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OLD WESTMINSTERS' MASONIC LODGE.

THE following account of a meeting held at the School in December last has been most kindly sent us by a member of the Lodge.

"The desire of the members of the Old Westminsters' Lodge to be in some way or other more closely associated with the School had often been expressed, and had been shown in a practical form by the establishment in 1909 of an annual prize for Science. But it was left to the genius of our Secretary to originate and put into shape the happy thought of holding the December meeting, at which the Master for the coming year would be installed, in the School premises, if the necessary sanction could be obtained from the Head Master, and of

asking all the other Public School Lodges to take part in it. The proposal was warmly welcomed, and a small sub-committee was appointed to inspect and report upon the feasibility of the idea. Their verdict was satisfactory, and the Secretary was empowered to go ahead. Not content with overcoming the difficulties which lay in the way of this scheme—entailing much organisation in preparing Ashburnham House to receive three or four hundred people, carrying out the installation ceremony with all its splendid ritual, and providing a banquet up School afterwards—he set himself the task of securing the Dean's approval of a special service in the Abbey. This would be an unprecedented event in the history of the Abbey, and the Old Westminsters' Lodge owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Very Rev. Dean Armitage Robinson for giving

his sanction to this proposal, and for the personal interest which he took in all the details connected with the service. There is not one amongst those who were present who will not carry the memory of it to his dying day. It appealed to all by the sympathy it aroused with each other, with the men who had spent their lives in promoting the welfare of their country and lay buried round them, and in all reverence, with the Supreme Being to whose glory the Abbey had been erected by operative Masons of the Craft.

It was fitting that Members of the Grand Lodge should be asked to take part in such a unique event, and so it came about, upon their acceptance of the invitation, that a masonic function was set on foot which is destined to have most important and far-reaching consequences. For it is almost certain to be followed by other gatherings of a similar nature at other public schools which have Lodges; and who is able to predict what will result from bringing together, perhaps annually, the Head Masters, whether they be Masons or not, and a large number of Old Boys who have belonged to their schools in the past, and are most anxious to strengthen the ties which years of absence may weaken but cannot break? On this occasion five other Public Schools took part, viz.: Charterhouse, Cheltenham, Sherborne, Clifton and Wellington, and the total number, with their guests, amounted to 184. Old Westminsters who were not present will probably find some difficulty in picturing the unprecedented scene. An hour before the service in the Abbey was to commence, the noble staircase in Ashburnham House leading to the historic library was thronged with as picturesque a crowd of Officers from the various lodges, preparing to receive the Officers of Grand Lodge in due and ancient form, as ever met together in Halls specially dedicated to masonic purposes. Then when the moment for assembling arrived, the command rang out which opens one of the most imposing ceremonies of the masonic ritual—the installation of a new Master of the lodge. It was one of the best, as all will allow who remember him at school and have known him ever since, who was now being honoured, Herbert F. Manisty, K.C., one of the Founders of the lodge, and therefore a member of it for 24 years. In perfect style and with unhesitating precision the Installing Master, A. Bevan, M.D., did his share of the ceremony, and had the honour of

being assisted by Dr. Samuel West, W. J. Armitage, R. G. Thornton, Col. H. E. Rawson, R.E., C.B., W. Bros, John White and Percy Simpson, of Charterhouse, and the Bishop of Barking. The addresses were given by the Grand Secretary, Sir Edward Letchworth, Dr. Samuel West and Mr. Justice Bucknill. Procession was then formed by the responsible officers, and all who had taken part filed through the cloisters into the Abbey, where they were joined by the large number of guests and others for whom there had unfortunately been no room in Ashburnham House. The service was conducted by Canon Duckworth and Rev. T. R. Hine Haycock in the impressive manner with which many are familiar; and in the intense silence and religious light which prevailed, Sir Frederick Bridge opened Stainer's glorious anthem "Lord Thou art God."

If the sight of three or four hundred men, robed in the splendours of academic gowns, and of the jewels and aprons belonging to exalted members of Grand Lodge, Provincial and London Rank, and all orders of Masons, was an unwonted one as they filed back through the cloisters, what will be thought of the spectacle which met the eye when they sat down to the banquet! At a semi-circular table, on the site of the old Shell, were ranged the Chairman of the Evening, Sir. T. Bucknill, with Rev. Dr. Gow, H. F. Manisty, K.C., the Master of the Charterhouse, the Principal of Cheltenham, and the Head Master of Clifton, on his right. On his left were Sir W. Vincent, the Head Masters of Rugby and Charterhouse, Sir Edward Letchworth, Sir W. Vaughan-Morgan, the Head Masters of Sherborne and Lancing, and W. Moss. Toasts and speeches there were, of course; all admirably given and enthusiastically received, and their keynote was the intense pleasure it gave the speakers to see six public schools brought together in this way under such unique circumstances. By special desire of the Lodge, the able compiler of 'The Annals of Westminster School,' John Sargeant, referred in a few words to the special causes which have made the School what it is; and naturally this necessitated his telling of Busby and the indelible marks which he left by his adoption of the system of 'Horse him!' We wish space would permit of giving in full the many admirable points—tactfully handled in the presence of others than Old Westminsters—with which he charmed his audience. It was a notable address amongst many felicitous

