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EDITORIAL.

MANY explanations are needed for the appearance of this present number. An ordinary paper would be content with finishing a volume before beginning the next, but THE ELIZABETHAN is above such trifles, and can safely disregard adverse criticism. Still it condescends to furnish an explanation to its readers. In the first place, the shortness of the term necessitates an early number. In the second, delay (for which the Editor must confess some responsibility) prevents the Play Number appearing for a week or so. It is not true, as has been stated, that this last will not be issued at all; we can officially contradict it. For the Index, which accompanies this number, we are indebted to a gentleman called 'Sprained Ankle.' We are deeply grateful, and condole with him on his misfortune.

WESTMINSTER REBUILT.

'THE old order changeth' all the world over, and Westminster with the rest, but if the new scheme for the improvement of the district around us, from our own bounds on the south to Lambeth Bridge, is carried into effect, the change this time will be a very great one.

Most of the leases in the quarter in question are falling in about this time, and Sir John Lubbock and the other promoters of the scheme propose to take advantage of this, and to bring before Parliament, during the present Session, a Bill with the object of totally rebuilding Westminster. There is a good deal to be said in favour of such an enterprise, and some of the narrow streets and slums of Westminster are considerably behind almost any other part of London from a sanitary point of view, while the number of good thoroughfares for traffic that lie behind the School is far from sufficient.

Long familiarity and a certain spirit of conservatism will probably make the loss of the site of Ginger's and Shotton's, and the other old landmarks, regretted by the O.W.W. who knew them, no less than by the present generation, who are actuated by the same feelings for the houses and shops that have grown so familiar to them. But times are changing, and Westminster must change too: and indeed, looking back at the changes that have taken place on the other side of us, we cannot but admit that they have been for the best. And, like Thieving Lane, Black Dog Alley, too, must go in time, if not now. And as the present plan is to rebuild the rest of Westminster on the same lines, surely it would be more long-sighted to welcome now the inevitable change *en bloc*, than for a new Westminster to grow up with time as un-uniform and disconnected as the old. A city of parallel streets and cross-streets, built on an American model, would be very distasteful to our ideas of architectural art, but there is a mean between New York and the Westminster of to-day; and though it may seem unlikely that Westminster should become a fashionable residential neighbourhood, as is hoped by some of those who favour the scheme, there is no reason why it should not better accord with the stately Houses of Parliament and the Abbey than it does; while the staunchest conservative could not object to the prospect of an embankment from the garden by the Victoria Tower to Lambeth Bridge. This alteration will materially affect the Mission, by improving the social condition of the people of the neighbourhood, but the change will necessarily be slow, and the Mission will not find its occupation gone just yet, even if Horseferry Road and its *purlieus* do eventually supersede Park Lane. It may be objected that the promotion of the scheme is in the wrong hands, and that the London County Council should be encouraged instead of the letting loose of a syndicate with a million to spend; indeed the Council are taking steps, and have their improvement scheme; but as their scheme is less ambitious than the other, we may feel, perhaps with justice, that if we are to be improved, the improvement should be effected in the best manner possible, and the names of Sir John Lubbock, the Hon. Claude Hay, and Mr. Faithfull Begg, among others on the prospectuses of the syndicate, should be ample guarantee of their good faith, while it should also be borne in mind that when the Bill is brought before Parliament a searching inquiry will be made into the claims and abilities of the

aspirants, before the Bill is passed, or they are allowed to lay a finger upon Westminster. In any case nothing should be done to make such a sweeping change, without grave consideration, as the rebuilding or otherwise will be in the interests of posterity infinitely more than in those of any one who is discussing, or reading of, the question to-day.

THE GIAOUR.

Now, as they played, I heard a small boy that looked on say to his fellow, 'Behold, they have let the Giaours loose.' And I said within myself, 'Without doubt these Giaours are noisome beasts that inhabit this country.' Moreover, I heard a strange roar as of a roaring lion, very dreadful to hear. And it went round the ground, even unto St. Mary her church. Also I beheld the bravest among the railing-dwellers snatch up strange artillery as for defence against the Giaours. But these were slain not, though smitten exceedingly. Now they were gone round the ground and close to me, when suddenly he that was general over the players whistled loud and long for a signal. And these all gathered together, as though to devise some plan of defence. And a serving-man brought out to them as it were yellow hand-grenades for the throwing. But, at the same time, certain smaller among the boys, overcome by fear, began running with great speed across the mead. But the larger among them continued by the ropes, albeit ashen with fear. Then I spake within myself, saying, 'Behold, how shall I kill these Giaours, seeing that I have no umbrella; moreover, have I not a bad leg?' Thus I spake, and, the Giaours being hard at hand, went running very swiftly. But when I also had crossed the mead, and was now hard by the gate, I perceived the babes all fled into a little doorway. But I spake within my heart, saying, 'Of a truth how witless are these folk who trust them to a hovel.' Thus speaking, I fled home. Now it came to pass, the next day, being wishful to learn what thing these Giaours may be, I started forth to many great and ancient libraries; and after many weeks I found this passage in the Book of Hilarius, where he discourseth on the Lyf and Maners of the Myssynge Link, and it seemed to me a nice and shrewd subtilty: 'There is a straunge beste cleped Giaours, who ones gave Proof of his Piaours, for he laughed at Brick-Batten And Swift-Flyeing Catten, And Patrolled that Grounde for some Hiaours.'

