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## LENT TERM.

WHY is Lent Term so generally regarded as the least pleasant of the three? Or is it a pessimist's fancy that it has won this reputation? I trow not. For if it were so, we should be compelled to believe that this optimistic age is not so very optimistic after all; since this view about the common opinion of the term in question is very prevalent. Let us seek out the reason. To the casual observer this term would appear not a whit inferior to the rest so far as incident is concerned. Have we not the Charterhouse match, the House matches, the Sports to look forward to? If College would complain that they cannot take as active an interest in the House matches as those who are

themselves engaged in them, let them console themselves with the thought that they too *may* win laurels in their annual struggle with T.B.B. Or have they forgotten that there is no rule against their winning in that encounter? The Sports might surely arouse more enthusiasm than they do; at least the enthusiasm usually keeps itself severely in the background till the prize-giving, when it bursts out with startling vigour. But till then, but for a little speculation on the results of some of the chief events, little interest is shown. Your optimist replies that, though little is visible, this very fact is a proof of the intensity of the universal excitement that really exists; every one is so deeply engrossed in contemplation of the possible chance of his winning 'the Mile' or the '120 yards under 13,' that he dare not speak of them



for fear he should say something ill-omened. Such optimism deserves our admiration, and we hope it is not without good foundation. Still the term always seems listless, as if it found the time hang heavy and did not quite know what to do with itself. As a reaction now and then tempers break out with unwonted misanthropy even in the most placid. But perhaps it is the coming of Spring that is the cause of this; does not Horace say somewhere that the Spring is the season of illness? Do not our modern doctors say the same? And if it be the season of physical illness, why should not the disposition be similarly affected? It is but natural. So let us not be hard on one another for our temper.

Perhaps the chief cause of the apparent flatness of Lent term is that it has no climax such as the Play and Election. There are those two or three days at School after the Sports, the success of which has often, nay usually, been impaired by the unwelcome appearance of Jupiter Pluvius, and all the blasts of Aeolus. And by the irony of Fate those last days are usually blest with the most perfect weather, which cannot be fully enjoyed; for nothing is doing 'Up Fields,' or indeed anywhere. But it is no good complaining of Fortune; we shall not be the better favoured by her. It is possible that we are prejudiced against this much-maligned term from the first. We return to the old School routine from all the merriment of the modern Saturnalia, and we are discontented, and say it is the fault of the term, which is dull; but consider: Who makes the term dull, if we do not, without whom the term would not exist at all? Yet there is no denying that it would be better if the end was less commonplace.

## WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 63.—EDWARD GIBBON WAKEFIELD.

At the present time of doubt and peril, when South Australian, New Zealander, and Canadian are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the soldiers of the Mother Country for the preservation of our South African empire, it may not be altogether amiss to turn our

thoughts to one to whom in no small degree it is owing that South Australia and New Zealand form integral portions of our 'Greater Britain,' and that Canada is possessed by the fervent spirit of loyalty, which colonies whose blood is more exclusively English may rival, but can hardly surpass.

Edward Gibbon Wakefield was born on March 20, 1796. He was the second child and eldest son of Edward Wakefield, a scion of a well-known Westmorland family, who subsequently attained some celebrity as a writer and a politician, being an intimate of James Mill and his allies. The subject of this article was admitted to Westminster in January, 1808, but only stayed there two years. His biographer, Dr. Garnett, quotes one remark of Wakefield's maturer years as the only tangible result of his schooling under the shadow of the Abbey. In his work on the 'Punishment of Death,' he notes that the 'Newgate boys,' who were to be formally reprieved, had 'just the same air of agreeable excitement and self-importance for days before the scene . . . as marks a Westminster boy when he is about to be distinguished by acting in public.'

Young Wakefield was also notable at school for a pugnacity which is the more remarkable when we recollect that the family from which he sprang had been for many generations members of the Society of Friends. 'The traditions yet linger of a series of fights by which, though, always beaten, he wore out the bully of his class; and of a Homeric battle, result unrecorded, between him and Erskine, Earl of Mar.' But in September, 1810, the boy absolutely declined to return to Westminster—an aberration of taste which might have justified the gravest misgivings as to his future—and was removed to Edinburgh High School, where his stay was even shorter. In January, 1812, he was turned loose upon the world, 'spoiled for business and unqualified for a profession.' Two years later, under the auspices of the Hon. Mr. Hill, afterwards Lord Berwick, he obtained some kind of diplomatic employment; but this he almost immediately imperilled by his first publication, a letter in indignant protest against the execution of General Labeledoyère.

For at least three generations the Wakefields had displayed equal improvidence and precocity in their marriages. Edward Gibbon—his second name was derived from his great-grandmother, a distant relative of the historian—retained the precocity, if he cannot be charged with the improvidence. In 1816, at the age of twenty, he eloped from Tunbridge Wells with a ward in Chancery, Miss Eliza Susan Pattle. Although not himself a very eligible *parti*, he succeeded in propitiating both the Lord Chancellor and the lady's mother, who kept house with the young couple throughout their brief, but apparently happy union. A daughter was born in 1817 and a son in 1820, but the birth of the latter cost his mother her life, a circumstance his father never forgot—or forgave.

