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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

IT is a difficult matter to compare the past football season with other years. We played mostly against teams whom we had not met before, and who often played in a different style from that to which we are accustomed, so that an incorrect estimate of their strength might easily be formed. Again, we lost four of the team at Christmas, a quite unusual proportion, yet curiously enough the team after Christmas was undoubtedly a better side, though some of those who left were, as individuals, better players than those who replaced them. That the team was a better one after Christmas can easily be seen from a glance at the results of matches and the number of goals scored. Of the five matches won four were won in the Lent Term and only one in the Play Term. Of the 34

goals shot, only eight were scored in the five matches of the first term as against 26 in the ten matches of the second term, though among these were the Charterhouse and Winchester matches, School matches in which our scoring is seldom high, as unfortunately was the case this year. The team was at its best the first month of the Lent Term, the forwards showing better combination than could have been expected by those who saw the same team a month or two before. The defence, too, though almost entirely new, stuck to its work well, and made up in vigour what it lacked in skill and knowledge of the game. It was the want of these latter qualities that was certain to tell heavily against us on the difficult Charterhouse ground, and it is creditable to the team that, despite the ill-fortune which befell them both before and during the game, they put up such

an excellent fight in the second half, though they were three goals down. Of the other School matches, Harrow were not really a strong side, while Winchester proved the worst disappointment of the season.

R. C. MAY succeeded Thacker as goalkeeper after Christmas and was most successful. His worst fault was unwillingness to come out far enough when a forward had got away. In all other respects he was admirable. He was very safe in handling the ball and he knew how to throw himself, and until the end of the season, when he was ill, he inspired complete confidence. M. A. THOMPSON, the captain of the side, and E. L. HODGSON both left at Christmas, and their departure was a great loss, even though Thompson had not come up to expectations. J. H. SPENCE and J. V. RATHBONE, who took their places, were both courageous and played with dash, but neither had played back before. Rathbone's kicking was always his weak point, and he kept too far back, but he was good with his head. Spence improved greatly and was very useful. He kicked and headed reasonably well, and always tried to put the ball to one of his own side, and he learnt to anticipate where an opponent was likely to pass. His worst faults were keeping a little too far up the ground, and at times a curious hesitation in getting rid of the ball when on the defensive. Of the halves G. R. D. GEE was the best. He knew more of the game, placed himself well and passed well. With a little more size and pace he would be excellent. R. SMITH played very well at centre-half, but unfortunately he was ill for a great part of the term. A. M. BENNETT, who took his place, was an untiring worker and a good tackler, but his passing was often at fault, and he threw an unfair strain on the backs by trying often to play as a sixth forward instead of keeping his place. The position of left-half was generally occupied by DAVISON, who had come on greatly, and was a useful and speedy half though not a polished player. Towards the end of the season Smith returned to his place. M. A. ROBINSON played outside right both terms. He was at his best at the begin-

ning of the second, when he seemed to be possessed of greater pace and better control of the ball than before. He was inclined to get rid of the ball too soon, but that is a better fault than selfishness. S. L. HOLMES thoroughly deserved his place, as he was an untiring worker and was always a 'trier.' It was unfortunate that he was a bad shot and did not pass well. C. R. JULIAN, who succeeded to the captaincy, made a very keen and energetic captain, but he was a little too excitable on the field. He was a good shot, and with cleverer insides would have been invaluable. He made it more difficult for the rest of the forwards by not keeping sufficiently to the centre. At times a wonderful shot and a speedy dribbler, K. BRODIE could never be relied upon. His play was spasmodic, and he could never give a good pass owing to his inability to kick the ball with any part of the foot except the toe. Various people were tried at outside left, and there is no doubt that the best player secured the place. G. B. GARDINER was a neat little player with a fair turn of speed and a greater ability to skate round, as it were, on one edge of his foot in the slipperiest mud, an ability that we have not seen at Vincent Square for some time. He often centred very well and often very badly. If he had been properly fed by his inside he would have proved himself a better player than most of the spectators imagined him to be.

No account of the past football season is ever considered complete without a few remarks about the prospects of next year, and never has it been more difficult to prophesy, with the end of the war not yet in sight and no certainty as to how many will have left school before their time to fight for their country. There is no obvious person to fill May's place in goal. At back we shall have Farquharson, who has the makings of a really good player, and possibly Spence, if the Army examiners can prove blind to his attractions. If we are fortunate enough to keep the latter, we shall have the best pair of backs that we have had for some time. At half we ought to be strong, as Smith and Bennett expect to be with us, and there is a chance of

Davison's stopping on. At forward we shall have no one left, but the younger Gardiner, Brookman and Oliver showed signs in the Second XI. matches of being an admirable trio. They passed neatly and at the right time and got over the ground quickly, an unusual feature of forwards at School the last few years.

FIRST XI. RECORD.

Matches Played	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Matches Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against
15	5	6	4	34	39
SECOND XI. RECORD.					
4	2	2	0	9	9

O.T.C.

THE work of the past term has been very satisfactory. At Christmas the Company Sergeant-Major, the Company Quartermaster-Sergeant, and two Sergeants who had gained 'A' certificate, as well as some dozen or so Cadets, left us, and it was felt that the Corps would lose considerably in efficiency, but thanks to the House-Commanders and other Senior Cadets who have done nearly the whole of the training, this has not been the case. In the House Competition there is probably no exaggeration in saying that the House which was bottom this year would have won last year, so great has been the increase in smartness and accuracy in close-order drill and elementary skirmishing which is all that can be effectively taught in London. This improvement has not been confined to picked sections. When the whole Corps has been doing Company drill, it has shown commendable steadiness and smartness, and would not compare unfavourably with the Corps some few years ago when it was half its present size. It used to be said that saluting was the test of a good or bad Corps in Camp. By that test the Corps would now certainly be judged good. In field-work, as is only natural for a Corps which has so few opportunities, the Corps is not so good. We had two field-days last term, the first at Berkhamsted, with Harrow against the Inns of Court O.T.C., and the second at Banstead Heath against Merchant Taylors. At the first, the worst features were bad fire orders and bad fire discipline. The section Commanders did not seem to have a grip of their sections. On the whole, considering what difficult country it was, and the rather complicated wheels that had to be executed, the keeping touch and keeping direction were more successful than might have been expected. In the second, the fire discipline was better, but the fire-orders still needed practice. What was most noticeable was the lack of common sense in the section and platoon Commanders. They would halt their sections and lie down when they were

not under fire and could very well push on, or they would double their men when they were in dead ground, or indulge in other absurdities. But when once the enemy started to fire, the Commanders handled their sections and platoons quite well. The best performance of the day was the defence put up by College, Grant's and Rigaud's after the two other Houses had gone back by an earlier train.

