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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

THE past football season has in every respect been disappointing. Not only does the card—which we print below—show an extremely small quota of victories, but the few matches that were won were against teams that were unusually weak. The reasons for this unfortunate and regrettable failure are various and not far to seek.

In the first place, the team lacked any player who could really be considered first-class. Of late years the team has usually possessed one player who stood head and shoulders above the rest, and could fully compensate for any defects in his comrades' play by the brilliancy of his own. This was not the case with the team which represented the School during the last season. Again, the halves, which should be the strongest line of all, were this year by far the

weakest. They could defend very fairly well, but it was seldom that they initiated any line of attack, and were generally mainly responsible for that lack of proper cohesion which was only too often evident.

Finally, no one seemed to have come on as it had been generally hoped they would. Those who were already in possession of their 'pinks' showed hardly any signs of improvement, while the play of those who were fighting for their places was undoubtedly a deterioration on their form of the previous year.

When we come to consider the actual list of victories and defeats, we find that the few teams over whom we were successful were an extremely weak team of Casuals, Old Wykehamists, two scratch elevens brought down by H. B. Willett and B. H. Willett respectively, and a good Oxford team in Brasenose. Not a glorious list!

However, we should have been quite content

if only the Charterhouse match had been added to the list. Our defeats, besides that match, and the disappointing one against Eton, were at the hands of Clapham Rovers, Old Carthusians, Old Foresters, Old Etonians—we shall not soon forget either of these matches—Christ Church, Old Westminsters, Old Felstedians, and West Kent in the Play Term. In the Lent Term we suffered reverses from Clapham Rovers, University College, Clare College, Pembroke College, Cambridge Old Westminsters, Old Brightonians, L. A. M. Fevez's XI., and Old Westminsters for the third time.

There were two draws, one a very creditable with the Old Harrovians, and a discreditable one with the Emeriti. For the second year in succession the King's Scholars only just failed to beat Town Boys, and lost after having had considerably the best of the game.

It remains for us to deal with the players in detail. To begin with the Captain, A. T. WILLETT (left back) was an altogether admirable captain, and preserved the golden mean throughout the season. Perhaps as a player he can hardly be considered such an unqualified success. He was usually a sure kick of great power, and had a considerable share of resource. Indeed, his kicking capabilities were quite exceptional for a schoolboy. His tackling, however, was not so satisfactory, though usually safe. During the course of the season he managed to entirely rid himself of his old bad habit of getting too far up the field. He put in a great deal of effective work, which was all the more useful because unostentatious. He deserved a more successful season.

F. N. ASHLEY (centre half) was by far the most consistent player in the team. In the Charterhouse match he was undoubtedly the best player on either side. Perhaps the chief reason of his success was his extraordinary keenness, which other members of the team would have done well to imitate. He was a plucky and energetic worker, and his passing improved as time went on. With him we think the Eton match would have been won.

P. H. NAPIER started better than he finished. All the same he was the only outside left the

School possessed. He had considerable control of the ball, but not sufficient pace. His splendid combination with Coleby was a marked feature of the season's play.

We would advise A. T. COLEBY to try to forget there is an audience. He is exceedingly tricky and passes excellently. His shooting, however, slowly but surely deteriorated.

F. I. HARRISON was extremely good when all was going well with his side, but was quite unable, as it seemed, to play a losing game. He spoilt some good combination and did not feed his wings sufficiently, but was a good shot.

J. C. VERNON was both fast, tricky, and unselfish, and learnt as the season advanced. He was a consistently useful member of the team, chiefly because he never gave up hope.

S. A. DICKSON played at his very best against Charterhouse. He lacked weight, but was neat. As was the case with most of the team, he could not face adversity.

C. POWERS was far better at half than back. He has had almost as varied a career as H. A. Roberts last year. He showed extremely good form at the end of the season.

L. A. WOODBRIDGE passed well to his outsides, and was unselfish to a fault. He began well, but until he got his 'pinks' failed to show his true form.

E. W. D. COLT-WILLIAMS was the fastest member of the team, and though he did not obtain his 'pinks' till late in the season—he was not tried at back until two matches before Charterhouse—he fully deserved them. In the Charterhouse match he did a very great deal to lessen the defeat. He was an exceedingly plucky tackler.

R. P. MEARS was an excellent defensive half, but never aided in the attack. He should learn to pass more and dribble less. At the beginning of the Lent Term he was second to none, but he fell off considerably later. He should do well next year, for he always tries hard.

