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ANOTHER disappointing season has to be chronicled, as the record of five matches won, seventeen lost and two drawn plainly shows. In searching for an explanation of these figures, it will not be difficult for any careful spectator of the matches Up Fields to arrive at a conclusion. Chances missed by weak shooting and lack of aggressive opportunism in front of goal have thrown away match after match which should have been won: for many were lost by the narrowest margin, and the number of goals thrown away by our forwards during the season would make curious reading. Any number of changes—perhaps too many—were tried to remedy this evil, but no successful solution of the difficulty was found. It was at

Winchester that this fault was most in evidence, and it was a great disappointment to lose a match in which in other respects the winners had by no means the best of the game. Against a strong Charterhouse XI. the team played a game on which they may be heartily congratulated, and our prevailing fault was responsible for a disparity in the score sheet which by no means represents the merits of a game well worthy of the highest traditions of this historic encounter. Seldom have we met Charterhouse of late years with our strongest team; and the loss of Gow at the time when the team seemed to be getting well together was a very serious blow, while the absence of Harris in the early part of the season prevented the side making a good start, or getting together early in the season. Several other misfortunes

also befel us towards the end of the term, but we feel that we must not make too many excuses, when so many matches were lost owing to bad shooting, which is likewise bad football. The remedy is not easy to find; we are not of those who claim to find it in the cry 'more enthusiasm.' More 'practice' in 'punting,' and shooting is certainly required, but it is the opportunity and not the will that is lacking. Moreover, we believe that those who accuse the rank and file of the School of slackness in attending matches, and indifference as to the results would find the average of attendance and the *esprit de corps* of the Lower School much higher than they imagine, could they go thoroughly into the matter. Turning to individual performances, Harris gave many excellent displays. He is quick and clever, and centres well, and should make a name for himself in good company. He should work harder to make openings for himself when not well supported. Of the other forwards Summerhays has been most consistent, though handicapped by lack of weight and pace. Formilli is promising, but should learn to run straighter and shoot quicker. At half-back Gow was a tower of strength before his accident, and Rice-Oxley has improved very much since last year. Clarke is a hard worker, but rather slow. We have been well served in the matter of full backs, of whom Reed has settled down into quite a good player and is easily the pick of them; but Ferguson, Wyatt, Formilli, and Godale all did good service in this position when required; Treatt in goal hardly did himself justice.

The K.S.S. and T.B.B. match was unfortunately spoilt by the former having to take the field without their three best players, Gow, Ferguson, and Jones all being unable to take their regular places, though the former figured with success in goal. They gave a plucky display, though well beaten, and some of their younger members showed distinct promise. The Shield matches resulted in a well-deserved win for Ashburnham, who have not been too well favoured by fortune of late years; but this year Home Boarders were the sufferers, and, having to play the final without Wyatt, were

beaten 3-2 after a well-fought game. Grant's and Rigaud's each made a good fight in their respective ties. We hope that the promising form shown by several juniors in these matches will be maintained in years to come, and that these plucky and well-contested games may prove an augury of better seasons for the School in the near future.

Historical Notes.

Edward Pickering to Lord Montague.

'1679. July 31.

'Nell Guin's mother was found drowned in a ditch near Westminster on Tuesday night. The King Scholars of that place lately fell upon a bayly in the execution of his office and beat him so cruelly, that he presently died.'—Historical Manuscripts Commission. Duke of Buccleugh's MSS.

Lady Winwood to her Son-in-Law, Lord Montague.

'1648. July 25th. Ditton.

'I thank God we are all well here and so I hear your sons are at Westminster, only I hear Ned was ill one day only, but was very well the next again. I hear Ralph looks very pale. I fear they buy fruit and eat too much of it; when your Lordship pleaseth, a little country air will do them much good in regard of their healths.'

The same to the same.

'1648. August 5th. Ditton.

'I hear that both your sons are well and will send for them about the time you write of, if you will let Mr. Bosbie [Busby] hear from you.'

Lord Montague of Beaulieu's MSS.

For Ralph Montague's subsequent illness from the smallpox, see a letter in Vol. VIII. No. 9 of *The Elizabethan*.

Nathaniel Harley to Robert Harley.

'1716. Aleppo.

'I was surprised with a packet of letters, . . . upon opening of which amongst others I found one from you, dear nephew, which I thought at first sight had been above my learning to read, and that you had put a Westminster trick upon me by writing in Greek. But upon further trial I found myself mistaken and the reading of it gave me a far greater pleasure of a different nature from that I have been long relating to you. However, Robin, I believe you would like well enough some of the pleasures and diversions we have here. If that I have been so long recounting to you doesn't please you, my next shall bring you a journal of hunting the wild boar, which, with other sports we have here, I fancy you wou'd like better than going to Westminster School.'

Duke of Portland's MSS.

POETRY.

TO ONE WHO SHALL BE NAMELESS.

R * * * *, who persevering dost uphold,
 While others' former ardour slowly cools,
 Quench'd and suppress'd by petty, irksome rules,
 The grand traditions of the men of old
 And, though a thousand times thou hast been told,
 Leaving to rust thy forbears' classic tools,
 Those aids to learning, scorned by all our schools,
 To try the classics by thyself t' unfold,
 Stand to thy banners bravely, loyal heart,
 Though critics' harsh displeasure deeply groan
 And look askance upon thee, play thy part!
 And, doubly bold with opposition grown,
 Raising thy voice, extol thy noble art,
 And sing the praise of Kelly and of Bohn.

B. W.

THE GYMNASIUM.

ON Thursday, March 12, the School had a most successful competition with the London Scottish School of Arms. Our visitors were only able to bring three gymnasts; it was therefore arranged that we should count the best three marks of our four representatives.

The competition started with a fencing match between Mr. Lindsay of the Scottish and E. D. Adrian. The latter fenced with vigour and determination and soon won his match.

In the Gymnastics, which followed, Fuller did very well throughout, while Macklin and Jaquet showed good form at some of the exercises. For the Scottish Mr. Clark did some fine work, most of his performances being almost perfect displays of gymnastics. The School scored 265½ points, while our visitors scored 242 points.

Then followed two exhibition matches between Mr. Lindsay and Sergeant-Major Melican, one match with the sabres and the other with bayonets. These proved very good fun. After a keen struggle with the sabres, Mr. Lindsay defeated Melican. The bayonet match must have been a revelation to most of the spectators. It was a magnificent fight, ending in a victory for Mr. Lindsay.

The last event of the evening was a boxing match between Mr. Kemp-Gee of the Scottish and H. J. