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THE WESTMINSTER PLAY ACCOUNTS OF 1564 AND 1606.

DR. SCOTT'S work in unearthing MSS. relating in various ways to the School is well known to all Westminsters. His skill and industry have just been rewarded by the discovery, in the cupboards of the Jericho Parlour in the Deanery, of a large number of miscellaneous documents which had been removed for various purposes from the Muniment Rooms and never returned. Among these papers were the two we print below, which contain the expenses incurred at the Westminster Play in the years 1564 and 1606.

It will be observed that on the occasion of the Plays before Queen Elizabeth the dresses were borrowed from the Revels, and the armour from Burghley. Perhaps some of the younger

Westminsters do not know that the classical costumes now worn on our stage did not make their first appearance till 1839. Previous to this modern dress had been worn, no difference being made in the style of costume between the Play and Epilogue. So the armour was needed for the 'Miles Gloriosus.' Both dresses and armour seem to have been brought by water. Some of the borrowed armour was damaged in the course of the Play, and Burghley's armourer had to be paid for the necessary repairs. There was, of course, in these early times no scenery, but a board, on which 'Greate Letters' were inscribed in ink and colours, told what the scene was supposed to represent. The sugar candy and the comfits were probably, like the buttered beer, remedies for the 'children's' hoarseness. The black Jack is, as Dr. Scott suggests, not unlikely to be one of those which are now in the Library. The number of pins

required seems to us extraordinarily large: doubtless the dresses were without buttons. The 'gentlewomen that did attyre the childrene' have a modern parallel, for Sir Clements Markham informs us that a like office was performed by Mrs. Liddell. It would be interesting to know whether the Plautus which was given to Queen Elizabeth is still in the Royal Library at Windsor.

The second document gives the word *malincorde*, which is a puzzle to lexicographers. Dr. Murray has consulted his extensive collection of materials, but has, so far, found no clue. The Headmaster, however, points out that it is a false form of 'marlincord,' and means string. 'Mr. Kendall' is Henry Condell, the player and manager, who was one of the joint editors of the First Folio of Shakespeare. The money paid him was doubtless for the hire of dresses from his store at the Globe Theatre across the river.

I.

The expenses of twoo playes viz Heautontimoroumenos Terentii and Miles gloriosus Plauti plaied by the children of the grammer schoole in the colledge of Westminster and before the Quenes maiestie anno 1564.

Imprimis at y^e rehersing before Sir Thomas Benger for pinnes and suger candee *vid.*

It. the second tyme att the playing of Heautonti. for pinnes halfe a thowsand *vid.*

It. for a lynke to bring thapparell from the reuells *iiiiid.*

It. bestowed upon three gentlewomen that did attyre the childrene *iiiiid.*

It. att the playing of Miles Glor: in M^r Deanes howse for pinns halfe a thowsand *vid.*

It. for frankincense *id.*

It. geuen the same tyme to W^m Bayly for pinns *iid.*

It. geuen to m^r Secretarie his armorer to furbush againe certaine armer borrowed of him *xiid.*

It. to his man *iid.*

It. for bote hyre to bring apparell from the reuells *iiiiid.*

It. for suger candee for the children *iid.*

It. geuen to m^r Holte yeoman of the reuells *xs.*

It. to his men *iiis. iiiid.*

It. Att the playing of Miles Gloriosus befor the Quenes maiestee for pynns di: thowsand *vid.*

It. for bote hyer to conueye apparell from y^e reuells *vid.*

It. for frankincense *id.*

It. to W^m Smythe for ryall paper inke and colores for the wryting of greate letters and for a box of comfetts for the children *iiis. iiiid.*

It. to m^r Tayler his man for going upp and downe to diuerse places in London *xiid.*

It. geuen to m^r Holte *xs.*

It. to his men *iiis. iiiid.*

It. to a woman attyryng y^e children *xiid.*

It. to m^r Secretarie his armorer *xiid.*

It. for ii calls which were loste *iiis. iiiid.*

It. for butterd beere for y^e children being horse *xiid.*

It. for one Plautus geuen to y^e Queenes maiestie and fowre other unto the nobilitie *xis.*

It. geuen to the dromer for y^e lone of his drome *xiid.* and to m^r Brown more *xiid.*

and for a black Jack *iiis.*

yeueen to two servants of Holte *xvid.*

[Total] *lixs. ixid.*

[Endorsed:] The bill of charges for our interludes or comodys after Mych.

II.

The Chardges for y^e first Playe for y^e Apparrell.

Payd M^r Keyser *xiiis.*

pd. his man *iiis.*

pd. Mr. Kendall *viiiis.*

pd. his Boye *xviiiid.*

pd. a wooman for Hayres and Beards *vs.*

Rushes *iiiiid.*

Fidlers Coates *vid.*

Tenter hookes, 100, *viiiid.*

pd. to Watermen and Porters *iiis. iiiid.*

Som. *xxiiiis. iiiid.*

For the tow last Playes.

pd M^r Kendall. for y^e Apparrell and beards *xlvs.*

a Play booke *iiiiid.*

Malincorde *id.*

Rushes *vid.*

Fidlers Coates *vid.*

pinnes *iid.*

Taber and Pipe *vid.*

pd. to Watermen and Porters *iiis. viiiid.*

Som. *xlxs. ixid.*

Total Som. *iiiiid. iiis.*

Feb. 20, 1606.

M^r Bellot I pray you to discharge this bill of 4*l.* 3*s.* Rich. Neile.

20 die Februarii 1606.

Receaved the said somme of *iiiiid. 3s.* by the handes of George Bellot Receavour *iiiiid. 3s.*

Ri: Irelande.