Coleby will have with him next year, besides the six pinks, as this last year, a superfluity of capable halves, of whom F. W. Hubback,

J. M. Craig, F. S. Fleuret, and J. R. Trench are the pick. Of the forwards, E. T. Corfield and L. G. Kirkpatrick showed great promise. H. Logan is a reliable and speedy back. We may conclude with wishing them all, and Coleby in particular, the best of luck.

EDITORIAL.

IN the April number of our flippant contemporary we read under the title of "Odd Bits" that the editor of *The Mirror* feels confident that THE ELIZABETHAN can never boast of so large a number of contributors as his own journal. This is only too true. Complaints as to the scarcity of copy appear pretty regularly in these columns, but never seem to have any effect. With the exception of a few constant contributors, THE ELIZABETHAN is almost entirely the work of the Editor alone, who has to fill it out as best he can. The result is too often a mere collection of dry facts, which sometimes can hardly be even called news. We appeal, therefore, again for contributions of any kind whatsoever, more especially of prose. We would ask everyone to try and make some effort in assisting us to make this Magazine a little more cheerful than it is usually at present.

School Notes.

THERE are 15 new boys this term.

The Concert this year has been fixed for May 20.

We welcome this term Mr. Piggott, who has taken Mr. Hackforth's place on the staff.

The collection for the Mission on St. Philip and St. James' Day amounted to £3. 1s. 6d.

We hear with pleasure that the School is to have two new fives courts.

Two new shower-baths have been placed in the Pavilion Up-Fields.

As at present arranged, we hear the King's

Scholars will occupy the two bays of the Triforium, next to the organ on the north side, at the Coronation.

We begin this season with five Old Pinks, viz., C. B. H. Knight, F. I. Harrison, W. A. Greene, H. Logan, C. Powers.

At the end of last term Mr. R. K. Gaye and Mr. S. A. Sydney-Turner came down to ask for 'plays' for their Fellowship and Waddington Scholarship respectively.

The papers, in commenting on the presence of the King's Scholars at the coming Coronation, have strangely enough referred to it as an innovation.

We notice with pleasure that the bust of Busby, with a new coat of white paint, once more looks down on the Old Library from his traditional position on the book-case.

Owing to the Abbey being closed to make it ready for the Coronation, the School will not be able to attend service there till Election Sunday. The usual Morning Abbey service is now held Up-School, the brass lectern from the Abbey having been moved there for that purpose, while on Sundays King's Scholars and boarders go to St. Margaret's.

The offertory collected for the Mission on Ascension Day amounted to £2. 9s. 6½d.

In reference to the dried cat discovered in Library last term, a correspondent writes that 'a mummied cat with a rat or mouse in its mouth was found between two walls of Mr. Turle's house when it was being pulled down to make way for the new Class Rooms. The cat had apparently jammed itself in the narrow space.' He ventures to suggest that this was placed, where it was discovered last term, some nineteen years after its first discovery.

The elevens were filled up last term as follows:—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink-and-Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.'s.</i>
*A. T. Willett	*C. B. H. Knight	G. L. Crowe
*F. N. Ashley	*G. Schwann	*R. L. Fraser
*P. H. Napier	F. W. Hubback	G. Cooper-Willis
A. T. Coleby	C. W. Lonsdale	H. B. Philby
*F. I. Harrison	E. T. Corfield	R. G. Gardner
J. C. Vernon	H. Logan	M. Pemberton
*S. A. Dickson	J. M. Craig	A. P. D. Davey
C. Powers	*W. T. S. Sonnen-	*E. S. B. Ath-
L. A. Woodbridge	schein	ley Jones
E. W. D. Colt-	F. S. Fleuret	*W. S. Lonsdale
Williams	L. G. Kirkpatrick	M. Macdonald
R. P. Mears	*G. M. S. Oldham	H. W. Geddes
	J. R. Trench	E. C. Wallis
		S. W. B. Langton

* Will have left by next season.