speeches that were made by our Chairman, by Dr. Gow, The Master of the Charterhouse, H. F. Manisty, John White, Viscount Doneraile and Percy Sargent. The plate was sent round and amounted to nearly £12, which sum was given to the School Mission.

Our School motto, *Dat Deus incrementum*, was singularly appropriate on this occasion, and the announcement was received with much pleasure that both Rugby and Marlborough contemplate forming lodges in the near future. Such gatherings can only be for good, and Westminster School should be proud that, owing to its Lodge being the first to be formed, the first Masonic Public School Festival was held on December 15, 1910, within its walls.

To Herbert Manisty, and all his officers: A. Bevan, A. H. Woodbridge, O. J. R. Howarth, Rev. C. C. Sharpe, F. G. Hallett, T. Stirling Lee, W. C. Cleveland Stevens, C. M. Page, Col. H. E. Rawson, C.B., W. Ashton Ellis, W. E. Horne, and J. E. Y. Radcliffe, we offer our hearty good wishes for a successful year of office. Its opening event has brought them all great credit, and to none more than to our excellent Secretary, T. Stirling Lee, whose Masonic experience enabled a function calling for the most careful organization and forethought to be carried through without a hitch."

School Notes.

ON the Feast of the Purification the offertory for the School Mission amounted to £3 os. 10d. On St. Matthias' Day it reached £3 5s 5d.

For the State Opening of Parliament on February 6, the School was in its usual place in Palace Yard.

On Friday, February 10, Mr. Wootton gave a most instructive lecture up School on "The Electric Railways of London."

The Confirmation, held on February 20, was conducted by the Bishop of Wakefield.

Will all holders of Challenge Cups return them by March 18?

A. C. Edgar was awarded his Pinks after the match against Old Aldenhamians. R. R. Rawson received his before the Charterhouse match.

Considerable alterations have been made in Football Fixtures for this term. The following is the revised card filled in to date:—

1910.

Sat. Oct. 1	v.	Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-1).
2nd XI.	v.	O. W.W. A. (Lost, 1-3).
Wed. Oct. 5	v.	Old Bradfield Boys. (Lost 0-1).
Sat. „ 8	v.	Old Wykehamists. (Drawn, 1-1).
„ „ 15	v.	Casuals (Drawn, 1-1).
2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Won, 4-2).
„ Oct. 22	v.	Old Brightonians. (Lost, 2-4).
„ „ 29	v.	Old Foresters. (Drawn, 1-1).
2nd XI.	v.	O. W.W. A. (scratched).
Wed. Nov. 2	v.	Outcasts. (Won, 8-4).
Sat. „ 12	v.	Kenley. (Won, 4-2).
„ „ 19	v.	Old Westminsters. (Drawn, 1-1).
2nd XI.	v.	King's College A. (Won, 3-2).
Nov. 26	v.	Lancing Old Boys. (Won, 4-0).
2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters A. (Won, 4-2).
Sat. Dec. 3	v.	Old Berkhamsteadians. (Lost, 1-3).
„ „ 10	v.	R. M.A. Woolwich. (Drawn, 3-3).
2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI. (Drawn, 2-2).
Wed. Dec. 14	v.	Mr. W. B. Harris's XI. (Drawn, 6-6).
Sat. „ 17	v.	Emeriti. (Won, 4-0).
2nd XI.	v.	The Mission. (Lost 4-12).

1911.

Sat. Jan. 21	v.	Old Aldenhamians. (Won, 5-2).
2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Lost, 4-7).
Wed. Jan. 25	v.	Old Westminsters. (Won, 2-1).
Sat. „ 28	v.	New College, Oxford. (Lost, 1-5).
„ Feb. 4	v.	Old Etonians. (Drawn, 2-2).
Wed. „ 8	v.	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI. (Lost, 3-10).
Sat. „ 11	v.	Casuals. (Lost, 1-5).
2nd XI.	v.	O. W.W. A. (Lost, 0-7).
„ Feb. 18	v.	Old Felstedians. (Lost, 0-2).
2nd XI.	v.	King's College A. (Lost, 1-3).
„ Feb. 25	v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Tues. „ 28	v.	Christchurch.
Sat. Mar. 4	v.	Winchester (at Vincent Square).
Wed. „ 8	v.	Seniors.
Thurs. „ 9	v.	An Eton Eleven (at Vincent Square).
Sat. „ 11	v.	Trinity College, Oxford.
Wed. „ 15	v.	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Sat. „ 18	v.	Final of Seniors.
Sat. „ 25	v.	K. SS. v. T. BB.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD ALDENHAMIANs.

(Won, 5-2.)

This match was played on Saturday, January 21, and resulted in a win for the School by 5 goals to 2. The School won the toss and the visitors kicked off from the Church end. The home forwards soon got going, and from a fine through pass from Rudd, Cooke opened the scoring; this was followed a few minutes later by an excellent long shot from the same player which the goal-keeper had no chance of saving. The School continued to harass their opponents,

defence, and Murray, after a run, centred to Rudd who cleverly put the School further ahead. The visitors then began to get going, but the School defence was equal to it, and Cooke from another pass from Rudd scored, but was ruled off side; the visitors' inside-right then obtained possession and dribbling through sent in a hot shot which was brilliantly saved by Hallward at the expense of a corner; from this Hacking received the ball and cleverly netted it. Very soon afterwards the School defence was again troubled, and from a mistake by Hallward the inside-right easily scored. The exchanges then became very fast until half-time (3-2). At the commencement of the second half the visitors pressed, but owing to rather erratic shooting failed to make the best of their opportunities; the game then became more even and its fastness began to tell on the School, and Rudd had hard luck in hitting the post with a good shot. Murray and Miles missed several opportunities owing to their inability to centre, until Rudd passed to Cooke who scored from the rebound of his first shot. Immediately after this pretty combination by Cooke, Rudd and Hume ended in the last named scoring with a good cross shot. The School thus won as stated, it was a very creditable performance for the first match of the term. The defence played a good game, especially the halves, while Rudd and Cooke showed good form for the forwards, who were otherwise poor. For the visitors the defence played well.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson; K. D. Murray, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

OLD ALDENHAMIAN.

S. Patterson; G. H. Ginningham, W. H. Collinson; E. M. Hacking, K. C. Buss, R. M. Williams; A. P. Cole, E. E. Paget-Tomlinson, D. V. Parkes, C. J. K. Deakin, W. J. Lang, (sub.).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

(*Won, 2-1.*)

This match was played up Fields, on Wednesday, January 25; the ground was in perfect condition but a poor game resulted. The Old Boys kicked off from the Church end, and were soon pressed back by the School, who gained a fruitless corner. Immediately after this Hume scored with a splendid long shot. Another corner fell to the School and Hume only just missed heading in, and from the save Rawson should have scored. The School continued to worry the visitors' defence and a pass from Pink enabled Cooke to get right away, but Thew saved well. A run and centre by Murray led

to Hume shooting and scoring from a rebound off one of the backs. Half time (2-0). On the restart the game became more even, the School forwards becoming very poor, several shots and passes going astray. A good combined effort on the part of the Old Boys produced a smart goal from McCulloch, which seemed to encourage them, and the School could only reply with a few spasmodic rushes, which, though dangerous, were always muddled. Towards the end Hume got right away but shot at the upright, and no one was up to take the rebound. For the School the defence was good on the whole, but the forwards were poor. For the visitors V. G. Thew played a great game in goal, and G. C. Formilli was good at centre half.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson; K. D. Murray, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

O. WW.

V. G. Thew; J. C. Vernon, E. H. Gray; A. T. Willett, G. C. Formilli, A. R. Malcolm; H. C. Macpherson, J. W. McCulloch, T. F. C. Marriott, G. P. Pick, D. L. Summerhays.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* NEW COLLEGE, OXON.

(*Lost 1-5.*)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, January 25, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 5 goals to 1. The game was rather one-sided, the visitors being by far the heavier team. The School won the toss, and the visitors, kicking off, took up the attack. A pass from Rudd to Cooke transferred the ball to the visitors' goal and Rudd securing opened the score with a fine long shot, which might have been saved. Several fruitless corners fell to the visitors, but Polson dribbling through equalised. Still pressing, the College several times appeared dangerous until matters were relieved by Rudd putting Cooke nicely through, only however to shoot over. Cooke again put over and even play followed. Half-time (1-1). On the restart Hume ran down but sent behind, and the ball returned to the School half where Macdonell, who was conspicuous at centre half, scored with a fine hard drive. The School rarely looked dangerous, though Rudd once ought to have scored off a centre from Miles, and the visitors pressed in earnest, French scoring with a clever shot. Towards the end the visitors obtained two more in quick succession through Macdonell and Polson; this was the extent of the scoring. The School showed poor form, while Macdonell and Polson played well for the visitors.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward ; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson ; W. L. Selby, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

NEW COLLEGE.

