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## THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

IT is with much satisfaction that we recall the events of 1898-9. The feature of the season was, of course, our victory over Charterhouse at Godalming, after a very keenly contested game, by 2-1. This is the first time that we have won on their ground, and the Eleven merits our heartiest congratulations upon its success. Shortly after the Charterhouse match, arrangements were made for us to play the Eton 'Association' Eleven, and the match took place 'Up Fields' on March 16, resulting in a win for the School (2-0). We have to go as far back as 1863—*vide* 'Athletic Records'—to find Eton and Westminster trying conclusions in the football field, and it is interesting to note that the game was played in Vincent Square,

with the same score, but in favour of Eton. If Association football finds a recognised place among Eton games, it is to be hoped that this year's match may lead to an annual fixture.

Twenty-four matches were played, and of these eleven were won, eleven lost, and two drawn, with forty-nine goals for and fifty-two against. Play has been characterised by a good deal of in-and-out form, and results, though satisfactory, do not compare favourably with those of 1897-8, when, however, it will be remembered, we had an exceptionally strong lot of forwards and a very reliable goal-keeper.

At the beginning of the season seven Pinks were available, but W. C. Stevens was found to suffer from a weak heart after the first match, and was not allowed to play. This weakened the forward department, and Young found con-



siderable difficulty in satisfactorily filling the four vacancies, though he was fortunate in having a back division on which he could rely. Bompas and Harris played regularly from the start, the former at centre, and the latter inside right, and in the third match (against F. Bickley's Eleven) Jacob was brought from outside to inside left. Williams, Pashley, Kennedy, Summerhays, and Featherstone were each in turn tried for the other two places, but it was close on the end of Play term before Pashley was regularly played outside left, with Kennedy on the other wing. With so many changes it was not to be wondered at that the forwards showed little combination before Christmas, which accounts for the somewhat poor record of only four wins—Clapham Rovers (2-0), Old Foresters (6-2), R. N. R. Blaker's Eleven (2-1), and old Felstedians (2-0), and one draw—Casuals (1-1)—out of eleven matches played. Bad luck again attended us in the first three matches of Lent term, and we lost to Old Malvernians (2-3), Clapham Rovers (3-5), and a strong scratch team, H. O. C. Beasley's Eleven, captained by L. J. Moon, with W. Campbell in goal. After this the whole team played with more dash and got better together; the backs regained their previous good form, and the forwards appeared at their best in the next five matches, which were won off the reel—Casuals (4-1), Richmond A.F.C. (2-1), Old Etonians (2-0), Old Harrovians (4-0), and Charterhouse (2-1). A full account of the game at Godalming on February 25 has already appeared; it may be added that the performance of the Eleven on that day surpassed anything it had previously done, more than realising our expectations and atoning for earlier failures. Of the five later matches we lost to Old Brightonians (1-3), and W. F. Fox's Eleven (0-2); drew with Old Westminsters (3-3), and beat L. A. M. Fevez's Eleven (4-2), and S. M. Macnaghten's (Eton) Eleven (2-0).

The Eleven may be shortly described as one having a very strong defence, but only a weak attack. The backs played a sound game throughout the season, with the exception of the three first matches in Lent term, when they,

as well as the halves, seemed to be out of form. The halves were from start to finish the backbone of the team, appearing perhaps to greatest advantage against Charterhouse, and in the second half against the Eton Eleven. The forwards as a whole were disappointing; at times in the open they combined well, passing with accuracy and discretion, and showing signs of pace; in front of goal, however, they almost invariably went to pieces, losing their 'dash' and shooting feebly. This weakness continued to the end of the season, being particularly noticeable in the Eton match, when chance after chance was lost.

During the year we have had more than our share of accidents and illness, and were in consequence at different times without Young, Lonsdale, and Foster, whilst Gaye was unfortunate enough to break his collar-bone when playing in goal against Old Etonians on February 15.

Our prospects for next year, with seven Pinks available and a lot of very useful material to draw upon, are very promising.

#### CHARACTERS OF FOOTBALL ELEVEN.

F. YOUNG (captain) (centre half).—An exceptionally sound and untiring worker; thoroughly understands passing, and in tackling will not be denied; shoots straight. Should have a future before him.

W. C. STEVENS (forward) (*aeg.*).—Only played once before being compelled by medical advice to give up football.

A. C. BARNBY (right back).—Greatly improved during season; kicks well with right foot, but is weak with his left, and is still inclined to leave the ball for the man; often gets too forward, thus throwing too much work upon his fellow back and half. Should be good next year.

B. H. WILLETT (left half).—Slow but very hard-working, with a particularly fine defence; feeds his forwards with judgment, and supports backs admirably. Greatly improved since last year.

A. L. FOSTER (right half).—Not very active, but hard-working and reliable.

H. R. LONSDALE (left back).—Steady and reliable; kicks splendidly, using both feet freely. Tackles very fairly, but wants more 'go.'



W. R. JACOB (inside left).—Did not come up to expectations, but played well at times ; passes well, and is a fair shot at goal, but very slow at starting. Should do better next year.

S. S. HARRIS (inside right).—The best forward of the five, dribbling very well at times ; passed well to his outside man, but neglected the inside men ; a very good and occasionally brilliant shot. With more dash and determination should be very good next year.

H. S. BOMPAS (centre forward).—Hard-working, but lacks control over the ball ; passes fairly well to the outside men, but kicks too hard when passing to the insides. An uncertain shot.

K. B. ANDERSON (goal).—Plays well on his day ; seemed to lose confidence in himself and fell off very much at beginning of Lent term ; improved and fully justified his selection later. Takes the higher shots well, but is too fond of kicking out the ground shots ; punts admirably.

R. PASHLEY (outside left).—Slow and too light to be effective. Worked hard and combined well with his inside.

S. D. KENNEDY (outside right).—Shows promise ; often passes when he has a chance of running down himself. Centres poorly, but occasionally sends in a good shot.

H. PLASKITT played several times for the School when Young and Foster were absent through injuries. He tackles splendidly, but is inclined to roam about the field, and is much too careless in his passing.

The Second XI. has played seven matches, winning three, losing three, and drawing one—a creditable record. That these games are of great value, as affording younger and promising players opportunities of gaining experience, has been seen during the past season by the way in which members of the Second XI. have, on occasion, been seen to advantage when playing for the School team. Of those who will be with us next year—

A. S. GAYE is a useful goalkeeper, safe when the ball comes within his reach, but moves about slowly ; played three times for the School, and was most unfortunate in breaking his collar-bone.

R. WYNTER, at back, strong, and tackles well, but is weak in kicking. Should be good next year.

E. C. STEVENS, at back, has too many 'off-days,' is very uncertain in kicking, and is slow in his movements. Played well in the second half of the Eton match.

A. A. MILNE would improve his play considerably if he displayed more inclination to 'go for' the opposing half and back.

A. T. COLEBY (inside left) shows very great promise ; is very quick and passes beautifully.

Rigauds won the House Shield for the tenth year in succession, beating Grants in the final by 8-0. Town Boys and Queen's Scholars played a drawn game (0-0).

The Leagues continue to do good service in bringing young players to the front. They were won this year by F (captain C. M. Page), with thirteen points, after playing an extra game with E (captain A. A. Milne) to decide the winner.

## WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 62.—SIR ROBERT THOMAS WILSON.

(Continued from p. 129 ante.)

THE young soldier seems to have paid as little attention to his father's warning against early marriage as he did to the parental deprecation of a military career. In the years 1796 and 1797 the 15th Light Dragoons were encamped near Weymouth, and at that town, then a favourite Royal residence, Wilson made the acquaintance of a Miss Jemima Belford, a young Kentish lady, niece and co-heiress of Sir Adam Williamson, of Avebury, Wilts. This acquaintance soon led to an engagement, both parties being wards in Chancery and under age ; but, as Wilson was expecting to be sent on foreign service, a Scotch marriage was resolved upon, with the full consent of their guardians and friends—a circumstance which somewhat detracts from the romance of their elopement to Gretna Green, where they were married on July 7, 1797, though the ceremony was repeated, in a more regular fashion, on the following 10th of March, at St. George's, Hanover Square.

Wilson's anticipations of foreign service were not immediately realised, but in 1798 he served in Ireland on the staff of Major-General St. John. He was reported by the High Sheriff of Tipperary as a favourer of rebels, because he attempted to interfere with some of the abominable cruelties which have rendered the year of the Rebellion so dark a period of Irish history.

He returned from Ireland to rejoin his regiment in the following year, and served with it in the unfortunate Anglo-Russian expedition to the Helder.



The 15th again distinguished themselves, and were rewarded by the royal permission to bear the words 'Egmont-op-Zee' on their guidons. Wilson says he was 'engaged in all the affairs,' but adds no further details of his experience. It was here, however, that he first made the acquaintance of Sir Ralph Abercrombie, and presumably made a favourable impression upon that general, as, when the latter was appointed to command the Egyptian expedition of the following year, he selected Wilson to command Hompesch's Hussars, or Mounted Riflemen, as they are sometimes called. Wilson left England in September 1800, and travelled overland through Germany—his post-chaise breaking down seventeen times on the road to Vienna—Austria, and Italy, to take ship at Messina, and, with the ill-luck which seems to have continually pursued him at sea, was within an ace of being cast away between that town and Malta. At the latter island he joined Sir Ralph, and took part in the landing at Aboukir Bay and subsequent battle of Alexandria. He afterwards distinguished himself by going with a flag of truce to a French convoy and 'bluffing' six hundred Frenchmen into laying down their arms to two hundred and forty ill-mounted English horsemen. 'Two or three tirailleurs gave me the benefit of their shots, one of which was nearer to me than I wish another to be in Egypt'—a quaint form of expression which seems to imply that he would not have minded being shot in any other country. He left Egypt again in September 1801, and, peace having been by this time concluded, travelled home through France, stopping at Paris on the way, and forming a very poor opinion of French society under the Consulate.

On his return to England, Wilson exchanged the sword for the pen, writing and publishing his 'History of the British Expedition to Egypt,' which proved an immediate and complete success—not, perhaps, entirely on account of its literary merit, for Wilson was the first to openly charge Napoleon with the massacre at Jaffa and the wholesale poisoning of his own sick at Acre. These accusations are said to have been taken from a pamphlet published by Mr. Morier at Constantinople; but at least Wilson was the first to embody them in a formal history. Their publication gave great offence to the First Consul, who demanded redress from the English Government, although the very speedy failure of the Treaty of Amiens naturally closed all negotiations on the subject. The exigencies of space forbid an exhaustive analysis of the evidence on the point at issue in these pages, and our readers must be satisfied with the bare statement that the massacre at Jaffa was a fact, and the administration of poison to the sick was probably a fabrication, though it was scarcely a libel upon the General who once asked, 'Que me font deux cent mille hommes?'

On the renewal of hostilities in May 1803, Wilson was appointed Inspector of Yeomanry for the counties of Devon and Somerset, a post which he held for

two years. It was in the summer of the same year that the Prince of Wales appealed to the King for permission to serve in the army, in a letter which appears from a memorandum among Wilson's papers to have been written or drafted by him; he was at this time in high favour at Carlton House, a popularity which, it is needless to remark, did not tend to recommend him to the Ministry of the day. Indeed, when in 1804 Wilson published his 'Inquiry into the State of the British Army,' containing an emphatic protest against flogging, and some not altogether groundless doubts as to the military efficiency of Pitt's favourite volunteer force, Pitt complained to the Commander-in-Chief, and Wilson was ordered to India. However, if the Duke of York so far turned against him, the old King still stood his friend, and 'by his *positive command*' (the italics are Wilson's) the order was revoked.

The inspection of yeomanry does not seem to have been thoroughly congenial to the dashing young cavalry officer, or at least to have satisfied all his craving for activity, and we find him in turn negotiating for a seat in Parliament, applying for a post in the Viceregal Court at Dublin, and volunteering for service in the Russian army. At last, in 1805, he was allowed to purchase a lieutenant-colonelcy in the 19th Light Dragoons, from which regiment he exchanged into the 20th, then under orders to join Sir David Baird at Cork, whence they sailed on August 29 for an unknown destination, which Wilson did not discover till two months later to be the Cape of Good Hope—and then only by accident, as he surprised the commodore (Sir Home Popham) and adjutant-general reading a book of travels on that country, and drew his own deductions. We have already remarked that Wilson was no favourite with Neptune, and this voyage as usual he had a narrow escape, the *Leda*, on board which ship he was sailing, coming within ten yards of destruction on the Roccas, or Pimental shoal, on which two of her consorts actually struck, although, fortunately, only one life was lost in each case. After touching at the Brazils, the expedition proceeded for its real objective, anchoring off Robben Island on January 5. The surf in Table Bay was considered too heavy to attempt a landing, and it was determined that the expedition should move on to Saldanha Bay and attempt to disembark there. General Beresford and Colonel Wilson were accordingly sent thither, with the 38th regiment and all the cavalry, to form an advanced guard. On the 7th Wilson landed with a small force, with orders to occupy a farm called Tea Forteyn; but a sergeant who professed to show him the way proved a very broken reed, and sixteen hours' marching only brought him five miles nearer his destination. After a three hours' rest he went doggedly on, characteristically enough giving up his charger to an infantry soldier who fell sick, and trudging along through thick sand in cavalry boots, which galled his feet terribly. Wilson describes this as the most woful march he ever witnessed, but his



bodily sufferings were soon forgotten in mental chagrin when he learnt that Sir David Baird's plans had been changed by a sudden alteration in the weather: the main body of the army had landed in Table Bay, a battle had been fought and the colony conquered, while Beresford and he had been struggling over the desert from Saldanha Bay. Posting on to Cape Town, he arrived in time to witness the surrender of General Janssen's army at Hottentot's Holland Kloof, but for all the practical service he had done in the capture of the colony he might as well have stayed in England. Indeed, personally he would much have preferred to have done so. Though his stay at the Cape was not a long one, he seems to have got heartily sick of the place, not to mention that Sir David Baird was a far from pleasant superior to serve under. An order was issued that every officer in the garrison should wear a black leather stock. Wilson protested against this, quoting a royal order to the contrary. 'I, sir,' answered Sir David, 'am His Majesty here.' 'Very well,' replied Wilson, with a profound bow, 'King David, your Majesty's order shall be obeyed.' This retort, though apparently more in keeping with the army as depicted in 'Carnac Sahib' than with the discipline maintained under the Duke of York, was not resented by the superior.