Thus suddenly deprived of his domestic happiness Wakefield began to think of turning his attention



to a Parliamentary career, but the extraordinary escape—to give it no harsher name—which followed, seemed to have closed his career for good and all.

Miss Ellen Turner, daughter of a rich Cheshire manufacturer, was under the charge of a schoolmistress near Liverpool. In March, 1826, a carriage drove up to the school, and a letter was handed to the mistress stating that Mr. Turner had been attacked by paralysis, and demanding his daughter's immediate attendance. The governess, completely duped, allowed her pupil to respond to the urgent summons, and Miss Turner was met on the road by Edward Wakefield and one of his brothers, who informed her that her father's affairs were hopelessly involved, and that the only possible remedy was her own immediate marriage with Edward Wakefield. Without pressing for a further explanation the young girl assented to the arrangement, and the ceremony was duly performed according to Scotch law at Gretna Green. Thence they proceeded to Calais, where they were overtaken by the indignant relatives of the bride, who seems to have been a rather weak-minded young person, as she abandoned her husband as readily as she had accepted him. Wakefield was recommended to seek refuge in the United States, but refused to desert his brother and accomplice William, who was already in custody. The two Wakefields and their stepmother were tried at the Lancaster Assizes of March, 1827. Brougham prosecuted, and Scarlett, afterwards Lord Abinger, defended; but the latter, though he usually got the better of Brougham in their many battles on the Northern Circuit, could on this occasion do little for his clients. They were all found guilty of conspiracy to abduct, although the woman was not punished; the two male prisoners were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each. The injustice of punishing William, the accessory, as severely as Edward, the principal, was not so gross as it appears, for it is notorious that the latter had borne all the costs of the trial, which indeed went far towards ruining him.

It is very difficult to appreciate the motives which impelled Wakefield to this mad and criminal enterprise. It was not love, though in one of his letters he does describe his 'dear little wife' as an 'excellent creature,' and predicts that she will be the delight of his life. It was not money, as Miss Turner seems to have been entirely dependent on her father; and, if it were Mr. Turner's assistance in gaining a Parliamentary election at Macclesfield which Wakefield had in view, he surely chose a very problematical method of obtaining it. He could not plead ignorance of the heinousness of his offence, for he openly said that if any man had behaved so to his own daughter he would have shot him. We must therefore be content to wonder at the strange insanity which led Wakefield to ruin his career, before it had well begun, by such an extraordinary freak.

We say 'ruin' advisedly, for though Wakefield lived down the memory of his misdeed, and might

very possibly have had a less successful career if he had been able to follow his original inclinations into political life, yet in the eyes of the world he left the court at Lancaster a ruined man, and was certainly hampered at all kinds of unexpected moments by the odium he here incurred. His second marriage was annulled by a special Act of Parliament.

However, the time he spent in prison was by no means wasted; he utilised it in the composition of two works, one on the 'Punishment of Death,' the other 'A Letter from Sydney.' The first is a spirited attack on the then hideous frequency with which hanging was employed as a penalty for quite minor offences, and was written in the spirit of humanity we might have expected from a kinsman of the celebrated Mrs. Elizabeth Fry. From hanging to transportation was a not infrequent commutation; this may have turned his thoughts to the penal settlement at Botany Bay, but the 'Letter from Sydney,' which was published over the signature of an actual colonist, Robert Gouger, dealt rather with the economical state of the colony. Land in New South Wales was abundant and cheap; but labour was unavailable—except convict labour—and that, besides its other obvious disadvantages, was too scarce. Wakefield's system was briefly this: instead of granting land at a nominal price to any one who would accept it, the land should be sold at an enhanced value, and the proceeds be devoted to paying the passages out for a corresponding number of labourers, who, being unable to obtain grants for themselves, would bring the lands of the capitalists under proper cultivation.

In 1830 Wakefield was released from Newgate, and one of the first uses he made of his restored liberty was to associate himself with the founders of the Colonisation Society, which strove to realise his 'System' by the foundation of South Australia. While the Society was still struggling to enforce its views on a Colonial Secretary who was of opinion that we already had quite as many colonies as we wanted or could manage, Wakefield published his 'England and America,' containing a good deal of sound truth about the former and very little about the latter, which he had not yet visited. At last the Colonisation Society got their South Australian Bill—mainly by interesting the Duke of Wellington in their cause—but, as through personal antipathies Wakefield found himself without influence over the Commissioners appointed to preside over the destinies of the new settlement, he turned his attention to New Zealand.

That island was then a No Man's Land, to which white adventurers of the worst type were rapidly drifting; a few missionaries were doing what they could to preserve order and morality, and a French annexation was no very improbable issue. The New Zealand Association was formed in the last month of the reign of William IV. Space will not permit of even a sketch of the difficulties which that body encountered in their negotiations with a Prime



Minister who feared nothing so much as being supposed to take an interest in the welfare of the country under his charge, and a Colonial Secretary who was little more than an agent of the C.M.S.; but it was through working with him on this Association that Wakefield first made the acquaintance of Lord Durham. Perhaps that peer was moved by a fellow-feeling for a man who, like himself, had been married at Gretna Green; at any rate, when he left England on the mission which made Canada, but ruined Lord Durham, he took Wakefield and Charles Buller as his confidential advisers.