School Notes.

THE Sports will take place Up-Fields on Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and 6. All holders of Challenge Cups who have not done so must return them at once.

M. A. Robinson was given his Pinks after the Big game on March 10, and A. M. Bennett, G. B. Gardiner and J. V. Rathbone subsequently.

The Ireland Prize for Greek Verse has not been awarded.

The Vincent Prizes have been awarded as follows:—Senior, divided between R. J. V. Pulvertaft and C. L. Bayne; Junior, divided between D. C. Simpson and H. R. F. Harrod.

The Fencing Medal was won by E. A. Barclay-Smith.

The Interhouse Drill Competition was won by Home Boarders.

For the Fives, Racquets and Gym. Competitions, reference should be made to other columns.

The Offertory on the Feast of the Annunciation amounted to £3 12s. 10d.

The Waterfield Prize for Greek Prose has been awarded to N. A. Bechman.

At the recent Army Examinations all the Westminster Candidates were successful.

E. A. Barclay-Smith, W. L. de C. Baldwin, G. B. Gardiner and J. H. Spence are admitted to the R.M.A., Woolwich, while F. T. Birdwood has been given a Cadetship for the Indian Army.

The House Leagues last term resulted as follows:—

1st.	2nd.
1. Grant's.	1. Ashburnham.
2. King's Scholars.	2. Home Boarders.
3. Home Boarders.	3. Rigaud's.
4. Ashburnham.	4. King's Scholars.
5. Rigaud's.	5. Grant's.

The second trial for Orations was won by R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

The following is the list of matches played during the last season, with their results:—

1st XI.

Sat. Oct. 17	v.	Mr. A. T. Willett's XI.	Lost 1—2.
Sat. Oct. 24	v.	An XI. of Univ. and Pub. Sch. Batt.	Won 2—0.
Sat. Nov. 14	v.	H.A.C. (<i>weakened</i> School side).	Won 4—1.
Sat. Nov. 28	v.	Charterhouse ('friendly').	Drawn 3—3.
Sat. Dec. 5	v.	Westminster Dragoons.	Drawn 2—2.
Sat. Dec. 12	v.	An XI. of Univ. and Pub. Sch. Batt.	Lost 0—1.
Sat. Jan. 16	v.	Merton Park.	Won 4—2.
Sat. Jan. 30	v.	St. Thomas's Hospital.	Drawn 4—4.
Sat. Feb. 13	v.	Hampstead.	Lost 4—6.
Sat. Feb. 20	v.	CHARTERHOUSE (at Godalming).	Lost 1—4.
Sat. Feb. 27	v.	16th (Pub. Sch.) Batt., Middlesex Regiment.	Won 4—1.
Sat. Mar. 6	v.	Westminster Dragoons.	Drawn 1—1.
Sat. Mar. 13	v.	HARROW (at Vincent Square).	Won 6—1.
Sat. Mar. 20	v.	Inns of Court O.T.C.	Won 1—0.
Tues. Mar. 23	v.	WINCHESTER (at Winchester).	Lost 1—8.
Thurs. Mar. 25		King's Scholars v. Town Boys.	K.S.S. won 3—1.
Sat. Mar. 27	v.	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.	Lost 0—4.

2nd XI.

Sat. Dec. 12	v.	Royal Dental Hospital.	Won 2—1.
Sat. Feb. 27	v.	Old Lintonians.	Lost 1—3.
Sat. Mar. 6	v.	St. Andrew's Mission.	Won 4—2.
Sat. Mar. 20	v.	Royal Dental Hospital.	Lost 2—3.

LIST OF COLOURS.

THE Football Teams have been made up as follows:—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pinks and Whites.</i>	<i>Thirds.</i>
*C. R. Julian.	E. Davison.	J. Brookman.
R. Smith.	M. G. Farquharson.	M. G. Hewins.
*K. Brodie.	F. R. Oliver.	R. L. Forster.
*R. C. May.	R. M. Neill.	P. L. Leighton.
*S. L. Holmes.	P. W. Gardiner.	R. J. V. Pulvertaft.
*G. R. D. Gee.		F. T. R. Rowlands.
*J. H. Spence.		E. F. Lutyens.
*M. A. Robinson.		
A. M. Bennett.		
*G. B. Gardiner.		
*J. V. Rathbone.		

* Will probably have left by next season.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, February 18, when the following motion was discussed: 'That in the opinion of this House Classics as a regular form of education will soon disappear.'

Mr. N. KOHNSTAMM, who proposed the motion, thought that the war would bring about a change in Public School education. He made a bitter attack on the Classical form of education, saying that it deadened curiosity and was very illogical. He desired an entirely new scheme of education, in which Science would hold a high place.

The PRESIDENT, who opposed, denied that Classics deadened curiosity. In his opinion they aroused a general interest in life and its problems. They are, he said, essential for a true understanding of literature. Modern languages are greatly simplified by a knowledge of Classics. We owe a great deal to Bacon for his invention of inductive reasoning, but without Classics this invention would perhaps never have been made.

Mr. G. F. WALEY, who deputised for Mr. Pulvertaft as Seconder at short notice, made a very brief speech. He thought that everyone had been woken up by the war, and that, after it was over, education would be reformed. He advocated a system of education which contained no Greek and only a little Latin.

The SECRETARY, who was unnecessarily flip-pant, professed not to understand the wording of the motion, and then attributed the fact that he was not able to speak at all on a motion which he did not understand to his classical education, which was an incentive to the imagination.

Mr. M. A. ROBINSON supported the motion. He said that as the present age was highly scientific, it was necessary to have a knowledge of Science. There were few professions in which a classical education proved of any assistance.

After remarks by the Vice-President, Mr. W. L. de C. Baldwin and Mr. N. Kohnstamm, the motion was put to the House and carried by 9 votes to 8.

R. S. B.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, March 4, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House America's Note to England was unjustifiable.'

