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## TEMPORA MUTANTUR.

THE times are changing, and at last Westminster is changing with them. Such changes as have come to pass in the management of this paper could never have been introduced even such a short time ago as four years. How has this result been brought about? In this brief period of time a wonderful change has come over the feelings of the whole School. There no longer exists, except in a few isolated cases, that bitter enmity between T.B.B. and Q.S.S. which was formerly so prevalent. Town Boys and Queen's Scholars alike admitted that reform was necessary in the management of the *Elizabethan*, and, working loyally together, have wrought a change which we hope and believe will prove of great advantage to the School in general, and to this paper in particular. As far as this reform is concerned, at any rate, we may safely say that the spirit of ultra-conservatism which has always been a leading characteristic

among members of Westminster School has been superseded by a more just and liberal feeling that reform is necessary, and only fair to all concerned. For this change is essentially a reform and not a revolution, and is so regarded by all who had any part in its accomplishment. It is not in any way an attack on Queen's Scholar privileges, but it is rather a means of cementing their present friendly relations with Town Boys. The Q.S.S. are themselves very glad to be freed from the sole responsibility of producing the paper without assistance, and are only too willing to welcome any help that may be afforded them by T.B.B. The School owes a great debt of gratitude to the Debating Society for the energy with which it has striven to achieve this excellent result; for it was only the courage and determination of its members which enabled the feeling that animated the whole School to take a definite shape. We feel that we owe it to O.W.W. who are unable to obtain accurate information to explain to them the

composition of the new Committee of Management. It consists of five members, three of whom are *ex officio* and two elective. These five are composed of the captain of Q.S.S., *ex officio* editor, head Town Boy, captains of cricket and football in their respective seasons, one elected T.B. and one elected Q.S.

The election of the last mentioned is somewhat complicated. Three Queen's Scholar candidates are selected in college, and then their names are submitted to the whole body of voters, Town Boys and Queen's Scholars together, for election. Non-residential Queen's Scholars are reckoned as Town Boys. The electors consist of all members of the School down to and including the Classical Under Shell, and School Colours, together with all subscribers to the *Elizabethan*. The election is conducted on the same lines as that of the Sports Committee. Members hold office for one school-year only, but may seek re-election. Could the balance of power be better preserved, or established on a more secure and equitable basis? Could any arrangement be fairer than this to all parties concerned? We honestly think not. Only let this spirit of progress and liberalism, combined with a due regard for existing rights and privileges, be maintained, and we feel sure that Westminster will never be the loser.

GRACCHUS.

## A VERY SMALL BOY'S IMPRESSIONS OF WESTMINSTER AND ITS PRE- CINCTS HALF A CENTURY AGO.

### XII.

I CONCLUDE my annotations upon Forshall's book.

Page 58.—The second election did the work of fagging for the first week, to teach the juniors, after which they were only responsible for the juniors having learnt their work and not neglecting it.

Page 59.—The seniors' 'things' included, besides the clothes, the wardrobe, which contained shelves above, drawers below, and a desk with pigeon-holes in the middle.

Footnote.—There was a slight difference, in the wearing of this dress, by each election; juniors had the College waistcoat buttoned up to the throat. Second elections wore the top button open; upper elections wore the whole open, with a waistcoat under the gown; under-elections turned the black collar of the College waistcoat down over the surplice; third elections showed the latter all white and unrelieved, fastening the four buttons of the neck-band in a rectangle slantwise; seniors threw it open in front, displaying the coat and waistcoat.

Minor candidates, during the four days of election,

wore, like the sixth, a tail-coat, which really then deserved its name, being an evening dress coat.

Page 62.—The under-master required the liberty-boy as well as all other Q.S.S. to keep a certain number of Sundays in College during the half.

Do.—A stock of 'field-verses' was handed down from one head junior to another; copies of these were left not at the deanery, but at the under-master's house; the extension was always granted unless it rained.

Do.—The address to the head junior at the end of the first week, during which the second election had performed the work, was 'Liber esto, ceterique servi.'

Do.—Each junior put three pens and quarterns into the stationery drawer of the Monitor's Table, where also the rods were laid; the head junior put in one for each third election; the upper elections helped themselves from this store, and at the end of school the juniors in turn had the privilege of clearing the residue.

Page 72.—Tuesdays and Thursdays were more properly half-school-days than half-holidays; the former was their title, and copies of verses or other lessons were set to be done in the afternoons of those days.

Page 79.—Of course there was a private dress rehearsal before the first night of the play. On the first night there were fifty ladies' tickets, while on other nights the number of their seats was limited to twenty-five.

Pages 80–81.—I do not remember any play acted by the two under-elections, except 'Pyramus and Thisbe,' and that was by the second elections only. The tradition was that Pyramus should be acted by the shyest boy in his shirt; Thisbe by the biggest and ugliest, in, I think, a nightgown and nightcap, while it was *de rigueur* that he should fall dead very heavily on Pyramus; and the fellow who was the slowest of study was to be not the Lion but the Prologue, who had much the largest number of lines to speak.

Page 83.—An election could consist of more than ten boys, if there were more vacancies and candidates to fill them.

Page 84.—The letters *electio* were chalked upon the waydoor eight weeks before Election Saturday; the next Saturday the *o* was changed into *e* for Cantabrigiam, and one letter disappeared each week afterwards, to mark the lapse of time.