Wakefield had no longer any family ties to keep him in England. The cause of his estrangement from his son has already been noted, and his daughter, Nina, to whom he was devotedly attached and who repaid his affection by championing his plans with all the ardour of seventeen, had died in a decline at Lisbon, whither 'her distracted father' had carried her in search of health three years before. After the death of her who, in his own words, had been his 'partner in every thought and object of interest,' Wakefield took his son back to his house, but rather as a duty than as a pleasure.

[To be continued.]

## ANNUAL RECORDS.

1899.

### THE CHURCH.

G. C. Stenning, Honorary Canon of Winchester; N. Madan, Vicar of Doveridge; J. N. Heale, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Bethnal Green; E. C. Bedford, Vicar of St. George-the-Martyr's, Holborn; J. H. Armitstead, Vicar of Church Hulme; E. H. Morris, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Kildwick; A. A. Markham, Incumbent of St. Jude's, West Derby, Liverpool; S. Liberty, Vice-Principal of Lichfield Theological College; W. V. Doherty, Chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford.

*Ordinations.*—A. S. Waterfield and T. N. R. Griffin.

### THE LAW.

T. T. Bucknill, Judge of the High Court; R. Kemp, Deputy-Coroner for Middlesex; J. F. Carr, Honours Certificate of the Council of Legal Education.

*Calls to the Bar.*—A. C. Nesbitt, J. F. Carr, H. S. Morris, and G. H. Guillum Scott.

### ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Sir C. E. Howard Vincent, C.B., to be K.C.M.G.; P. H. Whiston, Osmanieh, 4th Class; A. R. Hoskins, Medjidieh, 4th Class.

### CIVIL SERVICE.

V. H. Biscoe, Assistant Secretary to the Post Office; P. G. L. Webb, Chief Clerk in the Patent Office; H. J. Boyd-Carpenter, H.M.I.S.; E. P. Garrett, E.I.C.S.

*Entrance.*—E. H. Waterfield, E.I.C.S.; H. E. W. Young, Levant Studentship.

### THE ARMY.

*Promotions.*—The Rev. A. S. Norfolk, Chaplain to the Forces, Second Class, to be Chaplain to the Forces, First Class; Major H. E. Rawson, R.E., to be Lieut.-Colonel; Major E. C. Mills, West Yorkshire Regiment, to be Major second in command; Captain J. A. Reeks, Sherwood Foresters, to be Major; Captain W. B. Leishman, A.M.S., to be Major; Captain R. G. Egerton, I.S.C., to be Major; Lieut. W. Martin-Leake, Cheshire Regiment, to be Captain; Lieut. F. L. Prothero, Welsh Regiment, to be Captain; Lieut. S. Clay, I.S.C., to be Captain; Lieut. F. A. P. Wilkins, Suffolk Regiment, to be Adjutant; Second Lieut. A. M. Colville, R.A., to be Lieutenant; Second Lieut. F. W. B. Willett, Royal Sussex Regiment, to be Lieutenant; Major C. B. Vyvyan, the Buffs, and Major G. G. Aston, R.M.A., for special service in South Africa; Captain A. A. McHardy, R.A., to be Divisional Signalling Officer to the 5th Division; Captain T. Jermyn, I.S.C., to be Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General.

*First Commissions.*—N. W. Gardner and I. G. Sewell, Royal Fusiliers; J. B. Wells, Loyal North Lancaster Regiment; A. A. L. Stephen, Scots Guards; G. T. A. Drought, R.A.; W. S. W. Browne, King's Liverpool Regiment.

*Entrance.*—H. S. Gaskell and C. St. J. Lynch, R.M.A., Woolwich; J. P. Robinson, A. C. L. Wood, H. G. Quin, and N. G. B. Lechmere, R.M.C., Sandhurst.

### THE NAVY.

Lieut. R. F. Phillimore to be Commander.

### THE UNIVERSITIES.

*Professorship.*—J. S. Phillimore, Glasgow: Greek.

*University Scholarships and Prizes.*—R. K. Gaye, Cambridge: Porson Prize. P. T. Jones, Oxford: *proxime* to the Hertford Scholarship.

*First Classes.*—P. T. Jones and M. L. Gwyer, Oxford: Classical Moderations. W. C. Mayne, Cambridge: Classical Tripos, Pt. I. W. F. Fox, Oxford: Jurisprudence.

*Second Classes.*—Hon. R. D. Denman, S. C. Probyn, and E. H. Waterfield, Oxford: Modern History. C. R. Beaven, Oxford: Mathematics. R. Airy, Cambridge: Classical Tripos, Pt. I. H. B. McCaskie and J. D. H. Freshwater, Cambridge: Natural Science Tripos. W. S. Hopkyns, Oxford: Classical Moderations.