The TREASURER, who proposed the motion, delivered an eloquent tirade against the Americans. He considered that the Note was prompted by a desire for money. Money was the American's only interest.

The Treasurer's speech reached a high standard, but was perhaps rather too elevated in style to be fully appreciated by its audience.

Mr. H. L. HELSDON opposed the motion, but

only said a few words. He thought that the Americans were perfectly justified in upholding their own interests.

Mr. W. HEPBURN, the Seconder, said that the decline of American trade was in no way due to British Naval policy, for American exports had been on the wane before the war. Present conditions justified our detaining American ships, some of which supplied fuel to German submarines.

Mr. E. A. BARCLAY-SMITH denied that German submarines were supplied with fuel by American vessels. He considered that Great Britain prevented America from obtaining her desired commercial profits.

A discussion followed on America's soullessness, which in the opinion of the Treasurer was clearly demonstrated by her refusal to fight in defence of the Hague Treaties.

Mr. H. A. MEYER defended America.

The VICE-PRESIDENT supported the motion, and pointed out that although President Wilson refused to treat with Huerta because his hands were blood-stained, yet he addressed the Kaiser, whose hands were equally blood-stained, as his dear friend.

The debate only lasted for half-an-hour, as for some unknown reason no one seemed willing to speak at any length on a subject that afforded ample scope for discussion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

R. S. B.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, March II, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House the Dreadnought will be superseded by the Submarine.'

Mr. J. M. KIRKMAN, in proposing the motion, traced the rapid increase in the number and size of submarines. The French have a submarine with ten torpedo tubes, while the Russians have one for laying mines. The ability of submarines has increased in numerous ways, and should there be many more improvements, large battleships will be powerless against them.

Mr. W. L. de C. BALDWIN, the Opposer, outlined a submarine's disabilities. The periscopes are fragile; the range of action is limited. Submarines are dependent on torpedoes, but cannot carry many, and are therefore tied down to their base. An aeroplane is a great danger to submarines, as it is a great hindrance to their powers of concealment.

The PRESIDENT seconded the motion, and treated the subject on more general lines than the previous speakers. He said there was no cover on the sea or in the air, but only underneath the sea, and consequently submarines held a great advantage over surface craft, and would continue to do so until some novel method were found for discovering them.

Mr. H. A. MEYER denied the truth of the President's statement that most of the good work in the present war had been done by submarines. He said that submarines had only torpedoed merchantmen. In the dark submarines were as useless as Dreadnoughts, as neither could see the other.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said that submarines had been quite useless in the battles off Heligoland and the Dogger Bank.

Mr. M. A. ROBINSON informed the Society that submarines had to point themselves in the direction in which they wished to fire, and were therefore at a great disadvantage in comparison with surface craft.

Mr. M. G. HEWINS stated that in the last Naval manœuvres three hundred torpedoes were fired, but only twenty hit their mark, while four turned completely round and nearly hit the craft that fired them.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

R. S. B.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, March 18, to discuss the motion 'That in the opinion of this House money is the root of all evil.'

Mr. R. J. V. PULVERTAFT proposed the motion and made an amusing speech, though he wandered rather far from his subject; consequently his speech is difficult to report. His main argument appeared to be that the real pleasures of life, the animal pleasures, were more open to the poor man than the rich man.

Mr. C. L. BAYNE, the Opposer, said that it was not true that the poor man was better than the rich. None of the greatest of the world's crimes had been committed for money. In support of this he quoted the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden.

The SECRETARY seconded the motion, and expressed the opinion that the poor could do as much harm with a little money as the rich could do with vast sums. He was convinced, however, that there were not many crimes in which money was not in some way implicated.

Mr. P. W. GARDINER wanted to know what school offences were due to money. He then made the astounding statement that money was in no way responsible for the war. He eulogised millionaires, saying that they were a public benefit.

The PRESIDENT made some remarks about hot baths in Rome and pigs in Ireland. These observations evoked a patriotic outburst from Mr. Pulvertaft.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said that without money nothing could have been done to further man's progress, and ended with the quotation, 'The abuse of money is the root of all evil.'

The motion was lost by 6 votes to 9.

R. S. B.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* WESTMINSTER DRAGOONS.

MARCH 6.

(Drawn, 1-1.)

THE Dragoons won the toss, and the School kicked off from the Hospital End. The Visitors pressed a good deal, and in spite of some very good work by May, succeeded in scoring after some twenty minutes of play. The game remained fairly even during the rest of the half, and in the second half they resumed the offensive, finally getting an offside goal. Shortly before the end Brodie brought the scores equal with a magnificent long shot, the match thus ending in a draw 1-1, after a vigorous and interesting game.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. C. May; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone; G. R. D. Gee, A. M. Bennett and E. Davison; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (Capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

WESTMINSTER DRAGOONS.

Swanger; Martin and Curgenwen; Coppack, Roll and Owen; Snowden, Hicks, Humphreys, Taffe and Lane.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HARROW.

MARCH 13.

(Won, 6-1.)

THE School started playing towards the Hospital, and almost at once Julian scored from a pass from Bennett with an excellent shot, which gave the goalkeeper little chance. Shortly afterwards, however, May let a simple shot through his legs; but Harrow were a beaten side by half-time, for Julian scored again with two more good shots off through passes from Brodie and Holmes. (Half-time, 3-1.) The School did not score again for some time, till Holmes put the ball in, having received a pass from Brodie, and then Julian got his fourth goal, having run from nearly half-way. About ten minutes from the end Brodie scored the last goal with one of his difficult angle shots.

The School showed greatly improved form, and Julian's shooting was the best display for some time on Vincent Square. Harrow found the ground very hard and fast, and had great difficulty in turning and getting on to the ball.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

R. C. May; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone; G. R. D. Gee, A. M. Bennett and E. Davison; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (Capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

HARROW.

F. G. Hort; J. B. Hughes and D. E. Craik; J. H. Blount, R. K. D. Renton and J. W. Hogarth; L. H. K. Gregson, G. F. Marsden Smedley (capt.), R. J. Mayer, L. C. Royle and J. G. Hart.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* INNS OF COURT O.T.C.

MARCH 20.

(Won, 1-0.)