Sir Home Popham about this time conceived the unfortunate idea of an attack on the Spanish colonies in South America, and succeeded in convincing Baird that it was feasible. Wilson strongly opposed this unauthorised expedition, and very nearly succeeded in preventing it, because, being in possession of a Spanish army-list which had been presented to him by Kemble the actor, he was regarded as an authority upon Spanish military matters. It shows the deplorable state of ignorance among the staff-officers of the time that the accident of owning such a work of reference should have given a subordinate officer so much weight with his superiors. But Popham took Wilson's interference extremely ill, and was only reconciled to him when he ultimately gained his point.

On June 4, 1806, Wilson sailed on his homeward voyage in the *Adamant*, and once again was in imminent peril on the ocean. He took advantage of the calm to visit some of the ships in the *Adamant's* company, and was returning to that vessel when a breeze sprang up, and his little row-boat gradually fell behind the larger vessels. Just as he was about to give way to despair, his signals of distress attracted the attention of the *Warley*, which he had just left, and that vessel bore down and picked him up.

Wilson reached England in September, but two months later was directed to proceed to Berlin on the staff of Lord Hutchinson, who was charged with a special mission. On November 29 the *Astræa* frigate, on board which the mission was embarked, ran ashore in the Cattegat, and for a whole day beat heavily on the rocks. 'I had not the smallest expectation of preserving life,' wrote Wilson, 'and yet I

determined not to sink prematurely into the deep, for I remembered that my wife and children demanded as a right the struggle, which, however, I was well assured, would only be protracted suffering.' At last, contrary to the expectation of all on board, the *Astræa* worked off the bank, but with three feet of water in the hold, leaking at the rate of one hundred tons an hour, with her masts cut away, and so light—her guns, provisions, and stores having been jettisoned—that there was imminent peril of her over-setting. However, the desperate exertions of the crew succeeded in bringing her safe into Elsinore Roads, twenty-five miles from the point where she took the ground. This experience, as Wilson writes, 'will justify a coyness to embark again on perilous voyages for private inducements; my country commands my devotion and every personal sacrifice.' Wilson went on to Dantzic in the *Sparrow* brig, and again ran aground, though the second accident was less serious. After landing at Dantzic, he accompanied Lord Hutchinson through the Eylen and Friedland campaign. In one action Wilson saw a cannon-ball coming so straight towards him and a companion that he spurred his horse forward and shouted to the other to do likewise; but the latter failed to understand the emergency, and, remaining where he was, had both his legs carried away. This was a most extraordinary instance of keenness of sight, for which, curiously enough, Wilson was not on ordinary occasions remarkable. Wilson soon acquired the highest admiration both for the Russian soldiery and for the character of the Czar, and was proportionately disappointed when the latter abandoned the war with Napoleon, and—from an English point of view—betrayed the cause of Europe at Tilsit. 'Infamy is piled upon infamy,' he writes in his diary. '... What in the counsels of the Almighty can be the purpose of this human degradation? What foul offence can have merited such retribution? Yes! there is *one* that "smells rank to Heaven." Who went with Alexander to assist at his shame?' (the first dinner with Napoleon). 'Who but the assassins of his father? Cherished by him, they have linked his fate with their own and with that of the murderer of the Duc d'Enghien, of Pichégru, and of the garrison of Jaffa,' etc., etc.

After the conclusion of peace between Russia and France, Wilson proceeded with his chief to St. Petersburg, whence he was sent to England with despatches in September, returning to Russia in the following month, and finally coming back to England (again with despatches) in December. In the third voyage he again ran ashore near Gothenburg and narrowly escaped drowning. 'I much doubt,' is his comment, 'whether three winter passages across the Gulf of Bothnia are not equal to the devotion of the Decii. What a rude year of my life has this been!'

[To be continued.]



## School Notes.

WE are very glad to be able to inform our readers that the Headmaster has come back this term, apparently very much the better for his rest. We all sincerely hope the improvement in his health will be permanent.

WE offer hearty congratulations to P. T. Jones and M. L. Gwyer on getting Firsts in Mods. The latter has been awarded an honorary scholarship at the House.

At Cambridge L. J. Moon represented Westminster in the Seniors' Match, and has since played regularly for the University. R. N. R. Blaker appeared in the Freshmen's Match; he has been making large scores in College cricket.

C. D. Fisher and R. E. More played in the Seniors' Match at Oxford; the former was tried for the University against Somerset.

There will be an exeat this term from Friday, June 16, at 1 P.M. till the following Tuesday at 9.15 A.M.

The Concert was held 'Up School' on Friday, May 19, before a very large audience. We congratulate all concerned, and especially Mr. Ranalow, on a success which the latter most fully deserved for the indefatigable energy he devoted to it. A full account will appear in our next number.

We deeply regret to say that Mr. Steen is leaving us after the exeat owing to ill-health. He has been at Westminster since 1887, and will be very much missed. He takes with him our best wishes for the future.

We made an error in our last number in stating that we defeated S. M. Macnaghten's Eton XI. by 2-1. 2-0 should be read.

We offer our congratulations to W. S. Hopkyns on his election to a Fell Exhibition at the House.

The elevens have been filled up as follows :

<i>Pinks</i>	<i>Pink-and-Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.'s.</i>
F. Young	R. Wynter	A. T. Coleby
W. C. Stevens	H. Plaskitt	A. T. Willett
A. C. Barnby	A. S. Gaye	F. J. Harrison
B. H. Willett	E. C. Stevens	R. Whittow
A. L. Foster	R. S. Summerhays	G. R. Palmer
H. R. Lonsdale	A. A. Milne	O. G. F. Lühn
W. R. Jacob	P. F. Lock	L. H. Bennett
S. S. Harris	M. S. Thompson	E. A. Lewis
H. S. Bompas	G. C. Myers	A. McKenna
K. B. Anderson	A. Scarisbrick	E. C. Walker
R. Pashley	O. H. M. Williams	J. Heard
S. D. Kennedy		

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

May 6	Sat.	XI. v. XXII. Drawn. XI., 72 for 4 wickets; XXII., 116.
" 13	" v.	Lords and Commons. Won. Westminster, 279 for 6 wickets (inns. dec.); Lords and Commons, 104.
" 20	" v.	Kensington Park. Lost. Kensington Park, 152 for 7 wickets; Westminster, 144.
" 27	" v.	Incogniti. Drawn. Incogniti, 165 for 2 wickets; Westminster, 260.
June 3	" v.	Eton Ramblers.
" 7	Wed. v.	I Zingari.
" 10	Sat. v.	R. E. More's XI.
" 21	Wed. v.	West Kent.
" 24	Sat. v.	Oxford University Authentics.
July 1	" v.	M.C.C.
" 7	Fri. }	Charterhouse.
" 8	Sat. }	
" 15	" v.	Old Westminster.
" 22	" v.	Old Carthusians.
" 31	Mon.	T.BB. v. Q.SS.