Do.—I do not remember that the rod with which the new captain was presented was of unusual size, and I feel sure that the day of his installation was not a *late play*; it may have been an *early play*, though I am not certain; but the only late plays in the year were Shrove Tuesday and the days on which the plays were acted, though some reckoned also every Tuesday on which School broke up at 11.30.

Page 104.—Besides the interruptions of elections to Cambridge in 1643 and 1644, the census records that there were elections to neither University in 1660.

Page 105.—I think that eight, not nine, successive incumbents united the See of Rochester with the Deanery of Westminster.

Page 110.—Dean Vincent died in 1815, not 1865.

Page 115.—The epigram dinner was no new institution of Dean Stanley's, but up to his time the high table only used to be filled with guests. (See page 451.)

Page 127.—Footnote: I always understood that *quæso* referred to the four elections, not to the captain and monitors.

I do not attempt to correct the catalogue of distinguished pupils; many of the entries have been condensed, so as not to be clearly intelligible, and require careful comparison with the census and other original authorities; for instance, on page 292, under Thomas Drake, it is Dr. John Drake who had three sons at Westminster, and under John Drake, all but the first line refers to Thomas Drake; so, page 294, under John Reginald Lygon, it was his father, not himself, who was created baron, viscount, and earl.

Page 407.—John Glynné left school in 1621 and Wake was born in 1628; they could not therefore have been schoolfellows, though Wake's friend may possibly have been a son of Glynné's. (I see that one of your correspondents has recently pointed out this inconsistency in the old story.)

Page 408.—The Under Fourth Form belonged to the Upper School; there were two Shells and two Thirds, each of the latter being nominally divided into two, even in my time; there was also a Petty in the early years of the century. I think that Forshall is mistaken in saying that there was a Third Form in 1884, but you will know this better than I do.

Page 434.—Footnote: The three Ireland Prizes for Latin Verse Composition, on a given subject, were assigned, one to the major candidates, one to the Sixth Forms and third elections, one to the Shell and under elections.

Page 435.—1845: Forshall notes in his Errata that J. Stebbing took the Third Prize.

Page 436.—1849: The census says that W. C. Macready took the Third Prize, and in my copy I did not alter this in the days when my memory was fresher than it is now. If Forshall is right in saying that it was won by Andrews, the initials should not be 'W. S.,' but 'S.,' as it must refer to the Rev. Septimus Andrews, who is, I am glad to say, still a constant attendant at School gatherings.

Page 438.—1850: Forshall enters S. Joyce for the Latin Essay; the census gives W. Waterfield; the correct entry would be, W. Waterfield 1, S. Joyce 2.

Page 447.—Home boarders had to attend the Abbey Service on saints' days, as well as the rest of the School.

Do.—Other *fixed* early plays were the day after each play was acted and the last day of every half. I do not remember that St. Patrick's was one. For a boy to receive a guinea on St. David's Day, it was necessary that his ancestor should be Welsh, though he need not have been born in Wales.

Page 449.—You will know better than I do whether early plays have now all been commuted for late plays. As I have said before, the Terence plays were late plays, and that on which the new captain was made was not one.

Page 450.—I remember one boy getting the pancake and guinea through being in the rear, when all the others overshot the cake, and supposed that it was down below the struggling crowd; and I have seen a boy leap and catch the pancake in the air and run straight out of School with his prize, without waiting for prayers.

Page 451.—The tart on Election Tuesday, the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and the plum pudding on Founders' Day (when the Q.SS. dined late with the dignitaries in Hall, and the captain read his Latin Oration\*) were the only three puddings given to the Q.SS. in the year. Every third Wednesday we had boiled beef; on all other days, roast rounds of beef or roast legs of mutton. The captain used occasionally, after breakfast, to inspect the joints brought in by the butcher for the day.

Do.—Of the Epigrams, three were recited by the old and new captains, two by the monitors, and, I think, by each major candidate, one by each of the third elections, I believe, and by the head second election, junior and minor candidate, as well as by the Three Graces and the prompter.

Do.—Of course the collection is nowadays divided among the reciters, though each boy separately does not hand round his cap after speaking. (See Note A.)

Do.—Tuesday and Thursday were, as I have said, half-school days, with work to be done out of school, not half-holidays, like the present Wednesday.

Page 452.—The building of the dormitory took place at the beginning of the eighteenth century, not the seventeenth.

Page 466.—The date for the decreased numbers in the School should be 1732, not 1832.

Page 494.—In 1843 John Rich was captain; Goodenough not till 1845.

Do.—At the performance in 1847, in the presence of Prince Albert, I was senior prompter. (See Note B.)

Page 497.—In consequence of the death of Queen Adelaide, I lost the honour of ever speaking the prologue.

Do.—Twiss, the captain in 1852, is better known by his first name of Quintin, here omitted.

Page 500.—1856, not 1853, was the year of the succession of the Rev. C. B. Scott.

Page 508.—The octagonal brazier in the centre of Hall was removed by Dean Buckland, who considered the charcoal fumes to be unwholesome. They escaped through lattice openings in the roof,

\* Mine was a commemoration of Dr. South, who, as a K.S., read prayers in School for King Charles I. on the morning of his execution.

known technically, I believe, as a 'louvre.' The picture of the stove facing page 511 is not much like it, as it was octagonal.

Page 532.—'The difficulty of transit between Westminster' and Battersea is, I suppose, omitted.

Page 574.—The name of the boarding-house was, I think, Stelfox, not Stillfox.

