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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

AT this season of the year, with cricket in full swing and a taste of summer in the air, the past football season may be looked on as dead and buried. 'De mortuis nil nisi bonum,' but to look back in a spirit of retrospective calm on the winter's doings at Vincent Square (and one other place) may not be altogether unprofitable. And there is one lesson for all who run to read, and it was writ in large type all over Vincent Square every Saturday afternoon last winter, and the lesson is, it seems almost superfluous to add, that by shooting goals alone are matches won. Westminster boys must not think, however, that this failing is peculiar to themselves, for, from the various football circles, high and low all over the country, we hear pathetic appeals for scoring forwards; but the more

general a failing the greater the necessity to try and find a remedy, and I feel sure that any suggestion which might put us in the way of discovering a Moon, a Blaker, or a Harris would be most heartily welcomed in these columns.

To turn to our XI. of last season. We congratulate Craig on making a most successful captain; his energy and enthusiasm were a splendid example to the rest of his side, not only in matches, but also in the games, and he worked untiringly to make football a success throughout the School; he will probably make a name for himself, and his presence will be very welcome next year to the Old Westminsters. Davey was in great form at the beginning of the season, and it is impossible to estimate what his loss meant to the side, as he was responsible for most of the goals scored up to the time of his injury; however, once more bad luck was on our side, and for the greater part of the year we

were deprived of his services. Fast and neat, with a beautiful swerve and centre, he was a forward of the greatest promise, and if he can get his ankle properly fit should undoubtedly be heard of in the future. Johnson on the right wing hardly improved so much as we had hoped. He often does clever things, but is inclined to over-elaboration and to dally too long before centreing, though his inability to make proper use of his left foot is no doubt in part responsible for this. Of the insides Rawlings was the best, not a very good best, but distinctly useful at times. He too is one-footed, but has been handicapped by a weak knee; heads well and shows pace when the ground is not too hard, but hardly lets himself go enough. Coleby at inside left is neat and promising, but too small to be really dangerous yet awhile. Newman or Walker occupied the centre berth on most occasions, but they were both very slow and without much control of the ball, and deplorably weak in front of goal. It was a great pity that Walters was unable to play any football before Christmas; throughout the Lent Term he improved very rapidly, and at Charterhouse and in subsequent matches filled Davey's place with great credit; he had good command over the ball, and could centre and shoot. Harris played in a few matches and showed promise. Of the wing halves Geare improved a great deal and always played a hard, untiring game. Budden was slow, but tackled well and made good use of his head. Of the backs McKenna was too big and Birchall too small, but by next year the former will doubtless have put on pace, and the latter weight. On their day they were quite a sound pair, and we look forward to seeing them do well next year. After many unsuccessful attempts we found a goal-keeper in Hepburn. Apart from an occasional sudden impulse to join the half-back line, he proved quite a reliable keeper, and we would rather see a goal-keeper too prone to run out to meet the ball than glued fixedly between the posts.

It will be seen that with Johnson, Rawlings, McKenna, and Birchall staying on we shall have a very fair number of old choices to fall back upon next year, while Newman, Edgar, and

Harris, who have had some experience of School matches, will be also available, and so the prospects appear promising on paper. But here is the matter in a nutshell: if our forwards can by next season acquire the art of getting goals we shall win our matches, or the greater percentage of them; if not, we shall have the same old complaint to make, for without goals you cannot win matches.

In conclusion, we congratulate K.S.S. on defeating T.B.B. for the first time for many years, and also Rigauds on securing the Shield. To Ashburnham a word of praise is due for the fight they made with Rigauds. Their side contained some young and promising talent, and this fact is most encouraging when we consider how few of late years has been the number of Pinks who have come from the non-resident portion of the School.

NOTICE.

As the School reassembled exceptionally late this term, it was decided to issue an August instead of a May number.

School Notes.

THERE are seventeen new boys this term.

The Inter-House Drill Cup was awarded to H.B.B. on Tuesday, April 4, last term.

There will be a Sale of Work at the Napier Memorial Hall (Hide Place, Vincent Square), partly for the Parish Poor Fund and partly for the School Mission. The Sale will be opened by the Duchess of Portland on Wednesday, June 7, at 3 P.M., and will continue open until Thursday, the 8th, at 9 P.M.

Mrs. Gow and Mrs. Raynor are holding a stall, the proceeds of which will be devoted entirely to the School Mission. Linoleum and other necessaries are required to furnish the Hall for the purposes of the Mission. The attention of O.W.W. is particularly invited to this stall.

The Corps formed a body-guard to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught when he came to open the Westminster Hospital Bazaar on May 23.

The Concert is to be held on June 2.

The Gymnasium and Fencing Competitions were held on April 4, last term. B. V. Worthington won the Senior Gymnastic Competition, closely followed by H. L. Geare. In the Junior H. Worthington and Bonner were respectively first and second. Jardine won the Fencing from Hunter, who certainly appeared to fence in better style than his opponent. Altogether the competitions were on a far higher standard than we have seen them for some time.

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

May 13, Sat.	v. Old Wykehamists. (Lost: Old Wykehamists, 378 for 7, declared; Westminster, 86.)
„ 20, Sat.	v. Eton Ramblers. (Lost: Westminster, 47 and 108; Eton Ramblers, 270 for 4, declared.)
„ 27, Sat.	v. I Zingari.
June 3, Sat.	v. Incogniti.
„ 10, Sat.	v. Harrow Blues.
„ 14, Wed.	v. Cambridge O.WW.
„ 17, Sat.	v. Old Carthusians.
„ 24, Sat.	v. Oxford University Authentics.
„ 30, Fri. }	v. Charterhouse (Vincent Square).
July 1, Sat. }	
„ 8, Sat.	v. Free Foresters.
„ 12, Wed.	v. M.C.C. and G.
„ 15, Sat.	v. Old Westminsters.
„ 19, Wed.	v. Gentlemen of Essex.
„ 22, Sat.	v. Crusaders.
„ 31, Mon.	— K.SS. v. T.BB.

The XI.'s were filled up as follows:—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.</i>
J. M. Craig.	K. E. Newman.	J. E. Thoresby.
A. P. Davey.	H. Walker.	Jones.
S. F. Johnson.	S. C. Edgar.	H. D. Adrian.
W. R. Birchall.	A. H. Aglionby.	E. R. Mason.
F. H. Budden.	J. C. Davidson.	M. T. Maxwell.
H. L. Geare.	R. W. Reed.	O. Lewis.
S. McKenna.	W. B. Harris.	R. W. Wilcocks.
G. Hepburn.	R. C. LeBlond.	D. Macmanus.
P. T. Rawlings.		K. Jones.
E. Coleby.		A. W. Peacock.
O. H. Walters.		A. E. Rice-Oxley.
		N. Hamel.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports this year were held on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. Unfortunately Friday turned out to be a miserable day, but in spite of this fact the results of most of the events were by no means below the usual standard. A notable instance of this is the Hammer, which was won by F. Worlock with the excellent throw of 71 ft. 10 in., beating that of H. Logan in 1903. Saturday, however, made amends for the lack of sunshine on the previous day, when several splendid performances were achieved.

In the senior events the palm easily fell to F. Worlock, who won no fewer than four firsts in splendid style. His success in the Hammer has

already been mentioned; no less excellent was his time for the Open Quarter, which he won in 56 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds. His performances with the cricket ball and in the Half-mile with hurdles were not quite so good; in the last he probably was handicapped by the state of the ground. Besides Worlock, H. L. Geare and Lawrence distinguished themselves. Lawrence jumped a very fair height for his size; Geare's long jump was rather disappointing, but he too was certainly handicapped by the treacherous character of the ground.

The junior events were particularly gratifying, Gow and Ferguson sharing the laurels between them, Gow winning three and Ferguson two firsts. Gow's cricket ball, high jump, and hurdles were very fair, while Ferguson's quarter-mile and hundred under 15 were excellent. They are a distinctly promising pair of juniors, and should do well in the future. After a very exciting contest K.SS. won the Sports Cup by 48 points, Grant's being second with 40. Up to the last few events the issue hung in the balance, and was eventually decided by the Mile.

The Police Band attended on both days, and the bandsmen's race proved exceedingly popular, and added a finishing touch to the day's proceedings. We must here take the opportunity of thanking Messrs. O. R. Borradaile, L. A. M. Fevez, and H. S. Bompas for the very considerable help they afforded, especially in getting the races started punctually, which they did with conspicuous success.

The stewards were: G. B. Wilson (Hon. Sec.), R. Hackforth, P. T. Rawlings, O. H. Walters, S. McKenna, R. W. Reed, and E. F. C. Mosse.

On Wednesday, April 5, trials were held for the Jumps, the Cricket Balls, and the Hammer. The first round of the Inter-House Tugs was also pulled off, Grant's pulling over Ashburnham with perfect ease (2-0), and Rigaud's H.BB., after a fairly good struggle, H.BB. proving victorious in the second pull.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

1, Pemberton (8 yds.); 2, Rawlings (scratch). Time, 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
This race was run off in one heat.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

1st Heat.—1, Ferguson; 2, Clark. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
2nd Heat.—1, Gow; 2, Goodale. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
3rd Heat.—1, Harding; 2, Mason. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
4th Heat.—1, Wood, A.; 2, Shearman. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

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

1, Worlock, F.; 2, Geare, H. L.; 3, Walker.
Time, 2 mins. 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

4.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

1, Gow; 2, Ferguson. Distance, 58 yds. 1 ft.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

1, Gow; 2, Ferguson. Height, 4 ft. 5 in.

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

1, Worlock, F. ; 2, Lewis. Distance, 71 ft. 10 ins.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Geare, H. L. ; 2, Moore. Distance, 16 ft. 10 ins.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14.

1, Cecil, V. ; 2, Milholland. Time, 18½ secs.
This race was also run off in one heat.

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

1st Heat.—1, Lawrence ; 2, Cousins. Time, 11½ secs.

2nd Heat.—1, Le Blond ; 2, Lee. Time, 11½ secs.

3rd Heat.—1, Pemberton ; 2, Walker. Time, 11½ secs.

10.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

1, Goodale ; 2, Gow. Distance, 15 ft.

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

1st Heat.—1, Cousins ; 2, Lee. Time, 21 secs.

2nd Heat.—1, Walker ; 2, Newman. Time, 20½ secs.

12.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

1, Glover (50 yds.) ; 2, Bowman (50 yds.) ; 3, Dillon (85 yds.).
Time, 2 mins. 17 secs.

13.—SERVANTS' RACE.

1, Melican ; 2, Gill.

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

Grant's pulled over Rigaud's with ease (2-0).

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

15.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.

1, Wood, A. ; 2, Ferguson. Time, 11½ secs.

16.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Worlock, F. ; 2, Lee. Distance, 88 yds. 2 ft.

17.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Worlock, F. ; 2, Geare ; 3, Walker. Time, 56½ secs.