## THE FIELDS.

### FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. W. F. FOX'S XI.

THIS, the last match of the season, was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, March 18, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 2-0. The School lacked the services of Harris, Milne taking his place. Fox lost the toss, and kicked off from the Church end at 2.45 P.M. Play was very slow and dull at first, neither side putting much energy into the game. At length Hollins got away and put in a hot shot, which was beautifully saved by Anderson. The School defence was severely taxed about this time, and Wilson at last scored with a good shot in the corner of the net, Anderson having no chance of saving (0-1). There was no more scoring up to half-time, although Milne and Bompas both had excellent chances, but shot wide. The game was very slack in the second half, and Pritchard added another goal for the scratch team (0-2). The School failed to score, although they had most of the game during the last quarter of an hour. No one played well for the School, everyone seeming stale after the hard game on the previous Thursday.

Teams were :—

#### WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby, H. R. Lonsdale (backs); A. L. Foster, F. Young, B. H. Willett (halves); S. D. Kennedy, A. A. Milne, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley (forwards).

#### W. F. Fox's XI.

G. A. M. Docker (goal); F. H. Bowring, A. Berens (backs); E. K. Talbot, A. R. Wilson, C. V. Fox (halves); A. B. Challis, F. H. Hollins, W. F. Fox, E. K. Mostyn Pritchard, J. W. C. Gilbert (forwards).



CRICKET.

XI. v. NEXT XXII.

THIS match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, May 6. According to the usual custom the XXII. went in first, Foster and Palmer being opposed by Stevens and Thompson. Foster was bowled by Stevens in his third over and made way for Rawlings, who showed nice style, although he does not put much power into his strokes. Four of the XXII. got into double figures; Palmer with 19 was highest scorer, but he was lucky, being missed two or three times. The total ultimately reached 112. Stevens bowled well, taking 8 wickets for 25 runs.

Lonsdale and Stevens started batting for the XI., Gaye and Gaskell sharing the bowling. Lonsdale was caught at the wicket in Gaye's first over. Stevens and Bompas made a stand, although runs did not come rapidly. At 31, which took an hour to obtain Bompas was bowled off his pads by Powers. Young then came in and partnered Stevens. These two took the score to 58, before Stevens was caught and bowled by Jacob for 31. Willett made two very good off drives before being bowled by Foster for 7, when stumps were drawn, Young being not out 15, and the score having risen to 76 for 4 wickets. Of the bowlers Gaye kept a fair length, and Powers showed promise, although very erratic at present.

Score and analysis :—

XXII.	
A. L. Foster, b. Stevens .....	2
G. R. Palmer, b. Milne .....	19
R. B. Rawlings, b. Stevens .....	7
P. F. Lock, b. Milne .....	4
K. B. Anderson, c. Heard, b. Milne .....	0
A. S. Gaye, b. Young.....	12
J. Blane, hit wicket.....	8
R. Pashley, st. Bompas, b. Young .....	1
W. R. Jacob, b. Stevens.....	7
R. Murray, b. Young .....	0
S. D. Kennedy, c. and b. Thompson .....	12
H. Severn, b. Stevens.....	2
H. S. Gaskell, c. Bompas, b. Stevens .....	11
A. T. Willett, b. Stevens .....	0
S. A. Dickson, b. Stevens .....	4
H. D. G. Law, b. Stevens .....	0
F. I. Harrison, b. Thompson .....	2
L. H. Bennett, not out .....	4
R. Wynter, b. Harris .....	1
R. F. O'Brien, b. Heard .....	3
J. Powers, b. Plaskitt .....	0
C. B. H. Knight, b. Plaskitt .....	0
Extras .....	13
Total .....	112

XI.

W. C. Stevens, c. and b. Jacob.....	31
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Wynter, b. Gaye .....	0
H. S. Bompas, b. Powers .....	14
F. Young, not out .....	15
B. H. Willett, b. Foster.....	7
A. A. Milne	} Did not bat.
E. C. Stevens	
S. S. Harris	
J. Heard	
H. Plaskitt	
M. S. Thompson	
Extras .....	
Total .....	76

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

XXII.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
W. C. Stevens .....	20	9	25	8
M. Thompson .....	12	6	14	2
A. A. Milne .....	11	6	24	3
H. Plaskitt .....	9	3	10	2
I. Heard .....	6	3	5	1
F. Young .....	8	0	19	3
S. S. Harris .....	5	2	2	1

XI.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
A. S. Gaye .....	7	4	12	1
H. S. Gaskell .....	5	2	6	0
K. B. Anderson .....	6	3	6	0
J. Powers .....	8	4	12	1
C. B. H. Knight .....	5	3	6	0
A. L. Foster.....	7	1	7	1
W. R. Le G. Jacob....	4	0	18	1
R. B. Rawlings .....	1	0	1	0

WESTMINSTER v. LORDS & COMMONS.

THIS, the opening match of the season, was played 'Up Fields' on May 13, and resulted in a substantial win for Westminster by 175 runs and four wickets. Young won the toss, and sent in W. C. Stevens and Lonsdale to face the bowling of Titchmarsh and Burns. The start was not very promising, Stevens being taken at the wicket off a rising ball from Titchmarsh, and Bompas getting out in exactly the same way two overs later, while Lonsdale was bowled by Burns at 27. Willett and Young were then associated, and the score rose steadily despite several changes in the attack. However, at 110 Titchmarsh was tried again, and his first ball disposed of Willett, who had been batting for fifty minutes for 34. After an escape in the slips early in his innings, he had played correct cricket, and with Young had added 83 for the wicket. E. C. Stevens came next, and had about five minutes' batting before lunch. After the interval he and Young, who was not out 35, soon settled down and completely mastered the bowling; both played with confidence, but Stevens scored rather the faster of the two, his figures including an on-drive for 7 off Titchmarsh. The latter, however, in the end had the satisfaction of causing a separation, clean bowling Stevens at 255. He had made 75 by bright cricket in an hour and a half, and hit seven 4's. After Heard had come in and tamely returned his first ball to the bowler, Milne remained with Young till the latter had completed his century, when the innings was declared closed. Young's 101 was the result of excellent cricket, and was compiled without any chance during a stay of two and a half hours. Among his strokes were a 5 and seven 4's. J. A. Pease and Giles began the visitors' innings, opposed by Willett and Stevens. Runs came very slowly at first, Willett especially causing the batsmen considerable trouble, and with 25 registered he dismissed Giles and Poynder in one over. Titchmarsh, however, improved matters, and Milne replaced Stevens, while Young went on for Willett, who seemed to be tiring somewhat. The change was



soon successful, as Titchmarsh was given out l.b.w. to Milne at 72, while at the same total Young bowled Pease, who had played well for 35. Verney was smartly stumped, Younger run out without receiving a ball, and Reckitt clean bowled, all at 87. Burns and Causton offered some resistance, but at 101 the former succumbed to Heard, who had taken the ball from Milne. Young then quickly finished off the innings, coming out with by far the best analysis of 5 wickets for only 14 runs.