*Third Classes.*—J. F. Waters, Oxford: Classics. E. G. Phillimore and B. C. Boulter, Oxford: Modern History. H. P. Day and A. R. Brailey, Cambridge: Natural Science. C. E. L. Johnston, Oxford: Classical Moderations.

*Scholarships.*—H. L. Henderson, W. C. Stevens, and G. R. Palmer, Christ Church, Oxford (*Election*). M. L. Gwyer, Christ Church, Oxford; W. C. Mayne and A. S. Gaye, Trinity College, Cambridge.

*Exhibitions.*—A. McKenna and B. H. Willett, Christ Church, Oxford (*Election*). S. A. Sydney-Turner (Major Scholar of Trinity, 1898), F. Young, and H. R. Lonsdale, Trinity College, Cambridge (*Election*). W. S. Hopkyns, Christ Church, Oxford (*Fell.*).

### EDUCATION.

*Schoolmasterships.*—R. M. Towers, Cheltenham; C. L. Freeman, Leamington; W. C. Mayne, Eastbourne; F. Street, Glenalmond.

### MEDICINE.

H. B. Day, Medical Scholarship, King's College Hospital.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

C. A. Ablett, 1st place in City and Guilds Technical College List and Clothworkers' Exhibition.



ATHLETICS.

L. J. Moon, C.U.C.C. ; H. O. C. Beasley (captain), L. J. Moon and R. N. R. Blaker, C.U.A.F.C. ; R. F. and H. L. Doherty, Lawn-Tennis Championship (doubles); R. F. Doherty, Lawn-Tennis Championship (singles); Hon. R. D. Denman, O.U. Hockey Eleven. *County Cricket*: F. Street, Essex; L. J. Moon, Middlesex; R. N. R. Blaker, Kent.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice of any omissions. The first commissions of 1898 should have included E. A. Underwood, Shropshire Light Infantry.

THE MISSION.

AN entertainment on behalf of the Mission was given in 'The Pepys House,' Rochester Row, on January 25, and proved very successful. The programme was as follows:—

PART I.

'BUBBLES.'

A Comedy in One Act.

Characters :

Christopher Hogg, Esq. (*a Retired Pork Butcher*) ... .. Mr. CECIL BISCOE TRITTON.  
 Bob (*his Son*) ... .. Mr. CLAUDE BECKWITH.  
 Sir Thynngummy Tallboy, Bart. (*Chairman of the Trans-Atlantic Balloon Service Co.*) Mr. GUY EDEN.  
 Smees (*a Servant*) ... .. Mr. ALFRED HENNELL.  
 Adèle (*Tallboy's Daughter*) ... Miss HOWE-BROWNE.  
 Polly (*Hogg's Niece*) ... .. Miss HENNELL.  
 Mrs. Hogg ... .. Miss BARNARD-BYLES.

SCENE : *Hogg's Villa, Brixton.*

A Selection of Music was also played by the Westminster School Mission Band.

PART II.

Song ... .. Mr. F. B. RANALOW.  
 Comic Song ... .. Mr. P. A. DAVIES.  
 Song ... .. Mr. F. B. RANALOW.  
 Comic Song ... .. Mr. P. A. DAVIES.

'THE AREA BELLE.'

A Farce in One Act.

Characters :

Pitcher (*in the Police*) ... .. Mr. GUY EDEN.  
 Tossler (*in the Grenadiers*) ... Mr. CECIL BISCOE TRITTON.  
 Walker Chalks (*a Milkman*) ... Mr. CLAUDE BECKWITH.  
 Mrs. Croaker (*the Missus*) ... Miss BARNARD-BYLES.  
 Penelope (*the Area Belle*) ... Miss HENNELL.

SCENE : *A Kitchen.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

It was a pity that the room was so small, as the entertainment was very largely patronised.

The School was represented by A. S. Gaye and A. L. Foster; while among the audience were several O.W.W.

A WESTMINSTER ALPHABET.

A stands for ABBEY, the mainspring of all,  
 B for BUSBY, who lies there, awaiting his call,  
 C suggests COLLEGE, of origin Royal,  
 D the DEAN, to her interests steadfastly loyal,  
 E is ELECTION, with high hopes expected,  
 F is FEAR, after all, that we sha'n't get elected,  
 G is GRANT'S, where, they say, the fare's always delightful,  
 H is HALL, where, no doubt, it's no less appetite-ful,  
 I stands for INIGO, who created Ashburnham,  
 J for JONES, which, you know, was his elegant surname,  
 K's the KINSHIP, which knits in one bond each O.W.,  
 L his LEARNING, with which there is no need to trouble you,  
 M's *MON. OS.*: (N, NOTE this charming survival),  
 O ORATIONS, of Parliament yonder the rival,  
 P's the PANCAKE, for which on Shrove Tuesday we strive,  
 Q the QUESTION how long this old use will survive,  
 R stands for RIGAUD'S, rebuilt of late,  
 S for SUTCLIFFE'S, established at no recent date,  
 T is TERENCE, whose Plays we enact 'mid much laughter,  
 U the UNDER-ELECTIONS, whose turn will come after,  
 V's VINCENT SQUARE, better known as 'Up-fields,'  
 W the grand WINS, which so often it yields,  
 X is anything, anyone, helot or hero,  
 Y of course, is the YARD, and Z, nothing or ZERO.