[Endorsed:] 4/3/ for the Pleas.

School Notes.

THERE was an Exeat this term from February 27 to March 3.

The Mission Offertory in Abbey on the Feast of the Purification amounted to £4. 6*s.*, and that on St. Matthias' Day to £4. 6*s.* 2*d.*

An interesting lecture on Westminster Abbey, illustrated by limelight views, was given Up School on Friday, January 30, by Mrs. Murray Smith. Beginning with an account of the growth of the Abbey, she proceeded to describe the Royal Tombs. The views were excellent, and brought out distinctly the beautiful carvings on many of the tombs.

The School witnessed the opening of Parliament on February 17 from the Green outside Henry VII.'s Chapel.

We regret to record the loss of the Charterhouse match by one goal to two. Though unsuccessful, we must congratulate the XI. on playing a very good game; they showed much better form than in some of the earlier matches this term. We defer a full account till our next number. After the match H. Logan and G. L. Crowe received their 'Pinks.'

The Pancake Greaze took place as usual on Shrove Tuesday. The number of visitors seems to increase every year. The pancake was caught from a fairly good throw by F. G. Worlock, of the Modern Fifth, who managed to keep it almost unbroken. This year's Greaze was photographed by Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P., who had previously taken some photographs of the School.

The Athletic Sports will this year be held on April 3 and 4. Holders of Challenge Cups are requested to return them to G. T. Boag, St. Peter's College, Westminster.

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

		1902.	
Sat.	Sept. 27	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 2-5)	
"	Oct. 4	<i>v.</i> Casuals. (Lost, 0-8)	
"	" 11	<i>v.</i> Emeriti. (Lost, 0-1)	
"	" 18	<i>v.</i> Old Harrovians. (Lost, 0-7)	(Won, 9-4)
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI. (Drawn, 4-4)	
"	" 25	<i>v.</i> New College, Oxford. (Scratched)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> O.W.W. 2nd XI. (Scratched)	
"	Nov. 1	<i>v.</i> Old Foresters. (Scratched)	
Wed.	" 5	<i>v.</i> Brasenose College, Oxford. (Drawn, 2-2)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> King's College 2nd XI. (Lost, 1-4)	
Sat.	" 8	<i>v.</i> Old Etonians. (Lost, 1-9)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost, 4-6)	
Wed.	" 12	<i>v.</i> Selwyn College, Cambridge. (Lost, 0-4)	
Sat.	" 15	<i>v.</i> Christ Church. (Scratched)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> London Hospital 2nd XI. (Scratched)	
"	" 22	<i>v.</i> R.M.A., Woolwich. (Scratched)	
"	" 29	<i>v.</i> Old Felstedians. (Lost, 1-3)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Scratched)	
"	Dec. 6	<i>v.</i> O.W.W. (Drawn, 4-4)	

		1903.	
Sat.	Jan. 17	<i>v.</i> Kenley. (Drawn, 1-1)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-5)	
"	" 24	<i>v.</i> Old Wykehamists. (Scratched)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> London Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost, 1-2)	
Wed.	" 28	<i>v.</i> Hertford College, Oxford. (Lost, 1-2)	
Sat.	" 31	<i>v.</i> University College, Oxford. (Lost, 0-2)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Drawn, 4-4)	
Wed. Feb.	4	<i>v.</i> Old Carthusians. (Lost, 1-2)	
Sat.	" 7	<i>v.</i> Clare College, Cambridge. (Won, 2-1)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost, 1-2)	
"	" 14	<i>v.</i> Old Reptonians. (Lost, 2-5)	
"	"	2nd XI. <i>v.</i> Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-5)	

Wed. Feb.	18	<i>v.</i> Cambridge Old Westminsters. (Drawn, 6-6)
Sat.	" 21	<i>v.</i> Charterhouse (at Godalming). (Lost, 1-2)
"	" 28	<i>v.</i> Pembroke College, Cambridge. 2nd XI. <i>v.</i> O.W.W. 2nd XI.
"	Mar. 7	<i>v.</i> An Eton XI.
Wed.	" 11	<i>v.</i> O.W.W.
Sat.	" 14	<i>v.</i> Old Etonians. 2nd XI. <i>v.</i> St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI.
Wed.	" 18	<i>v.</i> L. A. M. Tevey's XI.
Sat.	" 21	<i>v.</i> Old Brightonians. 2nd XI. <i>v.</i> King's College 2nd XI.
"	" 28	K.S.S. <i>v.</i> T.B.B.

The following is the Debating Society's Card, with the results of the debates:—

January 22.—'That this House condemns the action of the United Powers towards Venezuela.' Proposer, A. C. Bottomley; Seconder, J. S. Lewis; Opposer, G. T. Boag. (Lost by acclamation.)

January 29.—'That in the opinion of this House the Laureateship has not been bestowed on the Poets most representative of the highest literature of the age.' Proposer, F. W. Hubback; Seconder, D. S. Robertson; Opposer, K. N. Colvile. (Carried by acclamation.)

February 5.—'That this House would welcome the establishment of Courts of Arbitration to settle differences between Labour and Capital.' Proposer, P. M. Bartlett; Seconder, A. G. R. Henderson; Opposer, M. Pemberton. (Lost by acclamation.)

February 12 & 19.—'That in the opinion of this House the system of Party Government is a hindrance to the efficient conduct of Public Business.' Proposer, G. T. Boag; Seconder, A. L. Crossman; Opposer, E. A. Bell. (Lost by acclamation.)

February 26.—'That in the opinion of this House the Education Bill is calculated to promote the true interests of Education.' Proposer, F. H. Nichols; Seconder, W. J. Bonser; Opposer, C. Powers. (Carried by acclamation.)