18.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

1st Heat.—1, Ferguson. Time, 22½ secs.

2nd Heat.—1, Gow. Time, 22 secs.

3rd Heat.—1, Leach, E. Time, 23 secs.

19.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

1, Shearman ; 2, Harding. Time, 62 secs.

20.—100 YARDS. OPEN. SEMI-FINAL HEATS.

1st Heat.—1, Lawrence ; 2, Le Blond. Time, 11 secs.

2nd Heat.—1, Rawlings ; 2, Walker. Time, 11½ secs.

21.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL.

1, Lawrence ; 2, Rawlings. Time, 11½ secs.

22.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

1, Gow ; 2, Ferguson. Time, 21½ secs.

23.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Lawrence ; 2, Worlock. Height, 5 ft.

24.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

1, Walker ; 2, Lee. Time, 20½ secs.

25.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Ferguson ; 2, Russell. Time, 1 min. 2 secs.

26.—FLAT RACE. ONE MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

1, Geare ; 2, Callos ; 3, Worlock. A very good race. Won by about 10 yds. Time, 5 mins. 9½ secs.

27.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

1, Ferguson ; 2, Gow. Time, 12 secs.

28.—120 YARDS. UNDER 13.

1, Milholland ; 2, Mellor. Time, 15½ secs.

29.—CONSOLATION RACE (Winners excluded).

1, Geare, D. ; 2, Chapman.

30.—O.WW. RACE.

1, Pemberton ; 2, Bompas.

31.—TUG-OF-WAR. K.SS. v. T.BB.

T.BB., who were about 1 stone per man heavier than K.SS., had not much difficulty in pulling over their opponents (2-0).

Col. Vyvyan, of the Buffs, had kindly consented to give away the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports. In thanking him the Headmaster called attention to his brilliant career in South Africa, where he had been second in command at Mafeking. After an answering speech from Col. Vyvyan, three cheers were called for him, the ladies, and the O.WW. Three cheers for the Headmaster, and 'God save the King,' brought to an end the most enjoyable and successful Sports we have had for several years.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

GRANT'S v. ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played on March 22, and resulted in a win for Ashburnham by three goals to two. Lewis made a bad mistake in the first goal scored against Grant's, but made amends later. Harris played well for Ashburnham, scoring all three goals ; Davidson also was conspicuous. For Grant's C. G. Reed played well. Newman scored one goal for Grant's, the other being obtained by the ball rebounding off

Davidson's back from a save by Aglionby into the net.

The teams were :—

GRANT'S.

O. Lewis (goal); C. G. Shearman and H. D. Adrian (backs); W. R. Horton, C. G. Reed, and E. R. Ratcliffe-Cousins (half-backs); A. G. Lee, R. W. Reed, K. E. Newman, L. D. Looker, and R. W. Willcocks (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

A. H. Aglionby (goal); D. Hamel and J. C. Davidson (backs); L. Harding, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and J. R. Geddes (half-backs); F. Milholland, S. F. Johnson, W. B. Harris, A. G. D. Ogilvie, and R. Mappin (forwards).

RIGAUD'S *v.* H.BB.

This match resulted in a very easy win for Rigaud's by seventeen goals to *nil*. Walker kicked off for Rigaud's from the hospital end, and Rigaud's immediately began to press. After several unsuccessful rushes, Coleby scored. Walker soon after added four more and Craig one more. At half-time the score was 6-0. In the second half Rigaud's scored eleven more goals. The H.BB. forwards were greatly outweighed by Rigaud's backs, and could do nothing against them. Time came with the score at 17-0. For H.BB. Callos was the best.

Teams :—

RIGAUD'S.

L. O. Edminson (goal); S. McKenna and G. Hepburn (backs); C. M. Alport, J. M. Craig, and D. MacManus (half-backs); B. Failes, T. E. Rodocanachi, H. Walker, E. Coleby, and W. Glover (forwards).

H.BB.

G. Circuitt (goal); J. E. Thoresby-Jones and F. G. Turner (backs); J. Peacock, F. Callos, and G. B. Sankey (half-backs); G. Philipson, C. Circuitt, J. Gover, G. Orriss, and D. L. Summerhayes (forwards).

FINAL ROUND.

RIGAUD'S *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

(*Rigaud's won, 1-0.*)

Rigaud's won the toss, and Walker kicked off from the Cathedral end. By immediate and constant pressing Rigaud's gave Ashburnham a few bad moments, which was followed by some energetic but loose play in mid-field. Then followed a run by Jones and Harris, but the latter missed a very easy opening. Soon afterwards the whistle sounded for half-time. In the second half the standard of play was much higher, and both teams worked well together. Johnson and Craig performed particularly well, and charging was the order of the day, which, however, led to Johnson being badly winded. Both sides pressed hotly, but the shooting of Coleby and Walker was execrable. Harris and Johnson ran down and forced a corner, which Geddes kicked behind. Craig fed his forwards well, but his passes were wasted on Walker. McKenna and Hepburn were very safe, but were never tried really hard. About four minutes before time Walker beat

Aglionby with a really good shot, and the efforts of Ashburnham to equalise proved ineffectual. The whole of Rigaud's defence and the play of the Ashburnhamite backs was very sound and reliable.

The teams were :—

RIGAUD'S.

L. O. Edminson (goal); S. McKenna and G. Hepburn (backs); D. MacManus, J. M. Craig (Capt.), and R. Harley (half-backs); R. Glover, E. Coleby, H. Walker, T. E. Rodocanachi, and B. J. Failes (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

A. H. Aglionby (goal); J. C. C. M. Davidson and D. Hamel (backs); L. Harding, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and J. R. Geddes (half-backs); W. R. Jones, S. F. Johnson (Capt.), W. B. Harris, A. G. Ogilvie, and R. Mappin (forwards).