School Notes.

At a bye-challenge at the beginning of this term the following were elected:—

*To Scholarships.*—†\* O. C. Chapman, J. Bonser, E. C. Chesney, † H. T. Tizard, A. C. Bottomley, S. D. Charles.

*To Exhibitions.*—R. Hackforth, F. D. Purzer.

† Previously in the School. \* Non-residential.

Mr. E. F. Knight, the distinguished war correspondent and author, who lost his right arm in the battle of Belmont, is an O.W. Mr. Knight's military experiences began in 1870, when he accompanied a French force. Since then he has chronicled the fortunes of many campaigns, including the Hunza-Nagar operations, the Matabele Rebellion, the French Expedition to Madagascar, the Sudan Expedition, and the Græco-Turkish War. During the Spanish-American War his *Times* letters from Cuba attracted



much attention. Mr. Knight's vivid descriptions of the progress of the Dreyfus trial at Rennes will be fresh in the minds of many of our readers.

The Drill Sergeant has gone to the front.

W. R. Le G. Jacob having left at the end of last term, S. D. Kennedy, Q.S., has been made a school monitor.

We congratulate A. C. L. Wood, H. G. Quin, and N. G. B. Lechmere on passing into R.M.C. Sandhurst, at the recent examination.

In the London Senior Cup Old Westminsters were drawn against Ilford, whom they beat by 4-2. They are drawn against Clapton in the next round.

Mr. R. R. Campbell (O.W.) has come as a master this term. He was elected to Christ Church in 1893.

The following is the football card filled in up to date :—

1899.

|      |       |            |                                       |
|------|-------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat. | Sept. | 30         | . Clapham Rovers. (Lost 0-3.)         |
| "    | Oct.  | 7          | . E. H. Winslow's XI. (Won 3-0.)      |
| "    | "     | 14         | . H. O. C. Beasley's XI. (Lost 3-7.)  |
| "    | "     | 21         | . Old Westminsters. (Won 2-1.)        |
| "    | "     | 28         | . Old Carthusians. (Drawn 0-0.)       |
|      |       | 2nd XI. v. | Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Lost 2-7.)    |
| Wed. | Nov.  | 1          | . Old Etonians. (Won 1-0.)            |
| Sat. | "     | 4          | . Old Foresters. (Lost 0-4.)          |
| "    | "     | 11         | . R. E. More's XI. (Scratched.)       |
| Fri. | "     | 17         | . L. J. Moon's XI. (Drawn 6-6.)       |
| Sat. | "     | 18         | . Casuals. (Drawn 1-1.)               |
|      |       | 2nd XI. v. | Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Lost 1-13.) |
| Wed. | Nov.  | 22         | . Emeriti. (Lost 1-2.)                |
| Sat. | "     | 25         | . Old Harrovians. (Drawn 2-2.)        |
| "    | Dec.  | 2          | . Christ Church. (Lost 0-2.)          |
|      |       | 2nd XI. v. | London Hospital 2nd XI. (Won 4-2.)    |
| Wed. | Dec.  | 6          | . University College. (Lost 0-3.)     |
| Sat. | "     | 9          | . Old Felstedians. (Won 3-0.)         |
|      |       | 2nd XI. v. | A. B. Challis's XI. (Lost 1-2.)       |

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|------|------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat. | Jan. | 20         | . Clapham Rovers (Scratched.)         |
|      |      | 2nd XI. v. | London Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost 2-9.)   |
| "    | Jan. | 27         | . Selwyn College, Camb. (Won 6-1.)    |
|      |      | 2nd XI. v. | Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Drawn 0-0.)   |
| Wed. | Jan. | 31         | . Old Etonians. (Drawn 3-3.)          |
| Sat. | Feb. | 3          | . Old Westminsters. (Scratched.)      |
|      |      | 2nd XI. v. | Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Scratched.) |
| Wed. | Feb. | 7          | . Emeriti. (Won 3-2.)                 |
| Sat. | "    | 10         | . v. Clare College, Camb.             |
| Sat. | "    | 17         | . Casuals.                            |
| "    | "    | 24         | . Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).   |
| "    | Mar. | 3          | . Old Brightonians.                   |
|      |      | 2nd XI. v. | E. H. Winslow's XI.                   |
| Wed. | Mar. | 7          | . L. A. M. Fevez's XI.                |
| Sat. | "    | 10         | . F. Wormold's Eton XI.               |
| "    | "    | 17         | . T.B.B. v. Q.SS.                     |

The Debating Society has again had cards printed this year. The following is the list of debates for this term :—

January 25.—'That censure of Generals while at the Front is highly undesirable.'

February 1.—'That in the death of the Duke of Westminster the Nation has lost a great man.'

February 8.—'That the great progress made in the Nineteenth Century is not entirely desirable.'

