.

An entertainment is also to be given on May 7 (Tuesday) at St. Mary's Schools, Hide Place, Vincent Square, by members of the Club, Gymnasium and Church Lads' Brigade.

School Notes.

WE congratulate Mr. W. F. Fox on his election to the Vinerian Law Scholarship at Oxford. We believe that the only Westminster previously elected to it were the Hon. Philip Henry Abbot in 1821, and Mr. Walter G. F. (now Mr. Justice) Phillimore in 1868.

Our hearty congratulations are also due to A. S. Gaye, who, since our last issue, has been awarded the Powis Medal at Cambridge, placed *proxime accessit* for the Porson Prize, and elected to a Major Scholarship at Cambridge.

T. M. Mavrogordato has been awarded the Ireland Prize for Greek Verse.

A Confirmation Service was held by the Bishop of Hereford in the Henry VII. Chapel on Saturday, March 23. There were forty-six candidates from the School.

Though the Sports will probably be over by the time this issue is distributed, yet we must needs defer our account of them to next number. The prospects do not seem very brilliant.

It is curious to note that R. Truslove tied with B. H. Willett for the High Jump in the Pembroke College, Cambridge, *v.* Christ Church, Oxford, sports, with a jump of 5 feet 1½ inches, a result which is almost identical with that of the Westminster Sports in 1898.

School Fives ties, Inter-House Fives ties and School Racket ties are all in progress.

We congratulate H. W. Beveridge on playing for the O.U.G.C. *v.* C.U.G.C. He seems to have been thoroughly on his game at the time as, though his opponent was the Cambridge captain, he finished 4 up on the first round and 9 up on the second.

The Football XIs have been made up as follows; we congratulate those who have thereby received new colours.

<i>Pinks</i>	<i>Pinks and Whites</i>	<i>Third XIs</i>
*E. C. Stevens	C. Powers	M. S. Oldham
A. T. Willett	*M. Castle-Smith	R. P. Mears
*H. A. Roberts	*W. Parker	R. B. J. Scott
F. N. Ashley	S. P. Lowe	G. L. Crowe
*C. M. Page	E. W. D. Colt-Williams	F. W. Hubback
P. H. Napier	*R. D. Kitson	G. H. Edmunds
*F. D. Baker	L. A. Woodbridge	J. P. Blane
*A. Beney	C. B. H. Knight	R. Fraser
A. T. Coleby	*D. H. Whitmore	S. A. Dickson
F. I. Harrison	J. Vernon	J. M. Craig
	*P. M. Battle	G. Cooper Willis
	*G. W. Schwann	

Those marked with an asterisk will probably have left by the beginning of next season.

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

		1900.
Sat.	Sept. 29 .	Clapham Rovers. (Lost 2—3.)
„	Oct. 6 .	R. N. R. Blaker's XI. (Lost 2—9.)
Wed.	„ 10 .	Old Carthusians. (Lost 0—7.)
Sat.	„ 13 .	Emeriti. (Lost 0—4.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Won 5—4.)
„	Oct. 20 .	Casuals. (Lost 0—1.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	London Hospital 2nd XI. (Won 5—2.)
„	Oct. 27 .	St. John's College, Oxford. (Scratched.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	A. B. Challis's XI. (Lost 2—3.)
„	Nov. 3 .	Old Foresters. (Scratched.)
Wed.	„ 7 .	R. M. A., Woolwich. (Lost 4—6.)
Sat.	„ 10 .	Christ Church, Oxford. (Lost 0—4.)
„	„ 17 .	New College, Oxford. (Lost 0—3.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Lost 1—6.) ^c
„	Nov. 24 .	Old Harrovians. (Lost 1—3.)
„	Dec. 1 .	Old Westminsters. (Won 1—0.)
„	„ 8 .	Old Felstedians. (Lost 0—5.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	Technical College 2nd XI. (Scratched.)

		1901.
Sat.	Jan. 19 .	Clapham Rovers. (Lost 1—2.)
„	„ 26 .	Old Wykehamists. (Scratched.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
„	Feb. 2 .	Selwyn College, Camb. (Scratched.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	O. W. W. 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
„	Feb. 9 .	University College, Oxford. (Scratched.)
Wed.	„ 13 .	Old Etonians. (Won 2—1.)
Sat.	„ 16 .	Old Westminsters. (Lost 4—6.)
„	2nd XI. <i>v.</i>	Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Lost 4—6.)
„	Feb. 23 .	Charterhouse (at Godalming). (Lost 0—6.)
„	Mar. 2 .	Old Brightonians. (Won 3—2.)
Wed.	„ 6 .	L. A. M. Fevez's XI. (Lost 2—3.)
Sat.	„ 9 .	An Eton XI. (Lost 0—3.)
„	„ 16 .	Casuals. (Scratched.)
Wed.	„ 20 .	T. B. B. <i>v.</i> K. S. S. (T. B. B. won 2—1.)

FIRST XI.

Won, 3; lost, 15; drawn, 0.

SECOND XI.

Won, 2; lost, 3; drawn, 0.

The following is the Card of the Debating Society filled in to date:—

January 25 and 31.—‘That this House approves of professionalism in sports.’ Proposer, T. Mavrogordato; Seconder, C. Powers; Opposer, H. A. Roberts. (Lost, 10—12.)

February 7 and 14.—‘That Oliver Cromwell was largely instrumental in laying the foundation of the British Empire.’ Proposer, C. M. Page; Seconder, P. M. Battle; Opposer, W. T. Kennedy. (Carried, 11—9.)

February 14, 21, and 28.—‘That in the present state of affairs, the decline of Great Britain among the civilised nations seems likely to occur during the twentieth century.’ Proposer, C. W. Adams; Seconder, A. Beney; Opposer, G. N. Ford. (Lost, 7—15.)

February 28 and March 7.—‘That the Army is greatly and urgently in need of reform.’ Proposer, J. A. C. Highmore; Seconder, E. O. Bartlett; Opposer, A. Beney. (Carried, 10—4.)

March 14.—‘That an alliance with Russia would be a highly diplomatic proceeding for Great Britain in the present circumstances.’ Proposer, F. H. Nichols; Seconder, C. W. Adams; Opposer, C. B. H. Knight. (Lost, 4—6.)

March 21.—‘That the quantity of modern literature is detrimental to its quality.’ Proposer, J. B. Whitmore; Seconder, M. Castle-Smith; Opposer, W. A. Greene. (Lost 5—8.)

March 28.—'That a classical education is preferable to a modern one in the case of the average Englishman.' Proposer, G. K. A. Bell; Seconder, W. T. S. Sonnenschein; Opposer, P. T. Browning. (Carried 11-8.)

April 2.—'That the attainments of the School and of O.W.W. during the past civil year have been entirely satisfactory.' Proposer, E. C. Stevens; Seconder, F. W. Hubback; Opposer, T. M. Mavrogordato.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

PLAYING from the Chapel end of the big ground, Harrison kicked off for Westminster at 3 P.M., fifteen minutes after the advertised time. Napier almost immediately got possession and ran down, but was well stopped by Kellock. A pass from Harrison enabled Beney to resume the attack on the other wing, but he kicked out. Securing the ball at the throw-in he again looked dangerous, but was pulled up by Norris, who cleared well. Tuff then with a good run seemed likely to score, but Roberts brought off a very fine kick. Curwen, however, at once returned the ball to Goodliffe. Charterhouse then seemed certain of a goal, but Tuff and Goodliffe muddled, and the ball went behind. Harrison getting possession from the kick-off, some fair combination was displayed by the Westminsters' inside forwards, but Finch cleared, well passing to Curwen, the latter running up the field passing out to Bowring, who, however, failed to score. In a few minutes Tuff took the ball down again and narrowly missed scoring. Willett was forced to concede a corner, but McCall kicked behind. Bence-Pembroke now had another shot, which, however, went over. Baker kicked off well from goal, and Powers looked dangerous but was stopped by Norris, who passed up the field to Tuff. Tuff then showed some very fine dribbling but failed to score. Charterhouse now began to press considerably, and Ashley in attempting to clear was forced to concede a corner. The ball at once returned to the Westminster goal, but Bence-Pembroke shot crooked. Goodliffe now made a determined rush, and some excellent combination between Bowring, Tuff, and Bence-Pembroke ended in a good shot from the latter from an almost impossible position. Baker then cleared, but Goodliffe soon returned to the attack, the ball finally going behind. Tuff secured from the kick-off, and passing well to Bence-Pembroke enabled him to put in a very good shot which Baker sent over the cross-bar in saving.

McCall again kicked the ball behind from the corner. The Westminster forwards now looked rather dangerous, but Norris cleared. Willett in attempting to volley the ball, nearly scored against his own side; luckily Baker managed to save. Bowring now made a most spirited attack, Willett again missing his kick, but Roberts cleared. Powers obtained possession,

and McCall fell in trying to reach the ball. This gave the Westminsters a good opening, but Norris tackled and cleared brilliantly. Some fine play by Kellock now gave Bence-Pembroke an opportunity, and Baker in saving was forced to concede a corner. At this period the ball was transferred to the other end, but Norris, playing very finely, relieved the pressure. Bowring then ran up, but Goodliffe passed to Roberts. Bence-Pembroke and Fisher soon resumed the attack, the latter putting in a shot which Willett saved at the expense of a corner. A good corner kick was seized upon by the Westminster forwards, who attempted to break away, but Finch frustrated them. Tuff made an opening, but ran over the ball, a corner almost immediately resulting. Roberts cleared, but Bence-Pembroke running down, passed to Goodliffe, who completely beat Baker with a hard, low cross shot (1-0). The game had then been in progress thirty minutes.

From the kick-off Tuff broke away, but was splendidly stopped by Ashley. Kellock received the ball and passed well to Goodliffe, who again shot over our goal. Soon after our forwards got together, and owing to some weak play by the Charterhouse left half, came near scoring; but Norris raced away with the ball before Powers realised his opportunity. After some play in mid-field, Tuff shot very hard, and Willett diverted the ball past the corner flag. Curwen, who, like Kellock, seemed a very poor corner-kicker, for once placed the ball well in front of our goal, and Baker in saving gave another corner, which was kicked behind. Shots from Bence-Pembroke, Bowring, and Fisher followed in quick succession, but were not at all dangerous. Then the whistle was blown for half-time, and the teams changed over, after an interesting game, with the score 1-0.

After half-time the game lost much of its interest, as it degenerated from a fairly even encounter to a continuous struggle in our own half, in which the defence behaved splendidly, but the forwards, excepting perhaps Napier and Harrison, did nothing. Our forwards only crossed the half-way line twice, and Pratt had only one shot to deal with during the rest of the half, and that a soft one. The second Charterhouse goal was scored by Tuff, who wound up a most determined rush with a wonderful shot (2-0).

Soon after the kick-off Bence-Pembroke missed a chance of scoring. Coleby then got the ball away, but could do nothing against Norris' great pace. After two runs by Fisher, which were not successful, Tuff secured the third goal with a good low shot.

Baker was now tried very severely, but kept his head well, and dealt with the fastest shots in a most praiseworthy manner. It was about twenty minutes before time when Bence-Pembroke, after many failures to score, put a fine long shot into the corner of the net (4-0).

Our forwards then made a spirited attack, and Harrison had a chance of scoring, but shot wide; not so Bence-Pembroke, who added the fifth goal soon after (5-0).

Baker next had to save a long high shot from Curwen ; his difficulties were lessened by the excellent way in which Roberts kept off the opposing forwards. Five minutes before time Tuff scored the last point from a mêlée near goal ; Baker might have saved had he not collided with one of the backs when running out to save (6—0).

Though it was disappointing to be beaten so decisively, it must be admitted that under the circumstances little better could have been hoped for.

On the day before the match Page and Parker were unexpectedly prevented from playing ; and with Stevens and Castle-Smith unavailable, Willett played back and Lowe and Colt-Williams took the vacant places at half. Besides this crippling of the team, the fact that there were not a dozen Westminster supporters on the ground must be remembered. Of the Charterhouse team Tuff, Curwen, and Norris were the most conspicuous ; the whole team played well together, and their passing was excellent. Both the backs were heavy and very fast ; the goalkeeper had no opportunity of showing his powers. On our side Baker, Roberts, and Ashley were in their best form, and all three were invaluable ; Baker was cool and steady, besides showing great pluck in rushing out of goal. Roberts played a very hard game, which was most useful ; his kicking was sound and strong. Ashley's determination in marking Tuff was most plucky. Willett was not in his best form, owing to illness ; he should learn to use his head before next season. Lowe played very well for a first appearance, and showed plenty of coolness and confidence. The same applies to Colt-Williams, though he did not start well.

Of the forwards Napier played the best game, and was the only one at all up to his style. Coleby seemed to hesitate and muddle the ball more than he should have done. Harrison used his weight well, but seemed unable to get up any combination with the rest. Powers was very slow, and passed back a great deal too much. Beney did not have many openings, but was disappointing when he did get a chance.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. D. Baker (goal) ; A. T. Willett, H. A. Roberts (backs) ; S. P. Lowe, F. N. Ashley, E. W. D. Colt-Williams (half-backs) ; A. Beney, C. Powers, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

CHARTERHOUSE.

A. B. Pratt (goal) ; W. H. M. Finch, O. T. Norris (backs) ; W. J. H. Curwen, C. de M. Kellock, R. F. McCall (half-backs) ; F. A. Bowring, G. V. Goodliffe, B. Tuff (Capt.), R. A. Bence-Pembroke, K. Fisher (forwards).

Referee : Mr. C. P. Wilson.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD BRIGHTONIANS.

In the absence of Stevens, Willett won the toss and decided to defend the Hospital end. The School

dribbled down just after the start, and an easy opening was lost. A fine run down was made by Napier, but bad shooting in the centre threw the chance away. Kitson should have had an easy goal, but was ruled off-side. The Brightonians ran down, and by some misunderstanding, 'hands' was claimed and given against Willett ; the Brightonians were awarded a free kick in front of goal, which Baker managed to clear. Our opponents scored the first goal, and, but for Roberts' sound defence, they would have scored more frequently. Shortly after, Mackintosh shot a goal, but was given off-side ; after some even play, Roberts was forced to concede a corner ; half-time then arrived, the score being (1—0) in favour of the Old Brightonians.

Immediately after the kick-off, Coleby ran down and put the ball through, but was given off-side ; Napier then took the ball down and enabled Kitson to score easily (1—1). The School continued to press, and shots by the inside forwards were fruitless. Harrison and Coleby then made a good combined run which resulted in Harrison scoring (2—1). Soon afterwards the visitors ran down and scored (2—2), and shortly after, Harrison again scored for us, when time was called and the School were left victorious by (3—2).

For the Old Brightonians Mackintosh and the brothers King were most noticeable, the last two breaking up the School combination time after time. For us the two backs played well, and Kitson worked extremely hard. Coleby and Harrison both put in some good shots. Napier made some very nice runs down the wing.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. D. Baker (goal) ; C. M. Page, H. A. Roberts (backs) ; A. T. Willett, F. N. Ashley, S. P. Lowe (half-backs) ; A. Beney, R. D. Kitson (right wing) ; F. I. Harrison (centre) ; A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (left wing).

OLD BRIGHTONIANS.

S. W. B. Langton (goal) (sub.) ; F. J. Firmstone, F. L. King (backs) ; E. W. D. Colt-Williams (sub.), B. W. V. King, E. Chatterton (half-backs) ; W. D. Eggar, H. C. Moorhouse (right wing) ; R. J. Holmes (centre) ; C. Mackintosh, J. L. Spong (left wing).

WESTMINSTER *v.* L. FEVEZ'S XI.

Willett having won the toss, J. F. More kicked off for L. A. M. Fevez's XI from the Church end at 3.0. The School immediately began to press and forced a corner, which was well kicked by Napier, but to no purpose. Still continuing to press, the School forwards threw away a good opportunity of scoring, Harrison shooting behind, and shortly afterwards Kitson, after a good run down, shot behind likewise. L. A. M. Fevez's XI then retaliated, and R. R. Campbell made a good run down the right wing. Pressing again, Kitson put in a shot that was saved at the expense of a corner which was kicked by

Beney, but proved fruitless. After J. F. More had run down and shot behind, the School forced another corner which was not turned to account by Beney. Nothing further of note, except a good shot by Coleby, occurred before half-time, which arrived with the score (0-0).

From the kick-off the School continued to press until R. R. Campbell scored for our opponents, Baker running out and stopping the ball when it would have gone behind and then allowing Campbell to take it from him (0-1). After Baker had saved well twice, their inside right scored their second goal (0-2). The School then retaliated, and Coleby scored off a pass by Kitson (1-2). From the kick-off Kitson ran down and scored (2-2). Our opponents then pressed, and just before time, 4 o'clock, Beasley gave them the lead with a tame shot which Baker ought easily to have stopped.

The School gave a most disappointing display. Kitson worked hard and Napier made some nice runs, but the other two insides were slack and their combination was poor. Of the defence Ashley and Page played fairly well, but the rest were poor. Baker was disappointing and gave our opponents two goals out of the three.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. D. Baker (goal); C. M. Page, A. T. Willett (backs); M. Castle-Smith, F. N. Ashley, E. W. Colt-Williams (half-backs); A. Beney, R. D. Kitson (right wing); F. I. Harrison (centre); A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (left wing).

L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

C. Powers (goal); A. Gordon, L. A. M. Fevez (backs); E. Chatterton, A. C. Nesbitt, A. Whittow (half-backs); R. R. Campbell, H. O. C. Beasley, J. F. More and two others (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* AN ETON XI.

Willett won the toss, and Eton kicked off from the Church end shortly after 3 o'clock. The School immediately began to press, but Coleby shot wide. Two corners followed, which were well cleared by the Etonians, who retaliated and Baker had to save several shots. Our three insides then ran down together, and only just failed to score. However, the Etonians soon attacked again, but could not break through the defence of backs. Napier and Beney relieved the pressure by some nice dribbles down the wing. The outside left then broke away, and after a good centre, Eton scored their first goal (0-1). Still continuing to press, they put in a shot which hit the crossbar, rebounded into play, and was then kicked over by the Etonian centre. Half-time was called with the score (0-1) in favour of Eton. From the kick-off Eton ran down, but shot wide. Napier soon after sent in a shot which just grazed the cross-bar. Still pressing, the School forced a corner, but with no result. Eton shortly afterwards ran down and scored with a shot that Baker could not save (0-2). Their out-

side left almost immediately afterwards scored (0-3). Eton still pressed, and Baker was compelled to concede a corner. Our forwards then ran down but failed to score. However, Eton again returned to the attack, and Page, in trying to kick out, gave them a corner. In the last few minutes the School pressed, but could not score.

For us Roberts and Page at back played well; Baker distinguished himself in goal. Of the forwards, Kitson did the work of three, Napier and Beney bringing off some nice runs; Coleby and Harrison were disappointing. All the Etonians were good, their kicking being particularly sound.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. D. Baker (goal); C. M. Page, H. A. Roberts (backs); E. Castle-Smith, F. N. Ashley, A. T. Willett (half-backs); A. Beney, R. D. Kitson, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

K.SS. *v.* T.BB.

The weather did not favour us this year for our time-honoured match. Rain fell steadily on Wednesday morning and continued through most of the game. It was most unfortunate, especially from the K.SS. point of view, for their prospects looked better than they had done for several years, and the game should have been hard and fast. As it was, the field was a swamp and play was almost impossible. Roberts won the toss for K.SS. and Woodbridge kicked off for T.BB. at about 2.40. Play was even at the beginning, with perhaps some advantage for K.SS. Nothing of note happened in the first few minutes; each goalkeeper kicked out from passes back. Coleby and Harrison, however, then got possession and then ran down; but Coleby missed a good chance by shooting behind. K.SS. continued to press, this time on the right wing, and after several 'near things' for T.BB., Harrison sent in a good shot, which Knight saved excellently. The ball shot a great deal from every kick of any length and the forwards on each side had great difficulty in keeping up with its pace. Soon T.BB. brought the ball down and Baker saved; a corner followed but was fruitless; several times each side pressed, but when half-time arrived there was no score.

Rain was no longer falling on restarting the game, and there was only one sharp shower during this half of play. T.BB. immediately pressed, and Vernon running down on the left scored for them the first goal of the match. The shot was an excellent one from the wing, but Baker might have saved it. Harrison kicked off, but the K.SS. forwards, except for him, seemed to have gone to sleep. Coleby tried too much individual trickiness and made no ground. Again T.BB. pressed and by good combination among the inside forwards broke through, and scored by Woodbridge. K.SS. now seemed to realise the state of things, and from this point to the end of the game worked hard and certainly had most of the play.

Harrison made several good attempts, until a run down with Coleby by very pretty combination beat the T.B.B. defence and Coleby scored with a shot that Knight muddled. On restarting Harrison immediately robbed Whitmore of the ball, and taking it down the field with Coleby put in a very good shot, which hit the bar, and bouncing on the ground was saved by Knight. Coleby, however, was on the spot, and though within only a few feet of the goal shot high over. After this T.B.B. ran down on the right wing, but Beney sent behind. K.S.S. continued to have the best of the game but always failed in front of goal. The match ended with no further score.

For T.B.B. Woodbridge and Vernon were best at forward, and Ashley played up hard at half-back. For K.S.S. Harrison played strongly, but Coleby was much too tricky and selfish. The halves and backs defended stoutly.

Teams:—

K.S.S.

F. D. Baker (goal); H. A. Roberts and G. L. Crowe (backs); G. Cooper-Willis, E. W. D. Colt-Williams, and F. W. Hubback (half-backs); H. D. G. Law, A. T. Coleby, F. I. Harrison, J. R. Trench and R. G. Gardner (forwards).

T.B.B.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); A. T. Willett and C. M. Page (backs); W. Parker, F. N. Ashley and M. C. Smith (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, D. H. Whitmore, L. A. Woodbridge, C. Powers, and A. Beney (forwards).

Referee: Mr. P. M. Battle.

HOUSE MATCHES.

ASHBURNHAM (holders)	} GRANT'S	} GRANT'S.	
GRANT'S			
RIGAUD'S			} RIGAUD'S
H.B.B.			

ASHBURNHAM v. GRANT'S.

This match was played on Wednesday, March 13, and ended in a draw, chiefly owing to some remarkably bad shooting by the Grantites. Up to half-time the game was very keenly contested; Dickson and Woodbridge had hard luck in not scoring. After half-time Ashburnham seemed to tire, with the exception of Edmunds and Parker, who both played very well throughout. Sonnenschein, being hurt, went out to the wing; Dickson took his place in the centre. Both he and Whitmore failed to score most unaccountably when well in front of goal. Schwann, with a long high shot, tried Logan, but the latter was very safe. Thus, after much desultory play, the game ended in a draw.

On Friday, when it was continued, a quarter of an hour was played each way, but even this did not bring about any result. Woodbridge, at centre forward, missed the simplest shot of the match. Edmunds looked dangerous on several occasions, but Castle-Smith managed to stop him. An extra

ten minutes each way was then played, and in the second half of this game Woodbridge at last scored, and Kirkpatrick added a second point.

GRANT'S.

J. Logan (goal); J. P. Blane and M. Castle-Smith (backs); L. G. Kirkpatrick, F. N. Ashley and M. S. Oldham (and C. Lonsdale substitute for Sonnenschein), (half-backs), L. A. Woodbridge, S. A. Dickson, W. T. Sonnenschein, D. H. Whitmore and P. M. Battle (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

T. Wells (goal); L. Capon and G. Schwann (backs); R. P. Mears, W. Parker (Capt.) and J. Conolly (and sub.) (half-backs); T. Kirkland, T. Hughes, H. M. Edmunds, J. Geddes and P. M. Bendall (forwards).

RIGAUD'S v. H.B.B.

Rigaud's won the toss, and Scott kicked off for H.B.B. H.B.B. immediately began to press, and about a quarter of an hour after the start, by a mistake of Willett's, Scott got through, and Page failing to stop him, he scored (0-1). H.B.B. still pressed, and it was not until nearly half an hour after the start that Beney scored the first goal for Rigaud's. Fleuret shortly afterwards gave Rigaud's the lead, with one of the finest shots ever seen on the 2nd game ground. Before half-time Beney and Powers each scored, so that Rigaud's had a lead of 3 goals at half-time. Rigaud's were pressing the whole time in the second half, save for some nice combined runs by Lowe and Napier. Towards the end Beney scored twice for Rigaud's, and time was called with the score (6-1) in their favour. For the losers Lowe and Napier combined well, and Knight played excellently in goal. For Rigaud's, Beney, Fleuret and Craig were the best, and Page and Willett were towers of strength at back. Beney was certainly the best forward on the field.

H.B.B.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); E. O. Bartlett, R. E. Graham (backs); A. M. Macdonald, R. P. Wilkinson, A. Macpherson (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, F. A. Vernon, R. B. J. Scott, S. P. Lowe, P. H. Napier (forwards).

RIGAUD'S.

S. W. B. Langton (goal); C. M. Page, A. T. Willett (backs); R. S. Fraser, J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); E. E. Atherley-Jones, A. Beney, R. D. Kitson, C. Powers, W. S. Lonsdale (forwards).

Referee: Mr. A. T. Coleby.

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

Played on Saturday, March 16, this match resulted in a win for Grant's by 3-0, after an interesting game. Soon after beginning, Whitmore scored the first goal from a good centre by Kirkpatrick. After this the Grantites got well together, and played up splendidly; Rigaud's did not seem to last at all, and their forwards could not combine to any effect.

After Rigaud's had forced a corner, which Fraser kicked behind, the Granite left wing took the ball down, and Dickson scored with a splendid shot, which hit the top bar. This was about a quarter of an hour from the kick-off. Whitmore and Powers then shot behind in turn. After a good deal of play in mid-field, Willett tried a long shot, which went too high. Then the whistle blew for half-time. Afterwards Grant's pressed for a time, and secured a corner; Kitson and Beney then made a good run, but were pulled up by Ashley. Battle then tricked Fraser, and made a pretty run, but failed to score. The game was very keenly contested, and but for sure kicking by Blane, and Castle-Smith's business-like tackling, the Rigaudite forwards might have been dangerous. Kitson was too well marked by Ashley to do much, but he was perhaps the best of his line. Shortly before time Woodbridge received a good pass from Whitmore, and getting on the ball at once, shot a most stylish goal. Thus a well-fought game left Grant's victorious by 3—0.

GRANT'S.

J. Logan (goal); J. P. Blane, M. Castle-Smith (backs); C. Lonsdale, F. N. Ashley, M. S. Oldham (half-backs); L. G. Kirkpatrick, S. A. Dickson, L. A. Woodbridge, D. H. Whitmore, P. M. Battle (forwards).

RIGAUD'S.

H. Langton (goal); A. T. Willett, C. M. Page (backs); R. Fraser, J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); E. Atherley-Jones, A. Beney, R. D. Kitson, C. Powers, W. S. Lonsdale (forwards).

Referee: Mr. H. A. Roberts.

THE WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

The following are the results of the League matches:—

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	—	L 0-4	W 2-1	L 0-3	W 4-0	D 1-1	W 4-2	W 3-1
B	W 4-0	—	W 3-2	W 1-0	L 0-1	W 3-1	W 2-0	W 3-2
C	L 1-2	L 2-3	—	L 0-5	W 2-1	D 1-1	L 1-3	D 0-0
D	W 3-0	L 0-1	W 5-0	—	W 2-0	D 2-2	D 4-4	L 1-5
E	L 0-4	W 1-0	L 1-2	L 0-2	—	W 2-1	L 0-2	L 0-6
F	D 1-1	L 1-3	D 1-1	D 2-2	L 1-2	—	L 2-11	W 1-0
G	L 2-4	L 0-2	W 3-1	D 4-4	W 2-0	W 11-2	—	L 3-4
H	L 1-3	L 2-3	D 0-0	W 5-1	W 6-0	L 0-1	W 4-3	—

Captains:—

- (A) Blane, J. P.
- (B) Sefi, A. G.
- (C) Mavrogordato, T. M.
- (D) Hubback, F. W.
- (E) Law, H. D. G.
- (F) Lowe, S. P.
- (G) Dickson, S. A.
- (H) Sonnenschein, W. T. S.

The final order is thus:—

	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points
B . . .	6	1	0	11
A . . .	4	2	1	6
D . . .	3	2	2	4
H . . .	3	3	1	3
G . . .	3	3	1	3
F . . .	1	3	3	-1
E . . .	2	5	0	-1
C . . .	1	4	2	-2

which is arranged according to the system in which a win counts two points, a draw nothing, and a loss -1.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON February 14, the House met to discuss the motion—'That in the present state of affairs, the decline of Great Britain among the civilised nations seems likely to occur during the twentieth century.'

The VICE-PRESIDENT (C. W. Adams) in proposing made an excellent speech and produced several good arguments; it was quite the best speech we have heard for some time in the House, certainly for the last two years. He began by showing the rapid progress and changes that have taken place during the last fifty years. Commerce would play quite as large a part in future years as military power. He pointed out to the House that Germany was making its way ahead of England in the matters of Commerce, Manufacture, and Colonies. British commerce was at a standstill, and the United States also were rapidly beating us. Imperial ideas had developed in Germany lately, chiefly owing to the dominating influence of the Kaiser. Continental opinion against England was so strong that it was likely to bring about a European War and check alliance with us. History was a series of rises and falls; a nation gaining great superiority became over-confident and slack, while other nations were spurred on to greater efforts. Sport was overdone and had now become a business rather than a recreation with us. The Kaiser had introduced sport in moderation in Germany. As regards schools, a classical education was out of date; every nation should adopt scientific inventions; England was not modern enough.

G. N. FORD, who opposed, was also long. He stated that though in commerce we had fallen behind America, yet since 1898 we had caught her up. English trade is increasing slowly but surely, while American trade, being in the hands of a few capitalists, was useless to the majority.

At this period of his speech the House adjourned. On February 21, G. N. FORD went on with his speech. Continuing his comparison of Great

Britain with America, he called attention to the Negro Question there ; lynching was the usual justice given to negroes. America had a faulty administration, and though she might surpass us in money-making for a short time, yet she was too unstable to keep her place. Now that the Colonies were expanding, England would be benefited, and Australia and Canada, when properly opened out, would bring us much gain. Nearly all the shipping of the world was ours. The prosperity of Germany was only likely to last while the present Kaiser reigned, and he could hardly last the century ; the German Colonies cost more than they were worth. History had shown that the downfall of an empire was only caused by corruption, political or moral ; England was in no danger from that source. The Army and Navy had been greatly increased and better organised against foreign invasions.

A. BENEY, in seconding, said that one of the chief arguments in favour of the motion was the fact that history repeated itself, as in the cases of Tyre and Sidon and of Spain. Athleticism had ruined us and taken us too much from our work. England was being pushed out by America. The Colonies would also be a great danger to us. Our mercantile navy was mostly foreign. All Germany, except the Kaiser, was hostile to England.

R. D. KITSON then rose. He said that to see if we were degenerating we should look at home ; Roman luxury had caused Rome's fall. England was in a bad way chiefly owing to the fact that her workmen worked against their masters. The change of Sovereign would also disturb things generally. The War had been a success in every point in spite of the fact that we had lost many men.

J. B. WHITMORE said he would like to speak on the theoretical side of the question, and made one of those sensible speeches which may always be expected from him. He declared that America was our greatest rival, though her Colonies were hardly considerable as yet. Germany's Colonies were not very great, and Russia also had few. Canada and Australia would supply us with as much corn as America in the coming century. In Central and South Africa we were supreme, but in North Africa there would be trouble. Spain, France, and England all wanted this part of Africa ; if Spain or France were to get it, a very severe check would be put on our power in the Mediterranean.

W. A. GREENE pointed out that Spain's fall was due to her aggressive policy in Holland, and the decline of Sidon to the power of Assyria ; so that their decline was not by sea but by land.

The VICE-PRESIDENT pointed out to G. N. FORD that England's Colonies might get too independent and so be a hindrance to her.

Here the speaker was interrupted by the adjournment of the House.

On February 28 the VICE-PRESIDENT continued

his speech, contenting himself mainly with answering G. N. FORD's arguments.

After short speeches by G. N. FORD, the HON. TREASURER, and H. A. ROBERTS, the PRESIDENT made a few remarks, giving place to C. M. PAGE, who charged the House with not comprehending the motion.

The motion was then put to the vote.

For the motion, 7 ; against, 15.

The motion was therefore lost.

On February 28 the motion 'That the Army is greatly and urgently in need of reform' was proposed ; the debate proved very uninteresting, none of the speakers seeming to have looked up their facts sufficiently.

J. A. C. HIGHMORE, who proposed in a long speech, concentrated his attention for the most part on less important details and marshalled his facts badly. He opened his speech with the statement that the cause of disorganisation was the misuse of the funds by the Treasury, who put economy before efficiency. The peace strength of a battalion was at least 400 less than the war establishment, and thus training was considerably hampered and the generals had no opportunity of handling large forces. No regiment in England was able to take the field at a moment's notice. Moreover, the manoeuvres in no way resembled the tactics employed in war, as the room allowed was insufficient and the quantities of ammunition served out far too small, while the targets were of a sort which was next to useless. Another omission which ought to be repaired, was the lack of encouragement given by the authorities to induce recruits to join the militia. The Intelligence Department failed through lack of funds ; in this way the want of foresight shown in not fortifying places in South Africa had been a great disadvantage to us. There was too much red tape at the War Office. Conscription was useless, for the conscripts could not be sent abroad.

At the next meeting on March 7, the debate was resumed.

The OPPOSER (A. Beney) declared that the army should be under the joint control of a civil and military authority. In the present war the transports had been managed admirably.

E. O. BARTLETT, in seconding, did not attain a very high standard of oratory ; he seemed to wish to amuse, rather than convince, his hearers. He mentioned the German Emperor as saying that British officers lacked dash in action and had no knowledge of tactics. Physical strength should not count in admission to the army.

R. D. KITSON took the part of the 'ornamental British officer,' who, he said, was not such a fool as generally supposed, and does not stick at trifles. The speaker then delivered a eulogy on General Macdonald.

C. M. PAGE pointed out that cricket did not improve a man's knowledge of tactics. Officers were too slack to do work and hence came to grief in campaigns.

M. CASTLE-SMITH then rose and severely criticised the reservist. He did not see the use of a reservist several years out of date when the rifles, &c., have changed. We needed men with good constitutions who could stand enteric and other diseases.

J. B. WHITMORE also spoke on the reserves. He thought our army quite as necessary as our navy, as we could not have carried on the present war without it. He then complained of the small number of rounds allowed for rifle practice.

R. D. KITSON again rose. He said our cavalry was much too heavy, while authorities said heavy cavalry were useless; the horses were quickly tired, and the necessary mobility was thus sacrificed.

After short speeches by the VICE-PRESIDENT, the PRESIDENT and P. M. BATTLE, the motion was put to the vote.

For the motion, 10; against, 4.
The motion was therefore carried.

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On March 14 the House met to discuss the motion 'That an alliance with Russia would be a highly diplomatic proceeding for Great Britain in the present circumstances.' This motion did not provide a very brilliant debate; the members not seeming to pay much attention to the speakers' remarks.

The PROPOSER (F. H. Nichols) was short, and his speech suffered from unnecessary interruptions. He said that an alliance with Russia would be useful with regard to China and India: as matters now stood, Russia had the advantage of being much nearer those countries; but if allied we could help each other against Japan and Germany. In a European war, with our fleet and the Russian army, we could do anything: if we had no allies in war we should starve, but if we were allied with Russia we could get corn from there. Though Russia's bad faith was notorious, yet she would not break with us unless it was expedient, which would be unlikely. The advantages to be reaped in the Mediterranean were evident.

C. B. H. KNIGHT, who opposed, thought we should consider whether our manners and customs were compatible with those of Russia. They were not. The Russians were less civilised, and more cruel: they were a nation of soldiers, England a nation of merchants. Thus we could not well be allied. There was great danger in such an alliance: for in such a case Russia would know too much about India: an enemy was not nearly so much to be feared as a faithless friend. England's natural allies were Germany and America.

The VICE-PRESIDENT, who seconded (*vice* R. D. KITSON, and therefore *ex tempore*), contented himself with a shorter speech than usual. He said that the relations of man to man were not analogous to those

between nation and nation. So Russia as a friend would be quite unlikely to be as dangerous as Russia as an enemy. An alliance with Russia would be more suited to England than one with America. England was isolated and hated, if not by the politicians, at least by the peoples of Europe. Thus it was patent that some alliance was expedient: America and Germany would clash too much with us, so it would be best to ally ourselves with Russia, which, being an Eastern nation, knew how to rule Eastern peoples. A comparatively trivial event might start a second Indian Mutiny.

J. B. WHITMORE thought that England should ally itself with America or Germany in order to get a good corn supply against a European war. He feared the Vice-President was a pessimist, as he always considered England as only equal to any other nation, whereas in reality it was undoubtedly superior. In an alliance both parties should gain advantages, but a Russian alliance would only be useful to Russia; we were quite strong enough in India. Our rule was better than that of Russia, and so there was no need of Eastern rule being introduced. Again, Russia was notorious for its bad faith, and her Eastern character came out markedly in her diplomacy: this had been the case especially in 1830 with regard to Turkey. We were not dependent on Russia for corn.

The VICE-PRESIDENT repudiated the suggestion that he was a Little Englander because he wished to curtail expense, but an alliance with Russia would, he said, prevent this expense.

The question was then put.

For the motion, 4; against, 6.

The motion was therefore lost.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Our record this issue is mainly composed of congratulations and regrets. In the first place we heartily congratulate A. T. Coleby and F. I. Harrison on receiving their Pinks; E. W. Colt-Williams on Pink-and-Whites; and G. L. Crowe, F. W. Hubback and G. Cooper-Willis on Third XIs. Crowe and Hubback also received their College colours after the Town Boy match. We have been very glad to hear of A. S. Gaye's successes at Cambridge; we offer him our warmest congratulations, and hope soon to be able to repeat them. Our regrets are for the loss of the Town Boy match, in which we had good reasons for hoping to do well. To say the least, the result was most disappointing, and all the more so that universal opinion tells us we had the best of the game. We must hope for better luck in the Sports. Both Chess and Fives ties remain unfinished yet. The second of these have been delayed by colds, weather, &c., but we still hope

to see them finished this term. In the Inter-House Fives Ties we have drawn a bye. The Literary Society has closed its readings with 'King John.'

RIGAUD'S.—We regret to have to chronicle our failure in the Shield house matches. We beat H.B.B. by the substantial margin of 6—1, but in the final against Grant's we lost after a good game (3—0, a worse beating than we had expected); we congratulate them on their well-earned victory. We congratulate C. M. Page and A. Beney on their 'Pinks,' and the same, together with Powers, on playing for T.B.B., Fraser and Craig on their Third XIs, and the latter and Fleuret on their house colours. Mavrogordato has obtained another success in carrying off the Ireland Prize for Greek Verse; we regret having forgotten to mention in the last number that C. M. Page had passed the London Matriculation, 1st class, and tender him our apologies for the omission. We wish C. M. Page and T. Mavrogordato success in the School Fives Ties, and also hope that the various athletic members of the house will do themselves justice at the Sports. We are glad to see that R. D. Kitson has been successful in the Trinity College, Cambridge, entrance examination.

GRANT'S.—We managed to win the Shield without much difficulty, though we found Ashburnham a much tougher obstacle than Rigaud's. We have to offer our heartiest congratulations to W. F. Fox on securing the Vinerian Scholarship. We are looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to a Shield supper, which is to take place on the last Tuesday of term. We congratulate Woodbridge, Whitmore, and Battle on Pink-and-Whites, and Dickson and Blane on Third XIs, also Ashley, Woodbridge, and Whitmore on playing for T.B.B. We have been beaten in the Fives Ties by Ashburnham, but we hope to do better next year. We hear with regret that Whitmore and Battle are leaving us this term. J. Logan, Kirkpatrick and Lonsdale received their house colours after the final against Rigaud's. We are pleased to hear that Stevens has passed Smalls and condole with Dugdale on his failure.

H.B.B.—During the last few weeks our team has been training vigorously for the tug of war, which, owing to the purchase of a rope for the house, has been possible without having, as in previous years, to borrow from other houses. In the Seniors we were beaten by Rigauds (1—6); we did not make so good a fight of it as we had expected. Weakness in front of goal was conspicuous, while we were by no means strong at half-back. For us P. H. Napier, E. O. Bartlett, J. C. and F. A. Vernon were best. Bartlett and F. A.

Vernon have since received their house colours, on which we congratulate them. At the beginning of the season we had no School colours, now we have one Pink (Napier), three Pink and White's (Lowe, C. B. H. Knight, J. C. Vernon), and one Third Eleven (R. B. J. Scott). We congratulate them all, especially Napier. We also congratulate B. G. Brown (O.W.) on being elected Secretary of the Cambridge University Chess Club. We hope to do well in the Sports; Napier should carry off some of the senior events, while our juniors appear to be quite promising. Our Fives Ties have not made rapid progress lately, as fellows have been so much out of school with illness; we are now nearly through the second round.

ASHBURNHAM.—In the Shield Matches we were drawn against Grant's, who defeated us by 2—0, after two extra periods of half an hour and twenty minutes had been played. We congratulate the team on their magnificent stand. Our heartiest congratulations are due to G. Schwann on obtaining his Pink and Whites, and H. M. Edmunds his Third Elevens; also to Edmunds, Conolly, Capon and Wells on receiving their house colours. Parker and Schwann, playing for Ashburnham, defeated the Grantite representatives, Battle and Blaine, in the first round of the Inter-House Fives Ties.

Obituary.

THROUGH an oversight we omitted to notice the death, on October 8, of RICHARD EGERTON. Mr. Egerton was born on July 10, 1844, was admitted in June 1858 and elected Q.S. in 1859. He was elected to Christ Christ, Oxford, in 1863, and took his degree of B.A. four years later. He was called to the Bar at Middle Temple on November 17, 1869, and became resident magistrate of St. Thomas-in-the-East, Jamaica, in 1892. Mr. Egerton was the eldest son of Major-General C. R. Egerton, Colonel of the 89th Regiment, and was an original member of the Elizabethan Club.

It is also our sad duty to announce the death on March 1, 1901, at 74 Hurlingham Road, Fulham, of HENRY BULLEN TEMPLER, son of George W. Templer of the Ceylon Civil Service. The deceased was born March 13, 1880, and was at the School from Election Term, 1892, to Lent Term, 1896.

Correspondence.

THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—As the football season which has just come to a close has not been marked by conspicuous success, it may be interesting to recall to mind the season of 1894-95. In the team that did duty that season there are several names which are well known, not only to the followers of O.W. football, but also to sportsmen in general. Three of them have since earned their blues; they are H. O. C. Beasley, L. J. Moon and R. N. R. Blaker: W. F. Fox and R. E. More have also done well at Oxford. Now considering that this team's record at the end of Play Term '94 reads Won 1, Lost 8, Drawn 0, and also that in Lent Term '95 they lost the Charterhouse match by 0 6, there seems little ground for the rumours which have been circulated lately by pessimistic Westminsters that the School has seen its day in the football world, as some one wrote to *The Sketch* a few months since. The success which has attended the few years following '95 should be encouraging to next year's captain. We must remember also that in the season to which I have alluded there was very little of that bad luck which has so beset the team this year. J. F. More, who was captain in Play '94, certainly did leave at the end of that term, but the team that was so soundly beaten by Charterhouse was fully representative. *The Sportsman* a day or two ago suggested that we had adopted the motto *Nil desperandum*; let us hope to see the team play up to it next season.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

H. A. ROBERTS.

St. Peter's College,
March 14, 1901.

ERRATUM.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

St. Peter's College, 3 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster.

March 17, 1901.

SIR,—In the last issue of *The Elizabethan* under 'The Westminster League,' it is stated that F beat D 2—0. This match was replayed, owing to an objection from F. W. Hubback, and the result was a draw 2—2 (February 25).

I am, Sir, yours very truly,

T. C. S. KEELY (League F).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

March, 1901.

SIR,—I think this is a fitting time to call the attention of all Old Westminsters, and also of boys in the School at the present time, to the fact that we, as members of one of the greatest public Schools, should erect a memorial to our late beloved Queen Victoria, and that it should take the form of the greatly needed Mission Building for the poor boys of the slums of Westminster, which we have carried on for so long in its present state, and the buildings for which are so inadequate. The building scheme has been talked of and discussed at many committee meetings, and for want of funds it has been decided to abandon it for a time; but now I think this is the time when we can show our respect to our late Sovereign by erecting the Mission House. I should also like to suggest that a committee should be formed for discussing this, and that they should be entitled to make a special appeal to Old Westminsters and others, and to send out a notice laying this scheme before them. I am quite certain that masters and others would take this up seriously, and, as an example, it may be followed

by other public schools, and so be doing much good work for the young of the poorer classes. I am, yours faithfully,
Dacre House, Arundel Street,
Strand, W.C. GEORGE P. ALLEN.

INTER-SCHOOL FIVES CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—It is my hope and wish to found a Fives Championship between the Public Schools of England, just as there is one in sports, fencing, boxing, swimming and rackets. These competitions are very popular, and I have no doubt that one in Fives would be so too. Westminster does not send any representatives to those competitions (except very occasionally), partly because in most of them she takes little interest. But with Fives this is not the case. A large number of the fellows play Fives fairly often, and the School has had many good players. So that a competition such as the one I propose should find favour at Westminster. It is with this hope that I have written this letter to *The Elizabethan* in order that, before I ascertain the opinions of the other Public Schools, I may feel sure of support from my own.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

QUINQUES.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—It was with considerable surprise that I read in your last number the letter purporting to come from an ex-president, and I cannot let his statements pass unanswered. For the most part he has confined himself to generalities, but all through his letter there runs a vein of profound exaggeration. I am astonished that an outsider, who cannot possibly have been present at any debate this term, should claim to have such an intimate knowledge of the inner doings of the Debating Society, and I do not think he ought to have blindly plunged into a number of accusations, merely on the second-hand evidence of a member who, perhaps, feels some resentment against me for having suspended him. Ex-President brings but one direct accusation against me, which is so manifestly absurd as barely to need an answer. He shamefacedly declares that I countenance ragging, and that I confessed I did not object to it. This is a most shocking distortion of the facts. What I did say was, that if I were not President I should be amused by some of the ragging; but this is an entirely different thing from saying that I encouraged ragging, as Ex-President seems to imagine.

With apologies for trespassing so far on your valuable space, believe me, dear Sir, sincerely yours,

T. M. MAVROGORDATO,
President of the Westminster School
Debating Society.

ERRATA.

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Vol. 10, p. 19. For *Malburian* read *Marlburian*.

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