School Notes.

WE are pleased to note that Mr. F. W. Maclean, Q.C., Chief Justice of the High Court in Calcutta, is gazetted a Knight Commander of the Order of the

Indian Empire, and that Mr. Osbent Salvin, F.R.S., has been elected by his College, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to an Honorary Fellowship.

I. F. Smedley, Esq., has taken Mr. Hall's place. Mr. Smedley was educated at Shrewsbury, took two firsts in classics, became Porson Scholar in 1892, and took a Fellowship at Pembroke. He was latterly a master at Tonbridge.

The following are the results of the School matches since the holidays:—

Sat., Jan. 22, *v.* Old Malvernians (won 3-1).

Sat., Jan. 29, *v.* Casuals (won 8-2).

Sat., Jan. 29, 2nd XI. *v.* London Hospital (won 2-1).

By an unfortunate oversight the result of the Ireland Latin Verse prize was omitted from our last; it was won by H. L. Henderson.

There have been two Mission Offertories in Abbey so far this term: £7. 0s. 1d. and £6. 1s. 6d. were collected respectively.

There will be an Exeat from February 26 at 12.45 until the following Wednesday morning.

As is shown above, a 2nd XI. fixture was arranged with London Hospital for January 29, as they were unable to play us on the date originally arranged last term.

The Big Game ground Up-Fields has a decidedly smarter appearance this term, with new white posts and rope, instead of the old stakes.

A. C. Robinson alone of the XI. has left, so we have still six old choices for the Charterhouse match on March 5.

O.W.W. were unsuccessful in their Amateur Cup tie against Wycombe Wanderers, who defeated them at Richmond by 5-0. Before the match the Wycombe Wanderers lodged a protest on the ground that the goal-posts and cross-bar were not of the regulation size, but they were subsequently allowed to withdraw it.

Appended is the Debating Society's fixture card, at the suggestion of a subscriber:—

Jan. 27.—This House would welcome Imperial Federation. Proposer, F. T. B. Ward; Seconder, A. McKenna; Opposer, H. McKenna.

Feb. 3.—Itinerant musicians and other street nuisances should be done away with. Proposer, F. Young; Seconder, W. F. Corfield; Opposer, L. Y. Barnby.

Feb. 10.—It is desirable that Members of Parliament should receive some emolument. Proposer, G. H. Bernays; Seconder, F. Waterfield; Opposer, A. L. Foster.

Feb. 17.—The modern style of dress leaves much to be desired. Proposer, S. M. Anderson; Seconder, B. Willett; Opposer, A. S. Gage.

Feb. 24.—Unearned increment should be taxed. Proposer,

H. J. M. Hudson; Seconder, A. S. Gage; Opposer, F. T. B. Ward.

March 3.—All schemes for the improvement of the poorer districts of Westminster deserve every consideration. Proposer, E. A. G. Cotterill; Seconder, J. Heard; Opposer, G. H. Bernays.

March 10.—The rights of primogeniture should be abolished. Proposer, A. McKenna; Seconder, F. Waterfield; Opposer, A. R. Flack.

March 17.—Our societies compare favourably with those of other schools. Proposer, L. Y. Barnby; Seconder, S. M. Anderson; Opposer, A. S. Gage.

March 24.—The tendency to excess in the development of modern science is to be regretted. Proposer, A. C. Barnby; Seconder, H. R. Lonsdale; Opposer, H. McKenna.

March 31.—The past School year has been entirely satisfactory. Proposer, A. McKenna; Seconder, H. R. Flack; Opposer, H. J. M. Hudson.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD MALVERNIAN.