February 15.—'That the Government is worthy of censure for its state of unpreparedness for war.'

February 22.—'That it is the duty of the State to provide for men disabled by war, and to compensate the near relatives of the killed.'

March 8.—'That War Correspondents should not be allowed at the Front.'

March 15.—'That this House considers that the large expenditure on Education by the London School Board is deserving of approval.'

March 22.—'That Women should have the Parliamentary Franchise.'

March 29.—'That this House would welcome the formation of a Volunteer Corps in the School.'

April 5.—'That this House would deplore the removal of the School into the country.'

## THE FIELDS.

[Unfortunately our reporter's notes on the following matches have perished, so we are not able to publish full accounts.]—Ed. ELIZABETHAN.

### WESTMINSTER v. OLD HARROVIANS.

THIS match was played 'Up Fields' on November 25, and resulted in a draw, two goals being scored on each side. The goals for Westminster were obtained by Harris and Pashley.

The School team was :—

#### WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); R. Wynter, A. L. Foster, and E. A. Lewis (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

### WESTMINSTER v. CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD.

The House brought down a strong team for this match, which was played on December 2, and won by 2-0, both the goals being scored in the first half by R. E. More and Gordon. Before the end, one of the Christ Church forwards unfortunately twisted his knee severely, and had to leave the field.

#### WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); R. Wynter, A. L. Foster, and E. A. Lewis (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).



WESTMINSTER *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,  
OXFORD.

This match was played on December 6, and ended in a win for University College by 3-0. Soon after the start rain began to fall heavily, and our defence seemed to suffer in consequence of the wet ball and slippery ground.

## WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); E. A. Lewis, A. L. Foster, and R. Wynter (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD FELSTEDIANS.

In this the last match of the term, played on December 9, the School team showed to much better advantage than recently, winning after an excellent game by 3-0. The forwards showed much improvement, the goals being scored by Harris (2) and Bompas. Braithwaite was very good for the visitors.

## WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); A. T. Willett, A. L. Foster, and R. Wynter (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

## WESTMINSTERS IN THE WAR.

THIS list is doubtless imperfect. We shall be glad to receive notice of errors or omissions.

## At School.

- 1865-70.—Lieut.-Colonel H. E. RAWSON, R.E.  
 1870-76.—Major C. B. VYVYAN, The Buffs.  
 1872-75.—The Rev. W. C. HAINES, Chaplain to the Forces.  
 1876-79.—Major G. G. ASTON, R.M.A.  
 1881-85.—Captain A. A. MCHARDY, R.A. Staff.  
 1882-87.—Captain F. L. PROTHERO, Welsh Regiment.  
 1883-88.—F. A. P. WILKINS, Lieutenant and Adjutant, Suffolk Regiment. Killed at Rensburg.  
 1886.—R. W. R. BARNES, Lieutenant and Adjutant, 4th Hussars. Wounded at Elandslaagte.  
 1885-87.—C. L. MACNAB, Lieutenant and Adjutant, Border Regiment.  
 1885-86.—J. R. L. GARRARD, Lieutenant, 5th Dragoon Guards.  
 1885-87.—H. M. DAVSON, Lieutenant, R.A.  
 1886-89.—C. E. BALFOUR, Lieutenant, King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
 1887-90.—F. C. D. DAVIDSON, Lieutenant, Royal Lancaster Regiment.  
 1889-93.—D. K. CLAPHAM, Second Lieutenant, R.A.  
 1889-94.—E. A. UNDERWOOD, Second Lieutenant, Salop Light Infantry.  
 1889-93.—L. K. D'ARCY, Second Lieutenant, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.  
 1891-94.—S. H. F. MURIEL, Second Lieutenant, Border Regiment. Wounded at Venters Spruit.  
 1894-98.—J. B. WELLS, Second Lieutenant, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.  
 1893-96.—I. G. SEWELL, Second Lieutenant, Royal Fusiliers.  
 1891-92.—A. A. L. STEPHEN, Second Lieutenant, Scots Guards.  
 1891-93.—J. F. BADHAM, 1st Royal Dragoons.

## AT SEA OR TO SAIL.

- 1880-82.—Captain E. T. LOGAN, Cheshire Militia.  
 1887-90.—Captain the EARL OF CARDIGAN, Royal Wilts Yeomanry.  
 1887-89.—C. A. MADGE, Lieutenant, Royal Warwickshire Militia.  
 1884-89.—P. J. PREECE, Lieutenant, Rifle Brigade Volunteers.  
 1889-91.—R. H. MORE, Salop Yeomanry.  
 1885-93.—G. H. G. SCOTT, C.I.V.  
 1890-95.—H. CASTLE SMITH, C.I.V.  
 1893-96.—H. E. WEEKES, C.I.V.

## House Notes.

COLLEGE.—A bye-challenge has brought us again to our full number; fifteen juniors to four seniors must be a record. Our football prospects are not so good as we expected last term; Jacob has left, and Lock has been forced to give up the game owing to a weak heart. We heartily congratulate Milne and Coleby on playing for the School. Lent term is always the season of accidents and illness, and this is no exception. Colt-Williams, we hear with regret, will probably not return this term; he will be much missed at the Sports. There are symptoms of coming Fives Ties; may they be more successful than last year. The Literary Society has read 'The Winter's Tale.'