THE School kicked off from the Hospital end, and pressed the Visitors for some time, who responded with an offside goal. The only fruit of the team's labours in the first half was a goal by Julian, who scored with a good low shot. The second half was very uninteresting, as the School's play seemed to be entirely lifeless, but though the Visitors had the better of the game in the second half, the score remained unaltered.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

R. C. May; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone; G. R. D. Gee, A. M. Bennett and R. Smith; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (Capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

INNS OF COURT O.T.C.

Corp. G. C. McLaughlin; 2nd Lieut. F. le N. Forster and Coy.-Serg.-Maj. W. R. Briggs; 2nd Lieut. E. C. K. Clarke, Pte. F. J. G. Smith and Pte. J. H. W. Idris; Lieut. D. MacManus, Pte. W. S. V. Oliver, 2nd Lieut. J. S. Gifford, Corp. C. F. Buck and Serg. H. J. E. Sturson.

WESTMINSTER *v.* WINCHESTER.

PLAYED AT WINCHESTER MARCH 23.

(Lost, 1-8.)

THE School started playing downhill, which is no small advantage on the Winchester ground, and were for the first quarter of an hour the better side. A bad mistake by the right back gave Brodie a chance of scoring, with which he was successful. This goal was soon counteracted by G. Ashton, who should have been tackled before he had time to shoot. Shortly before half-time he scored again, this time with a magnificent shot which gave May no chance. With the hill against them and no longer fresh, the School would have had a hard struggle to pull up, but there was no excuse for their collapse. Three goals were scored by the Winchester forwards in quick succession, and May should certainly have saved two of these. His failure was all the more surprising, as he had played an excellent game in the first half. The School forwards made an occasional rush, but their tactics were much hindered by the peculiar ground, and Julian was playing a game which for him was very poor. Three more goals were added by the home side before the whistle went. The School defence was very much below form in the second half, and to them chiefly is due the heavy defeat, but it must be said that with a weak offence, as was the Westminster forward line, an unfair amount of work is given to the halves and backs.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

R. C. May; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone; G. R. D. Gee, A. M. Bennett and R. Smith; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

WINCHESTER.

D. H. Macintyre; G. D. Hubard and C. W. Beatty; G. Macpherson, R. V. H. Roseveare and G. F. Lenanton; G. W. P. Wyatt, H. Ashton, G. Ashton (capt.), C. P. Brutton and L. C. M. Gibbs.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

MARCH 27.

(Lost, 0-4.)

THE School played first towards the Church, but owing presumably to end-of-the-season staleness, a very poor game resulted. Though several times well up to the goal, the School forwards failed to score, and the only goal in the first half was shot by the Visitors' inside left. Wind and snow had rather spoiled the first half, but the second half was no more interesting, though the conditions were rather better. A goal each from the Visitors' insides were the chief incidents, and the game ended with the score 0-4 against the School.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. R. Rowlands; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone; G. R. D. Gee, A. M. Bennett and R. Smith; P. W. Gardiner, S. L. Holmes, C. R. Julian (capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

A. R. Dingley, R. D. Etheridge, K. H. Wells, R. R. Powell, J. W. Stretton, G. Day, A. Brainbridge, L. Cunningham, K. A. I. Mackenzie, J. B. Macfarlane and J. T. Long.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI. *v.* ST. ANDREW'S MISSION.

MARCH 6.

(Won, 4-2.)

WESTMINSTER won the toss, and their opponents kicked off from the Pavilion end. The game was very slow, as the ground was so narrow that the ball was off the field a great deal. After ten minutes' play, however, the School forwards made a rush, and Gardiner scored a goal. This was followed by an excellent shot from Oliver, which completely beat their goal-keeper, and before half-time the School scored again. The second half was even more uninteresting. The School scored once again, and just before time the Mission put two goals through.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2nd XI.

F. T. R. Rowlands; M. G. Farquharson and R. M. Neill; M. G. Hewins, E. F. Lutyens and T. M. Ker; R. L. Forster, F. R. Oliver, P. W. Gardiner, P. L. Leighton and R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION.

W. Fuller (capt.), W. Richardson, F. Hayward, W. Robinson, C. Bryant, J. White, J. Southcombe, J. Humphries, C. Peart, A. Puttock and J. Cowing.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SECOND XI. *v.* ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.

MARCH 20.

(Lost, 2-3.)

THE opponents won the toss and chose to defend the Pavilion end. At first the School pressed hard, and had all the best of the play. They scored a goal after twenty minutes' play, but after it they slacked off and were by far the inferior team. The Hospital equalized without anyone, except Rowlands, touching the ball, and before half-time they scored again. Immediately after half-time, the School right wing made a combined rush, but Forster got in front and was given offside. The opponents scored again, and although the School forwards had many chances, they failed to score. Davison, however, scored from a distance just before time was called.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2nd XI.

F. T. R. Rowlands; M. G. Hewins and R. M. Neill; M. G. Farquharson, E. F. Lutyens and E. Davison (capt.); R. L. Forster, J. Brookman, P. W. Gardiner, P. L. Leighton and R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.

J. S. Speak (capt.), F. B. Cullen, J. H. Martin, D. M. Rees, O. K. Hardy, G. M. Hick, F. Brown-Fyson, R. Charlesworth, J. Pank and W. Hume.

KING'S SCHOLARS *v.* TOWN BOYS.

MARCH 25.

(K.SS. won, 3-1.)

THE game started at 2.45, the toss being won by K.SS., who played towards the Church. The first quarter of an hour's play was fairly even, with perhaps a slight advantage to K.SS., and the score was opened for them by Meyer, who eluded Spence and had no difficulty in putting in the ball after May had fumbled it. This advantage, however, was not held long, for a beautiful corner-kick by Oliver was pushed in by Brodie (1-1). Some ten minutes later K.SS. again got the lead; a good combination among the insides, and a perfect centre by Robinson gave Leighton a chance of scoring, which he made good use of, giving May little chance (2-1), and following on this, Meyer again took advantage of a misunderstanding between Spence and May, this time scoring with quite a good angle shot. Half-time, 3-1.

The wind was now with T.BB., and they did most of the pressing, causing many anxious moments for K.SS. However, they were well kept in check, and when allowed to shoot, were rather wild for the most part, though Dyson in goal had some good shots to face, on three occasions at least making magnificent saves. The K.SS. forwards were very energetic in helping the defence, but beyond this and a few dangerous rushes they

did not have so much of the game as in the first half. Time came with the score unaltered, 3-1.