F. Tucker ; G. Crutchley, G. H. Cartwright ; N. McKinnon, J. F. Macdonell, J. Haynes ; E. Steer, F. French, G. Polson, D. Whitcombe, I. McAndrew

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ETONIANS.

(*Drawn, 2-2.*)

This game, played at Vincent Square on February 4, resulted in an even draw. The visitors won the toss, and Rudd kicked off for the School at 2.45. From the kick off the visitors pressed and forced a corner. Soon after a goal shot by Cooke was saved by Scholfield. After both ends of the field had been frequently visited, Carr scored for the Old Boys, owing to a misunderstanding between Potter and Harvey (0-1). On re-starting, the School pressed and Cooke and Rudd put in good shots, the forwards trying hard to equalise and "off-sides" being numerous. The visitors now had rather the better of the game, until Rudd scored off a pass from Cooke (1-1). At half-time there was no addition to the score. For the second half play was even. Following fine shots by Rudd and Edgar and good work on the right wing, the visitors transferred the ball to the other end, a ground shot from de Stein being cleared by Harvey. A corner by Rudd was well headed by Edgar, but Scholfield put over the bar. Cooke, however, scored from the resulting corner (2-1). The Etonians tried hard to equalise, and after Potter had relieved the pressure in front of the School goal they again got away and Anderson was allowed to score, unimpeded by Harvey, who thought him off-side (2-2). The whistle blew with no further score.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

D. A. Harvey ; R. F. Potter, F. E. Robinson ; R. R. Rawson, A. C. Edgar, G. W. George ; C. V. Miles, H. N. Hume, G. B. F. Rudd, R. C. Cooke, J. W. McCulloch.

OLD ETONIANS.

R. B. Scholfield ; G. Cartwright, K. L. Gibson ; C. Blake ; A. Rouse, H. Nicoll ; J. C. Pender, R. Welby, E. S. de Stein, A. D. Anderson, R. H. Carr.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* Mr. S. S.
HARRIS'S XI.

(*Lost, 3-10.*)

This match was played up Fields on Wednesday, February 8, and resulted in a bad beating for the School, though the score does not show the real run of the game. The visitors kicked off and at once

took up the attack, Stoop putting in a poor shot. Harris dribbled through and opened the score, to be followed almost immediately by another, Stood heading in a centre of Brisley's. Brisley then outran the backs and scored the third, though Hallward should have saved. The School forwards were always beaten back by the opposing defence, though Cooke had hard luck in not scoring. Curwen received a through pass and added a fifth and also put through the sixth from the rebound of a shot from Harris. The School once more attacked and Rudd scored with a fine long shot. Half-time (6-1). On the restart the School took up the attack and Cooke scored from a pass from McCulloch. Stoop broke away once more and scored from a difficult angle and Harris added another soon after, Hallward letting the ball through his legs ; the same player added yet another, and again Hallward was at fault. The School made one more effort and Rudd put Cooke through to score in the corner of the net. Stoop scored the last for the visitors with a simple shot which the keeper should have easily cleared. For the School the defence played well under the circumstances, but the goal and the left-wing of the forwards were very weak. For the visitors Harris, Stoop and Curwen at forward and Braddell and Day at half were conspicuous.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward ; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson ; J. W. McCulloch, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

MR. S. S. HARRIS'S XI.

G. C. M. Taylor ; G. O. Roberts, F. R. Cobbold ; H. E. Crawfield, S. H. Day, R. L. L. Braddell ; C. E. Brisley, W. J. H. Curwen, A. D. Stoop, S. S. Harris, H. Hughes-Onslow.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CASUALS.

(*Lost, 1-5.*)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 11, and resulted in a win for the visitors after a rather spiritless game. The visitors immediately took up the attack, and after about a quarter-of-an-hour's play, scored through their centre forward ; the ball was then transferred to the other end, where Rudd put over. Three useless corners fell to the School and then the visitors broke away and scored again through the centre forward ; shortly after the same player added another. After this reverse the School made a great effort and after splendid combination McCulloch passed to Cooke who scored. Half-time (1-3). Directly after re-starting, Wilkinson scored with a good shot, while an effort by the School forwards led to Hume putting over. However, the visitors returned to the attack, and for most of the remaining period kept the ball in the School half. From close quarters, the inside right scored their last point,

although other chances were missed by poor shooting. The School gave a very poor show, especially the defence, while the halves gave their forwards little support. For the visitors, Green, Wilkinson and Sargeant were best.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

D. A. Harvey ; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. D. Cargill ; J. W. McCulloch, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

CASUALS.