GRANT'S.—There are four new boarders up Grant's this term, although one has not as yet appeared. H. Severn left last term, so our numbers are now forty-one, a larger house than we have been for some time. Unfortunately, owing to the weather, we were unable to play Ashburnham in the final of the trials last term. We congratulate C. W. Sheppard on playing for the 2nd XI. *v.* Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. He has received his House colours. We have been obliged to abandon the Literary Society this term, owing to Mrs. Tanner's regrettable ill-health.

RIGAUDS.—R. Pashley was the only member of the House to leave us last term, but his loss, both in the House and at football, will be very much felt. His place as a monitor has been taken by C. M. Page, whilst R. D. Kitson, who has come as a boarder, has taken the place of the latter in 'Under.' In the Bye-Challenge this term we were again successful, gaining a scholarship through Tizard. Though we deeply regret losing Tizard thus, we wish him good luck in his new House. We have one new boy, namely, B. Failes, so that our numbers are now thirty-six. A. T. Willett has played again for the School, and Kemp and Powers for the 2nd XI., on which we congratulate them.



H.B.B.—Our numbers this term have risen to fifty-four, eight new boys having come up the House. We congratulate W. E. Perry on playing for the 2nd XI. Our prospects for the House matches are not very good, but we hope Lühn will be able to assist us. We have lost Battle, who has gone up Grant's.

ASHBURNHAM.—We have no new boys this term, and as Tomson has left our numbers are now fifty-one. Our most hearty congratulations are due to Wynter on getting his Pinks, and to Foster on his House colours. The final of the Trials last term could not be played, owing to the state of the ground. Our prospects for the Seniors this term are decidedly brighter than usual. We congratulate A. O. Reid on passing second into Sandhurst. The Fives Ties have been won by Day and Parker, after a series of excellent games.

#### WAGNER—A SONNET.

'It seems probable that such harmonies are drawn from the Outside Realm.'—*The Chronicles of Clemency.*

Far in mid-ocean stands, as sea-folk tell,  
A rock, whereon all winds incessantly  
Blow with their fiercest blasts, whereon the sea  
Beats ever : storms rage round it with the yell  
Of tortured fiends let loose an hour from hell ;  
'Spite of all shocks it stands immovably,  
Yet quivers like trees beneath a wintry sky  
If one bring near a sprig of asphodel.

So with my heart, that is not moved by roar  
Of tempest, or by nations' rivalries,  
But all responsive sighs to all thy sighs,  
Joys to thy joys, and soars when thou dost soar,  
Lord of such music men ne'er heard before,  
That bring'st to earth the Outer Harmonies.

YAMANDE.

#### OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

THE installation meeting of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Tuesday, December 19, 1899. The following members were present:—S. H. West, I.P.M., W. Ashton Ellis, S.W., J. Barnes Liberty, J.W., Thomas Wakley (jun.), P.M. (Treasurer), Henry Sutherland, P.G.D. (Secretary), F. G. Hallett, S.D., E. Festus Kelly, J.D., W. J. Armitage, D.C., W. E. Horne (Steward), W. E. M. Tomlinson,

M.P., P.G.D., P.M., R. J. Mure, P.G.D., P.M., F. J. Pearse, P.M., W. Hicks, P.M., Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M., C. W. Stephenson, P.M., Walter Tomlinson, A. B. Horne, T. Stirling Lee, G. T. Crawford Thomson, C. Y. R. Bedford, R. G. Thornton, and C. C. Sharpe. The guests were: G. Simonds (Arts Lodge), Frank Short (Arts Lodge), T. Tedbury (St. Clement's Danes Lodge), P. Houghton (Ocken-den Lodge), L. C. Dobson (Unity Lodge), R. J. Reece (Grand Masters' Lodge), T. G. A. Burns (Rahere Lodge), A. E. Priddle (Isaac Newton Lodge), M. C. Elwell (Imperial Lodge), R. D. Sweeting (Westminster and Keystone Lodge), David Cornfoot (Antiquity Lodge), F. Walrond (Prince of Wales's Lodge), M. Handfield-Jones (Castle of Harmony Lodge), and W. J. Fernie (Isaac Newton Lodge).

Mr. Robert Gidley Thornton (O.W.) and Mr. Christopher Campbell Sharpe (O.W.) having been duly elected, were admitted into Freemasonry by W. Bro. West, I.P.M.

Bro. William Ashton Ellis, having been elected to the office at the previous meeting, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. West. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers of the Lodge:—Bro. J. B. Liberty, S.W.; Bro. F. G. Hallett, J.W.; Bro. Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M., Chaplain; Bro. T. Wakley (jun.), P.M. (who had been re-elected at the last meeting), Treasurer; Bro. E. F. Kelly, S.D.; Bro. P. S. Lee (appointed, but not invested, as he was unable to be present), J.D.; Bro. T. S. Lee, D.C.; Bro. W. E. Horne, Steward, and Bro. H. Sutherland, P.G.D., Secretary.