Score and analysis:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

H. R. Lonsdale, b. Burns .....	11
W. C. Stevens, c. Verney, b. Titchmarsh .....	7
H. S. Bompas, c. Verney, b. Titchmarsh .....	4
F. Young, not out .....	101
B. H. Willett, b. Titchmarsh .....	34
E. C. Stevens, b. Titchmarsh .....	75
J. Heard, c. & b. Pease .....	0
A. A. Milne, not out .....	4
R. B. Rawlings } Did not bat.	
S. S. Harris }	
A. Plaskitt }	
Extras .....	43
Total .....	279

LORDS & COMMONS.

J. A. Pease, b. Young.....	35
C. T. Giles, b. Willett .....	5
Sir J. Dixon-Poynder, b. Willett .....	0
Titchmarsh, l.b.w., b. Milne.....	18
Hon. G. Verney, st. Bompas, b. Young .....	6
John Burns, b. Heard.....	11
W. Younger, run out .....	0
H. J. Reckitt, b. Young.....	0
R. K. Causton, c. Lonsdale, b. Young .....	10
C. F. Schwann, b. Young .....	2
R. Pashley, not out.....	1
Extras .....	16
Total .....	104

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Titchmarsh .....	36	7	94	4
Burns.....	19	7	38	1
Poynder.....	10	0	30	0
Younger .....	5	3	7	0
Reckitt .....	2	0	7	0
Giles .....	5	0	23	0
Causton.....	1	0	10	0
Pease .....	6	0	28	1

LORDS & COMMONS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
W. C. Stevens.....	6	2	18	0
B. H. Willett .....	8	2	27	2
A. A. Milne .....	7	1	23	1
F. Young .....	7.1	0	14	5
J. Heard .....	2	0	6	1

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports were held 'Up Fields' on April 7 and 8, and, taking into account the unfavourable conditions of the weather, they may be considered on the whole a success. Rain, as usual, largely interfered with the practice during the week set apart for the purpose, and on the actual days descended at times in such a manner as to stop the running altogether. As it was, many of the events took place under well-nigh impossible conditions, notably the Open Quarter, which was run in a heavy hailstorm. The wind was high on both days, but in spite of these adverse circumstances there was a large attendance of spectators; in fact, on the Saturday afternoon it was considerably larger than it has been for some years past.

The judges both on Friday and Saturday were O. R. Borradaile and R. T. Squire, who performed the arduous duties with their customary success and to the satisfaction of all. The stewards were: F. Young, H. L. Henderson (Hon. Sec.), F. T. Barrington Ward, W. C. Stevens, B. H. Willett, A. L. Foster, and H. R. Lonsdale.

The results were as follows:—

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—H. S. Bompas, 1; R. Whittow, 2. Time, 32½ sec.  
Heat 2.—A. A. Milne, 1; H. J. Kemp, 2. Time, 37½ sec.  
Heat 3.—M. S. Thompson, 1; E. C. Stevens, 2. Time, 36 sec.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—E. W. O. Colt-Williams, 1; R. L. Fraser, 2. Time, 13½ sec.  
Heat 2.—J. H. Kelsey, 1; F. I. Harrison, 2. Time, 13 sec.  
Heat 3.—H. Logan, 1; C. Maughan, 2. Time, 12½ sec.  
Heat 4.—W. E. Perry, 1; J. A. Powell, 2. Time, 13½ sec.  
Heat 5.—E. C. Walker, 1; A. T. Willett, 2. Time, 13 sec.

All close races, except the third, which Logan won easily by 4 yards.

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

E. W. O. Colt-Williams, 1; C. Powers, 2. Distance, 79 yds. 2 in.

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

S. D. Kennedy, 1; H. Plaskitt, 2; R. Whittow, 3. Time, 2 min. 33½ sec. Twenty started. Kennedy came to the front at the beginning of the second round, but was passed by Plaskitt a short distance before the hurdles, and only got ahead again at the last hurdle, winning by half a yard.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

P. H. Napier, 1; L. J. Connor, 2. Height, 4 ft. 1½ in. Not so good a jump as last year.



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

B. H. Willett, 1; A. Scarisbrick, 2. Distance, 67 ft. 1 in. Willett won easily with a throw some 6 feet better than last year.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

B. H. Willett, 1; W. Jacob, 2. Distance, 17 ft. 8 in. The form shown was disappointing. Jacob had hurt his leg, and Willett has often jumped better.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. HEATS.

Heat 1.—E. W. O. Colt-Williams, 1; H. Davis, 2.  
Heat 2.—H. Logan, 1; V. Knight, 2.  
Heat 3.—M. Shearman, 1; R. E. Tanner, 2.

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

Heat 1.—A. C. Barnby, 1; H. S. Bompas, 2. Time, 12 sec.  
Heat 2.—A. A. Milne, 1; S. T. Kennedy, 2. Time, 12<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.  
Heat 3.—A. Scarisbrick, 1; W. C. Stevens, 2. Time, 11<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.  
Heat 4.—B. H. Willett, 1; M. S. Thompson, 2. Time, 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.

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

Heat 1.—A. C. Barnby, 1; S. S. Harris, 2. Time, 18<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.  
Heat 2.—S. D. Kennedy, 1; J. Heard, 2. Time, 19 sec.  
Heat 3.—B. H. Willett, 1; Wilkinson, 2. Time, 21 sec.

11.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Ashley, 1; F. D. Baker, 2.  
Heat 2.—E. W. O. Colt-Williams, 1; A. T. Coleby, 2.  
Heat 3.—Napier, 1; O'Flynn, 2.

12.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

R. Whittow, 1; E. C. Stevens, 2; S. P. Myers, 3. For this race there were 131 entries, and quite 100 started. A close race ended in Whittow's getting home a yard in front of Stevens.

13.—SERVANTS' RACE.

1. Pennington. 2. Mackinnon. 3. James.

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

RIGAUDS.		ASHBURNHAM.	
	st. lb.		st. lb.
Bennett, L. H.	9 8	Day, H.	10 3
Anderson, K. B.	10 0	Edmunds, C. H.	10 8
Page, C. M.	11 1	Harris, S. S.	11 4
Barnby, A. C.	12 4	Joseph, F. G.	12 0
Willett, B. H.	12 5	Wynter, R.	12 7
McKenna, A.	11 4	Scarisbrick, A.	12 12

Rigauds beat Ashburnham, 2-1.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

15.—300 YARDS. OVER 16. FINAL HEAT.

1. 2.

16.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.

1. Colt-Williams. 2. Logan.

17.—THROWING THE CRICKET-BALL. OPEN.

1. B. H. Willett. 2. S. S. Harris.

A good throw, though not up to Blaker's of last year. Harris was not far behind. Distance, 94 yds. 3 in.

18.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. W. Jacob. 2. H. S. Bompas. 3.

This race was run in a hailstorm. Jacob took the lead almost from the start and maintained it to the end, winning by about 4 yards. Time, 62<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.

19.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

1. C. Powers. 2. P. E. Napier.

20.—440 YARDS. UNDER 16.

1. W. E. Perry.

21.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

1. A. C. Barnby. 2. B. H. Willett.

A good race, won by inches only. Time, 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.

22.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

1. Napier. 2. Ashley.

23.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. B. H. Willett. 2. A. C. Barnby.

Willett repeated his victory of last year with a better jump. Barnby's jumping was very neat. Height, 5 ft. 4 in.