'That this House would welcome some measures restricting the Immigration of Aliens.' Proposer, J. C. Vernon; Seconder, F. C. Failes; Opposer, E. W. Lane-Clayton.

'That this House approves of the State Control of Railways.' Proposer, G. W. Phillips; Seconder, C. J. G. Seddon; Opposer, G. D. Johnston.

'That in the opinion of this House the unsatisfactory state of Ireland is entirely due to English misgovernment.' Proposer, H. Logan; Seconder, C. Powers; Opposer, E. W. D. Colt-Williams.

'That in the opinion of this House Competitive Examinations are not calculated to bring forward the ablest men.' Proposer, J. D. H. Dickson; Seconder, J. M. Craig; Opposer, J. S. Lewis.

'That in the opinion of this House the past year has been eminently satisfactory.' Proposer, J. R. Trench; Seconder, G. L. Crowe; Opposer, H. B. Philby.

GAMES COMMITTEE.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, January 27, the Treasurer being absent. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, C. Powers was elected a member of the Committee. The draw for the House Matches was made as follows: Rigaud's *v.* Ashburnham, Grant's *v.* Home Boarders. J. C. Vernon and L. A. Woodbridge were next elected to

The School forwards again took the ball down and Corfield had an opening, but shot wide. From a mistake by Logan, Hartnoll scored, with a shot Crowe tried to kick out instead of using his hands. Soon afterwards Lewis put in a very hard shot which gave Crowe no chance. Despite rushes on both sides there was no further addition to the score, and a very good game thus ended in a win for the visitors as stated. For the School, the forwards showed to much better advantage, but were still weak in front of goal. Powers and Logan were the best for the defence. For University College, Pomfret and Maxwell played good game.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. L. Crowe (goal); M. Pemberton and H. Logan (backs); C. Powers, J. M. Craig, R. P. Mears (halves); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, E. T. Corfield, A. T. Coleby, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

C. Grice-Hutchinson (goal); V. Pomfret, G. A. Maxwell (backs); J. Burra, A. L. Preston, L. F. Metcalf (halves); J. Hartnoll, A. R. Cheale, W. H. P. Lewis, C. H. Jackson, A. L. Kelly (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.) *v.*
CLAPHAM ROVERS (2ND XI.).

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, January 31, and resulted in a draw of 4 goals each. During the first half the School, playing with the wind, managed to gain a substantial lead of 4 goals to 1. Johnston (2), Gardner and Geddes scored. On changing ends play went very much in the visitors' favour, who scoring three times in quick succession managed to equalise.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

H. V. Capon (goal); J. K. Hepburn, W. J. Bonser (backs); F. W. Hubback, J. R. Trench, F. S. Fleuret (halves); H. B. Philby, R. G. Gardner, R. W. Geddes, J. L. Johnston, K. N. Colville (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2ND XI.

F. E. Lindsay (goal); J. C. Lindsay, H. Dermer (backs); H. D. Oppenheimer, R. E. Murray, W. Townsend (halves); J. Coutts, H. G. Sibley, E. W. S. Thomson, C. A. Dottridge, J. C. Sewell (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD
CARTHUSIANS.

Played 'Up Fields' on Wednesday, February 4, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one, after a fast and even game. The Old Carthusians won the toss, and Corfield kicked off for the School at 3.5 p.m. The School defended the Hospital end. The School forwards soon attacked, but Coleby shot over. The Old Carthusians then broke away, and Crowe was called upon to save; this attack was followed up by two corners, both of which, however, proved fruitless. Play was then transferred to the visitors' end; Woodbridge put

in a good shot, which unfortunately rebounded into play off the post. After about twenty minutes' play Gardner scored from a 'scrum' in front of goal. Although having the best of the game up to half-time, the School failed to increase their lead.

On changing ends the School immediately ran through from the kick-off and forced a corner; this, however, was not turned to account. The Old Carthusians then made a vigorous attack on the School goal, R. Trower hitting the post, and several shots being put in by Curwen and Bowring on the right wing. Good combination between Furze and Trower ended in giving the latter player an opening, of which he promptly took advantage (1-1). The School forwards then retaliated, but their shooting carried no sting with it, and Capon had no difficulty in clearing. Furze then made a very good run, which ended in giving the visitors the lead (1-2). The School failed to equalise in the short time that remained, and a very good game ended in a win for the Old Carthusians as stated.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. L. Crowe (goal); M. Pemberton, H. Logan (backs); C. Powers, J. M. Craig, R. P. Mears (halves); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, E. T. Corfield, A. T. Coleby, R. G. Gardner (forwards).

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

H. V. Capon (sub.) (goal); W. B. L. Franks, G. B. Winck (backs); C. S. Anderton, A. C. Whitting, O. H. Bishop (halves); F. A. Bowring, F. Furze, R. Curwen, R. A. B. Trower, A. B. Trower (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CLARE
COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, February 7, and resulted in a win for the School by two goals to one. The visitors won the toss and decided to play against the wind, towards the Hospital end. Both sides started very tamely. Clare College, however, soon got together, and Crowe was soon called upon to save. The School then obtained a corner, but it was not converted. Shortly afterwards Coleby obtained a good opening, but shot over. Clare then broke away, and looked very like scoring, but Powers rushed across and tackled in time. The School forwards again ran down, and Kirkpatrick put in a good shot, but failed to score. After about twenty minutes' play Corfield made a good run, which he wound up with a good centre, which Coleby put through (1-0). The combination of the School forwards was much improved, and they made several good runs, but failed to increase their lead before half-time. When play was resumed, Corfield immediately made a good opening for himself, but shot wide. Clare then began to press slightly, and obtained two fruitless corners. The School were awarded a free kick in front of goal, but failed to convert. Almost directly afterwards Coleby again scored with a long shot, which went in off the post

(2-0). From this point the Clare forwards began to press, but their shooting was very erratic. The visitors obtained a couple of corners, both of which the School managed to clear. After several fruitless rushes, Mackrill scored with a splendid long shot, which just went under the bar (2-1). Several times the Clare left wing began to look dangerous, but the School defence managed to keep them out, and thus won a good game as stated.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. L. Crowe (goal); H. Logan, J. K. Hepburn (backs); C. Powers, J. M. Craig, R. P. Mears (halves); J. C. Vernon, R. G. Gardner, E. T. Corfield, A. T. Coleby, L. G. Kirkpatrick (forwards).