W. A. Hannay ; J. H. Sheppard, P. A. Sargeant ; G. B. Pollock-Hodsoll, C. L. Wilkinson, R. S. Hall ; J. B. Densham, M. H. Clarke, M. A. Green, J. W. Hunter, G. F. Dixon.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2nd XI. v. O. WW. A.

(Lost, 0-7.)

This match was played at up Fields on Saturday, February 11, and resulted in a very one-sided game, the Old Boys winning by 7 goals to *nil*. The O. WW. kicked off and immediately pressed, Summerhays opening the score for them. The same player added two more in quick succession, and the outside left put in a shot which Hallward saved well. Half-time (0-3). On resuming, Summerhays obtained his fourth, to be followed shortly with two from Goodale. Wyatt scored the last from a corner. The O. WW. were much too strong for us, Summerhays being particularly brilliant. George, Cardew and Cobbold were best for the School.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI.

B. M. Hallward ; R. C. Cobbold, W. L. Selby ; C. G. Cardew, G. W. George, J. C. Hobson ; K. D. Murray, L. Cozens, J. C. Hansen, W. J. Lang, E. F. Lawrence.

O. WW. A.

H. L. Geare ; G. G. Feasey, A. C. Estall ; A. E. Rice-Oxley, P. H. Wyatt, E. C. K. Clarke ; H. C. Macpherson, D. L. Summerhays, W. G. Goodale, H. C. Houdret, D. W. Milne.

COLTS v. O. WW. B.

(Drawn, 2-2.)

This match was played up Fields on Saturday, February 4, and resulted in a draw (2-2). The School kicked off and after even play Bristowe made an opening which he failed to make use of. Two corners fell to the School, and from the latter Hurst Brown scored. Half-time (1-0). On the restart Dodds passed to Cozens who scored with a good shot. Worlock immediately responded for the visitors, who then began to press. Denza was well pulled up by Slubicki, but Clarke-Kennedy passed to Bristowe who equalised from a suspicious position. Cozens was good for the School.

Teams :—

COLTS.

H. A. Carless ; F. R. Cobbold, J. M. de Slubicki ; C. G. Cardew, K. W. Johnson, R. H. Walpole ; R. S. Partridge, A. C. Miles, C. Hurst Brown, L. Cozens, R. W. Dodds.

O. WW. B.

A. Cownie ; A. L. Fraser, A. N. Other ; E. C. Gates, A. Clarke-Kennedy, G. P. Eyre ; J. D. Vernon, G. L. Worlock, L. C. Denza, F. Bristowe.

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
A	—		W 3-0	D 0-0		L 0-4				W 5-0	= 5 points
B		—		D 1-1	L 1-4	L 0-4	W 3-0		D 1-1	W 4-1	= 6 points
C	L 0-3		—		L 1-7	L 0-3				W 3-1	= 2 points
D	D 0-0	D 1-1		—	W 5-0	L 0-2				L 0-14	= 4 points
E		W 4-1	W 7-1	L 0-5	—	L 2-9				L 0-4	= 4 points
F	W 4-0	W 4-0	W 3-0	W 2-0	W 9-2	—	W 3-2	D 1-1		L 2-3	= 13 points
G		L 0-3				L 2-3	—	W 1-0		L 0-3	= 2 points
H						D 1-1	L 0-1	—	W 3-0		= 3 points
I	L 0-5	D 1-1						L 0-3	—	L 0-5	= 1 point
J		L 1-4	L 1-3	W 14-0	W 4-0	W 3-2	W 3-0			W 5-0	= 10 points

Captains :—

A	A. K. Gilmour.	F	R. H. Walpole.
B	M. Holroyd.	G	C. J. Brooks.
C	J. M. de Slubicki.	H	B. Smith.
D	R. S. Partridge.	I	C. A. M. Faure.
E	J. M. Troutbeck.	J	R. W. Dodds.

SCHOOL FIVES TIES.

In the first round of the School Ties for Lent Term—

F. C. Cozens and D. A. Harvey	} beat (2-0)	{ R. H. Walpole and H. N. Hume
R. C. Cooke and A. R. I. Mellor	} beat (2-1)	{ A. K. Gilmour and J. M. de Slubicki

The remainder drew byes.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Society held on January 19, A. K. Gilmour was elected to the office of Vice-President, left vacant by the departure of G. C. Formilli. Two vacant places on the Committee were filled by R. C. Cooke and F. C. Doherty.