24.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

1. A. C. Barnby. 2. B. H. Willett.

Barnby got away at once, and clearing beautifully, won fairly easily in excellent time. Time, 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.

25.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. FINAL HEAT.

1. Colt-Williams. 2. Logan.

26.—440 YARDS. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. Mears. 2. Napier.

27.—ONE MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1. Bennett. 2. Baillie. 3. Whittow.

Barnby made the pace for two laps, but then fell out, when Baillie came to the front, followed by Whittow and Bennett. At the end of the third lap Whittow and Bennett passed Baillie, and before the straight was reached Bennett took the lead. Baillie passed Whittow again a few yards from home. Time, 5 min. 10 sec.

28.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

1. Colt-Williams. 2. Logan.

Colt-Williams won a good race by inches. Time, 12 sec.

29.—120 YARDS. UNDER 13.

1. V. Knight.

Knight led all the way and won fairly easy. Time, 13<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> sec.

30.—CONSOLATION RACE. (Winners excluded.)

1. A. Beney.

31.—O.W.W. RACE.

1. Whittow and A. H. Hogarth.

An exceedingly good race resulted in a dead-heat.



32.—TUG OF WAR.

Q.SS v. T.BB.

Q.SS		T.BB.	
st.	lb.	st.	lb.
Jacob W. R.	11 9	Harris, S. S.	11 4
Roberts, H. F.	10 6	Foster, A. L.	11 6
Williams, O. H. M.	9 8	Wynter, R.	12 7
Ward, F. T. B.	11 4	Scarisbrick, A.	12 10
Lonsdale, H. R.	11 10	Stevens, E. C.	11 10
Palmer, G. R.	11 2	Barnby, A. C.	12 4
Harrison, F. I.	10 10	Willett, B. H.	12 5
Young, F.	11 0	McKenna, A.	11 4

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

T.BB. were eight stone heavier than Q.SS., but the result of each pull was in doubt for some time. T.BB. pulled well together, but without the swing they used with such good results last year.

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. Justice Bucknill distributed the prizes. In the course of his remarks, the Judge expressed great pleasure at being asked to give away the prizes at the sports of his old school. Things had entirely altered since his day, and in many ways for the better. Westminster games of the present day compared very favourably with what they were when he was at school. 'Up Fields' was quite a different place; in his time it had a very sorry appearance, and such a thing as a pavilion was unheard of. In the absence of the Headmaster, Mr. Failes in a few graceful words thanked Mr. Justice Bucknill in the name of the School for distributing the prizes. He expressed his regret (and he was sure that his feelings would be shared universally) that the Headmaster was not with them on that occasion, but hoped that his rest from work would completely restore his health. After R. T. Squire had made a few humorous remarks, cheers were given for the ladies, the Headmaster, and the O.WW., and the proceedings terminated.

GYMNASIUM.

The competitions were held on Thursday, April 6. There was hardly such a good show in Fencing as last year. Of the four competitors, two had not been learning long, and Edmunds, who should have shown more freedom and more energy in attack, seemed to be afraid of giving points away. In the first series Schwann did not score against Edmunds, and Walters beat Armstrong by 5 points to 3. Edmunds won the final against Walters by 5 points to 2.

In Gymnastics Hunt was an easy first amongst the seniors. He showed some very good style, but his desire to do things neatly made his movements sometimes slow and stiff. Craies had come on a good deal, while Gatley had fallen off considerably. There is some promising material among the juniors. Colt-Williams, Robertson, and Hubback all worked neatly and took pains. Coleby and O'Flynn are both keen, and the latter, when he grows taller and stronger, should give a good account of himself. The marks were :—

SENIORS.		JUNIORS.	
Hunt	79	Colt-Williams	52
Craies	51	Robertson	51
Anderson	49	Hubback	44
Gatley	49	Coleby	42
Lock	37	Bartlett, P.	36
		O'Flynn	30

THE LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A		W 1-0	L 0-2	L 1-2	L 2-3	W 3-0	D 1-1	L 1-2
B	L 0-1		L 2-4	W 4-1	D 0-0	D 4-4	W 10-3	L 2-3
C	W 2-0	W 4-2		L 0-3	L 2-3	L 2-3	W 3-2	W 4-1
D	W 2-1	L 1-4	W 3-0		L 1-4	L 0-4	W 6-0	W 2-1
E	W 3-2	D 0-0	W 3-2	W 4-1		L 5-6	W 5-3	W 2-0
F	L 0-3	D 4-4	W 3-2	W 4-0	W 6-5		W 5-0	W 3-0
G	D 1-1	L 3-10	L 2-3	L 0-6	L 3-5	L 0-5		L 0-2
H	W 2-1	W 3-2	L 1-4	L 1-2	L 0-2	L 0-3	W 2-0	

	Games Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals		Points
					For	Against	
F	7	5	1	1	25	14	11
E	7	5	1	1	22	14	11
C	7	4	3	0	17	14	8
D	7	4	3	0	15	14	8
B	7	2	3	2	22	16	6
H	7	3	4	0	9	14	6
A	7	2	4	1	9	10	5
G	7	0	6	1	9	32	1

Extra match to decide the winner between F and E: F (6 goals) beat E (1 goal).

List of Captains.

A . G. R. Palmer	E . A. A. Milne
B . F. I. Harrison	F . C. M. Page
C . M. S. Thompson	G . F. T. B. Ward
D . H. S. Gaskell	H . A. McKenna

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Our numbers are diminished this term owing to the departure of C. H. Walters and H. G. Quin. In the Sports last term we did quite as well as we expected, coming out second in the order. We



congratulate Gaye, Milne, Lock, and Williams on getting pink-and-whites, and Harrison and Palmer on College colours and third XI.'s at the end of last term. We had seven of our number playing for the XXII. *v.* the XI., namely, Palmer, Gaye, Gaskell, Lock, Jacob, Kennedy, and Harrison; while, besides of course Young and Lonsdale, Milne appeared in the XI., where we are glad to see he has kept his place. Gaye was also tried in the match against Incogniti. The Literary Society have read "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and are proceeding with "The Taming of the Shrew."

ASHBURNHAM.—Eight fellows left last term. There are three new boys. Our achievements in the Sports were not brilliant. We congratulate Harris on being second in the Cricket Ball, and Mears on winning the Quarter Mile under fifteen. We also congratulate Edmunds on winning the Fencing Competition, and De Watteville on being victorious in the Chess Tournament. Our hearty congratulations are due to Scarisbrick on receiving his pink-and-whites, and Lewis and Walker on their Thirds. S. S. Harris has been representing the School, and scored 111 *v.* Incogniti. Wynter and Murray played for the XXII.

GRANTS.—In the Sports we did not do as well as we expected. Baillie, Bompas, and H. Logan carried off the honours. We congratulate E. C. Stevens on his pink-and-whites, and J. Heard on his third XI.'s. Baillie left last term, and we have four new fellows. We are glad to see five fellows playing for the team. Our prospects for the Shield are brighter than they have been for some years.