Bro. E. F. Kelly and Bro. A. B. Horne were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to one of the War Funds, the selection of the most suitable fund being left to the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

The Past Master's jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting to W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Rawson, R.E., as a mark of appreciation by the Lodge of his services during the past year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, was handed round, and it was determined that it should remain in the hands of the Secretary until Bro. Rawson's return from South Africa, where he is on active service, a general opinion being expressed that the brethren should have the pleasure of presenting it to him in open lodge. The Worshipful Master read a letter from Maritzburg from Bro. Rawson, in the course of which he made a statement which will be of interest to Old Westminsters generally:—'Another O.W., E. F. Knight (the author of "Where Three Empires Meet") was on board [the *Braemar Castle*] with me on the third Tuesday in October, coming out as the war correspondent of the *Morning Post*. He is a Brother Mason, and remembering that you were all in Lodge we drank to the success of the O.W.W. Lodge, and to the School, "Floreat." Readers of



the ELIZABETHAN may remember that unfortunately Mr. Knight was severely wounded in one of the early engagements, and eventually had to have his arm amputated.

After the transaction of all business the Lodge was closed and the brethren and their guests adjourned to the usual banquet. In the course of the after-dinner speeches the Worshipful Master read a very courteous letter from Dr. Rutherford with regard to the proper steps to be taken to obtain the loan of the Warren Hastings Cup at the Installation Meeting of the Lodge.

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### Obituary.

WE have to mourn the loss of a promising officer in the war. FRANCIS ALFRED PRESSLAND WILKINS was born in 1871 and was a Town Boy from 1883 to 1888. In 1892 he became a sub-lieutenant in the Suffolk Regiment and was promoted lieutenant in 1895. For a year past he had been adjutant of his battalion, and was one of the few officers in the army qualified as interpreters in Italian. He fell in the action at Rensburg on January 6.

We have also to regret the untimely death of OFFLEY SCOONES. He was born in 1865, admitted in 1878, became Q.S. in 1879, and was elected to Christ Church in 1883. He took a second class in Moderations in 1885 and graduated B.A. in 1887. He played football for Oxford in each of his four years. Of late he resided abroad, but on his visits to England occasionally played against the School. Mr. Scoones, who had been married less than two years, died abroad on December 9.

We have also to record the death of HENRY THOMAS GLYN. Born in 1822 Mr. Glyn was admitted in 1834, became K.S. in 1837, and was elected to Oxford in 1841. He was one of the scholars who acclaimed the Coronation. He took orders in 1846, and was for thirty-three years rector of Melbury Abbas, exchanging that living for Great Fontinell in 1880. He became Prebendary of Salisbury in 1872. His death occurred on January 22.

### Correspondence.

#### ALUMNI WESTMONASTERIENSES.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—Kindly allow us once more to remind all readers of the *Elizabethan* that information concerning any Old Westminster (either T.B. or Q.S.) which is not contained in the last edition of the *Alumni*, the Westminster School Register, and the supplement thereto, will be most gratefully received by

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January 20, 1900.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

DEAR SIR,—Few of your readers, I suspect, have not taken part during the last few weeks in discussions concerning the date when the new century begins. It may interest some of them to know that the same question exercised the minds of our forefathers at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and Laplace says that he had in his library a pamphlet published on the subject at the end of the seventeenth.

In 1800 the then Poet Laureate, Henry James Pye, published a 'Carmen Seculare,' and in a preface quotes, in support of his belief that with that year the century began, the 'Secular Masque' of Dryden and Prior's 'Carmen Seculare,' both produced early in 1700. Some, however, were found bold enough to dispute Mr. Pye's authority, and in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for February, 1800, a long letter appeared controverting the Laureate's arguments. In that same number appeared an epigram, which I make bold to quote in the hope that it may convince some of the Registrar-General's opponents that decades are usually reckoned from 1 to 10, not from 0 to 9.

The World, as they tell us, six thousand years old,  
(By the sages of India more millions are told),  
On one point of learning as yet has not blundered,  
That is how many units will make eighteen hundred ;  
Now Dryden and Prior are summoned to prove  
(Those names we have honoured, and names we have loved)  
That nine years completed are certainly ten ;  
O could ye but hear us, ye wonderful men,  
You would smile or would grieve to find errors made rules,  
And your secular verse produce secular fools.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,  
FIN A QUANDO?

#### TO CONTRIBUTORS.

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### Our Contemporaries.

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(2), *Rossallian, Haileyburian, Radleian, Pauline, Cholmelian, Salopian, Forest School Magazine, Our Boys' Magazine (2), Felstedian, South Eastern College Magazine, Haileyburian, Malvernian, Ulula, Reptonian, Royal Naval School Magazine, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Wykehamist, King's College School Magazine, Tonbridgian, Bradfield College Chronicle, Penn Charter Magazine (2), Wellingtonian, Fettesian, Working Men's College Journal, Cantuarian, St. Peter's School Magazine, Blundellian, Brighton College Magazine, The Blue.*



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