The picture facing page 575 shows the head-master facing across the School, with the candidates on his right. In my day he sat, as usual in School, facing the candidates, with his back to the Shell. (See page 575.)

The minor candidates seem to wear tail-coats; we had to wear this dress only from Election Sunday to Wednesday. The door on the right is the door of the old rod-room.

Page 586.—Chiswicks. I doubt this derivation. The old sanatorium of the School was at Chiswick, the gift of Dean Goodman, and the name migrated to those at Westminster.

We may add to the Glossary 'fain,' a word to put off a disagreeable duty upon another'—*e.g.* 'Fain standing treat to-day.'

'Glim.'—The small flat tin candlestick used by the under elections.

Page 587.—Monos. The head of the election took this duty in his junior year.

Principes.—I think these were the marks given to the first three boys in each lesson, not the prizes gained by most marks at the end. We may add to the Glossary, 'muzz,' to study—a muzz, a reading boy; 'penates,' kettles, pots, crockery, dusters, &c., for maintaining which a certain levy was periodically made.

'Tiby' (Tib. I.).—A word to claim an advantage—*e.g.* 'Tiby first innings.' The reverse of 'faire.'

Page 600.—H. Waterfield of page 355 and page 364 is the same person.

Note A.—In our days each guest at the high table put in a shilling, or a half-crown in special cases, as the cap went round. One of the Abbey officials sat at the head of the side-table with a bag of bright silver, from which he gave nineteen shillings instead of a sovereign to any guest who had not been provident enough to bring with him a supply of silver. There was one frequent guest, a literary man, who always addressed some genial remarks to the boy who was going round with his cap, and we strongly suspected that, while thus attracting the bearer's eyes to his own, he chinked his coin against the silver in the cap and *withdrew it again.*

Note B.—Indeed the only prompter, as my junior was not summoned back from the country house, while I lived close at hand. Of course, there was no time for a fresh rehearsal since the usual performances, and many arrangements had to be made in a hurry. At one point one of the actors—Forshall himself, I fancy—forgot his part while a performer off the stage had taken the book out of the hands of me, the sole prompter. Hence an awkward pause.

And here I take my leave of the kindly readers

who have accompanied me for a year and more through my rambling recollections of the old life and home, and who have, I hope, been, to some degree, interested and amused by them. Though by no means the oldest of Old Westminsters, even if I date back to my earliest recollections of the School, yet what changes have I seen since my boyhood! I can remember when railroads ran only a few miles out of London, and the telegraph was as yet undreamed of (though I have often watched the working of its predecessor, the semaphore, which had conveyed to Whitehall the news of our victories over the French). I have walked between hedges and ditches the greater part of the way from Tothill Street to Chelsea Hospital, and have known the Red House at Battersea, and Wimbledon railway station standing amid but-tercup-fields and open country. I can recollect dogs drawing carts through the streets, and the procession of Royal Mail coaches, with the guards in their new liveries and nosegays, to do honour to the King's birthday, as well as that of the State barges to attend on the new Lord Mayor. Even in the School itself many things have passed away, some of which I much regret—the challenges with their excellent training for helps and pupils—the joyous celebration of the chairing—and, not the least, the rowing, from which Westminster derived such well-earned fame. But, through it all, the dear old School, sheltered by the venerable Abbey, has pursued its immemorial course, sending out brave and earnest men to labour, and, if required, to die for their God, their Queen, and their country. May she ever act upon her old traditions! and so I end with 'Floreat.

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### School Notes.

WE offer our heartiest congratulations to J. S. Shearme (O.W.) on obtaining a Major Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

We beg to congratulate R. R. Sandilands on again obtaining an International cap against Wales. He was also, together with F. Street, chosen to play in the International trial match at Trent Bridge on March 28.

Old Westminsters have not been very successful in cup matches this season. Their latest reverse was at the hands of their old rivals, the Old Carthusians, in the London Senior Cup. It is only fair to state that they are seldom or never able to get together their best team.

The Ireland Greek Verse prize has been awarded to E. H. Waterfield; *proxime accessit*, A. S. Gaye.

The Confirmation was held in Henry VII.'s Chapel on Saturday, March 30, at 10.30 A.M., by Bishop Barry.

The football elevens have been made up as follows :—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink-and-Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI's.</i>
W. F. Fox.	E. H. Waterfield.	G. F. Martin.
C. Van der Gucht.	H. J. Kirkpatrick.	F. Young.
L. J. Moon.	R. N. R. Blaker.	B. Maughan.
H. O. C. Beasley.	A. Berens.	H. V. Langhorne.
*S. C. Probyn.	H. McKenna.	H. B. Templer.
A. Whittow.	A. W. Raikes.	K. R. Barnes.
R. E. More.	C. E. L. Johnston.	T. H. Corfield.
A. H. Hogarth.	A. R. Brailey.	C. F. Armstrong.
K. H. Stenning.	S. H. Langston.	P. T. Jones.
C. D. Fisher.	E. H. M. Cooper.	D. W. Tacey.
R. O. Barnett.	S. L. T. Taswell.	T. S. Holland.

\*A. H. F. Guy.

\* Will have left by next season.

On Monday, March 25, E. H. Marsh (O.W.) came down to ask for a late play to commemorate his obtaining the Chancellor's Medal at Cambridge.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to E. L. Clapham (O.W.) on being chosen to represent England at hockey.

On Monday, March 25, Grants and Rigauds, played the rest of the School, and won by six goals to one.