CLARE COLLEGE.

A. Brunton (goal); K. B. Anderson, J. C. Aitchison (backs); J. Goodbody, C. K. Macherrow, G. P. Potter (halves); R. Spencer, R. M. Druce, F. G. Lowe, C. M. Whitehead, O. W. Mackrill (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.) *v.* ST. BART'S HOSPITAL (2ND XI.).

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, February 7, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one. Hubback lost the toss, and the School played towards the 'Big-Game' end. The visitors scored two extremely lucky goals during the first half; the first by the outside right with a centre which was carried through by the wind; the second was a long shot by one of the backs, which just went under the bar. Johnston scored for the School just before half-time. On changing ends the School did most of the pressing, but failed to equalise, Johnston shooting over with an open goal.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.).

H. V. Capon (goal); L. R. Walton, W. J. Bonser (backs); F. W. Hubback, J. R. Trench, A. R. Malcolm (halves); H. B. Philby, R. W. Geddes, J. L. Johnston, K. E. Newman, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S (2ND XI.).

D. W. Hume (goal); F. W. H. Burne, A. Barber (backs); R. G. Reches, F. Hogan, A. C. Wilson (halves); A. Abrahams, F. I. Rees, S. Tucker, E. Paine, A. Forrester (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD REPTONIANS.

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, February 14, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 5 goals to 2. The School kicked off at 2.50 from the Church end. The Old Reptonians immediately pressed, and Crowe was soon called upon to save. The School were then forced to concede a corner, which was cleared. Vernon took the ball down the wing, but nothing resulted from his centre. The Old Reptonians again attacked, and Harris hit the bar with a very hard shot. Shortly afterwards the same player opened the scoring (0-1).

The School forwards then pressed, and Corfield almost obtained an opening. Before the game had been in progress twenty minutes both Bryant and Harris scored (0-3) with good shots, which were quite out of Crowe's reach. The Old Reptonians continued to bombard the School goal, but failed to score; a couple of corners were forced, both of which, however, proved fruitless. Some even mid-field play followed. Just before half-time the School pressed, and Coleby scored with a shot which slipped through the goalkeeper's hand (3-1). There was no change in the score before half-time. On changing ends, both sides pressed in turn, Vernon making several good runs on the right. Corfield then got the ball and, rushing both the opposing backs, scored a well-earned goal (2-3). The School still continued to press and might have equalised from a corner, but the opportunity was lost. The visitors then again attacked and placed the issue beyond doubt by adding two more goals in quick succession, the first being headed in by Fade off a corner, and the second being scored by Bryant. Even play occupied the remainder of the time. For the School, Craig and Crowe were the best; for our opponents, Bryant, Harris and Aitchison.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. L. Crowe (goal); M. Pemberton, J. K. Hepburn (backs); C. Powers, J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret (halves); J. C. Vernon, R. G. Gardner, E. T. Corfield, A. T. Coleby, A. P. D. Davey (forwards).

OLD REPTONIANS.

F. E. Bryant (goal); M. G. Archibald, P. S. Nicholls (backs); R. Howard, J. S. Aitchison, L. A. Bamfield (halves); E. A. Ruddle, G. S. Harris, F. H. Bryant, R. C. Hill, A. N. Eade (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.) *v.* OLD FORESTERS (2ND XI.).

Played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, February 14, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 2 goals to 5. The School played towards the Pavilion end in the first half. After about five minutes' play the Old Foresters scored. The visitors added two more points before half-time, while the School got through once, through Colville. The second half was evenly contested; Geddes added a point for the School, and the visitors scored twice.

The teams were :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (2ND XI.).

H. V. Capon (goal); L. R. Walton, W. J. Bonser (backs); F. W. Hubback, J. R. Trench, A. R. Malcolm (halves); H. B. Philby, R. W. Geddes, J. L. Johnston, K. E. Newman, K. N. Colville (forwards).

OLD FORESTERS (2ND XI.).

A. 'Sub.' (goal); V. Ramsey, S. T. Robson (backs); T. P. Evelyn, D. P. Frost, F. C. Failes (sub.) (halves); G. K. Guy, D. L. Walters, G. H. Flatt, H. D. C. Elton (forwards).

THE LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E * F	G	H	Pts.	
A		L 2-6	L 0-2			W 7-2	L 1-6	W 3-1	4
B	W 6-2		W 5-0	W 5-0				W 4-0	8
C	W 2-0	L 0-5		W 6-0	L 0-1		D 0-0	D 0-0	6
D		L 0-5	L 0-6		L 0-5	L 0-4	L 0-2		0
E			W 1-0	W 5-0		W 2-0	D 0-0	W 2-1	9
F	L 2-7			W 4-0	L 0-2		L 0-3	D 2-2	3
G	W 6-1		D 0-0	W 2-0	D 0-0	W 3-0			8
H	L 1-3	L 0-4	D 0-0		L 1-2	D 2-2			2

The following are the Captains :—

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| A. E. A. Bell. | E. G. Castle-Smith. |
| B. G. T. Boag. | F. M. C. Houdret. |
| C. W. J. W. Bonser. | G. J. S. Lewis. |
| D. E. W. Lane-Claypon. | H. F. C. Failes. |

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals agst.	Pts.
K.SS.	4	3	0	1	21	4	7
ASHBURNHAM	4	3	1	0	11	6	6
GRANT'S	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
RIGAUD'S	4	1	3	0	5	12	2
H.BB.	4	0	3	1	2	16	1

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, January 29, to discuss the following motion : 'That, in the opinion of this House, the Laureateship has not been awarded to the Poets representative of the highest literature of the age.'

The PROPOSER (F. W. Hubback) based his arguments on a comparison between the poets actually appointed Laureate and those who were not. It could be shown that the list of those who had not been Laureates contained far greater men than that of those who had been Laureates. This he attributed to the fact that the Laureateship depended on the likes and dislikes of the Court, which was not an infallible judge of poetry. He therefore considered that the Laureateship was a useless institution for distinguishing merit amongst poets, and thought that little harm would result from its abolition.

The OPPOSER (K. N. Colville) made an enter-

taining speech. He accounted for the inferiority of the Laureates, which he admitted, by the fact that great poets came together and were not evenly distributed throughout the ages, so that there were gaps which had to be filled up by lesser men. He contended that several of the greater poets, especially dramatists such as Shakespeare, were unfit for the Laureateship. No one could imagine Milton as Laureate. Further, several distinguished men, such as Gray, refused the Laureateship, so that the result was partly their fault. He gave many reasons for various other poets not becoming Laureates, and showed that the best poets of the age had often been appointed, though that 'best' might be but a poor one.

The SECONDER (D. S. Robertson) attacked the Opposer hotly on the same lines as the Proposer. He condemned the Laureateship as useless.

After a few more remarks by the OPPOSER the House divided, when the motion was carried by acclamation.

The House met on Thursday, February 5, to discuss the following motion : 'That this House would welcome a system of Courts of Arbitration to decide the differences between Labour and Capital.'

The PROPOSER (P. M. Bartlett) opened with a definition of Arbitration. He said it was an arrangement by which the parties involved can submit their quarrel to judges who have no personal interest in the matter. He approved of arbitration as being an easier and less expensive method of settling differences than the ordinary 'strike.' He proposed that in any quarrel between employers and workmen arbitrators, who had no personal connection with either party, should be called in to settle the question, and that pending judgment work should go on as usual. The great point was that the decisions of the Court must be enforced by law.

The OPPOSER (M. Pemberton) denied that arbitration would be less expensive than 'strikes.' The cost of the Courts would be large, for a qualified judge would have to be appointed to decide questions for each separate trade. Further, the arbitrations could not be enforced by law, as it is impossible to imprison 2,000 workmen who go on 'strike.' He advised that workmen should be allowed to settle their affairs by themselves.

The SECONDER (A. G. R. Henderson), after quoting learned authority on the subject, proceeded to show that arbitration could not cost so much as large strikes, such as the Taff Valley or the Penrhyn strikes. Naturally it would be difficult to decide cases, but at least it was better to discuss them than to fight over them.

A. L. CROSSMAN next dwelt on the difficulties of arrangement in the case of arbitration.

G. D. JOHNSTON next criticised the Proposer's speech and pointed out that it was unfair on the employer to make him pay more than he chose.

The PRESIDENT spoke next. He approved of the motion, but thought it would be impracticable owing to the impossibility of getting absolutely unbiassed, intelligent judges. Also, he too failed to see how the arbitrations could be enforced. The question of expense was not important, it was the difficulty of finding anyone neutral towards Labour and Capital.

J. S. LEWIS thought it was a question which would settle itself if left to itself. He made disparaging remarks on the efficacy of Acts of Parliament.

H. B. PHILBY then rose to champion the employers against the workmen, with the result that the debate degenerated into a discussion on the merits and demerits of the British workman.

After remarks by various other members of the House, the VICE-PRESIDENT rose to make a somewhat doubtful speech. He appeared to be uncertain in his mind of the possibility of arbitration. He feared that the awards, being usually in favour of the employers, would strengthen class feeling in the country.

After F. H. NICHOLS and C. POWERS had spoken on the motion, the latter dwelling on the danger of riots arising from unpopular awards,

H. B. PHILBY again addressed the House. He followed up his previous speech by even more furious denunciations of the unoffending working man, and seemed inclined to open the question of the Drink Trade.

The House then divided, when the motion was lost.

The House met on Thursday, February 12, to discuss the following motion:—

‘That, in the opinion of this House, the system of Party Government is a hindrance to the efficient conduct of Public Business.’

The PRESIDENT opened the debate with a long speech, in which he traced all the disasters of government to the Party system, and suggested that Parliament should elect and maintain its own Ministers, until they were deposed on a vote of confidence. He pointed out that the enormous waste of public money, the weakness and vacillation of policy at home and abroad, was entirely due to the constant radical changes in the Ministries. He sketched the history of Party Government, showing the various points at which it had failed to meet the necessities of the moment. Under the system of a Parliamentary Government elected by the Houses, the right man would be oftener found in the right place, and he would not necessarily be deposed from office for the failures of any of his colleagues, as is the case now. Men would not have to pledge themselves to policies they did not believe in for the sake of their Party. In fact, the result would be a strengthened rule at home and abroad, and increased efficiency in all public business.