THE FIELDS.

K.SS. *v.* T.BB.

(*K.SS. won, 3-2.*)

This match was played up Fields on Thursday, March 30, and resulted in a win for K.SS. after a most exciting and well-contested game. On the K.SS. side F. H. Budden and H. L. Geare were unable to play, while T.BB. had Coleby *hors de combat*. Craig lost the toss for the first time this term, and Walker kicked off for T.BB. at 2.38. In the earlier stages of the game T.BB. were the more prominent side, and after about ten minutes' play Johnson scored, an appeal for 'hands' being disallowed. This reverse seemed to put more spirit into the game, and several fast attacks were made on both goals. K.SS. soon managed to equalise, Walters breasting the ball into the net from a fine centre by Rawlings. The game continued to be very fast and became rather rougher. T.BB. forwards ran up, but Jones transferred to Rawlings, who passed to Maxwell, enabling the latter to put K.SS. ahead with a clever ground shot. After some even play, Waterfield centred nicely, but was ruled off-side. Just before half-time a scrimmage took place in front of the K.SS. goal, but Birchall managed to get the ball away. On resuming, K.SS. ran down and forced a corner, which, however, was not turned to account. The T.BB. forwards now looked rather dangerous, but failed when well in front of goal. Gow made a good dash along the wing, but no one was up to take his centre, Hepburn coming out of goal and clearing. After about thirty minutes' play Rawlings scored a good goal for K.SS., and T.BB. kept making dangerous rushes, but were kept out until Craig scored with a magnificent shot into the top right-hand corner of the goal. T.BB. tried hard to equalise, but could not, and a very good game resulted in a win for K.SS. by three goals to two.

This is the first win for K.SS. for some time back. On the K.SS. side all played magnificently, and it would be unfair to single out any individual for special praise. For T.BB. the halves second

backs were good, but the forwards were weak and very erratic.

Teams:—

K.S.S.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); R. C. Le Blond and K. H. Jones (backs); E. R. Mason, W. R. Birchall, and S. C. Edgar (half-backs); W. F. H. Waterfield, P. T. Rawlings, M. T. Maxwell, O. H. Walters, and J. C. Gow (forwards).

T.B.B.

G. Hepburn (goal); S. McKenna and H. D. Adrian (backs); J. C. Davidson, J. M. Craig, and J. E. Thoresby-Jones (half-backs); R. W. Reed, S. F. Johnson, H. Walker, K. E. Newman, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

This, the first match of the season, was played on May 13, and resulted in a win for the visitors by nearly 300 runs. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat. Seymour and Hunter opened the innings to the bowling of Worlock and Reed; Edgar relieved Worlock and Lee Reed, and later Le Blond relieved Lee, before Hunter was out to Edgar. Evans failed to score, but Haig and Seymour stayed together for some time, and later Mason, Gibson, and Winter added a good many runs. Coleby and Turner also bowled with some success. The innings was declared closed when the score was 378 for seven wickets. The School opened badly, Birchall being out to Evans before a run had been scored, but Walters and Lee carried the score to 49 before the former was bowled by Mason. After this separation there was a general collapse, the whole side being out for 86. The visitors had another innings, scoring 54 for three wickets. The School bowlers were very poor, bowling short nearly the whole time, Coleby and Turner alone keeping up a good length. What gave away more runs was the fielding; catch after catch was missed, Mason alone being missed four times. However, as this was only the first match of the season, there will be plenty of time for improvement in this direction.

Score and analysis:—

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. E. Seymour, st. Craig, b. Turner	87		
K. O. Hunter, c. Coleby, b. Edgar	47		
D. M. Evans, b. Le Blond	0		
H. G. Haig, c. Walters, b. Coleby	42		
J. R. Mason, st. Craig, b. Turner	44		
A. L. Gibson, st. Craig, b. Walker	69		
G. E. Winter, not out	65		
H. E. Symes Thompson, b. Coleby	2		
F. Weatherby, not out	1	not out	36
H. S. Mason		c. Walters, b. Turner	2
H. G. Barnett	} did not bat	c. Walters, b. Coleby	8
M. C. Trevilian		b. Turner	4
Extras		Extras	4
	<u>21</u>		<u>4</u>

Total (7 wkts., inns. dec. closed) 378 Total (for 3 wkts.) 54

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O. H. Walters, b. H. S. Mason	27
W. R. Birchall, c. Barnett, b. Evans	0
A. G. Lee, c. & b. Gibson	19
H. Walker, run out	0
J. M. Craig, l.b.w., b. H. S. Mason	4
R. W. Reed, c. Hunter, b. Gibson	4
F. G. Worlock, b. H. S. Mason	4
E. Coleby, b. H. S. Mason	3
F. G. Turner, run out	0
S. F. Johnson, b. Gibson	8
S. C. Edgar, b. Evans	6
R. C. Le Blond, not out	0
Extras	11
Total	<u>86</u>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
F. Worlock	13	1	73	0
R. W. Reed	10	1	44	0
A. G. Lee	4	1	35	0
S. C. Edgar	7	0	29	1
R. C. Le Blond	8	1	44	1
F. G. Turner	4	0	29	2
E. Coleby	9	0	61	2
H. Walker	5	0	42	1

Second Innings.