The following is the Cricket Card, with results to date :—

May 3 Sat.	v.	Harrow Blues (Scratched owing to rain). Harrow Blues 10 for no wicket.
„ 10 Sat.	v.	Incogniti. Lost. Incogniti, 223; Westminster, 209.
„ 17 „	v.	Free Foresters.
„ 24 „	v.	OldWykehamists.
„ 28 Wed.	v.	Eton Ramblers.
„ 31 Sat.	v.	Butterflies.
June 7 Sat.	v.	I Zingari.
„ 11 Wed.	v.	Lords and Commons.
„ 14 Sat.	v.	O.WW.
„ 17 Tues.	} v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
„ 18 Wed.		
„ 21 Sat.	v.	Oxford University Authentics.
July 5 „	v.	West Kent.
„ 9 Wed.	v.	M.C.C.
„ 12 Sat.	v.	Crusaders.
„ 19 „	v.	Old Carthusians.
„ 28 Mon.	—	K.SS. v. T.BB.

THE FIELDS.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER v. L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

PLAYED Up-Fields on Saturday, March 15, and resulted in a defeat by 7 goals to 3. The School were without Willett, Napier, and Vernon, and as L. A. M. Fevez had brought a fairly good side, the result was not unexpected. The School won the toss, and More kicked off for the visitors, who did most of the pressing in the first half. About a quarter of an hour from the start the visitors scored their first goal, but the School soon replied with a goal which was rushed through by Philby. More, however, quickly added a second goal, to which the School replied, but Philby was given off-side. Barnett and Campbell having added two more goals, the teams crossed over with the score 4 goals to 2 in the visitors' favour. In the second half, the School, playing against the wind, were mostly kept on the defensive, the visitors scoring three goals to the School's one. Of the visiting team Winckworth, Fox, and Whitlow were best. For the School Powers, Lonsdale, and Philby played well. Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and H. Logan (backs); R. P. Mears, C. W. Lonsdale, and C. Powers (half-backs); L. G. Kirkpatrick, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, and H. B. Philby (forwards).

L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

A. J. Hemmerde (goal); W. N. Winckworth and L. A. M. Fevez (backs); A. N. Other, H. O. C. Beasley, and W. F. Fox (half-backs); A. Whitlow, R. R. Campbell, R. E. More, and R. O. Barnett (forwards).

Referee : Mr. B. H. Willett.

WESTMINSTER v. O.WW.

Played Up-Fields on Wednesday, March 19, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 1 goal

to 9. The visitors brought down a strong team, but started without L. J. Moon, during which time the School should have scored two or three times, but failed to do so. Immediately on Moon's arrival the O.WW. forced a corner, from which Harris scored. A few minutes after Moon added a second point, and Barnett a third. From another corner A. S. Willett scored a fourth. The teams crossed over with the score 4-0 in favour of the O.WW. In the second half the visitors had the game all their own way. Shortly after the start W. N. Winckworth added a fifth, Moon a sixth, and Harris a seventh in quick succession. The School forwards then broke away and Harrison put the ball through, but was off-side. However, the School were not to be denied, and not long after Woodbridge scored from a centre by Philby. After Moon and Harris had each gained another goal the whistle blew with the score 9-1 in favour of O.WW. For the School Lonsdale and Powers worked hard and successfully. Colt-Williams defended well at back. For O.WW. Winckworth was most energetic, and Fox at half played a splendid game, his passing being excellent and in great contrast to that of the School halves. Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); G. Schwann and E. W. D. Colt-Williams (backs); R. P. Mears, C. W. Lonsdale, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

O.WW.

R. Barber (goal); W. N. Winckworth and H. A. Roberts (backs); A. S. Willett, B. H. Willett, and W. F. Fox (half-backs); R. R. Campbell, S. S. Harris, L. J. Moon, R. O. Barnett, W. V. Rayner (forwards).

T.BB. v. K.SS.

Played Up-Fields on Saturday, March 2, and resulted in a victory for T.BB. by one goal to none. The ground was almost under water, and a very poor game resulted, the forwards on both sides finding it hard to control the ball at all. Harrison kicked off for K.SS. at 2.45 from the Church end. The game all through the first half was of a fairly even character, though perhaps the T.BB. had rather the best of the game, Corfield and Woodbridge both missing easy chances. In the second half, after Corfield had missed an easy chance of scoring by shooting over the bar, Woodbridge managed to put the ball through from a centre by Vernon. After this the K.SS. played up and tried their hardest to score. In the last ten minutes the T.BB. were pinned in by their opponents, Harrison putting in several shots, which Knight dealt with successfully, and so in spite of K.SS.'s efforts the T.BB. were left victorious by one goal to none. For T.BB., Powers, Schwann, and Knight defended well, Powers being especially good. Of the T.BB. forwards, Woodbridge and Vernon were the best. For K.SS. the two backs were good. At centre-half Trench worked hard and undoubtedly

saved his side from a worse defeat. Of their forwards, the left wing played well.