H.BB.—Our numbers are smaller this term than they have been for several terms, being only fifty-one. Summerhays, C. G. Wilkins, and Ford have left, and we have only one new fellow. Plaskitt has played regularly for the School, and Foster, Knight, and O'Brien played for the XXII. We congratulate O. F. Lühn on his football thirds and House-colours. We did fairly well in the Sports, chiefly in the junior events. We congratulate Plaskitt on winning the Racquet ties and Hunt the Senior Gymnastic Competition. We have drawn a bye in the Junior House matches.

RIGAUDS.—We have managed to win the Football Shield again—for the tenth year in succession—defeating Grants in the final by 8-0. We have to congratulate M. Thompson and G. Myers on their pink-and-whites; and A. Coleby, A. T. Willett, R. Whittow, L. H. Bennett, and A. McKenna on their third XI.'s, Thompson, Coleby, Bennett, and McKenna also receiving House-colours. We did pretty well in the Sports, and managed to secure the House Cup, mainly owing to the exertions of B. H. Willett,

Barnby, and Colt-Williams, while Thompson, Whittow, and Bennett deserve mention. We also managed to win the House Tug-of-War, though our team was not the heaviest. Colt-Williams is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Gym. Competition, and Page on heading the League. We regret to say that Whittow and Armstrong have left, yet our numbers have not gone down. Anderson, Pashley, A. T. Willett, Bennett, and Powers played for the XXII. B. H. Willett is to be congratulated on a fine innings of 54 against Incogniti. We beg to thank Mrs. Marklove for kindly presenting a copy of "Rowing at Westminster" to the House library. We are glad to hear that S. M. Anderson has completely recovered from a sprained ankle.

## OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR Meeting of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, May 5. The following members were present:—H. E. Rawson, W.M., S. H. West, I.P.M., W. A. Ellis, S.W., J. B. Liberty, J.W., Thomas Wakley, Junr., P.M. (Treasurer), C. W. Stephenson, P.M., H. Sutherland, P.G.D. (Secretary), H. F. Manisty, F. G. Hallett, S.D., W. M. Meredith, C. Y. R. Bedford, and G. J. Crawford Thomson. The guests were Bros. A. D. Mackay, Colonel Todd, and (last, not least) John Sargeant. A vote of congratulation was passed to a member of the Lodge, the Hon. Sir T. T. Bucknill, on his having been appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, to the office of Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. WAKLEY, who had represented the Lodge as a steward at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, announced that the amount on his list on that occasion was £200, a charitable contribution which was, he ventured to think, highly creditable to so small a Lodge as was the Old Westminsters' in point of numbers. On the conclusion of business the brethren and their guests dined together. The toast of 'The Visitors' was on this occasion of particular interest, since it included the name of Bro. Sargeant, who was called upon to respond.

In reply, Bro. SARGEANT expressed his gratitude to O.W.W. who had given him reminiscences for the 'Annals,' and mentioned a few anecdotes which had been told him since. He was glad to feel that present Westminsters were not inferior to their fore-runners, and concluded with what he called 'the ungrateful hope' that when the W.M. came to play for O.W.W. in July he might meet with more than his match.



### Obituary.

WE have to regret the violent death of a distinguished Indian Civilian. CUTHBERT EDWARD BIDDULPH was born in 1850 and admitted in 1864, became a Q.S. in 1865, and was elected head to Trinity in 1869. He graduated B.A. in 1873 and M.A. in 1879. In 1878 he entered the Bombay Civil Service, but was soon sent to Afghanistan, where he served in the war of 1878-80, and received the medal. He became Assistant Commissioner in 1891. He was the author of 'Our Western Frontier of India,' 'Afghan Politics,' 'Afghan Poetry of the 17th Century,' and other works. In March Mr. Biddulph was at Chikalda. In company with Colonel Bannister he went in pursuit of a wounded panther. They were following the trail when the beast rushed from the jungle and seized Mr. Biddulph before he had time to fire. It was shot by a native constable, but Mr. Biddulph died of his wounds. His sad end will recall the circumstances of the death of Mr. E. A. Bulkeley less than two years ago (viii. 307).

WITH the greatest regret we record the death of Sir JOHN MOWBRAY, which occurred on April 22. Sir John had been a Governor of the School for more than twenty years. The following obituary notice is from the *Times*:— 'We record with great regret the death of Sir John Robert Mowbray, Father of the House of Commons, and senior member for Oxford University. Only the short interval of two months separates his death from that of Lady Mowbray, whose loss, after a married life of more than fifty years, was severely felt by him. After his bereavement he resigned the chairmanship of the Committee of Selection of the House of Commons. Quite recently he had been attacked by influenza, but had been well enough to return to the House of Commons. He had a fainting fit there just a week ago, and, after a partial recovery, a relapse on Thursday, after which his strength failed, and he died on Saturday morning at his house in Onslow Gardens. Several members of his family were present at the time of his death. Sir John Robert Mowbray, whose patronymic was Cornish, was born at Exeter in 1815, and was the only son of Mr. Robert Stribling Cornish, by Marianne, daughter of Mr. John Powning, of Hill's Court, near Exeter. He was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, and took a Second Class in *Literæ Humaniores* in 1836, in

which year the class list included the names of Dean Church and Lord Cranbrook, the latter of whom—also placed in the Second Class—was subsequently Sir John's colleague in the representation of the University. During his Oxford career he was President of the Union, and was associated with the stormy proceedings which were amply commemorated at the anniversary dinner in 1873, when, under the presidency of his son, Mr. R. G. C. Mowbray, almost all the most distinguished members of the University assembled to celebrate the fiftieth year of the Union Society. On leaving Oxford he was called to the Bar, became a member of the Inner Temple, and went the Western Circuit; but he soon abandoned the law for politics. In 1847 he married Elizabeth Gray, only child of Mr. George Isaac Mowbray, of Bishopwearmouth, Durham, and Mortimer, Berks, and took the surname of Mowbray. His first Parliamentary seat, won with difficulty, was for Durham City, which he represented in the Conservative interest from 1853 to the end of 1868. In 1869 he succeeded Sir William Heathcote at Oxford University, his senior colleague being Lord Cranbrook, then Mr. Gathorne-Hardy, who had defeated Mr. Gladstone four years earlier. Twice only did he take office—namely, in 1858, when he joined Lord Derby's second Administration as Judge Advocate-General, and was sworn of the Privy Council, and again in 1866, when he held the same position under the same Prime Minister. He was a Church Estates Commissioner from 1866 to 1868 and from 1871 to 1892. In 1869 he became an honorary D.C.L. of Oxford, and in 1877 an honorary student of Christ Church. He was made a baronet in 1880. Besides these honours he was a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for Durham and a magistrate and county alderman for Berkshire. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his eldest son, Mr. Robert Gray Cornish Mowbray, born in 1850, Fellow of All Souls, and from 1886 to 1895 Conservative member for the Prestwich Division of Lancashire. But these dry details of an honourable, if comparatively uneventful, life will by no means convey a just idea of Sir John Mowbray's political work, or of his Parliamentary position. It is true that he never held high office, and never was prominent either as a party man or as an independent member. A stranger visiting the House might fail to observe the somewhat