The OPPOSER (E. A. Bell) thought that the Proposer had brought forward few good arguments

against Party Government. A combined Ministry such as the Proposer seemed to desire would not be a success, and would only lead to internal quarrels. No Ministers could ever agree or work together unless working on Party lines. Finally, the Opposition was a most useful institution, and did good work in pointing out the mistakes of the Government. An Opposition would be impossible without Parties.

The SECONDER (A. L. Crossman) thought that it would be a good thing to have a Government in which the Ministers were not bound to speak according to their Party. He gave notable instances of the inconveniences of Party Government.

The quarter being about to strike the motion was adjourned.

The House met on Thursday, February 19, when the motion adjourned from the last meeting was resumed. The Secunder being absent,

G. D. JOHNSTON rose to speak. He criticised the Proposer's arguments, and then proceeded to state a novel theory of his own. He was in favour of absolute monarchy. The King should be supreme, and appoint his own Ministers. This was his ideal.

After this somewhat startling speech, F. H. NICHOLS rose to refute the Proposer's indictment of Party Government. It was not true that Party Government had harmed England on the whole. Under Party Government the Imperial expansion had taken place, and England had done more in the last century of Party Government than she had ever done in her history. A Coalition Ministry would mean disagreement of policy. Party Government at least insures union. Monarchy was a very dangerous form of Government, since all kings were not good kings. He thought that Party Government was a simple and direct manner of managing affairs.

H. B. PHILBY scorned the idea of monarchy. It was not fair, either, to blame Party Government for failures without praising it for successes won under its management. It was no use trying to disguise the differences of Parties. Party Government was the most representative Government out, and therefore best suited to a democratic nation like England.

The PROPOSER rose to criticise G. D. Johnston's speech. He pointed out George III. as a good example of bad monarchical government. He considered that more harm than good had been done by Party Government. Governments under the Party system are never ready for war.

E. A. BELL spoke next. Waste of money and unreadiness for war is the fault of individuals, not of the system.

After G. D. JOHNSTON had favoured the House with some interesting facts about the career of Queen Elizabeth and Oliver Cromwell, from which he sought to prove the efficiency of absolute monarchy,

E. W. D. COLT-WILLIAMS rose to speak. He attacked the last speaker's ideas as impracticable and

highly undesirable. He agreed with E. A. Bell that the mistakes of government were usually the mistakes of individuals and unconnected with the Party system. He pointed out the advantages of Party Government in bringing men forward in politics.

The motion was then lost by acclamation.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

ON February 20 a lecture, organised by the Scientific Society, was given to the School by Dr. Hampson, who took for his subject the production, properties, and importance of 'Liquid Air.' The lecturer began by describing and explaining the ordinary phenomena of heat and cold on the basis of the 'Kinetic Theory,' bearing out his arguments with striking analogies and interesting experiments. A short history of the liquefaction of gases was followed by a description of the means adopted, on the commercial scale, for the production of cold, diagrams of the various apparatus used being shown on the screen. The lecturer then passed on to a description of the modern apparatus used for the production of the high pressure and intense cold necessary to liquefy the gases formerly regarded as permanent—oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc. He then proceeded to demonstrate more minutely the properties of liquid air, of which he had brought a considerable quantity with him. Under the influence of the intense cold produced, substances like flowers, indiarubber, grapes, etc., were rendered so brittle as to fly into pieces when struck with a hammer. The low temperature of the liquid was also strikingly demonstrated by the fact that it boiled freely on ice, and that substances like mercury and chloroform were readily frozen by it into hard solids. A final experiment, showing the motive power of the liquid by causing it to drive a small model locomotive, put an end to a most interesting lecture.

GLEE SOCIETY.

THE first concert this term was given Up School on Saturday, February 14. The attendance was not much larger than those last term; we should like to see it increased. The concert went very well, and our best thanks are due to Mr. Ranalow for his ceaseless labours to ensure a good performance. The choruses this time were 'Men of Harlech' and Macfarren's 'The Miller'; both were sung well by the small chorus. Hackforth gave an admirable rendering of Chopin's Impromptu in C sharp minor. Of the songs, Depree's was perhaps the best, but Argyle, Chesney, and Shearman all sang well. Dickson's solo is always looked for with expectation; he played on this occasion as well as we have ever heard him. A pleasant item in the programme was Mr. Lees'

pianoforte solo; he very kindly consented to come and play Chopin's Valse in F. We hope he may be induced to come again. Our old favourite, 'The Wanderer's Night Song,' was given with due feeling by Bowen and Chesney. Browne's solo suffered from comparison with those that had gone before: we hope to hear him to better advantage at another concert. With a stirring march on the pianoforte by Dickson and Boulton, and a glee for the chorus, an enjoyable concert came to an end.

The following was the programme:—

PROGRAMME.

CHORUS	'Men of Harlech'	<i>Barnby</i>
PIANOFORTE SOLO	Impromptu in C sharp minor	<i>Chopin</i>
	R. HACKFORTH.	
SONG	'The Duke's Motor'	<i>Osmond Carr</i>
	J. SHEARMAN.	
RECITATION	A. A. F. SPENCER.	
VIOLIN SOLO	Andante (Sonata, Op. 19)	<i>Sjögren</i>
	J. D. H. DICKSON	
SONG	'Four-leaved Clover'	<i>Willeby</i>
	S. B. DEPREE.	
PIANO SOLO	Valse in F	<i>Chopin</i>
	Mr. ERNEST LEES, L.R.A.M.	
SONG	'Last Night'	<i>Halfdan Kjerulf</i>
	H. V. ARGYLE.	
DUET	'The Wanderer's Night Song'	<i>Rubinstein</i>
	G. BOWEN and E. C. CHESNEY.	
PIANO SOLO	Prelude in C sharp minor	<i>Rachmaninoff</i>
	W. C. BROWNE.	
SONG	'Violets'	<i>Ellen Wright</i>
	E. C. CHESNEY.	
DUET	March in D ('Boabdil')	<i>Moszkowski</i>
	J. D. H. DICKSON and A. C. BOULT.	
CHORUS	'The Miller'	<i>Macfarren</i>