Teams :—

T.BB.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); G. Schwann and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, C. Powers, and F. S. Fleuret (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, S. A. Woodbridge, E. T. Corfield, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, S. A. Dickson (forwards).

K.SS.

J. Poyser (goal); G. L. Crowe and E. W. D. Colt-Williams (backs); F. W. Hubback, J. R. Trench, and G. Cooper-Willis (half backs); G. T. Boag, R. G. Gardner, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, H. B. Philby (forwards).

Referee : Mr. R. R. Campbell.

CRICKET.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HARROW BLUES.

THIS, the first match of the season, was stopped by rain when only two overs had been sent down. The Harrow Blues, captained by A. J. Webbe, brought down a very strong team, and winning the toss, Webbe and May faced Powers and Knight. Lightning and thunder betokened the coming storm, which broke after two overs. Powers opened to Webbe from the Pavilion end and favoured him with a full toss, which was promptly despatched to leg for five. Facing Knight, Webbe scored a single to third man, and then Knight favoured May with another full toss which went for four. Rain then stopped play.

Score :—

HARROW BLUES.			
A. J. Webbe, not out	6
F. N. May, not out	4
Total	10

A. Page, J. H. Stogdon, Messrs. Powell, Pope, Nash, Hewlett, Arbuthnot, and two others did not bat.

WESTMINSTER.

C. B. H. Knight, F. I. Harrison, W. A. Greene, H. Logan, C. Powers, A. T. Willett, S. A. Dixon, G. L. Crowe, E. W. D. Colt-Williams, F. S. Fleuret, W. S. Lonsdale.

Scorer : L. A. Woodbridge.

POETRY.

TO SPAIN.

Once thou did'st hold a wide imperial sway,
Peoples thy servants, and thy vassals kings;
O'er subject seas thy galleons' outspread wings
Brought to thy ports treasures from far away.
Gone are thy treasures, spent in vain display,
Gone thy wide realms; thy fleet no longer brings
Wealth from the West; the world no longer rings
With tales of conquest; nought is left to-day
Save Spain itself; nor hast thou yet release
From that great load of woe upon thee cast
By all those years of strife that would not cease.
Seek then to heal thy wounds, and so at last
Thou may'st by victories in the arts of peace
Arise more glorious than thy glorious past.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE Sports this year were fixed for April 25 and 26. We were favoured on both days with fine weather. though on the second day there was a cold wind blowing. The attendance was fairly large, but owing to both Universities being 'up,' there were not as many young Old Westminsters present as usual. The times and distances were nothing extraordinary. Mears won the Open Quarter in 59 seconds, which was considerably above the average. Colt-Williams, however, was not so successful as last year in his Throwing the Cricket Ball. It seems a pity that some rules cannot be instituted to prevent the practice of knocking down the top bar of the hurdles, which was more conspicuous than ever this year, especially in the Hurdle Race under 15.

Messrs. O. R. Borrodaile and R. T. Squire (O.W.W.) kindly acted as judges on the first day, while on the second day Mr. L. A. M. Fevez (O.W.) was good enough to take this post.

The stewards were :—A. T. Willett, W. A. Greene (Hon. Sec.), C. B. H. Knight, W. T. Kennedy, P. H. Napier, F. I. Harrison, C. Powers.

On Wednesday, April 23, trials were held for the High Jumps Open and under 15, the Long Jumps Open and under 15, Throwing the Cricket Ball Open and under 15, Throwing the Hammer; while Grant's pulled over Rigaud's, and Home-Boarders pulled over Ashburnham in the first round of the Inter-House Tug-of-War.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Vernon, 1; Corfield, 2; Pemberton, 3.

Heat 2.—Kent, 1; Lockton, 2; Castle-Smith, 3. Time, 37 2-5th secs.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Geare, 1; Capon, 2.

Heat 2.—Malcolm, 1; Le Blond, 2.

Heat 3.—Scarbrick, 1; Shearman, 2.

Heat 4.—Bowen, 1; O'Flynn, 2.

3.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

Rawlings, 1; Wallis, 2. Distance, 68 yds. 2 ft.