The Fencing Competition was won by J. F. Waters. As last year, there were only two competitors.

In our next number we hope to publish a continuation of the 'Westminster Worthies,' and also a detailed account *in memoriam* Admiral Lord Clarence Paget.

## THE FIELDS.

### WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE twenty-fifth match between Westminster and Charterhouse was played at Godalming on Saturday, March 9, when for the fourth time in succession Charterhouse proved successful, winning easily by six goals to *nil*. The weather left much to be desired, a slight drizzle continuing nearly the whole afternoon. The ground was heavy, but, considering the recent rains, was in good condition.

Westminster having won the toss, Hancock kicked off shortly after half-past two towards the Godalming end of the ground. The wind helped neither side, as the little there was blew across the ground. Directly the game was started, the Charterhouse forwards rushed the ball down the field and scored (0-1). This was quickly followed by another goal from a 'hands,' which might have saved, as the shot by Austen, though a good one, was taken at a long distance. Thus in the first few minutes Charterhouse had gained two points (0-2). Our forwards now got more together, and chiefly owing to Beasley, we had more of the game. The Charterhouse left wing, however, proved dangerous, and several runs by Jameson and C. F. Ryder

were stopped by Barnett. After some even play the home side attacked vigorously, Murdoch and Jameson kicking behind, and Hancock shooting just over the bar. A good shot from Jameson was next saved by Stenning, who got the ball well away, and it was passed to Moon, who took it right down the field. Westminster for a short time kept up the pressure, but were never near enough to goal to cause Broome much anxiety. With more coolness we should have made more of our opportunities, but the home forwards now got on the ball, and it was only through the fine play of Whittow that an ugly rush was checked. They kept up the pressure, however, and obtained a 'hands' off Guy, which resulted in nothing. Following this, Stenning saved two shots in quick succession, but the ball was never really got away, and, from a pass by Austen, Jameson made a splendid centre, which nearly took effect. For a short time Charterhouse seemed certain to score, but, though two corners fell to them, they could not break through our defence; Whittow and More were playing finely, and Stenning just saved an excellent shot by Wallace. At length Beasley brought relief, and wound up a good run with a shot; the ball, however, was well returned by Broome, and Jameson, getting possession, made a very fine run down the touch-line, but he could not throw off Barnett, who eventually stopped him; Austen then returned the ball, which went behind. Whittow now broke up a combined attack, but he was poorly backed up by his companions, and G. Ryder was enabled to send in a soft shot which scored, Stenning making a feeble attempt to save (0-3). Give-and-take play followed for the next ten minutes, when the whistle blew for half-time, Charterhouse leading by three goals to love.

On the ball being restarted, Charterhouse at once attacked, and the Westminster backs had all their work cut out for them, More being especially conspicuous. G. Ryder put in an unsuccessful shot, and then temporary relief was brought by 'hands' for Westminster. This was not used to advantage, and the home forwards returned to the attack, the good play of Probyn and the backs alone preventing them from getting through. It was not long before Wallace augmented the score with a shot that Stenning should have saved (0-4). A run by Jameson followed, but it came to nothing, and the play was transferred to the right wing. Fox, however, was equal to the occasion, and stopped the rush well, passing to Blaker, who made a short run and passed to Moon, who, together with Guy and Beasley, worked the ball down towards the Charterhouse goal. Our success was short-lived, and the Charterhouse forwards soon kicked the ball behind again, and shortly after obtained a 'hands' against Fox. They were within an ace of scoring, but Whittow cleared splendidly, and Beasley rushed the ball right down the field, causing Broome to use his hands. Our forwards put a little more life into their work, and continued to press for a short time. Gradually however, despite the good play of Probyn, the ball was carried to our end

and sent behind. Charterhouse now attacked in earnest, and, after Stenning had saved, they forced a corner, from which they scored their fifth goal (0-5). From the kick-off Jameson took the ball into our quarters, meeting with little resistance, as Barnett was tiring considerably. The ball went behind, and after some loose play in front of our goal Blaker got possession, and some nice passing ensued between Moon and Beasley; but Wilson cleared well and the ball was transferred to our end, where Stenning saved a good shot at the expense of a corner. Our forwards now showed better combination, Guy showing to considerable advantage. Westminster gained a 'hands' near the centre of the ground, and, following up well, forced a corner. Guy next made a really good shot into the corner of the goal, but Broome was equal to the occasion and saved brilliantly. At length Jameson broke away, but Whittow saved well. After some even play Beasley had the ball passed to him, and, eluding two opponents, dashed away at full speed and seemed likely to score, but Wilson and Benson just caught him up in time and prevented his shot being dangerous, so that Broome had no difficulty in clearing. There were now only about eight minutes left for play, but Charterhouse succeeded in scoring once more (0-6) by the agency of Hancock, and shortly afterwards the whistle blew, leaving the score—Charterhouse, six goals; Westminster, nothing.

The Charterhouse team seemed hardly as good as some of late years, but this may have been due to want of practice. The two backs, Wilson and Benson, did what they had to do well, while of the forwards Jameson was most conspicuous.

On our side Probyn at centre-half played admirably, but Fox, though he worked hard, was not as good as usual; he played without much luck. Barnett showed some promise, and with more practice ought to prove useful. Both the backs played well, Whittow being perhaps the best of the two. The weak point of the team was undoubtedly the forwards. Beasley got away once or twice, but there was little or no attempt at combination, the contrast between the quickness with which the Charterhouse forwards got off, and the way in which our own fumbled over the ball being very marked. The loss of Van der Gucht on the left wing was severely felt.

Both Moon and Hogarth were disappointing. The latter almost invariably waited too long before middling, and the opportunity was lost; while the former was very slow on the ball and seemed unable to get away. That the result was disappointing is undeniable. We were prepared for defeat, but hardly for defeat in such a crushing form. It was unfortunate that the team had had little time to get together, especially as there seemed previously to be signs of improvement. The result of the matches last term had been very unsatisfactory, and the new captain had very wisely determined to try new combinations, which there had, unluckily, not been sufficient time to test.

In conclusion, if we are to beat Charterhouse in the future, there must be more general enthusiasm for the game throughout the School. There is plenty of keenness for state occasions—for instance, the Charterhouse match or house matches; but what is really needed is a keenness for the game for its own sake, and a determination to make every game worth playing because everyone is working hard and trying to improve. At present, far too often the ordinary games are slack and lifeless, and it seems to be thought that a decent player *nascitur, non fit*. The keener each game is, even the lowest, the more likely is the football of the School to be improved, and the jeremiads of the present to pass into the panegyrics of the future.

It only now remains for us to thank Mrs. Haig-Brown for the hospitality accorded to those of us who were allowed to go down to Charterhouse.

#### WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD ETONIANS.

This match was decided 'Up Fields' on Saturday, March 16. The School was without Moon, and in consequence the forwards showed little combination, and, though the visitors were not strong, Westminster had to retire beaten by 5 goals to 3. The School won the toss, and G. B. Gosling kicked off from the Church end at about twenty minutes past three. Westminster pressed first, and Guy nearly scored; however, about five minutes from the start Beasley scored, Seton running out, but failing to clear. O.E.'s then paid a visit to the School goal, and after 'hands' had been given for them, G. B. Gosling shot behind; this was followed by another shot from the same player, but Stenning saved well and play was transferred to the other end, where Fisher headed a goal, but was ruled off-side. The game was fairly fast, the two Goslings combining beautifully; G. B. shot over the bar, but, from a corner well put by Rebow, he headed the first goal for Old Etonians. From the restart Van der Gucht got off, and Seton conceded a corner from an awkward high shot from the outside; but the corner proved fruitless, and 'hands' against Westminster, about half-way, let in G. B. Gosling, who put Old Etonians one ahead (1-2). Blaker shot behind, but G. B. again got through and registered a third point (1-3). Old Etonians kept up the pressure, and Westminster could only relieve occasionally; Van der Gucht shot behind, and soon after the School forwards forced a corner, but nothing accrued. 'Hands' for Westminster in the Old Etonian goal got exciting, but Seton saved a shot from Probyn, and from another corner for Westminster G. B. Gosling ran the whole length of the ground and ended up with a splendid shot which beat Stenning (1-4). After another fruitless corner for Westminster, half-time was called. After the interval, a high shot from Barnett all but scored, while soon after, at the other end, G. B. passed to his brother, who should have scored, but he caught his foot in the ground, and lost the opportunity. L. D., however, soon made

amends, and scored the fifth point for the visitors. Westminster then got down towards Seton, but potted about too much in front of goal, and Guy missed two easy chances of scoring; however, Hogarth soon after centred to Beasley, and the latter scored in the corner of the goal. Beasley shot over, and Probyn pulled up G. B. Gosling just in time, and, sending the ball over to the left wing, Van der Gucht shot behind, but almost immediately afterwards gave Seton a warm one to negotiate, but he saved splendidly. From a centre from the left wing, Guy put in a feeble shot; Fisher shot behind, and Beasley soon after looked certain to score, but kicked the ball too far in front of him, and Seton ran out and saved. Hogarth shot behind; Fox placed into goal, but the O.E. backs cleared their lines; Beasley hit the post with a scorcher, but from the rebound Fisher neatly put the ball past Seton. From the kick-off the School forced a corner, but nothing further resulted, and the game ended as above stated. For Westminster the forwards were not well together, and, as has been said already, did not go straight enough, but potted about in front of goal and lost many good opportunities. Individually, Van der Gucht and Beasley showed up well at times. The back division was fair. The two Goslings were very good for Old Etonians, and Seton in goal made some very good saves. The teams were:—

## WESTMINSTER.

K. H. Stenning (goal), A. Whitlow and R. E. More (backs), W. F. Fox (Capt.), S. C. Probyn and R. O. Barnett (half-backs), C. Van der Gucht and C. D. Fisher (left wing), H. O. C. Beasley (centre), A. H. F. Guy and A. H. Hogarth (right wing) (forwards).

## OLD ETONIANS.

W. J. Seton (goal), D. M. Hogg and H. Hughes Onslow (backs), H. McKenna (sub.), R. F. Bayford and R. G. Rebow (half-backs), H. Malcolmson and L. D. Gosling (left wing), G. B. Gosling (centre), R. N. R. Blaker (sub.) and H. Trotter (right wing) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD HARROVIANS.

In this match, played on March 23, the School was still without the services of Moon, and after a good game the result was a draw of one goal each. Old Harrovians won the toss, and Beasley kicked off against a slight breeze from the Church end. At first nearly all the play was in the School half, and Old Harrovians attacked strongly, the two Symes-Thompsons on the left being conspicuous. After about a quarter of an hour's play A. H. Symes-Thompson scored for the visitors, and after this the game was far more even. Van der Gucht made one or two good runs on the wing, and the combination of the forwards was slightly better than on the preceding Saturday. The brothers Symes-Thompson were most prominent for O.H.'s, and after some good passing between them Barnett sent the ball on to Hogarth, but the latter was pulled up by Sturgis, who, with his partner, checked most of the attacks made

by Westminster. Give-and-take play was the order of the day during the first half, and the whistle blew with O.H.'s leading by one goal to nil. From the restart Westminster pressed and Guy shot behind; while soon after, Fisher passing out to Van der Gucht, the latter sent in a shot which the custodian had little difficulty in disposing of. Play was not of a very interesting nature, until Probyn sending the ball on to Beasley, the last-named went off straight and scored a good goal for Westminster, amidst great excitement, ten minutes from the finish. From this point till the end the excitement was intense, and Westminster would have scored but for the fine defence of Anderson and Sturgis; as it was, however, nothing further was scored, and the result was thus a draw (1 all). For Westminster both full-backs played a good game, especially in the first half, when Old Harrovians were pressing most. Fisher, Beasley, and Van der Gucht were conspicuous among the forward division, but Hogarth was not playing up to his usual standard, being inclined to pass directly he received the ball, and generally behind the other forwards. For Old Harrovians the two backs played very well, and until he was hurt A. H. Symes-Thompson was a thorn in the side of Whittow. The teams were:—

## WESTMINSTER.

K. H. Stenning (goal), A. Whitlow and R. E. More (backs), W. F. Fox (Capt.), S. C. Probyn and R. O. Barnett (half-backs), C. Van der Gucht and C. D. Fisher (left wing), H. O. C. Beasley (centre), A. H. F. Guy and A. H. Hogarth (right wing) (forwards).

## OLD HARROVIANS.

G. W. Wollaston (goal), W. B. Anderson and A. C. Sturgis (backs), J. Openshaw, R. C. V. Lang and Allcroft (half-backs), A. H. Symes-Thompson and F. Symes-Thompson (left wing), W. L. Anderson (centre), C. Routledge and C. F. Wright (right wing) (forwards).

T.BB. *v.* Q.SS.

This annual fixture was brought off, on a wet and slippery ground, on Wednesday, March 27. Q.SS. were without E. H. Waterfield and G. F. Martin, while T.BB. had to resort to a considerable change in their forwards owing to the absence of Moon. Van der Gucht won the toss and Beasley kicked off for T.BB., who defended the hospital end goal for the first half. T.BB. were the first to assume the offensive, but Q.SS. defended well, and about a quarter of an hour had elapsed before Beasley credited the Town Boys with their first goal. Nothing daunted, Van der Gucht and Hogarth led an attack on the T.B. goal, but with no success, while Fox was ruled off-side in the mouth of the Q.S. goal. The College backs defended well, and Johnston, at centre half, was very energetic, while, on the other hand, the combination of the T.BB. forwards was not very good. After a little time, from a centre by More, Fox headed into the net, and Beasley added a third before half-time. Up till the interval the game had been fairly even, and Van der Gucht scored a good goal, the score at half-

time thus being 3-1 in favour of T.B.B. ; but in the second half, after a period in which there was no scoring, T.B.B. scored five goals in quick succession—Blaker, Guy (2), and Beasley (2), while Hogarth, after a good piece of dribbling, scored a second point for Q.SS. From this point up till time T.B.B. attacked almost incessantly and scored once more through Beasley, the Q.SS forwards being very spasmodic in their efforts, especially after Van der Gucht had gone back to help his halves. T.B.B. tried hard to bring the score up to double figures, and had somewhat hard luck, as once or twice they hit the posts, and on several occasions hit the outside of the net. From a spectator's point of view the game was uninteresting, and it is a pity the teams were not full strength ; as, had Q.SS. had their two absentees and the ground not been so slippery, the game would probably not have been so one-sided. Of T.B.B. Whittow was good, but his partner was not so good ; Probyn was the best of the halves, and the forwards were much better in the second half than in the first. Of Q.SS. Fisher in goal was good, except for one bad miss ; both the backs can be congratulated on a good display, and it was unlucky that five goals were scored in such quick succession ; Johnston was far the best of the halves, and Van der Gucht and Hogarth did good service among the forwards. The teams were :—

T.B.B.

K. H. Stenning (goal), A. Whittow and A. Berens (backs), R. O. Barnett, S. C. Probyn, and H. J. Kirkpatrick (half-backs), R. N. R. Blaker and W. F. Fox (left wing), H. O. C. Beasley (centre), A. H. F. Guy and R. E. More (right wing) (forwards).

Q.SS.

C. D. Fisher (goal), H. Y. Langhorne and F. Young (backs), H. J. Reynolds, C. E. L. Johnstone and F. A. S. Gwatkin (half-backs), C. Van der Gucht and G. H. Bernays (left wing), A. H. Hogarth (centre), R. H. Phillimore and W. A. E. Stamp (right wing) (forwards).

House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—We heartily congratulate Barnett and Guy on their 'Pinks.' They were the only representatives against Q.SS. ; Guy shot two of the goals scored. We also congratulate Raikes and Langston on 'Pink-and-Whites' ; Holiday and Kennedy on House-colours. We regret there are fewer entries for the sports than usual.

COLLEGE.—We were beaten by T.B.B. by 9-2. The score, however, is not a true indication of the play, as our forwards, for the greater part of the time, played very well, while T.B.B. scored three of their goals in almost as many minutes towards the close. Hogarth was by far the most prominent forward, while Johnston at half, and Langhorne and Young at back, also played well. We have to congratulate the

former on his 'Pink-and-Whites,' and the two latter on their third elevens.

We are pleased to see H. T. Sheringham has obtained a sub-sizarship at Trinity. Our prospects for the sports do not improve, but we hope to see Hogarth do something, and also the 'tug-of-war' team. In the latter we anticipate a closer struggle than for some years past.

GRANTS.—We were, unfortunately, compelled to scratch, in the final of the shield matches, to Rigauds. Moon and several other members of our team were out of School. We congratulate Taylor-Taswell on obtaining his 'Pink-and-Whites,' and Templer and Tacey on their 3rd XI's. Our prospects for the sports are not over-bright. We are drawn against Rigauds in the House tug-of-war, so we do not stand much chance of winning even the first round.

H.B.B.—We offer our heartiest congratulations to Brailey on obtaining his 'Pink-and-Whites,' and to Maugham, Corfield, and Jones on their 3rd XI's. Our prospects for the sports are not of the best. Our team for the tug is very light. We have absolutely no more news.

RIGAUDS.—We have won the Shield for the sixth time in succession, as Grants had to scratch, because nearly all their team were out of School from illness. All members of our team got School-colours, and in addition to those whom we have already congratulated we must add Berens, McKenna, Blaker, and Cooper on getting their 'Pink-and-Whites,' and K. R. Barnes and Armstrong their 3rd XI's. We have also to congratulate More and Stenning on their 'Pinks.' We had seven fellows playing for T.B.B. against Q.SS. (Beasley, Probyn, Whittow, More, Stenning, Blaker, and Berens). Beasley played for O.WW. in the semi-final of the 'Charity Cup.' We have several fellows who ought to do something in the sports. Matthews and Norman are leaving at the end of this term, and probably Cooper.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, March 7, when the following motion was discussed : 'That this House would welcome the introduction of conscription into England.'

On a division, the motion was rejected by 4 votes to 16.

The following spoke—for the motion : S. C. PROBYN (proposer), A. WHITTOW (seconder), T. A. CORFIELD, G. NORMAN ; against : H. T. SHERINGHAM (opposer), C. R. BEAVEN, R. AIRY, R. E. MORE.

The speeches were decidedly better than at the last meeting, none of those personalities, so rife in a



school motion, being introduced. On the other hand, we must again complain that the best speeches lost in brevity what they gained in argument, and the longer ones were often confused and generally disappointing. Of individual speakers Mr. Whittow was undoubtedly the best, though the opposer was not very far behind him. Mr. Airy, too, spoke better than we had yet heard him this term. Mr. Probyn, on the other hand, was somewhat beneath his usual form.

S. C. PROBYN (proposer) introduced the motion with a speech of fair length and a good knowledge of facts. There was perhaps a slight tendency to wander from the actual wording of the motion, but this is a fault of by no means great dimensions. Certainly Mr. Probyn set the House a good example by the length of his speech, and we only wish that others would follow it.

H. T. SHERINGHAM (opposer) made a speech that was short but to the point. He brought forward a great many sound arguments against conscription, and some of them would have been none the worse for a little expansion. A pathetic picture of the effect of conscription on poor families closed the speech.

A. WHITTOW (seconder), though also brief, was in good form, and treated the motion from a common-sense point of view. Mr. Whittow has the advantage of possessing a clear voice, and, in addition to this, never loses his head or the thread of his argument, so that we have a pleasurable change in his speeches from the scrappy, disconnected sentences of some speakers and the inaudible murmurings of others.

T. H. CORFIELD then made a short speech about school games, and C. R. BEAVEN proposed a new way of getting rid of the unemployed.

R. E. MORE followed with a speech that treated the question with much more seriousness than is customary with this speaker. Consequently, his speech was a decided improvement, especially since it did not wander from the subject on hand.

R. AIRY was better than we have heard him for some time. Mr. Airy's usual fault is that in his attempts after flights of oratory he gives few facts; but on this occasion he gave the House less oratory and more facts. He dwelt on the difficulties of invasion, and on the danger we should be in from a conscript band of unemployed.

After a few remarks from H. T. SHERINGHAM concerning commerce,

The PROPOSER devoted a few minutes to answering the arguments of former speakers, and in this speech kept himself within the bounds of the motion.

The House then divided and adjourned.

The House met on Thursday, March 14, when the following motion was discussed: 'That this House would welcome an alliance between Russia and England.'

On a division, the votes were: Ayes, 4; Noes, 13.

The following spoke—for the motion: R. E. MORE (proposer), R. K. GAYE, S. C. PROBYN;

against: R. AIRY (opposer), Mr. J. SARGEANT, H. T. SHERINGHAM.

This motion failed to rouse much interest in the House, and would probably not have succeeded in lasting out one meeting but for the way in which Mr. Sargeant pulled it together. Mr. Probyn was the only one of the 'Ayes' who knew or cared anything about the motion, and of course those who favoured an alliance must have been rather dismayed when the proposer refused to bring forward a single argument in favour of one.

Mr. PROBYN attempted the hard task of answering Mr. Sargeant, but looking at the result of the division, we can hardly say that he succeeded, and in fact, after such a speech, there was very little left for anyone to say.

R. E. MORE (proposer) tried to make up for a lamentable ignorance of the subject by a would-be humorous description of the relations between Russia and England. He began somewhat strangely by attacking the wording of his own motion, and then wandered off far from the subject into a discussion about the evils of Nihilism—a subject no doubt very interesting, but unfortunately having but little to do with an Anglo-Russian alliance.

R. AIRY (opposer) had the unwelcome and unexpected task of answering a proposer who had failed to propose. The consequence was that Mr. Airy had not only to oppose, but also to propose a few arguments in order to have something to answer. Under the circumstances, he did it better than might have been expected, especially dwelling on the question of India and of Egypt, and the defence of our trade.

R. K. GAYE (seconder) made a spirited answer to the opposer, and, while agreeing with him in his view of the Indian question, showed that Russia was our natural friend, not foe. The speech was a good one and to the point, and did its best to enliven and elucidate a dull and somewhat obscure subject.

R. E. MORE, having gathered a little knowledge about the subject from listening to the speeches of the opposer and seconder, rose to give the House his ideas on the same. Certainly this speech was a great improvement on the former, but he was still inclined to depart from the subject, and at one time wandered down a by-lane of attack on the present Government, by means of the Cotton Duties.

Mr. J. SARGEANT rose to stir a flagging debate into some show of activity, and made a comprehensive survey of the whole subject. Dividing the subject into two parts, he first proved conclusively that war with any European nation was next to impossible, and blamed the authors of the alliance against Russia in the Crimean War. Secondly, he showed that a formal alliance was far inferior to a good, though unwritten, understanding for the preservation of peace, showing also that Russia had reached her limit in the North of India, and even if she had not, it would be easy to defend our territory there. He concluded by showing that none of England's alliance had redounded to her credit.

S. C. PROBYN followed with a somewhat futile attempt to dispose of the arguments of the last speaker. He was in better form than at the last meeting, though several of his arguments were only second-hand.

After a few words from H. T. SHERINGHAM, the House divided and adjourned.

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## NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE following extract from 'The Diary of Henry Machyn, Citizen and Merchant-Taylor of London; from A.D. 1550 to A.D. 1563,' containing an early reference to Westminster School, may not be without interest:—

The vj day of December [1556] the abbot of Westminster went a procession with his convent; before him went all the santuary men with crosse keys apou their garments and after went iij for murder; on<sup>1</sup> was the lord Dacres sone of the Northe was wpyd<sup>2</sup> with a shett<sup>3</sup> abowt him, for kyllyng of on master West sqwyre dwellyng be-syd . . . ; and anodur theyff that dyd long to one of master controller . . . dyd kylie Recherd Eggylston the controller's tayller, and killed him in the Long Acurs, the bak-syd Charyng-crosse; and a boy that kyld a byge boye that sold papers and pryntyd bokes with horlyng of a stone and yt<sup>4</sup> hym under the ere in Westmynster Hall; the boy was one of the chylderyn that was at the skoll ther in the abbey; the boy ys a hossear sune<sup>5</sup> a-boyff London-stone.

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<sup>1</sup> One.    <sup>2</sup> Whipt.    <sup>3</sup> Sheet.    <sup>4</sup> Hit.    <sup>5</sup> Hosier's son.

The following is taken from the *Standard's* review of the lately-published third volume of the 'Verney Memoirs':—

A very interesting anecdote relating to the funeral of Oliver Cromwell shows how little hold he possessed on the rising generation. The Westminster boys were assembled to witness the ceremony, as they had been ten years before 'to pray for King Charles as he was led to the scaffold.' One of them, being moved to indignation by the sight of certain emblems of Royalty displayed on Cromwell's coffin, darted forward and snatched from it a little satin banner known as 'the Majesty scutcheon,' with which he disappeared among his fellows. His name was Robert Uvedale,<sup>1</sup> the member of a distinguished Cavalier family, and the relic is still in possession of his descendant, the Rev. Washbourne West, of Lincoln College, Oxford.

B. M. G.

<sup>1</sup> Robert Uvedale, or Udall, elected to Trinity in 1659.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should like to say a few words in answer to one or two remarks I noticed in your last leader. I do not know who the writer is, and do not want to know. First, I must say that to a great extent I agree with 'Gracchus' entirely. His remarks about slackness are entirely justified; but there was one paragraph which I think he might just as well have omitted. He says: 'One miserable poltroon was heard admitting that he did not go "Up Fields" because the other fellows "went for him!"' Now, Sir, I do not wish to defend the 'miserable poltroon's' action in the least; he certainly ought to have withstood the attacks as best he could. But I ask you, Sir, in all fairness, which is more miserable, or which savours most of a poltroon, the case above mentioned or the following? That a fellow or fellows, trusting to their superior size and strength, should make it almost their sole object in a game to try and hurt without actually maiming some fellow whom they dislike, seems to me infinitely more shameful and more despicable than for anyone not to play, knowing he cannot get a game 'Up Fields' which will do himself or anyone else any good. It has been noticed that among certain members of the School, who are more or less prominent on the football field, this distinctly *poor* form of showing spite has been coming into fashion recently. They seem to think that they gain nothing by playing the game fairly, but that their chief object in playing is to bring their personal enemies to earth by fair means or foul; and they generally, it must be confessed, resort to the latter.

I am, Sir, with the usual apologies,

Yours sincerely,

FAIR PLAY.

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## ERRATUM.

Vol. VIII. No. 2, page 16, column 2, line 28, read 'elder son.'

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