E. Coleby	5	0	37	1
F. Worlock	4	0	10	0
H. Walker	1	0	1	0
F. G. Turner	1	0	2	2

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
D. M. Evans	9	4	14	2
M. C. Trevilian	5	0	15	0
H. S. Mason	10	0	35	4
A. L. Gibson	5	0	11	3

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, March 9, to discuss the following Motion: 'That this House would deplore the abolition of Greek as a compulsory subject in the University Matriculation Examinations.'

The PROPOSER (the President) began by apologising to the House for the sudden postponement of this interesting debate. He hoped it would prove the better now it had come on. A great matter was at stake. Even the present minimum of Greek was valuable, and to do away with it would be to reduce Greek study to the condition of that of Hebrew. The present Opposer would not surely deny its utility in education. Mr. Hackforth dealt with the delights of ancient literature, and then proceeded to show the causes of the agitation. It was due to the increase of science teaching in schools. In the past fifty years schools of all classes had been founded, and the movement against Greek was started in the

interests of 'modern' schools. For the theological B.A. Greek ought certainly to be compulsory. As for the man who could not or would not learn and love Greek, he thought Oxford and Cambridge at any rate might well do without him.

The OPPOSER (S. McKenna) alleged that the present amount of Greek required could be got up in thirty six hours. Years of Greek training were needed to make it of value. Frequently the time, however short, spent on compulsory Greek would have made a great difference to a man's prospects if otherwise applied. Time at the University was all too short, and a medical student, for instance, had no need to waste time on Greek. The proposal by no means would abolish Greek study. After five or six years of other work it was absolute waste of time to suddenly start learning the elements of Greek. Modern languages deserved more attention. The present classical education was lacking in common sense. The stake was indeed great. The struggle between common sense and bigoted conservatism.

The SECONDER (the Vice-President) welcomed the arguments of the Opposer as being the same old exploded arguments which had been so often repeated. They were the only possible ones, and fresh uncontroverted arguments were impossible. If Mr. McKenna's statement about thirty-six hours sufficing to cram for this examination was true, then might he ask Mr. McKenna where waste of time came in. Mr. McKenna had wasted time in attacking the present methods of classical education. To start learning Greek young was no waste of time. The opposition to compulsory Greek came solely from the prejudiced. Even if we did not appreciate Greek when we were learning it, in future years our eyes would be opened to its value. He painted a dark picture of the consequences of dropping Greek. If the present teaching of Greek was faulty it could easily be remedied. The main object at present was to retain it as a compulsory item in the Matriculation Examinations.

J. M. CRAIG disputed the value of Greek. He found fault with some minor details of the Secunder's speech. The present method of teaching Greek was totally wrong. A scientific training was equally good for the mind.

E. F. C. MOSSE thought a mere smattering of Greek was of no value in a gentleman's education; five years' study was the minimum necessary for efficiency. Greek would not be kept up after once passing the examination.

The SECONDER dealt with the last two speakers' arguments, and was followed by

The TREASURER, who believed Greek to be the finest form of mental gymnastics. This movement against Greek was making for the entire downfall of classical sides. The abolition of compulsory Greek would lead to the abolition of classics at our great public schools.

H. I. P. HALLETT considered a Greek training especially necessary in this age of commercialism.

He showed that for all professions, the Bar, the Church, medicine, or even science, Greek was either a necessity or a great advantage. There remained the department of commerce. He thought men whose daily occupation was the making of money and handling of money matters needed, if any did, some mental, some intellectual, counterbalance to their sordid occupations. Greek could alone satisfactorily afford this. There was a higher object in life than merely 'getting on in the world,' the cultivation of the $\psi\acute{\upsilon}\chi\eta$, the soul.

The Motion was then adjourned till the next meeting.

On Thursday, March 16, the House met to continue the Motion: 'That this House would deplore the abolition of Greek as a compulsory subject in the University Matriculation Examinations.'

E. F. C. MOSSE reopened the debate. It seemed incredible, he said, that a language whose immense educational value was so well known, and from which we derived most of our ideas of art, could be abolished, and to say that it would become like the study of Hebrew was ridiculous. Moreover, Greek was absolutely essential to some of the professions, and those who took up a classical education started learning it when quite young, since their parents recognised its value, not merely because it was compulsory.

After speeches from LEWIS and F. WORLOCK, the notes of which have unfortunately been lost, the House divided with the following result: Ayes, 11; Noes, 8. Majority for the Motion, 3.

The House then proceeded with the next debate: 'That in the opinion of this House the maintenance of the Auxiliary Forces is indispensable to the safety of the country.'

The PROPOSER (E. F. C. Mosse) said that the most serious military contingency to which the Empire was liable was the defence of India in the event of a war with Russia. The actual strength of the armies which Russia had been able to place and maintain in Manchuria during the present struggle with Japan had been estimated by some authorities as high as 700,000. This was no doubt an exaggeration. Let them take half that number. But in the event of a future campaign against India the Russian staff would have at their disposal two distinct lines of railway. They would, therefore, be in a position to bring into line armies whose total strength would be 700,000. To defend India against this immense force Lord Kitchener's reorganisation scheme provided three Army Corps—120,000 men, a totally inadequate number. History showed that there were two ways of maintaining an adequate land force. First, conscription, which has been brought to perfection by the countries of continental Europe and by Japan. Secondly, a right use of the old English system of the militia, which, though neglected by the country of its origin, had never failed to do all that was required of it. In the South African War, in

spite of its inefficient condition, we could not have done without it.

At the end of this speech it was put to the House whether the motion should be continued at the next meeting, and carried.