GOD SAVE THE KING.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Our heartiest congratulations are due to our junior team on bringing the Cup back to our possession. Deprived of Gardner's services, they only managed to draw against Grant's, but a draw was enough to place them a point ahead of Ashburnham. Our representatives against Charterhouse were Coleby, Crowe, and Gardner. We condole with Colt-Williams on an accident which, we fear, will keep him off the football field for the rest of this term. Our heartiest congratulations to Crowe on his 'Pinks,' and to Gardner on his 'Pink-and-Whites.' Our prospects are not bright either for the Town-Boy match or for the Sports, but we hope for the best. We hear that F. W. Hubback and J. R. Trench are going to represent the School in boxing at the Public Schools' Competition at Aldershot. The Literary Society has read 'Julius Cæsar' and the 'Comedy of Errors.'

GRANT'S.—Since your last number we have drawn with College in Juniors (2-2). We regret to record the absence of L. A. Woodbridge, who was away for a fortnight, and was thus prevented from playing for the School against Charterhouse. As it was, there were three Grantites in the team—H. Logan, L. G. Kirkpatrick, and M. Pemberton. We heartily congratulate Logan on getting his 'Pinks.' The Literary Society has finished Goldsmith's 'Good-Natured Man,' and has read 'Twelfth Night.'

RIGAUD'S.—Our house notes this month are of a very scanty description, owing to entire absence of news. We are glad to be able to congratulate F. S. Fleuret on his reappearance for the School; indeed, the School halves against Charterhouse were all Rigaudites. We also wish to offer our congratulations to B. H. and A. T. Willett on playing with great success in the winning cup-tie team at Oxford. As for our Juniors, all that can be said for them is that they were not bottom of the list.

ASHBURNHAM.—We have very little to record this month. The Fives ties are still in the first round; one tie had to be abandoned, at 1 game all, and 14 all in the third game, for want of time. In the Juniors we beat Rigaud's (3-0), thus taking the second place in these matches. We congratulate Malcolm on obtaining his House colours. We hope to give Rigaud's a good game in the Shield matches, but feel by no means sure of winning the Shield. Our prospects for the Sports are fairly good, but our tug-of-war team will be lamentably light. The Literary Society seems to have lapsed; perhaps with the coming of spring it may awake. We at present rejoice in a new sort of puzzle. A brush has appeared in our midst which would seem to be a cross between a clothes brush and a hair brush. In the absence of any certain knowledge as to its true name, it is used indiscriminately for both purposes.

H.BB.—Though somewhat tardy, we offer our heartiest congratulations to G. D. Johnston on obtaining a Science Scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford. His achievement is doubly meritorious as he is the first Westminster to whom such a scholarship has been awarded. We stated in our last notes that R. P. Phillips had left; this has, however, proved a mistake, as he has now returned. We also have hopes of seeing J. K. Davey back among us. In the Fives ties there is only one more game of the first round to be played, and we hope that before these appear the second round will be already completed. Vernon and G. W. Phillips have beaten Hackforth and A. J. Circuit (17-14) (15-2), and Johnston and P. M. Bartlett have beaten Oppenheimer and Chapman (15-6) (15-8). We are glad to see E. T. Corfield has played against Charterhouse. Our

prospects for the Seniors are not very brilliant, but we live in hopes. Congratulations to C. Kent on coxing 3rd Trinity. The House Debating Society is meeting regularly, and the attendances are very good.

Old Westminsters.

MR. REGINALD BALFOUR, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, has been appointed Secretary of Education for Gloucestershire. This is the first appointment of the kind, and the Gloucestershire County Council has done well to obtain the services of so able a man as Mr. Balfour.

We heartily congratulate Mr. C. D. Fisher on his election to an official Studentship at Christ Church.

Mr. M. L. Gwyer, Fellow of All Souls, and Mr. T. O. Kirlew have been called to the Bar.

Mr. J. A. Willett, M.B., has been admitted a member of the Royal College of Physicians, and Mr. A. R. Brailey a licentiate.

At Cambridge Mr. S. A. Sydney Turner has been honourably mentioned for the Chancellor's Medal.

We have several books to chronicle. Dr. Shadwell has published the second and concluding volume of his 'Registrum Oriense.' Mr. C. C. J. Webb has translated the Devotions of St. Anselm for Methuen's 'Library of Devotion,' and Mr. A. C. Plowden is about to publish his 'Reminiscences.'

Mr. J. A. H. Britten has exchanged from the Devonshire Regiment into the Indian Staff Corps.

At Oxford the Football Cup was won by Christ Church under the captaincy of Mr. B. H. Willett. We are informed by eyewitnesses that the captain played a brilliant game, and that Mr. A. T. Willett and Mr. F. I. Harrison also distinguished themselves. It is generally said that but for the prejudice against playing a fourth-year man Mr. B. H. Willett would again have been in the eleven against Cambridge. There was a Cup Supper at Christ Church, the Dean presiding.

Mr. Evan L. Thomas is appointed Professor of Welsh at St. David's College, Lampeter.

Professor Edward V. Arnold, Mr. C. A. Phillimore, and Mr. G. W. Goodhart are become life subscribers to *The Elizabethan*.

NOTE.