4.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Vernon, 1; Mears, 2; Powers, 3. Time, 2 mins. 27 secs.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

Willcocks, 1; Rix, 2. Height, 4 ft. 5½ in.

6.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN.

CHALLENGE HAMMER.

Logan, 1; Willett, 2. Distance, 69 ft. 7 in.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Powers, 1; Colt-Williams, 2. Distance, 17 ft. 6 in.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Macmanus, 1; Harding, 2. Time, 21 2-5th secs.
Heat 2.—Ratcliffe-Cousins, 1; Newman, 2.

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

Heat 1.—Colt-Williams, 1; Bower, 2. Time, 11 2-5th secs.
Heat 2.—Cooper-Willis, 1; Corfield, 2. Time, 12 secs.
Heat 3.—Logan, 1; Keely, 2. Time, 11 4-5th secs.
Heat 4.—Napier, 1; Pemberton, 2.
Heat 5.—Vernon, 1; Powers, 2.

10.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

Rix, 1; Wallis, 2. Distance, 14 ft. 2 in.

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

Heat 1.—Cooper-Willis, 1; Colt-Williams, 2. Time, 20 secs.
Heat 2.—Powers, 1; Napier, 2. Time, 20 secs.

12.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP. OPEN.

Castle-Smith (40 yds.), 1; Geare (70 yds.), 2; Ratcliffe-Cousins (100 yds.), 3.

13.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Sergeant Melican, 1; Argent, 2.

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

Grant's pulled over Home-Boarders (2-0).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

15.—300 YARDS. OVER 16. FINAL HEAT.

Vernon, 1; Corfield, 2. Time, 38 sec.

16.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.

Scarlsbrick, 1; Bowen, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

17.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN.

Colt-Williams, 1; Powers, 2. Distance, 98 yds. 2 ft. 7 in.

18.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Mears, 1; Corfield, 2; Pemberton, 3. Time, 59 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

19.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Le Blond, 1; Lamb, 2. Time, 22 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.
Heat 2.—Rawlings, 1; Rix, 2. Time, 24 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.
Heat 3.—Willcocks, 1; Rambaut, 2.

20.—QUARTER MILE. UNDER 16.

Capon, 1; Bowen, 2. Time, 62 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

21.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

Logan, 1; Vernon, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

22.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

Le Blond, 1; Willcocks, 2. Time, 22 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

23.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Napier, 1; Harrison, 2. Height, 5 ft.

24.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

Powers, 1; Cooper-Willis, 2. Time, 20 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

25.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14. FINAL HEAT.

Newman, 1; Ratcliffe-Cousins, 2. Time, 20 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

26.—QUARTER MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

Scarlsbrick, 1; Lamb, 2. Time, 64 sec.

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

Sonnenschein, 1; Mears, 2; Castle-Smith, 3. Time, 5 min. 8 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

28.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.

Scarlsbrick, 1; Le Blond, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

29.—120 YARDS. UNDER 13.

Circuitt, 1; Looker, 2.

30.—CONSOLATION RACE (Winners excluded).

O'Flynn, 1; Malcolm, 2. Time, 35 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

31.—O.W.W. RACE.

Corfield, 1; R. R. Campbell, 2.

32.—TUG-OF-WAR. K.SS. v. T.BB.

T.BB. pulled over K.SS. (2-0).

The House Challenge Cup was won by Ashburnham with 37 points.

Mrs. Gow was kind enough to give away the prizes. The Headmaster made a short speech, and the proceedings closed with cheers for Mrs. Gow, the ladies, Old Westminster, and Mr. L. A. M. Fevez.

FIVES TIES.

The following was the result of the First Round:—

G. SCHWANN	} beat	J. VERNON (15-3)
K. N. COLVILLE		G. L. CROWE (15-8)
C. B. H. KNIGHT	} beat	W. A. GREENE (15-12)
A. T. COLEBY		M. MACDONALD (21-19)
P. H. ORMISTON	} beat	T. C. S. KEELY (15-11)
J. POYSER		C. WOOD-HILL (15-3)
E. A. BELL	} beat	P. H. NAPIER (15-8)
R. P. MEARS		H. B. PHILBY (19-17)

The following is the result of the Second Round:—

C. B. H. KNIGHT	} beat	G. SCHWANN (15-8)
A. T. COLEBY		K. N. COLVILLE (10-15), (15-8)
E. A. BELL	} beat	P. H. ORMISTON (15-12)
R. P. MEARS		J. POYSER (9-15), (15-9)

The following was the Final:—

C. B. H. KNIGHT	} beat	E. A. BELL (15-6)
A. T. COLEBY		R. P. MEARS (15-7)

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The House met on Thursday, March 13, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House, the Housing of the Working Classes demands immediate attention.'