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held on January 26 when the House indulged in some rather trivial impromptu debates. Perhaps the most successful motion was "That in the opinion of this House things are not what they seem." It was carried by a large majority.

The Society met on Thursday, February 2, to debate the following motion: "That this House would approve of Universal Military Service."

The Proposer (D. M. MORRIS) briefly explained the system advocated by the National Service League and the Royal Commission. He approved of a Universal training for 3 years at the age of 18, which would better the physique, morals, and efficiency of the present day and was besides the only means of the nation's safety. His speech was brief and very much to the point.

The Opposer (O. I. BURGESS) thought that Compulsory Service could not be so efficient as Voluntary Service: precision would displace originality. "Invasion was not what we must fear: it was starvation that could beat us." It was therefore far better to strengthen our fleet than to organise a new army.

The Seconder (C. A. MUNRO FAURE) thought the new Army, raised on Universal Service principles, would take the place of the Regular Army when that force was elsewhere occupied. The cost and loss of time would be trifling; and it was clear that even an "invincible fleet" should be backed by some kind of an efficient army. His remarks were verbose and rather tedious but showed, especially at the beginning, considerable acquaintance with the subject as portrayed in Sir Ian Hamilton's recent book.

F. C. DOHERTY ridiculed the use of 3 years' training: he was confident in the present state of the army was adequate and declared for a strengthened fleet rather than a strengthened army.

M. HOLROYD viewing the matter from a broader standpoint advocated a shorter period of training as sufficient. The new Universal Service Army would free the Regulars for service abroad and thus alone strengthen our position apart altogether from the physical benefits of the scheme. He too showed a large store of knowledge, but failed rather to make a selection from it at once relevant and succinct.

A. R. I. MELLOR patriotically denied the statement of an earlier speaker that field training was a waste of time.

F. C. DOHERTY in reply denied most of these remarks and repeated much of his own previous speech.

W. L. SELBY in a lengthy and rambling speech made one or two relevant remarks. A compulsory standing army must be prejudicial to peace. His arguments were directed against war rather than Universal Military Service, a fact which, after a few elaborations by O. I. BURGESS, was pointed out by M. HOLROYD who, however, was at considerable pains to contradict in details all W. L. SELBY's speech.

After F. C. DOHERTY had harked back to the fleet for the third time, the PRESIDENT opposed the motion by suggesting the analogy of Sparta and Athens.

Whereupon the SECRETARY doubted the soundness of this analogy. The motion was then put to the House and lost by 15 votes to 10.

The Society met on Thursday, February 9, to debate the following motion: 'That this House would welcome the restriction of alien immigration into these islands.'

The Proposer (A. R. I. MELLOR) prefaced his speech by warning the House that the motion was not merely the result of a scare, and after one or two historical examples of immigration he mentioned the economic difficulties which if unrestricted it would involve. Excessive competition and a general moral corruption were bound to ensue, while the lack of efficient medical inspection of aliens and the possibility of their possessing fire-arms was, as recently shown, dangerous in the extreme. His speech was very clear and fluent and showed signs of careful preparation.

The Opposer (D. F. JERROLD), who was speaking *vice* W. L. SELBY, regretted the fallacy that Englishmen are superior to all other nations and that all aliens are unhealthy and vicious. Statistics show that by beating Englishmen in commercial competition they are better workers, and that proportionally they are less criminal and unsanitary than our own people. Criminal aliens should of course be dealt with, but separately, and as criminals not as aliens. His remarks were rather inconsequent owing to the lack of preparation, but were clearer than usual and exhibited a good grasp of the subject.

The Seconder (J. B. CALKIN) added little new to the point but the increased difficulty of housing the population of London. He seemed to have been anticipated by the broad aspect of the Proposer's speech.

A. K. GILMOUR suggested that the free permission of an asylum to political refugees and anarchists was the only reason England had been free all these years from any outrages on the part of such people.

J. W. N. SMITH, in a fine theatrical outburst, denied our immunity from outrages. He condemned the policy of poisoning the country's energy and spirit with any denationalised foreign element.

G. P. ANTROBUS, in a neat and pleasant speech, pointed out that since charity begins at home, it cannot be humanity to allow our own workers to be ousted by sweated foreign labour.

M. HOLROYD pointed out that it was not the very lowest class of alien that immigrated, but a class superior to our own lowest class and that therefore the standard of the poorer people must be raised by such immigration.