MANY O.W.W. are possessed of 'The Memorials of Westminster School,' published by Ginger more than sixty years ago. The drawings in this book were the work of Charles Walter Radclyffe, and we believe that some time since Mr. Bedford secured the originals for the Elizabethan Club. The artist survived into the present year. He died in February at his residence in Edgbaston.

 OLD WESTMINSTER
 FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR meeting of the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, February 6. The following members were present: F. G. Hallet, W.M.; P. Stirling Lee, S.W.; Thomas Wakley, junior, P.M., J.G.D.; C. W. Stephenson, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Armitage, Secretary; S. H. West, P.M.; W. A. Ellis, P.M.; Colonel H. E. Rawson, C.B., P.M.; J. Barnes Liberty, P.M.; Walter Tomlinson, and C. W. Grant Wilson. The visitors were Bro. W. M. Clear, La Tolérance Lodge, No. 538, and Bro. J. Gibson Harris, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the financial state of the Lodge was found to be satisfactory. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, 'That the Master and Wardens of the Deo Dante Dedi Lodge (Old Carthusians) be honorary members of the Old Westminsters Lodge.'

The sum of ten guineas was voted to be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the same to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who was representing the Lodge as a steward. The brethren and their guests subsequently dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

 Birth.

BALFOUR.—On January 21, the wife of Reginald Balfour, of a son.

 Correspondence.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—You are probably tired of congratulations on the success of the Play, so I will cut short my remarks on that subject. But I think I can safely say that all those of us who were present are unanimous in their praise and appreciation of

the way in which you combated with your exceptional difficulties. On the second night the Play was witnessed by several Trinity men other than O.W.W.; they, too, are equally hearty in their commendation. At the same time, I noticed with regret the absence of more than one prominent Cambridge O.W. Next November 'The Birds' of Aristophanes is to be played by members of the University; it is unfortunate that the cast has to be practically made up before the end of this year, so that Westminster Freshmen will not have much chance of taking an active part in it. But doubtless their time will come.

I have just seen the Colonel of the C.U.R.V., who tells me that he has made arrangements for your corps to take part in a Field Day on March 14. I hope this very kind favour will meet with the gratitude which it deserves.

By the time that this appears in print the Lent races will be imminent. Third Trinity have just had to surrender one of their most useful oars to the 'Varsity boat, so we may have a hard struggle to keep our place. However, Third Trinity have a way of rising to the occasion, and we have confidence in them. There is no Westminster man rowing, but C. Kent has proved a most valuable cox. Generally speaking, Westminster has this year evinced more interest in the river than recently: a Westminster four, rough but keen, has constantly been seen out.

To turn to football, we thoroughly enjoyed our match against the School. Harris was our only representative against Oxford; he has worked very hard among the 'Varsity forwards all the season, and we hope next year to be able to congratulate him on breaking the sequence of defeats. I hope you are sending us some recruits for next season.

Yours, &c.,
 TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

February 21, 1903.

[We regret to state that our Oxford Correspondent is so overcome by the prospect of 'Mods.' that he pleads such an excuse for not favouring us with an Oxford letter.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I am writing to suggest that blinds should be provided for the lower windows in Ashburnham House, and that they should be lowered while members of that House are changing. I am sure most of your readers will agree that it is not *comme il faut* for strangers in the yard to see half-dressed figures in the windows, which are so near the ground.

I believe Dr. Rutherford used to complain of this, but I do not think steps were ever taken to prevent this unseemly sight.

Believe me,
 Yours, &c.,
 SPECTATOR.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I have heard, on excellent authority, that at Charterhouse the Pinks, all except the captain and second man, surrender their Pinks at the end of the season. I think this is a plan which could be carried out with advantage at our own school. We all know instances, even in the present XI, where fellows, good one year, have fallen off horribly in the second year. I am sure several others think as I do on this matter, and therefore hope you will put this letter in your excellent paper to meet their eyes and approval.

Yours truly,
 'ONE WHO KNOWS.'

February 16, 1903.

[As will be seen from the report of the last Games Committee meeting, printed in this number, such a proposal is at the present time under consideration, and as far as we can see it is probable that this rule will come into force before long.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Anyone who was down at Godalming on Saturday last cannot have failed to have noticed the difference in the support which the school gave our team down there compared with that which is usually given 'Up Fields.' Many protests have appeared in your columns, but nothing seems to come of them.

Surely it is not too much to ask the School to cheer on their team, thereby, as shown in the Charterhouse match, greatly assisting them.

Yours, &c.,
'TWO OF THE XI.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Will you allow me to make an appeal through your columns to those who will have the control of the school cricket in the coming season?

Would it not be possible to increase in some way the educational value of the house nets? At present they do no service to the school cricket whatever. The good cricketers, particularly the bowlers, are almost always at a school net, and the charge of the house net devolves, at the best, on a house colour. The bowling at these nets is invariably poor and utterly lacking in method, and the batsmen, so far from trying to cultivate style and develop strokes, usually hit at everything; and hitting, though something, is not the highest good. There is no attempt at coaching, and indeed coaching is of little value unless the coach can put the ball within a yard or so of where he wishes, and so feed some particular stroke. The result of all this is that many a boy who leaves his preparatory school with some notion of real cricket, loses it altogether by this wearisome farce at the house nets.

To remedy this I would appeal, first, to the Pinks (whether present or past), to pay occasional visits to the house nets (and that not only to their own but to those of other houses, for every house cannot boast a Pink); and secondly, to the regular frequenters of these nets, to take their practice at them rather more seriously than most of them now do. It may be, however, that some more sweeping reform would better serve the cause of Westminster cricket.

With apologies for thus trespassing on your space,
I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,
A. H. H. C.

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