The PROPOSER (F. W. Hubback) said that the reason for all the overcrowding was the factories, which employed countless hands, who after work could find no decent place to go to; on the other hand, the great objection is the dearness of building materials, while the ordinary bricklayer will not lay more than a certain number of bricks a day. The building cannot, moreover, be undertaken by the Government because they are cheated. Some people imagine that overcrowding is the result of over-civilisation; this is of course absurd. Factories should be put in the country and cottages should be erected, with the tenants afterwards become self-supporting. Or again, the Government should subsidise private builders and the building in towns should be regularised. Agriculture would, of course, be the best thing.

The OPPOSER (F. H. Nichols) asked why those who had by hard work got enough to live on should be compelled to provide houses for those less prosperous or less energetic? Why should not everyone live in equality? Why should anyone who does no work be housed? Here is the County Council wasting their money on building hideous 'flats'; soon all London will be one huge house full of the poor, the fairly well-to-do man being hunted out to make room for his poorer brethren.

The SECONDER (E. A. Bell) said that there were some very great difficulties in the way in the shape of the expense of land and increased cost of building, which made it pay better to build highly-rented 'flats,' but these very difficulties only showed the need of reform. He then gave a number of statistics which were evidently not appreciated.

A. L. CROSSMAN seemed rather sceptical about plans for improvement, for it would be necessary to distinguish between the deserving and the undeserving, which is impossible. At present the reforms are absurd; they are always rented too high for really poor people and the artisan class get them, while the Proposer's idea of subsidising was absurd, as at least a quarter of the people would run off with it and things would be worse than before.

G. M. S. OLDHAM said that it would be quite impossible for large firms to rebuild their factories in the country, while the Government could not afford to do it.

F. H. NICHOLS, speaking again, said that a city could not be artificially ruled, and the idea of a garden-city was too absurd.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried by acclamation.

The House met on Thursday, March 20, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House, the Stage in England shows undoubted signs of decadence.'

The PROPOSER (W. A. Greene) said that if people want amusement, they go to a musical play, which is good in its way because it supplies recreation. Every year new theatres are being opened for come-

dies, and amusement is fast becoming the primary object. If they do not have comedies, they have a play dealing with some morbid question, which, so far from instructing the audience, is lowering to their ideals; they very rarely think of having Shakespeare or Goldsmith or any other great masters. The players themselves try to overact their parts, and in their endeavour to be well reviewed forget that they are not the important part but only instruments in the play. Chief managers don't admit good actors of an unobtrusive style.

The OPPOSER (W. T. S. Sonnenschein) said that everyone can appreciate good scenery, and amusement is after all the chief thing. The Proposer seemed rather vague; he made a number of pessimistic remarks about the modern stage, but he did not seem to think it worth his while to compare it with former times. Again, Sir Henry Irving does not make his plays a one-man play; rotten plays are a good thing, and it is a very good thing to go and see a player without much regard to the play; one cannot see thirty good actors in one play. Theatres are not yet in the hands of capitalists.

The SECONDER (P. H. Ormiston) made a very short speech, in the course of which he said that people do not go to the theatre for instruction, as they ought, but for pure enjoyment, and therefore, as Shakespeare requires more concentrated attention than musical comedies, they refuse to go and see it acted, and instead waste their money at music-halls and such like.

G. M. S. OLDHAM said that the kind of plays acted at the present time was entirely due to the tastes of the public, and there is no decadence if the object of the managers is to make money; the stage has a great influence on people.

W. A. GREENE, speaking again, said that the Opposer had made no arguments; there is no one with any sense of the higher arts would laugh at 'Faust' or 'Hamlet'; because the ordinary unintellectual playgoer likes a play, it is probably bad.

E. W. D. COLT-WILLIAMS said that people had been discussing the modern stage by itself, and not in comparison with the past, as in his opinion they ought to have done. He then asked whether in former days actors had played for the piece as a whole or for their own honour and glory.

The motion was then put to the vote, and lost by acclamation.