The House met on Thursday, March 23, to continue the Motion: 'That this House considers the maintenance of the Auxiliary Forces indispensable to the safety of the country.'

The OPPOSER (R. E. Nott Bower), in a maiden speech, said that the Proposer had remarked that the object of the auxiliary forces was to support the totally inadequate army. He contested this point, for they were proved to be far too weak even to help themselves. The C.I.V. were at first subjected to very severe tests to prove their capability, and came well through them. But this was in peace. In the Boer War, on the other hand, they had behaved very badly. To make the auxiliary forces worse, the inefficient War Office had found it necessary to increase the number of men and thus reduce the standard. They went ill-trained to South Africa, and the authorities dared not send them back.

The SECONDER (H. G. Longhurst) said that, even if the standing army was adequate, still we should need auxiliary forces; and if our navy was beaten how could our small army of 250,000 men without Volunteers oppose the million or so men that a continental power might hurl against us? The Opposer only thought India was threatened with external enemies, but what should we do if Russia invaded us from outside and the Sepoys revolted inside? The small army of Englishmen we keep out there would be entirely inadequate to cope with such a situation.

H. I. P. HALLETT thought there were three classes of opinion in the House: (1) Those who wished to do away with the auxiliary forces altogether; (2) those who wished to maintain them as at present; and (3) those who wished to strengthen them. He believed there was only one way of gaining their aims for the third class, to make membership of Cadet Corps compulsory from fourteen to eighteen, and that of Volunteer Corps from eighteen to fifty-five. Those who would not do their duty to the country should be made to pay for the necessary equipment for those who would and did. Many members of this School, not content with remaining outside the Cadet Corps from pure slackness, jeered at those who did their duty as members of it. There was an essential difference between this plan and conscription. The standing army would still be maintained, but be supplemented by compulsory volunteer service. As to the first class, our army could never for financial reasons be big enough. As for the second the Volunteers were certainly inefficient at present.

After a few remarks by A. H. AGLIONBY,

The SECRETARY spoke. He said that the distance between Russian headquarters and Man-

churia was vastly greater than that between Russia and India. So Russia had at least four times as many chances of succeeding in India as in Manchuria. He thoroughly agreed with Mr. Hallett in his proposal to have compulsory auxiliary forces.

J. M. CRAIG proceeded to speak rather vaguely about Nelson, telling how he hurried back from the West Indies in time to defeat the French at the Nile, and so our fleet could hurry to intercept any transports intending to land troops on our shores.

A. P. WATERFIELD said that Nelson's period and ours could scarcely be called parallel.

The VICE-PRESIDENT remarked that Mr. Hallett's proposal smacked too much of conscription to please him or, he hoped, any other member of the House.

H. I. P. HALLETT said that the opposition his scheme had received was not altogether unexpected. It was quite true that increased Volunteer forces would be of no good without a good navy. Cadet Corps were only to begin the training which a Volunteer Corps would complete. He earnestly asked people like the Vice-President who did wish to strengthen the auxiliary forces, but did not want compulsion, how, in the face of past experience, they could hope to attain their ends.

The House then divided, with the following result:—Ayes, 11; Noes, 8. Majority for the Motion, 3.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on April 5 to discuss the customary concluding Motion of the Session: 'That in the opinion of this House the past year has been eminently satisfactory.' Both Proposer and Secunder spoke at a few hours' notice.

The PROPOSER (G. R. Y. Radcliffe) thought that he had two main themes to deal with—work and sport. In the former the President had been only one of those who had gained successes. If our level in sports was not very high we had to contend against far greater difficulties than other schools. The football season should be judged as a whole, and the satisfactory match with Eton not be obscured by our defeat by Charterhouse. We had not done so very badly in cricket. In both instances it was only fair to remember the great strength of the teams opposed to us. The Cadet Corps had improved in many respects. The Play had been successful. The School could congratulate themselves on producing a captain of England in football. The new School buildings were progressing favourably. As for the gymnasium, we had done better at Aldershot than usual. In conclusion, the discipline of the School had been excellent, and its preservation by the monitorial council had been the opportunity for displays of justice tempered by mercy.

The OPPOSER (W. F. H. Waterfield) complained that Mr. Radcliffe had wandered greatly. He read out the results in the football and cricket matches with the object of showing their unsatisfactory nature. Was our defeat at fives solely due to the courts? It

was most unsatisfactory. At the Aldershot competitions we had suffered from our usual bad luck. He was sorry to have to say that there had been a disgraceful increase of rowdiness in the Debating Society.

The **SECONDER** (H. I. P. Hallett) thought it only right to deal first with the state of the House. The House within the past eight years had had many good Presidents such as Mr. Greene, but never, he thought, one who had performed the difficult office with more ability than Mr. Hackforth. At a time when tact and firmness were needed he had given an exceptional display of both; the result had been orderly debates such as had been unknown for years. He proceeded to deal with our misfortunes in detail with the object of minimising them. We had made a good fight against Charterhouse, who, he heard on good authority, had the strongest team of the last ten years. The Natural History Society had been revived, and the Chess Society was in an abnormally flourishing state. The debates of the House had been, he thought, of a high average excellence, while the **ELIZABETHAN** had fully maintained its previous standard. The question of the Cadet Corps' shooting had been definitely taken up and the drill improved by a House competition. Exceedingly valuable reforms in the School rules had been introduced, and the foundations of a new system of games up Fields had been laid. The extension of our inter-School contests had been commenced by a fives match with Charterhouse—a valuable precedent, although the result had been unfavourable. Last, but most important of all, the tone of the half-boarder houses had been notably improved in a patriotic direction. They should not look at the past year by itself, but should consider whether on the whole the progress of former years had been maintained. Speaking from his own eight years' experience he thought it had. Nay more, reforms which had been awaited for years had this year been consummated. One conclusion, and one only, remained—the past year had been eminently satisfactory.