THIS match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, January 22, in fine weather, and resulted in a win for the School by 3 goals to 1. The Old Malvernians pressed at the start, but Young cleared. Westminster took the ball down the field, Blaker shooting just outside and Corfield behind. Old Malvernians pressed and obtained a corner, and directly after another, from which the ball was accidentally fisted through by Rayner, thus opening their account (0-1). Westminster then made a determined effort, and, from a good pass by Bernays, Anderson scored with a nice hard shot (1-1). From a long pass by Barnby, Bernays centred, and Blaker sent in a hot shot, which Moss saved well; the passing of the Westminster forwards all the way through the game being particularly neat. Half-time was now called, the score being level (1-1). On restarting, Westminster at once attacked, Barnby just shooting outside; then Blaker got the ball and scored with a good low shot, thus giving Westminster the lead (2-1). Philips ran down, but shot wide. The School again got possession of the ball, Blaker just shooting outside and Barnby over; Anderson sent in a warm shot, which Moss saved. The game was very fast and exciting, the play at this time being very even, Blaker at last scoring with a good long shot, which hit the post and rebounded off into their goal (3-1). The Old Malvernians tried hard to score, but Rayner saved splendidly, and a most pleasant game ended in a victory for the School by 3-1.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs), B. H. Willett, F. Young, A. L. Foster (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and G. H. Bernays (forwards).

OLD MALVERNIAN.

H. K. Moss (goal), M. G. Aporp, H. N. Clarke (backs), E. H. Woodard, T. Phillips, C. H. Collett (halves), R. C. Moser, P. N. S. Graeme, F. H. Lindsay, and two others (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CASUALS.

This match was played Up-Fields on Saturday, January 29. The Casuals turned up one short, but a start was made at ten minutes to three. Lonsdale cleared well on two occasions, when Rayner was called upon, but he saved successfully. Shortly after Anderson got an opening and scored with an excellent shot (1-0). We again attacked, and Blaker after a good run easily scored (2-0). On the restart Blaker was again noticeable for two good runs, but Brotherhood cleared each time. Davidson then got possession, and after a good dribble finished up with a splendid shot, but Rayner was equal to the occasion. The Casuals, however, kept up the pressure, and presently Jackson beat our custodian with a well-judged shot (2-1). Immediately after kick-off, Corfield passed to Blaker, who scored (3-1). Soon after the Casuals retaliated. Pearce scored with a very good shot. This proved their last goal, but Anderson scored with a grand long shot in the corner of the net (4-2), and quickly added another (5-2). Barnby also succeeded in eluding the goalkeeper and scoring (6-2). So far eight goals had been got in twenty minutes. Even play followed for a considerable time. From a good centre by Jacob, Anderson again found the net, but the goal was disallowed for offside. Half-time then arrived with the score (6-2) in our favour. We had nearly all the game in this half, and pressed repeatedly, but it was not until after a long time that, Malden having given a corner, Blaker headed into the net from a good kick by Willett (7-2). Jacob sent in two excellent shots in quick succession, but they were both cleared, and Davidson ran down, but shot wide. Lonsdale was also conspicuous for a good long shot, but Malden was equal to all shots, and saved brilliantly on several occasions. Shots from Barnby and Anderson were saved, but some neat passing by the inside forwards ended in Blaker scoring with a splendid shot from a difficult angle (8-2). Several shots were saved after this, but time was called, leaving us winners by 8-2.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTERS.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), B. H. Willett, F. Young, and A. L. Foster (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

CASUALS.

A. C. Malden (goal), S. Brotherhood and F. Fernie (backs), S. Wallace, Rev. W. King, and G. F. Abell (half-backs), A. Gage, E. G. Beckwith, F. M. Jackson, B. G. Pearce, and J. Davidson (forwards).

2ND XI. *v.* LONDON HOSPITAL 2ND XI.

Saturday, January 29.

The Hospital started the game from the pavilion end. After having most of the game the School scored through Rutherford (1-0), and shortly afterwards Bernays added another (2-0). This was the only score up till half-time. The Hospital now had the wind, but could only score once through T. Cryer, the

School thus winning by 2-1. The Hospital shooting was decidedly off, as they had several easy chances right in front of goal. For the School, Bompas and Williams (of the forwards) and Stevens and Plaskitt (of the backs) were best, and Anderson was very safe in goal.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI.

K. Anderson (goal), H. W. Beveridge, E. C. Stevens, (backs), H. Plaskitt, R. Truslove, H. G. H. Barnes (halves), O. H. M. Williams, H. S. Bompas, S. S. Harris, W. Rutherford, G. H. Bernays (forwards).

The Visitors did not leave their names.

OLD WESTMINSTERS *v.* 3RD GRENADIER GUARDS.