D. F. JERROLD, after the opening personalities that have come to be expected of him, wished J. W. N. Smith's speech explained and brought down to the low ground of argument. After some sparring between these two, ably assisted by the Vice-president, the proposer concluded the debate by objecting to A. K. Gilmour's previous sentiments and deploring the lack of co-operation between our police and those of the Continent. The motion was then put and was carried by twelve votes to nine.

The following is the card of the Debating Society for Lent Term, filled in to date :—

Jan. 26.—Impromptu Debates.

Feb. 2.—'That this House would approve of Universal Military Service.' Proposer, D. M. Morriss; Seconder, C. A. Munro-Faure; Opposer, O. I. Burgess. Ayes, 10; Noes, 15.

Feb. 9.—'That this House would welcome the restriction of alien immigration into these islands.' Proposer, A. R. I. Mellor; Seconder, J. B. Calkin; Opposer, D. F. Jerrold. Ayes, 12; Noes, 9.

Feb. 16.—'That this House deplores Capital Punishment.' Proposer, E. L. Hawke; Seconder, A. K. Gilmour; Opposer, G. C. Lowry. Ayes, 7; Noes, 14.

Feb. 23.—'That this House has lost all confidence in the present Government.' Proposer, J. W. N. Smith; Seconder, B. M. Hallward; Opposer, A. K. Gilmour.

Mar. 2.—'That in the opinion of this House that work of the Post-Impressionist School is not Art.' Proposer, M. Holroyd; Seconder, J. C. Hobson; Opposer, R. R. Rawson.

Mar. 9.—'That this House would not welcome the introduction of the Referendum.' Proposer, J. M. Troutbeck; Seconder, G. B. F. Rudd; Opposer, K. D. Murray.

Mar. 16.—'That this House disapproves of the present Freedom of the Press.' Proposer, A. C. Edgar; Seconder, E. F. Lawrence; Opposer, R. H. Walpole.

Mar. 23.—'That in the opinion of this House the State payment of Members of Parliament would be desirable.' Proposer, J. G. Barington-Ward; Seconder, R. S. Partridge; Opposer, D. F. Jerrold.

Mar. 30.—'That this House has no faith in the existence of Ghosts.' Proposer, E. A. Meyer; Seconder, B. H. Lunn; Opposer, L. Rice-Oxley.

Apr. 6.—Impromptu Debates.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

THE PRESIDENT read a paper on 'Rainfall' before the Society on Saturday, January 28. He apologised for the disconnected character of his remarks, saying that he had forgotten his engagement. However, he showed himself so thoroughly at home with his subject that he was able to give the few members present an excellent idea of the methods by which rainfall is calculated, and of the seasons when, and places where, it is heaviest and lightest. He circulated several photographs to illustrate his points, and also drew several lucid diagrams on the blackboard. His historical survey of rain-gauges was especially interesting.

On the succeeding Saturday C. Chitty lectured on 'The Octopus,' and showed a remarkable knowledge of so unusual a subject. He described the various members of the order (which is Cephalopoda) giving interesting details about each, though treating more fully of the Cuttle-fish and the Octopus. He gave several instances of his own personal experiences in the Channel islands, one of which seemed to disprove the popular belief that the Octopus has the same powers as the Chameleon. He remarked that it was his theory that they varied according to the predominating colour of their haunts. He concluded by giving with evident pleasure a description of the methods that the fishermen use to kill the Octopus.

House Notes.

K.SS.—Hearty congratulations are due to Mr. S. C. Edgar on getting a place in the Oxford Soccer team that recently defeated Cambridge. Our representatives against Charterhouse are but two. However, they doubtless make up in quality what they lack in quantity. Meanwhile we congratulate R. E. D. Cargill on playing for the School, and at the same time commiserate him on not being able to lead our Juniors to final victory. In other spheres of athletics the fruits of our labours are yet to be seen.

Thanks to the kindness of Dr. Beeching some twenty of us were enabled to be present at the performance of Bach's 'Passion,' recently given in the Abbey by the Bach Choir. The ranks of the Literary Society were considerably thinned by illness and other causes when 'King John' was read at the first two meetings of the term. We fear that it must say good-bye for ever to Mr. A. S. Gaye, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations on his engagement. At present the Society has just completed a most successful revival of the first part of 'King Henry the Fourth.'

ASBURNHAM.—First and foremost we congratulate the Junior team on winning the cup for the second year in succession. Their achievement was all the more excellent in that only once were we able to place a full team in the field, on which occasion, we may remark, we won by the substantial margin of 5 goals. Congratulations are also due to McCulloch on his reappearance in the team and on being chosen to play against Charterhouse; to Selby and George on first appearances for the School and to George on his house colours.