EXTRACT.

The following is from *The Times* of June 29, 1838:—

The Westminster boys were removed from the situation which before they generally occupied in the organ-loft, and were placed in a gallery on the south side of it. It might have been as well had they been banished entirely from the Abbey, for a more murderous scream of recognition than that which they gave Her Majesty Queen Victoria yesterday was never before heard by civilised ears.

GYMNASIUM.

THE Fencing and Gymnastic Competitions were held on March 21. There were only three candidates for fencing. Hubback defeated both Stoker and Seddon by five points to one. The attack was not good, and some of the points were scored very slowly, as neither wished to give an opening. Hubback had more difficulty with Seddon than with Stoker.

The gymnastics were not above the average this year. The best determination in the world to do things well at the competition could not sometimes hide a carelessness and want of finish which had evidently been contracted in the ordinary class work. The swinging work was not well done by any one. O'Flynn's small size is against him, and Hubback, who showed plenty of will and energy, wants to learn how to use them better. O'Flynn is neat and steady, and works carefully right through the exercise. His strong work was the best, and he gave the best voluntary. Of the Juniors, Rivers is careful but lacks strength; Rawlings is handicapped by his weight. Tancred now and then showed much spirit, and is promising.

The marks are added:—

SENIORS.	JUNIORS.
O'Flynn 82	Rivers 56
Coleby 73	Rawlings 51
Geare 3	Courroux 44
Hubback 4	Tancred 43
Robertson 5	Worthington 42

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

MR. E. L. CLAPHAM plays hockey for England.

Mr. B. H. Willett was one of the O.U.A.F.C. team which visited Hungary and Bohemia.

Mr. B. G. Brown again played for Cambridge against Oxford in the Chess Match.

Mr. K. R. Barnes has resigned his post in the Land Registry Office.

The Rev. G. V. Sampson is appointed Canon Missioner in the Diocese of Truro.

At Oxford Mr. H. L. Henderson is awarded the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse.

Mr. Charles Montague Lush has been appointed a King's Counsel.

A brass tablet, in memory of the late Mr. A. C. W. Jenner, has been placed in the Lobby at School.

Mr. C. H. Edmunds was honourably mentioned for the Winchester Reading Prize at Cambridge.

Mr. M. W. Gloag has gone to the front with Fincastle's Horse.

At Trinity Mr. C. W. Adams has been elected to a Sizarship in Mathematics and Mr. B. G. Brown to an Exhibition in History.

In the Seniors' match at Cambridge Mr. S. S. Harris and Mr. F. Young played, the former scoring well in the first innings.

Mr. J. S. Phillimore's volume of poems was published in March.

Mr. C. R. Beaven has been appointed Mathematical Master at Warwick School.

Mr. Dunn-Gardner's famous collection of silver plate has lately been sold by auction.

In Classical Moderations Mr. F. G. Joseph is placed in the First Class, Mr. L. H. Bennett and Mr. E. G. S. Ravenscroft in the Second, and Mr. H. Day in the Third.

Mr. M. L. Gwyer has taken a First Class and received a prize of £50 in Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedure in the examination of the Council of Legal Education.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Once more we have returned to our 'antient dwelling place,' and we are looking forward to a very satisfactory term. The Townboy match last term was a great disappointment. The team all played well and deserved success. J. R. Trench worked harder than the rest of the team put together. We did not begin the term well, for we hardly did as well as we expected in the Sports. It was chiefly due to hard luck, however, that we did not manage to retain the House Cup. Our prospects for cricket seem fairly bright, and we have several promising juniors. We are looking forward to playing an important part in the Coronation celebrations. We have numerous representatives in the Concert, which

we hope will be a success. F. W. Hubback has gone out of training. No Chess or Fives Ties have as yet been started, but the Literary Society has resumed its flourishing career. On Friday, May 2, *Othello* was begun, and finished on May 9.