The Old Westminsters had an easy task in the first round of the London Senior Cup on Saturday, for, on the Old Deer Park at Richmond, after having much the better of the game, they beat the 3rd Grenadier Guards by 5 goals to 1. The soldiers failed to play up to their form, and the shooting was so poor that numerous chances were thrown away. The Old Westminsters were generally aggressive in the first half, but play had been in progress half an hour before they were able to score. Then, however, they rushed the ball up, and L. J. Moon opened their account, while a few minutes later, from a good centre by Van der Gucht, Barwell added a second. A little later Moon again scored, and just before half-time Barwell headed the leather into the net, and the Old Westminsters led at half-time by 4 goals to none. The soldiers played with more dash in the second half, but they could not finish up their work except on the one occasion when Moon ran out to save, and Turrell notched a very soft goal. This availed them little, however, Barwell again scored for the home team, and, as before stated, the soldiers were beaten by 5 goals to 1.

Teams :—

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon (goal), A. Whittow, R. E. More (backs), W. F. Fox, R. O. Barnett, C. H. Chatterton (halves), H. B. Templer, E. Berens, W. T. Barwell, L. J. Moon, C. Van der Gucht (forwards).

3RD GRENADIER GUARDS.

H. Rafter (goal), H. Goodman, W. Milarvie (backs), J. Dawes, D. Robertson, A. Palmer (halves), W. Tomlinson, O. Hill, F. Molyneux, E. Porter, J. Turrell (forwards).—From *The Sportsman*.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on January 27 to discuss the following motion :—'That this House would welcome Imperial Federation.'

Proposer, F. T. B. WARD; Opposer, H. McKENNA; Seconder, A. McKENNA.

The PROPOSER opened the second half of the Session with a really excellent speech. He feared that the time was close at hand when England's colonies would follow the lead of her former possessions in America, and break off from the Mother

Country. If at the present moment India became a separate kingdom, England would be financially ruined. The proposer suggested that all our colonies should be obliged to maintain a fixed number of ships and a small navy by themselves, which would allow England more troops and a larger navy at home; and greater resources nearer at hand in case of emergency, than at the present time. Imperial Federation alone would save us from our present critical position.

The OPPOSER (H. McKenna) appeared to be perfectly confident in the present system of administration. He pointed out to the proposer that the loss of the United States was due not to want of Imperial Federation, but to harsh treatment. If we had Imperial Federation, means must be taken to improve telegraphy and the post, for at present neither is sufficiently reliable to carry messages of such importance as Imperial Federation would involve.

The SECONDER (A. McKenna) was speaking in the absence of R. Truslove. He spoke very shortly, having had no time to prepare the subject.

A. S. GAYE contradicted the proposer's statement that the loss of India would mean England's financial ruin. We are not so dependent on India as that.

F. T. B. WARD agreed with A. S. Gaye: he said he had meant to say loss of prestige, not financial ruin.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on February 3, to discuss the following motion:—'Itinerant musicians and other street nuisances should be abolished.'

Proposer, F. YOUNG; Opposer, L. Y. BARNBY; Secunder, W. F. CORFIELD.

Though the speaking on this subject was above the average, little worth recording was produced.

The PROPOSER (F. Young) spoke at considerable length about penny whistling outside public-houses, street-dancing, and such nuisances. He objected to advertising and selling in the streets.

The OPPOSER (L. Y. Barnby) was in good form. He liked organs and penny whistles, and pointed out that frequently very good singers sung in the streets for preference, even when they could easily get music-hall work. The fact that we have always with us German bands shows that this kind of street music is at any rate appreciated.

W. F. CORFIELD spoke well, but had nothing new to tell the House. He echoed the proposer, and contradicted the opposer's speeches.

Speaking of musical nuisances in the street, A. MCKENNA pointed out the usefulness of the cab whistle.

H. MCKENNA spoke at some length, but devoted himself to criticising the speeches already made and their deliverers, and not to the motion before the House. After short speeches from H. G. QUIN, W. V. RAYNER, and A. C. and L. Y. BARNBY, the question was put, and the motion lost by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM.—There is nothing much to record so far this term. Five fellows have left, and Jolly has gone up Grants, but we have six new fellows to take their places. Wynter has unfortunately been away so far this term.

COLLEGE.—We condole with E. A. E. Cotterill on being forbidden to play footer. We hope to see him Up-Fields next term. We congratulate him, moreover, on discovering quite a new disease. F. Young and H. R. Lonsdale have played in the two School matches of this term, and G. H. Bernays and W. G. Jacob have each been tried on the outside left. The Literary Society is in the middle of Richard II. We welcome with joy the reappearance of H. G. Quin.