For the winners, Dyson in goal played a very plucky game, especially considering his size. Farquharson was very steady, and kicked and tackled well. Hodges, though more uncertain, did much useful work. Gee was, as usual, invaluable, and the two wing halves did what they had to do competently, if not brilliantly. The forwards were all good, and worked very hard, especially Holmes. Gardiner dribbled and passed well, while Meyer made good use of the opportunities offered him by the mistakes of the T.B. defence.

The losers almost without exception played disappointingly. May in goal was ill, and played a hesitating game. Spence was the better of the backs, but kept too far up, and was apt to muddle his halves. Rathbone improved in the second half. None of the halves were good, though Smith improved as the game went on. The forwards did not combine so well or work so hard as the K.S. line. Town Boys probably owe their defeat partly to staleness, and partly to the inability of some of their side to keep in their proper places.

Teams :—

KING'S SCHOLARS.

F. P. Dyson ; F. E. D. Hodges and M. G. Farquharson ; E. F. Lutyens, G. R. D. Gee and H. L. Storrs ; M. A. Robinson, S. L. Holmes (capt.), P. W. Gardiner, P. L. Leighton and H. A. Meyer.

TOWN BOYS.

R. C. May ; J. H. Spence and J. V. Rathbone ; E. Davison, A. M. Bennett and R. Smith ; F. R. Oliver, J. Brookman, C. R. Julian (capt.), K. Brodie and G. B. Gardiner.

FIVES.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

KING'S SCHOLARS *v.* HOME BOARDERS.

THE first game started extremely slowly, and neither side seemed to be able to get any points. This was due in great measure to the excellent smiting of all four players. However, the score gradually rose, K.S.S. keeping just ahead for the first half, and then running out 15-7, gameball giving no difficulty. The second game was more or less a repetition of the first, and though H.B.B. got two more points, they never looked like winning. It was a good game to watch, and the play was fast throughout. Played in the Big Court.

Greig was easily the best player, his volleying into the box being wonderfully accurate and telling. Hodges also played an unusually good game. Julian was the better of the H.B.B. pair,

hitting, especially at first, with great power, but he was not so ably backed up by his second string.

King's Scholars (G. G. F. Greig and F. E. D. Hodges) beat Home Boarders (C. R. Julian and R. C. May) by 2 games to 0 (15-7, 15-9), 30 aces to 16.

ASHBURNHAM *v.* RIGAUD'S.

A VERY poor game resulted in an easy victory for Ashburnham, neither game proving at all interesting. Played in Big Court.

Ashburnham (K. Brodie and J. L. Strain) beat Rigaud's (N. A. Bechman and E. Davison) by 2 games to 0 (15-3, 15-4), 30 aces to 7.

Grant's were a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

KING'S SCHOLARS *v.* GRANT'S.

THIS match was played in the College Court. The first game was fairly evenly contested, but Grant's were unable to score many points, K.S.S. gradually running out 15-5. The second game was not nearly so good, as K.S.S. won 15-1.

The winning pair started rather weakly, but later on were much too good for Grant's, whose pair, however, especially Spence, played very well considering their entire lack of practice.

King's Scholars (G. G. F. Greig and F. E. D. Hodges) beat Grant's (J. H. Spence and G. B. Gardiner) by 2 games to 0 (15-5, 15-1), 30 aces to 6.

Ashburnham were a bye.

FINAL.

KING'S SCHOLARS (HOLDERS) *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

THIS game was played before Abbey in the Big Court on March 27, and provided some good play.

Ashburnham led in both games for the first few points, but K.S.S. drew away and won fairly easily, though the score does not represent quite fairly the run of play.

Greig played better even than against H.B.B., which is saying a great deal, and Hodges was again a most reliable second string, who could be trusted to return nearly everything. Brodie played very well, especially at the beginning, getting up a good many very difficult balls in the box, and Strain, who is a left-handed, was quite useful.

King's Scholars (G. G. F. Greig and F. E. D. Hodges) beat Ashburnham (K. Brodie and J. L. Strain) by 2 games to 0 (15-6, 15-7), 30 aces to 13.

RACQUETS.

THE CHALLENGE CUP.

THE match between Oliver, who won the Singles Competition, and Greig, for the Racquets Challenge Cup and tie position of first string, resulted in a win

for Greig by three games to love (15-11, 15-11, 15-4), 45 aces to 26.

WESTMINSTER *v.* RADLEY.

THIS match was played at Radley on March 11, and resulted in a somewhat easy win for our opponents. But for our severe defeat there are some excuses to be made; it was our pair's first School match, and they were playing on a strange court of completely different pace from the Westminster one; in addition, Radley were at the top of their form.

The games do not need much description, Westminster not making much of a fight except in the third game, in which the School pair led 9-8.

Of our pair, Greig did not shew his true form at all, dropping many aces by trying to score off faults. In a single, however, in which he was defeated by Marshall 3-1, he played much better, and made some excellent strokes. Oliver in the double was, perhaps, slightly the better, making some points with his service, and getting the ball up fairly well in returning.

For our opponents, both of whom played well, Marshall was the better in the rallies, while both made long runs of service, finding the corners on many occasions.

Radley (B. E. A. Marshall and G. H. C. Adams) beat Westminster (G. G. F. Greig and F. R. Oliver) by 4 games to 0 (15-3, 15-2, 15-9, 15-3), 60 aces to 17.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HAILEYBURY.

IN this match, played at Haileybury, on March 20, we again suffered defeat by 4 games to 0, but there is no doubt the pair played a much improved game against their formidable opponents, who had defeated Radley 4-1. The improvement was due principally to the court, which was more like the Westminster one, though decidedly faster.

In the first game the School pair did not find a length at all, and lost 15-0, but in the second they reached 9, Oliver making a sequence of 6 by service. The third was almost a repetition of the first, as Haileybury won 15-2. The last game should undoubtedly have been won but for some misunderstanding between our pair, for they led 10-3 and gameball-6. But at this point Bolton put out Greig with a stroke only just above the board, and getting in with a fine service took his side to 10, Upton finishing off the match at 17-14.

For Westminster, Greig played much better than against Radley, making some really brilliant strokes in the rallies, and altogether showing much better form, though perhaps he tried to do too much, in this way upsetting his partner, who nevertheless served a very good length.

Of the Haileybury pair, Bolton was much

superior to his second string, and was the outstanding player of the four; indeed, his heavily cut back hand service into both courts until the last game completely baffled ours, and, besides this, he played well in the rallies. Upton, his partner, made some good strokes, and in the last game served extremely well at the critical period, when his side seemed in danger of losing it.

Haileybury (E. F. Bolton and E. R. B. Upton) beat Westminster (G. G. F. Greig and F. R. Oliver) by 4 games to 0 (15-0, 15-9, 15-2, 17-14), 62 aces to 25.

In a single, Bolton beat Greig after quite a good game by 2-0 (15-2, 15-11).

Our best thanks are due to 'Judy' for his admirable coaching, and for the great trouble he has taken. He also refereed all the matches in the House Competition.

We have high hopes for next year, as both our pair are staying on, and with the experience they have gained from School matches, they should do well.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

HOME BOARDERS *v.* RIGAUD'S.

THIS match needs little description, as Rigaud's were outplayed both in service and in the rallies, of which there were very few. For H.B.B., Brookman played very well, his service being his strongest point, and by this means he scored many aces for his side. His partner, Edwardes, played quite steadily, and was as good, if not better than either of the Rigaudites, both of whom shewed very poor form.

Powell was, perhaps, slightly the better of the beaten pair in the rallies, while Watkins was superior in the service.

Home Boarders (J. Brookman and T. Edwardes) beat Rigaud's (P. D. T. Powell and H. W. Watkins) by 4 games to 0 (15-5, 15-6, 15-10, 15-3), 60 aces to 24.

ASHBURNHAM *v.* GRANT'S.

A VERY slow game, with but few rallies, finally ended in a victory, as expected, for Grant's by 4 games to 2.

The first two games were fairly equal, but fell to Grant's, who were then, however, beaten in the third, and Ashburnham seemed to stand a chance. However, the fourth game was gradually won by Grant's, and in spite of a plucky win in the fifth, Ashburnham never afterwards looked like winning.

For the winners, Oliver was only fair in the return of service, but he made many aces by his own service, especially a run of ten in the last game, winning from 5-7 to game and match. His second string, Gardiner, showed much better form than usual in his service, but was rather

weak in the rallies. For Ashburnham, Gerrish was slightly the better, both in the rallies and service, though Neill made a service-run of nine.

Grant's (F. R. Oliver and G. B. Gardiner) beat Ashburnham (R. M. Neill and W. E. Gerrish) by 4 games to 2 (15-11, 18-13, 11-15, 15-11, 11-15, 15-7), 85 aces to 72.

King's Scholars were a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

HOME BOARDERS *v.* KING'S SCHOLARS.

THIS match was played after the match Ashburnham *v.* Grant's. The first game was easily won by K.S.S., but they were more heavily defeated in the second, a result due chiefly to Brookman's service. Edwardes helped his partner to win the third game with ease also, but College, who had been playing wildly and much below form, pulled themselves together and took the fourth game 15-5, thus bringing the score to two games all. Greig was now serving well, and playing in the rallies still better, while Browning's service was no mean asset. Edwardes, however, was playing surprisingly well, and Brookman was well up to form, and the last two games were not won without some excellent rallies.

King's Scholars (G. G. F. Greig and R. S. Browning) beat Home Boarders (J. Brookman and T. Edwardes) by 4 games to 2 (15-3, 1-15, 3-15, 15-5, 15-3, 15-9), 64 aces to 50.

Grant's were a bye.

FINAL.

GRANT'S (HOLDERS) *v.* KING'S SCHOLARS.

THE first game fell to K.S.S. who were leading most of the time, though neither pair had yet settled down. The second was evenly contested, and ran to a set at 13 all, eventually falling to K.S.S. Grant's had only two points when College looked to be running out in the third, but they made an excellent recovery, and having reached gameball all, won the set (2-1). The fourth game, however, was dominated by Greig, who served well and won 15-3, Gardiner especially being at sea with the service. Browning looked like getting the last off his own racquet, but Grant's went in at 13-0 against them, and scored five aces before the rubber closed.

For the winners, Greig was quite on his day, and played excellently in service and rally, while he received valuable support from Browning, who once he had got going was quite steady, and at times made brilliant shots. Oliver was rather uncertain, but his service was as usual a strong point, his second string was on the whole rather slow, especially in the rallies.

King's Scholars (G. G. F. Greig and R. S. Browning) beat Grant's (F. R. Oliver and G. B. Gardiner) by 4 games to 1 (15-10, 18-15, 16-17, 15-3, 15-5), 79 aces to 50.

GYMNASIUM.

THE gymnasium has had to labour under several disabilities this term, for instance, the premature departure of N. M. Vernham and R. C. Blundell, and the fact that there is no Aldershot, so it is not surprising that the standard was not so high as usual on March 26, when the House and Senior Competitions were held.

College (C. L. Bayne and G. R. D. Gee) had no difficulty in winning the House Cup, being comfortably ahead of their nearest rival, Grant's (J. H. Spence and R. L. Forster). The Senior Competition was won by C. L. Bayne; he was well ahead of Spence, who beat Gee by one mark. Bayne is certainly the best gymnast we have; he is a careful worker and fairly strong, but his work lacks precision and finish. Spence at his best is a very pretty gymnast, but on such exercises as the fast one on the high bar, true tests of gymnastic ability, his work is very ragged. Gee has worked hard and is very strong, but, like Spence, he shows a lack of symmetry in some exercises. Ritherdon, who was Home Boarders' first string, has not sufficient strength; his work is a disappointment after his excellent performance last year. Forster suffers from lack of practice; he is strong enough, but is apt to get flurried and untidy. G. W. Proger is a painstaking gymnast, but his work is rather wooden. Both Leslie and Dunscombe require more solidity—the former, however, is young, and should do well.

The Junior Competition took place on Wednesday, March 24. Leslie was first, being ten marks ahead of the next, Waterfield. The winner is very neat and well up to the usual standard; when he develops a little more, he ought to be very good. Waterfield is strong and a keen worker, but is not neat enough.

The Fencing Competition was also on Wednesday, the 24th. It was won by E. A. Barclay-Smith, who defeated A. C. H. Calvert 5-4, and P. Jackson 5-3. Smith must develop a little more stamina, but he is exceedingly difficult to hit.

House Notes.

K.S.S.—Our three candidates in the recent Army Examinations have all been successful; E. A. Barclay-Smith and W. L. de C. Baldwin passed high up into Woolwich, and F. T. Birdwood was given a Cadetship in the Indian Army. Though sorry to lose them, we can but be glad that they are thus enabled to prove their worth in a more actively military sphere.

We regret to say that the College Section was a bad last in the Drill Competition, showing little life in any part of the work. This failure was

to some extent counteracted by the otherwise unbroken series of successes that crowned for us the end of the term.

First, we beat the Town Boys at football by 3 goals to 1, after a memorable match, in which the K.S.S. side without exception played a magnificent game. We take this opportunity to congratulate M. A. Robinson on his Pinks, while after the T.B. match, P. W. Gardiner was given his Pink and Whites, P. L. Leighton and E. F. Lutyens their College Colours and Thirds, and the other members of the team their College Caps. This is the second time in three years that we have both beaten the Town Boys and won the Junior Football Cup, while last year we drew the former event, and were second in the latter.

Secondly, the Racquets Cup has returned after an absence of two years. Our pair, who beat Home Boarders and Grant's, were G. G. F. Greig and R. S. Browning.

Thirdly, C. L. Bayne and G. R. D. Gee won the Gym. Cup with an ample margin, for the third time in five years. The former also was placed first in the Senior Competition, and D. C. Waterfield was second in the Junior.

For the ninth year in succession, and the tenth time in the twelve years that it has been competed for, the Fives Cup has been won by College, on which G. G. F. Greig and F. E. D. Hodges are to be congratulated. Smith, we were glad to see, secured the Fencing Medal, and Bayne was awarded half the Senior Vincent.

ASHBURNHAM.—We must start by lamenting the loss of four prominent members of the House—Helsdon, Rathbone, Brodie and Schlotel, who have all, we believe, joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. Rathbone and Brodie will, of course, be greatly missed in athletics, especially football, and Schlotel will be sadly needed at swimming. Strain succeeds Helsdon as Head of the House. We must congratulate our section in the Drill Competition in getting second, being only 7 marks behind H.B.B., the winners. Our Fives pair, Brodie and Strain, succeeded in beating Rigaud's, but succumbed to College in the Final. We must also congratulate our second League Team on heading the list with 100 per cent. Our prospects for the Sports are very bright, and we hope to see the Cup once more in its right place. Our prospects for cricket for Seniors at any rate are not very bright, as we have only one Colour in the House, but keenness will carry us a long way, and it is hoped that everyone will do their best. We must finally congratulate Rathbone on his Pinks, and Neill on his Pink and Whites.

GRANT'S.—We must begin our notes this month with congratulations. G. B. Gardiner has been awarded his Pinks, F. R. Oliver Pink and Whites, while M. G. Hewins and R. L. Forster have gained their Thirds. It must also be men-

tioned that Gardiner and Spence have passed successfully into Woolwich, and that A. C. H. Calvert has received a Commission in the South Staffs. We shall miss them greatly.

Our next duty is not so welcome. We have to deplore the loss of the Rackets Cup to College in the Final; and of the Drill Cup, after a keenly contested competition, in which we were only 19 points behind the winners.

We have better news of our 1st XI. House Team, who easily take the first place. Our 2nd XI. was not so successful.

Finally, we have every hope of doing well in the Sports, and of giving a good account of ourselves at cricket, though of this it is somewhat early to talk.

As we go to Press we hear that Mr. J. O. C. Kohnstam (O.G.) has obtained a Commission in the North Staffs.

H.B.B.—It is again our pleasant duty to congratulate certain members of this House who have distinguished themselves since last month. R. J. V. Pulvertaft has, besides winning the second trial for Orations, been awarded the half prize in the Vincent, while D. C. Simpson has won half the Junior Prize. Turning to the football field, R. C. May and J. B. Brookman must be congratulated on T.B.B. Caps, and the latter and R. Pulvertaft on well deserved Thirds. We are glad to say that the Inter-House Drill Cup has returned to the Upper. Our winning it shows great credit to Sergt. Robertson, who has worked his hardest to bring our Section up to the mark.

Our Fives pair, C. R. Julian and R. C. May, after two good games unfortunately succumbed to K.S.S. in the first round, chiefly through lack of practice.

In the Racquets Competition, our representatives, J. Brookman and T. Edwardes, easily beat Rigaud's 4-0, but were beaten by College in the semi-final 2-4.

In conclusion, we wish those boys who are leaving the best of luck, and we hope to see many Cups streaming into the House next term. This will not happen unless every boy does his best, and shows great keenness.

RIGAUD'S.—There is no doubt that all of us will miss N. A. Beckman, who has left us to take up a military career; we tender him the usual good wishes.

Congratulations are due to him on passing his examination, for which he entered during the last few weeks of the term. To B. G. Scholefield and A. M. Bennett, the former on his being made a Monitor, and the latter on being made a Monitor and also on gaining his Pinks. To F. Rowlands on gaining his Thirds. Again, a word must be said for the excellent standard shown by the Rigaudite Cadets in the Inter-House Drill Competition; being beaten by only one mark by

Grant's, they took their place fourth. The House pair, both at Racquets and Fives, were beaten, in the one by Home Boarders, in the other by Ashburnham. [The scores are not at hand.] This coming season we have fewer cricketers than we have had for a very long time; but this, it is hoped, will make the House all the keener to raise its standard of cricket to its former height.

S. T. Chambers and K. Boddy have left us as well as N. A. Beckman.

Last term the Literary Society read Hamlet. We are sorry to see that another old Rigaudite has been killed—E. C. Gates.

Old Westminsters.

At Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. C. A. Crow has been elected to a Senior Scholarship in Mechanical Science, Mr. O. I. Burgess to an Exhibition in Mathematics, and Mr. G. H. Humphreys to an Exhibition in Natural Science.

At Oxford Mr. W. E. Ashmead-Bartlett is in the second class in Classical Moderations. Mr. R. S. Partridge, who was elected Head in 1913, is soldiering.

Mr. Bryan Stapleton, F.C.H., M.I.C.E., F.R.G.S., has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Burma Railways.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have appointed Mr. Hartley Withers to be Director of Financial Inquiries in the Treasury.

The Rev. Dr. Percy Dearmer, Vicar of St. Mary's, Primrose Hill, is gone to Serbia to assist in Red Cross work.

The Rev. A. E. R. Bedford, Rector of West Hallam, Derbyshire, has been presented to the Vicarage of St. George's, Kidderminster.

Mr. W. E. Bruges has been admitted to the R.M.A., Woolwich, and Mr. D. H. Kitchin, who has been a Lieut. in the Highland Light Infantry, has been placed head on the list for the Royal Marines.

Mr. A. T. Willett is become a Life Subscriber to THE ELIZABETHAN.

Births.

On February 21, the wife of George C. Brooke of a son.

On March 22, the wife of Capt. Austin H. Woodbridge of a daughter.

On April 3, the wife of Benjamin Cordilt Boulter of a daughter (stillborn).

On April 22, the wife of the Hon. Roland Kitson of a son.

Marriage.

UNWIN—BOSWOOD.—On April 10, Cecil Buckley Unwin to Dorothy, younger daughter of George Boswood.

Obituary.

PRO PATRIA.

ALBERT ERNEST MORGAN, Lieutenant, Royal Flying Corps; ERIC CHASEMORE GATES, Captain, London Regiment; GUY NEAL LANDALE LABERTOUCHE, Major, 122nd Rajputana Infantry; E. L. KELLIE, 2nd Lieut., Bedfordshire Regiment; and DUDLEY L. SUMMERHAYS, 2nd Lieut., London Regiment.

Mr. MORGAN was the only son of Mr. Albert Morgan, of Oakwood Court, Kensington. Born in 1889 he was at the School from September 1902, to July 1905. He afterwards joined the Special Reserve, and in 1911 was gazetted to a Commission in the 6th Royal Fusiliers, and obtained his Lieutenancy in 1913. Six months ago he was transferred to the Flying Corps, and was for some time an Instructor at Upavon. He went to the Front at the end of last year, and was killed on March 10.

CAPTAIN GATES was the eldest son of Mr. Percy Gates, and nephew of Mr. A. C. Gates, Dr. E. A. Gates, and Mr. H. W. Gates, who were at the School in Rutherford's time. He was at the School from September 1904 to July 1908, and was lately admitted a Solicitor. He obtained a Commission in the 13th Battalion of the London Regiment, was promoted to be Captain, and fell in action near Neuve Chapelle on March 14.

We have also to regret the death of CHARLES BERTRAM RYDE, the fourth of five brothers who were at the School between 1865 and 1880, the eldest now a King's Counsel. Mr. Ryde was born in 1858, admitted in 1871, elected a Q.S. in 1874. In 1877 he went to the Agricultural College at Cirencester, and afterwards followed his father's calling as a Surveyor. He died on February 28, after a long illness bravely borne.

Correspondence.

IN answer to Mr. B. G. Brown, who wrote with regard to Lord George Sackville, we should like to say that no one claims perfection for the Lord Viscount Sackville, though it has been held that he had hard measure in the matter of Minden. That was the view of George III., who at a later date raised him to the peerage. In any case, whatever may have been his political or military defects, the present portrait represents him at an earlier age and as a cricketer. He and his brothers were the fathers of English cricket, and as such are entitled to commemoration. Sackville has another claim on Westminsters, as is known to all readers of Richard Cumberland's Autobiography.

WE have received a deeply interesting account of the last days of Thomas Stapleton, from a fellow soldier who has returned from the Front. Below is an extract:—

'Aeroplanes would be over our positions day and night, and one of the prettiest sights on a bright day was to watch our shrapnel bursting round a hostile craft. For some time no material alteration was made in our position at this point; matters became routine, the mud, the bullets, the sniping, the wet, the shells, the cold, the smoking, the difficulty of tucking in recalcitrant legs of a 6 ft. 3 in. body into a 4 ft. 6 in. dug-out, even the everlasting kindness and cheerfulness of everyone; but on December 19 the authorities we were told wanted the enemy prevented sending reinforcements away to the Eastern frontier; so a demonstration was ordered; a hail of shell lasted from 1 till 2.30, coming over our heads and bursting round, in or on the German trenches, and then a charge was made by us, and a trench taken. A small party of us, including Stapleton, were told off to blow up a low farm building used by German snipers to annoy us. Early on, Stapleton was hit in the right side. As there was heavy concentration of German fire on our little party, it was essential he should be taken back to the surgeons, if his life was to be saved, so we carried him back, and lost two men doing so. I then had to get back to my post, so was not with him at the last, but he did not live long, and the next day we buried him back by the Battalion Headquarters; about thirty of us were there; it was just getting dusk when the Chaplain came up. Each of our officers and men has a separate grave, and at the head of each is a small wooden cross, thus:—

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RIFLEMAN THOMAS W. STAPLETON,
Rifle Brigade,
19 December, 1914.
R.I.P.

'One gets pretty close to the root of any man when trouble is on, and I had the pleasure of Stapleton's friendship for a long time. It must be a pleasure to Westminster School to know how highly she was esteemed by one of her sons, and to know that this son, though a middle-aged man, was proud to enlist in the Rifle Brigade, proud to accomplish long marches under heavy loads in foul weather, without complaint under the most trying conditions of living, fighting, and dying, beloved by his fellow soldiers for his everlasting pluck and cheerfulness, and a type that in its thousands will assuredly give our country victory.'

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Will you be good enough to insert this letter in THE ELIZABETHAN?

We want a Lieut. for our Company of Lads' Brigade. When Mr. Clarke was obliged to leave us in October to take up his work in the Army, he tried and hoped to find an O.W. who would be able and willing to carry on for him until his return after the war. Unfortunately, he was not able to do so. Thus it happens, for the first time, that our Company is not commanded by an O.W. The Acting Captain is doing splendidly single-handed, the Company is up to full strength, and a fine work is going on. We want Officers. Two, if possible, but one at least.

I noticed in our Brigade Gazette that a member of the School O.T.C. has joined a local Company as Lieut., and this makes me more confident in asking for another man to help in a similar capacity in your own Mission.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. EDINGTON.

P.S.—Drill is held in The Hall, Thursdays, at 8.15 p.m.

Our Contemporaries.

WE have received a number of Magazines, etc., since our last issue, and hope to acknowledge them in the usual way in our next.

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