GRANT'S.—Last term for us was successful in every way. We won the Shield; we won the Senior Cup. Heartiest congratulations are due to S. A. Dickson and L. A. Woodbridge on gaining their Pinks; to C. W. Lonsdale, H. Logan, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, L. J. Kirkpatrick, G. M. S. Oldham, on Pinks and Whites; and to M. Pemberton on 3rd XI.'s, and Johnston on his House colours. This term we have to bewail the loss of Oldham; he will be greatly missed not only for his sporting capabilities, but for his cheery laugh and energy. As some set-off, we have five new fellows this term, one boarder, four half-boarders, bringing our numbers to forty-five. We are glad to see amongst them a younger Pemberton and a younger Worlock. In the Sports this term we surpassed (and surprised) ourselves, coming out a good second to Ashburnham, being only four points behind them. We congratulate Logan on winning the Hammer and the Sprint, and Sonnenschein on the Mile. R. W. Willcocks won the Junior High Jump at the excellent height of 4 feet 5½ inches. Castle-Smith, Pemberton, Ratcliffe-Cousins, Newman, and Looker also did well. The tug team followed up last year's success in a decisive manner. We look forward to another equally successful term, both in Sports and Election.

RIGAUD'S.—Scarcely anything of importance has occurred during the short time which has elapsed since the beginning of term. Congratulations to Craig and Fleuret on obtaining their 'pink-and-whites,' and to Atherley-Jones, Lonsdale and Langton on their 'third elevens.' Congratulations also to Holland and Atherley-Jones on passing their examinations. Fraser has departed from among us. We had four representatives in the matches XI. v. XVI. and against Harrow Blues.

HOME BOARDERS.—Three fellows left this House last term, among whom we greatly regret the loss of Maughan and Macpherson, both of them football House colours. We are glad to see Stoker among us again after a long stay up Rigaud's; besides him we welcome four new boys, which makes our numbers sixty-six. We heartily congratulate D. G. Browne (O.W.) on having his picture accepted by the Royal Academy. P. M. Bartlett and J. C. Vernon have been made monitors. We congratulate Napier and Vernon on their successes at the Sports; the former's high jump causing much admiration and some amusement, while the latter was very neat at the hurdles. The House tug team was too strong for Ashburnham, but was not heavy enough to withstand Grant's, who beat us by 2 to nil. We must also congratulate M.

Macdonald on being captain of the winning league; he was very assiduous on its behalf.

ASHBURNHAM.—Wells has left us, and our numbers are now 69, six new fellows having come. In the Sports we were very successful, as we had expected. We won the House Cup, chiefly owing to the efforts of Mears and Scarisbrick, of whom the former in senior and the latter in junior events did extremely well. We hope sincerely that our representatives next year will succeed in keeping the Cup in Ashburnham. Our congratulations are due to H. L. Henderson (O.W.) on obtaining the Chancellor's Latin Verse prize at Oxford. Schwann represented us in the XV. v. the XI. On considering our cricket prospects, we find no little lack of talent in all departments of the game, but, although our prospects are not quite so bright as last year, still there is considerable promise shown by some of the Juniors. Our congratulations to Walton on obtaining his House colours.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO DR. RUTHERFORD.

A MEETING of subscribers was held Up-School on May 1, Sir Clements Markham in the chair. A report was received of the amount left in hand after providing for the personal gift to Dr. Rutherford and for the portrait, which is to be painted by Mr. Seymour Lucas. On the motion of Mr. Fevez, seconded by Mr. Grant-Wilson, it was resolved to spend the money in building two fives courts. A committee was appointed to communicate with the Governing Body; and Mr. Fevez, Mr. Grant-Wilson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Tanner, and Mr. Raynor were elected to serve on it. On the motion of Mr. Mure, a vote of thanks was passed to Sir Clements Markham for his services as chairman of the general committee.

Subscriptions to the testimonial fund may still be sent to Mr. G. H. Guillum Scott, Union Club, Trafalgar Square, S.W.

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STAVELEY-HILL.—On March 22, the wife of Henry Staveley-Hill, of a son.

Correspondence.

A MEMORIAL TO OLD WESTMINSTERS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

April 5, 1902.

DEAR SIR,—I quite agree with 'Liberal' that it is desirable that a fund be raised to commemorate O.W.W. who

have fought in South Africa, though at present it is perhaps a little premature to discuss the matter.

I cannot, however, help thinking that his suggestion of racquet- or fives-courts is a very inappropriate one, as the memorial would, I presume, only commemorate those who have *died* for their country.

May I suggest that an organ be erected at the 'West-end' of Up-School? It would not only immensely add to its appearance, but would be far superior to the 'American' instrument which, I believe, is still in use.

No doubt a suitable case could be designed, on which would appear the names of all Westminsters who have fallen in the war.—Yours very truly,

IDIOTES.

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