GRANTS.—We have two new boarders this term, which makes the House considerably larger than it has been for some time. The Play Supper came off on the second night of the play, and was attended by many Old Grantites. We have to congratulate H. Bompas, H. Barnes, and E. C. Stevens on playing for the second eleven. We congratulate the last-named on getting his house colours.

H.B.B.—We have only three new boys this term, and, as three fellows left last term, our numbers are the same. A. C. Robinson has left us for good; his absence is sure to be felt. The House Fives Ties were for a wonder finished last term, the winners being Plaskitt and W. V. Rayner, who defeated Corfield and Lynch in the final after some exciting games. We had three representatives playing for the School last Saturday, as well as three playing for the 2nd XI.

RIGAUDS.—Blaker has been doing great things in the holidays while on tour with Casuals in the Midlands. A. McKenna has been made a monitor. S. M. Anderson is making strenuous efforts to reduce his weight, and may be seen in Green in the early mornings in pursuit of this laudable object. K. B. Anderson made his first appearance for the 2nd XI. against London Hospital, upon which we congratulate him. We are one less in number this term than last. We regret that, at the moment of writing, Blaker is unable to play football owing to a slightly strained tendon, but are happy to say that he will be in the field again almost by the time the *Elizabethan* comes out. The Play Supper last term was a great success, and several well-known Old Rigaudites were present.

POETRY.

TO AN EMINENT DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE fate of nations in the balance weighed,
In cold and philosophical debate,
By rabid Radical or Tory staid,
I own I hate.

When thunder forth from Presidential chair
The fiery shafts of an Hibernian quiver,
Shrinking beneath a nationalistic glare,
I only shiver.

Yet when uprises graceful Mr. Vice,
Fill'd with Philtonic gravity the while
(I'm sure Narcissus wasn't half so nice),
What if I smile?

Finance reduced to hundredweight and stones
Will turn the scale at sixteen and a half,
At whom, amid fraternal jeers and groans,
I fear I laugh.

But I'm no politician, if I try
To grasp and fathom all their logic deep,
(I trust the President can't hear me), I
Confess I sleep.

Correspondence.

RISING FOOTBALLERS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Large clubs, and in fact every assembly, of men gathered together for one purpose, whether the purpose be ecclesiastical, scientific, learned, or sporting, are always on the look-out for younger men who wish to follow the purpose of this particular assembly. If the purpose is that of acquiring knowledge, or an insight into the mysteries of modern science, scholarships and prizes are offered, to attract and bring forward men inclined that way. If *sport* is the purpose, then also prizes are offered, in fact those at the head of each of the various pursuits mentioned above are always watching for what is often called *young blood*. We have (to quote an epigram well known to all now at Westminster) 'In Westminsters' small realm a parallel.' Whether or not the members of this assembly are collected together of their own will or not matters but little, for no one can deny that, if in nothing else, they are all joined together heart and soul in the interest of sport. Football at present occupies all our attention. I speak as one of the Westminster assembly. There is at present in the School a greater amount of this ever-watched-for talent than has been the case for many years. I refer to young footballers averaging fourteen years of age. Two years ago the Leagues were introduced to help to bring them into notice. But lately younger boys have been admitted to the School, and there is an ever-increasing crowd of very young and promising footballers, who never get a chance to show their abilities. To refer again to the past; when the Leagues were introduced Sixes-in-Green were dropped; but there still remain the prizes,

or rather the cup, which became the possession of the captain of the winning Six for a year. It appears to me that this cup, now in disuse, could not be made better use of than by reviving Sixes, which should be composed of this most deserving class of young players. Time, or lack of time, is of course the great obstacle in the way of any new arrangement such as has occurred to me, but this I think is not an insuperable obstacle. The system of the new Sixes would of course differ from the old one, to meet the new requirements, but we need hardly discuss this little matter until its real importance has been allowed to soak into the minds of those at the head of Westminster sport, and they have really given it the serious thought it deserves. In conclusion, it is hardly necessary to point out the great benefit to be obtained in the future for Westminster football by nursing with becoming care these keen and patriotic youngsters.

FILIUSQUE.

O.W. CRICKET BLUES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Might I, through the medium of your columns, ask 'D. J. D.', 'O.W. Cantab', or any other of your correspondents, if they can supply me with a list of O.W. Cricket Blues during the last sixty or seventy years? My list of those who were Q.S.S. is fairly complete, but I have only the names of two T.B. Blues, C. G. Lane and H. E. Bull.

Trusting that the deficiency can be supplied,

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
N. O. H.

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