O. LEWIS poured his usual scorn on the Cadet Corps and its competition. However, he admitted that the debates had been good but for their almost exclusively conservative tone.

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** drew attention to the desirability of competition with other schools. It tended to dispel the lamentable ignorance of people about Westminster. The Elizabethan Club had been most generous about a shooting eight. Matches with the masters had shown the revived interest taken in chess. Mr. Lewis's condemnation of the Corps was only a reflection upon his ignorance. The list of O.W.W. honours had been long and distinguished. He enumerated some of them. The debates had been extremely satisfactory.

The **PRESIDENT** thought that, considering our size as compared with other schools, the Westminster standard was very high.

A. WATERFIELD, after complaining of the way in

which cricket colours had been awarded last term, at the same time apologising for the delicacy of the subject, next proceeded to give his views on monitorial procedure.

A. H. AGLIONBY, while admitting a generally satisfactory past year, quarrelled with the word 'eminently.'

E. F. C. MOSSE thought the behaviour of some members of the School on Charterhouse day disgraceful.

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** informed Mr. Mosse that the Headmaster had promised to take measures with regard to 'ragging' on Charterhouse day.

After a few other remarks the House divided, and there voted: For the Motion, 4; against, 9. The Motion was therefore lost by 4 votes to 9.

After the Vice-President had proposed a vote of thanks to the President, the session terminated.

House Notes.

K.SS.—It is with the greatest pleasure that we record our success in the sports last term. After a very close fight with Grant's we proved victorious by the narrow margin of 8 points. This is the third time within the last five years we have won the Cup, and we heartily congratulate those who helped in obtaining it. Conspicuous among these were Geare, Gow, and Ferguson, while Rawlings and A. Wood also contributed. By no means eclipsed by this success was our brilliant victory over T.BB. after an extremely exciting game. We heartily congratulate our team on a well-earned victory, the first for fourteen years. We bid farewell to H. L. Geare and F. H. Budden, and wish them all success in the future. The further loss of C. V. Dyer brings our numbers down to thirty-two. We had four representatives in the Old Wykehamist match, viz., O. H. Walters, W. R. Birchall, R. C. Le Blond, and S. C. Edgar; of these we have to congratulate the last three on first appearances. Unfortunately P. T. Rawlings was prevented from playing owing to illness. Walters was kept away for the first fortnight of the term, but we now welcome him back amongst us. We congratulate S. C. Edgar and R. C. Le Blond on 'Pink and Whites,' the latter also on College colours; also M. T. Maxwell, E. R. Mason, and K. R. H. Jones on 3rd XI.'s and College colours. Our prospects in cricket are good, as we possess the only two 'Pinks,' besides several very promising Juniors. The Literary Society has read 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

A.H.—P. M. Marks has left, but with four new boys (Broad, Cecil, Frith, and Tyson) our numbers are now seventy-four, the highest they have ever been. We have no reason to be dissatisfied with the performance of Senior team last term; though defeated by Rigaud's in the final (0-1) they gave a very plucky display against a much stronger team, and with all but Aglionby staying on we should do well.

next year. In the sports we did not do well, though it is noticeable that three new boys, Goodale, Russell, and Milholland, scored points for the House, while Jardine in the fencing competition and V. Cecil were again successful. Our hearty congratulations to Aglionby, Davidson, and Harris on 'Pink and Whites,' and Rice-Oxley and Hamel on 3rd XI.'s and House colours. By the time that this appears we hope that a scheme will have been carried into effect for putting up in the Upper Room the names of House monitors from the first year of our existence. We take this opportunity of thanking a large number of Old Westminsters who subscribed; also Mr. Fox for the trouble he took in unearthing information about the first eight years, of which there is no record in the House Ledger. Our hearty congratulations to Mr. H. L. Henderson (O.W.) and Mr. W. A. Greene (O.W.) on their recent success at Oxford.

GRANT'S.—Much to our regret we did not succeed in carrying off the Sports Cup last term, but we made a good try for it and lost to College by only 8 points. We were unfortunate in not having Reed, who was unwell, but Worlock made up for everything by his splendid efforts. He obtained no less than four firsts—the Hammer, Cricket Ball, Half-mile with hurdles, and the Quarter—and also was second in the high jump, and third in the Mile. Lewis, Lee, and Shearman all scored some points as well. We lost Vecqueray last term, and have two new boys, Rawson and Sargeant, and, as Boulton has again returned, our numbers have increased by two, being now forty-nine. We congratulate D. S. Robertson heartily on having won the Stuart of Rannoch Open Scholarship. The people who were afflicted by that well-known malady called measles have all returned in the best of health, and we hope we shall not be afflicted with any more of these objectionable diseases this term. Fraser has at last returned after an indisposition in which he informs us he had no fewer than six complications! Liberty also returned some days late, and has now retired again. We have a goodly contingent for the concert this term, and Worlock and Eyre, we hear, are going to take parts. Yard ties have not yet been started, and will be for boarders only.