old-fashioned gentleman who sat at the end of one of the back benches above the gangway. He seldom spoke; whole sessions, we believe, sometimes passed without a word from him in public. But inside the House everyone knew that his experience and his high character made him one of its most important members, to say nothing of the influence that necessarily attached to him as Chairman of the Committee of Selection. The public, perhaps, may not fully realise the fact that a great and an increasing part of the business of the House of Commons is done almost in private, and, so to speak, behind its back, by Select Committees and Grand Committees. The work of choosing the members who are to compose these committees is entrusted to a Committee of Selection, of which Sir John Mowbray was chairman for the last twenty-five years of his life. There are no two opinions as to the manner in which he presided over this Committee, and performed duties which require for their proper fulfilment great tact, a knowledge both of men and of public business, and, in the interests of all parties, an instinctive sense of impartiality. These, surely, are qualities not universally possessed, but essentially necessary in the post so long and so admirably held by Sir John Mowbray. It is as a man of business, then, and as a standing example of integrity and public spirit, that he will be missed, and not as an orator. As we have said, he seldom made speeches, although when it was incumbent on him to do so he spoke with ease and effect. Nothing could have been in more perfect taste than the speech in which, after the general election of 1895, he proposed the re-election of Mr. Gully to the office of Speaker. In April he had proposed the defeated candidate; in August, in a few obviously sincere sentences, he pronounced so cordial an appreciation of Mr. Gully's conduct in the chair that both sides of the House accepted the nomination without misgiving. On most other occasions he gave a silent vote, knowing the value of time, and perhaps not greatly delighting in the battle of words. In any case, whether silent or not, he was always a staunch upholder of the best Parliamentary traditions. He had also other claims to distinction. Since the death of Mr. Charles Pelham Villiers, he was recognised as the Father of the House, a title which at least invests its holder with a certain mysterious dignity. It is something, after all, to have sat in the same House with historic statesmen whom younger men have never seen, or have only regarded from the gallery. But there are old members and old

members. It was not merely that Sir John Mowbray had seen more Reform Bills and more changes than other men; he recalled the type of old members—once the majority of the House—of whom Mr. Henley and Sir Rainald Knightley were perhaps the last living representatives. He was also a devout son of the Church of England, who had done much work on her behalf, and was in his younger days a familiar figure at Congresses and other Church gatherings. Moreover, he represented Oxford University, not indeed as a great scholar, or with any special concern for academical questions, but as one who had its interests at heart and loved its associations. A more learned, but certainly not a more loyal, man may be his successor. Both the University and the House, with plenty of ability at their command, will yet feel the loss of a gentleman of the old school.

WE deeply regret to announce the death of Lord ESHER, which occurred on May 24. William Baliol Brett was born August 13, 1815, the second son of Joseph George Brett, of Chelsea, and entered the School in 1829. He went to Caius College, Cambridge, and rowed No. 7 in the Cambridge boats of 1838 and 1839, and was stroke of Cambridge Rooms when they won the Grand Challenge at Henley in 1841. He graduated B.A. in 1840, and M.A. in 1845, and was called to the Bar in 1846. He joined the Northern Circuit, and in 1860 took silk. In 1865 he unsuccessfully contested Rochdale, and was elected for Helston after a tie in 1866. He became Solicitor-General and was knighted in 1868, and in the same year was made a Justice of the Common Pleas. In 1876 he was made a Lord Justice of Appeal, and in 1883 was appointed by Mr. Gladstone to the Mastership of the Rolls. In 1885 he was raised to the peerage as Baron Esher, and on his retirement from the Rolls in 1897 was raised to a Viscounty. No judge had sat so long on the Bench, and he thus worthily maintained the tradition of Westminster longevity. Lord Esher was a great Common Lawyer, and his best work was perhaps done in the Court of Appeal, where his law was assisted by his great knowledge of men and things. The business of a judge, he once said, was to find a good legal reason for the conclusions of common-sense. He had also a keen eye for a subtle point, and in the celebrated 'place' suit his point was the one ultimately accepted by the House of Lords. Lord Esher married in 1850 Eugénie, daughter of Louis Mayer, and step-daughter of Colonel



Gurwood, C.B., the editor of Wellington's despatches.

THE death of the Rev. JOHN PRIMATT MAUD took place at Sheldon House, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on April 11. He was born at Swainswick Rectory, Somersetshire, in 1823, and was educated at Westminster School, where he gained a studentship to Christ Church, Oxford, in 1842. He entered upon his university career in the approved manner of 'Queen's Scholars' of that period. The Great Western Railway did not then extend beyond Didcot, and the journey to Oxford was completed in a post-chaise with four horses and postillions. At the last stage into Oxford the carriage was met by some thirty Old Westminsters on horseback, who escorted the young student to the 'Tom Gate,' where he was introduced to his college. The following three days were devoted to festivities of various kinds—breakfast parties, wine parties, and supper parties. After a year at Oxford he went out to

India and joined the 5th Madras Native Infantry, with which regiment he served during the second Burmese war, under General Godwin's command, being present at the storming and capture of Pegu, November 21, 1852. He returned with the regiment to India, and took part in the Mutiny, having the command of a detachment of Sikhs, 1857-58. In 1859 he was invalided home, suffering from the effects of a sunstroke. He then resigned his commission, retiring with the rank of major, and went to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, the University of Oxford having granted him a 'liceat migrare.' He stroked his college eight, and in due course took his degree and entered the Church. He was vicar of Ancaster, Lincolnshire, for thirty-one years. He resigned the living in 1894. He was an excellent shot, and a keen salmon fisherman, and he played golf to within a few months of his death, which took place in his seventy-seventh year. He leaves a widow and ten children.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Can you spare me a few lines to thank those contemporaries who have kindly responded to the appeal for a fund to put up a brass tablet in memory of W. S. Cox, and to inform them that the tablet has been placed in the lobby 'Up School'? It is inscribed as follows:—

'In memory of  
the Rev. W. SPILLER COX,  
T.B. 1883-4;  
Q.S. 1884-8.  
Missionary to Sierra Leone.  
Died of fever, June 12, 1897,  
Aged 26.

πιστὸς ἀχρι θανάτου.'

Yours very faithfully,  
LIONEL JAMES.

Radley College, Abingdon.

### Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the following Magazines: *Penn Charter Magazine* (2), *Marlburian* (2), *Pauline*, *Wellingtonian*, *Oakham School Magazine*, *Forest School Magazine*, *Wykehamist* (2), *Meteor* (2), *Ruthin School Magazine*, *Graham Street School Magazine*, *Bradfield College Chronicle*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle* (2), *Radleian*, *Literary Magazine* (Laurenceville School), *Working Men's College Journal* (2), *Felstedian*, *Clavinian*, *King's College School Magazine*, *Malvernian*, *State Correspondent* (2), *Rossallian*, *Cheltonian* (2), *Ulula*, *Salopian* (2), *The Blue*, *Cliftonian*, *Derbeian*, *Elizabethan* (Barnet School Magazine), *Tonbridgian*, *Our Boys' Magazine* (2), *Fettesian*, *Bosworthian*, *Cinque Port*, *Raven* (Downside School Magazine), *Brighton College Magazine*, *St. Peter's School Magazine*, *Oxford Magazine*, *Scranton High School Magazine*, *Cantuarian*, *Wellingtonian*, *Newtonian*, *Melburnian*, *Alleynian*.

Moreat.