The fives ties are once more under new management, the presiding genius this term being J. W. N. Smith. So far progress has been slow, due it is believed solely to the Liberal Government, whose iniquities will, it is feared, drive the manager of the ties to an asylum, leaving his task half-done; however let us hope for the best. Beyond a praiseworthy activity in racquets there is little else to record, and as House Notes like all things mortal must have an end—let us be thankful for small mercies—we will lay down our pen.

GRANT'S.—Very little of real interest has happened since last we so kindly complied with the editor's eager request for House Notes. Seniors have not yet begun, the sports are still dim and distant, and we will not attempt to pad by wild speculations on these interesting events. We will merely content ourselves by stating that we think we have as good a chance of winning as any other House.

We must not forget that the Inter-House Drill Competition takes place this term and that we have a reputation to keep up. The Granite pair will also enter for the Inter-House Racquets' Competition for the first time recently.

H.BB.—However much other houses may deplore the continual demand for House Notes, Home-boards have always something to say for themselves. Hallward, Robinson and Hansen have represented the School, while the last-named, together with Lawrence and Lang, has played regularly for the 2nd XI. Our Juniors, who were somewhat off colour, and playing two subs., were unfortunately defeated, in a somewhat uneven game, by Ashburnham, who now enjoy unchallenged possession of the Cup; one or two bright spots enlivened the game. The fives-ties number an entry of 32; we are handicapped by a natural difficulty in getting courts, but we can depend on their manager to bring us through, although the entry is so large. Mr. M. Thoresby-Jones (O.H.B.) has been stroking his boat with success in the Lent races at Cambridge, in which Mr. W. D. Geare also figured.

We are greatly encouraged by observing a sudden and promising rise of athletic talent among the junior members of the House, and sincerely trust that it will continue along the lines on which it has begun.

RIGAUD'S.—The demand for news for House Notes coming at a time when nothing of note is happening finds us unprepared. We cannot even rely on the time honoured 'Yard flies are in full swing'; they are not even in their infancy. Congratulations are due to D. A. Harvey on his début for the team and on receiving his House Colours after the match. All our monitors have lately been suffering from severe colds, but are now happily restored to health and vigour. We were pleased to see our last house master, the Rev. W. F. Failes, here lately, apparently in the best of health. The musical society feels very keenly the loss of N. Marzetti, who was at once its genius and its mainstay, and we have no competent successor to fill the vacancy. In the Inter-House Racquets' Competition we play Ashburnham and with one of last year's winning pair, J. M. de Slubicki, still 'in residence,' we should do wonders. Our sports prospects are at present in a somewhat nebulous condition, but we hope to discover fresh blood. We are drawn against Ashburnham also in the first round of Seniors and hope for the best. In conclusion, we wish R. C. Cooke and his colleagues the best of luck in the forthcoming School matches.

Old Westminsters.

AFTER a brilliant career as City Editor of the *Times* and of *The Morning Post*, Mr. Hartley Withers has resigned his place in journalism to join the firm of Seligman.

Mr. B. J. Failes has been ordained and licensed to a curacy at Stratford-on-Avon.

At Oxford Mr. S. C. Edgar has got his Blue for football and played against Cambridge. In the same match Mr. W. B. Harris distinguished himself on the other side.

Marriages.

MAPPIN—THOMAS.—On January 28, Joseph Mappin to Rita, daughter of W. F. Thomas, of Dolgvan, Montgomeryshire.

WORLOCK—NOBLE.—On February 11, Frederick George Worlock to Olive, daughter of Robert Noble, of Liverpool.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

February 16th, 1911.

DEAR SIR,—In concert with other O.W.W., I am raising a fund for a Westminster Memorial to the late A. M. T. Jackson who was up Grant's from 1880 to 1884 and at one time Head of the House, subsequently gained an open Scholarship at B.N.C. Oxford, where he gained a First Class in Oriental Languages and the Bowden University Sanskrit Scholarship, and entering the Indian Civil Service filled many important posts with great distinction, until he fell a victim to a political plot at Nasik on the 21st of December, 1909.

It is proposed that a memorial should take the form of a memorial tablet to be erected in the School Lobby, a silver cup to be presented to his old House, and a gift of books on Indian subjects for the Scott Library.

We have endeavoured to make this Fund known to all O.W.W. who were at Westminster with Jackson, but trust you will be able to insert this in your columns in case we have failed to communicate with any who would wish to contribute.

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Yours faithfully,

J. B. HODGE.

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