H.BB.—We have lost five of our number this term, including Davey and J. E. Thoresby-Jones, whose loss will be especially felt. The arrival of six new fellows, however, brings our numbers up to the same total. It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able to record our success in winning the Inter-House Drill Cup. We congratulate the section most heartily, especially Sergeant Hine, to whose energy in a great measure our victory was due. We have also to congratulate A. W. Peacock on receiving his 3rd XI.'s last term, by which he becomes Captain of the House Football, and F. G. Turner on playing

for the School in the first two matches this term. We are glad to see that we have a record number of entries for the Fives Ties. Our cricket prospects are not very bright, but we have several promising Juniors.

RIGAUD'S.—We are glad to be in a position to begin our House Notes this month by congratulating our football team upon winning the Shield and keeping it for another year by defeating A.H. at the end of last season. Before the match Hepburn and Coleby were given their 'Pinks,' and after it Macmanus his House colours and 'Thirds,' and H. Walker his 'Pink and Whites' and T.B. cap. We beg to offer our heartiest congratulations to all these on their respective honours. We had a most successful Shield Supper last term, and ended up with toasting J. M. Craig, who was unfortunately absent. However, he is now back from France, and in our midst once more. During his absence at the end of last term H. Walker was made a monitor, and continues in that capacity; and, while speaking of him, we must not forget to congratulate him on his success at the Sports. This term we are glad to be able to welcome C. L. Whittard back at last after a year's absence. We have four new boys this term, but have lost Depree, who has gone to try for the navy. Goodall and Gates were absent at the beginning of the term, as the former had fallen a victim to measles and the latter to mumps. Of Old Rigaudites, we must congratulate D. C. Morrison, Esq., on passing 'Mods,' J. K. Hepburn, Esq., on passing 'Additional,' and F. C. Failes, Esq., on getting the second prize for Greek Testament at Queen's College, Cambridge.

Old Westminsters.

At Oxford the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse is awarded to Mr. W. A. Greene. Of the last ten men to whom this prize has fallen three have been Westminsters. We hope that the advocates of a 'reformed pronunciation' of Latin will kindly take notice of this fact.

Mr. F. T. Barrington Ward, Fellow of All Souls, has been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, and Mr. H. G. L. Davidson at the Middle Temple.

At Cambridge, the Stuart of Rannoch Scholarship for Greek and Latin is awarded to Mr. D. S. Robertson.

The Rev. Leighton S. Wason is presented to the Vicarage of Cury-cum-Gunwallis, near Helston.

The work of the late Mr. James George Edwards, 'Progress of Religious Thought in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries,' has been printed for private circulation, and is reviewed in *The Guardian* of April 5.

Mr. Stephen Haweis has a picture, oil colour, 'Paysage d'Or,' hung at the French Exposition de la Société des Beaux Arts (formerly known as the Champ de Mars Salon).

Mr. T. M. Mavrogordato is Captain of the Oxford University Lawn Tennis Club.

Mr. H. V. Anthony is become a Life Subscriber to THE ELIZABETHAN.

Births.

ON April 2, the wife of E. W. Woodbridge, M.B., of a son.

On April 25, the wife of his Honour Judge Bettesworth Piggott, of a daughter.

On May 17, the wife of Charles Fell Watherston, of a daughter.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of THOMAS MORTON, whose name appears as the donor on several of the engravings of Westminster in the Scott Library. Born in 1836, he was admitted in 1848, and was a Bishop's Boy. From School he went to Queen's College, Cambridge, but gave up university life for a clerkship in the Post Office. Resuming an earlier purpose, he graduated in medicine at London University, and practised in Kilburn for more than forty years. He was a constant friend of the poor, and is lamented through a wide district. He married a sister of Mr. B. N. Thoms, O.W. He died on March 27. [See *The Guardian* of April 5.]

We have also to regret the death of CHARLES CARLTON MASSEY. Born in 1838, the son of

the late Right Hon. W. N. Massey, he was admitted in 1853. He was afterwards a member of the Western Circuit. He was the possessor of a considerable library, in which the so-called occult sciences were largely represented. Both Mr. Massey and Dr. Morton were regular attendants at our anniversaries.

We have also to regret the death of WILLIAM HONEY TURLE. Born in 1829, the eldest son of the organist of the Abbey, he spent his early years in the house whose site is now occupied by the Sixth Form Class Room. He was admitted in 1845, and passed to New College, Oxford. He was many years Vicar of Horsell, in Surrey. Of late he lived at St. Albans, and became a less frequent visitor to Westminster, but he was still specially interested in the School Mission. He died on May 5.

Among those who lost their lives in the late earthquake in India was STANLEY CLAY, the second son of Major-General C. H. Clay, who was born in 1868, and was at the School from 1883 to 1887. He passed into Sandhurst, and was gazetted into the Yorkshire Light Infantry. Transferred to the Seventh Goorkhas, he became a captain in 1899. He served in the Manipore Expedition of 1891, and received a medal and clasp, in the Lushai Expedition of 1901, and in the operations in Waziristan in 1901-2.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I inquire if there is any hope of reviving two good old customs in the shape of (1) the Lords and Commons' match, and (2) Orations? Nothing has been heard of either for several years, and it would seem a great pity to let them drop. With the usual apologies.

Yours, &c.,

HERBERT WALKER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to call attention to a sad defect in the same, namely, the lack of poetical adornment? I cannot and will not believe that there is a lack of poetical faculty in the School. Am I not right in stating that last year the competition for the Gumbleton English Verse Prize was of a highly satisfactory standard? Though personally I am not of a poetical turn of mind, yet I think I am justified in stirring up those whom mere idleness and no lack of ability prevents from giving a finishing touch to the pages of THE ELIZABETHAN.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

L. A. B.

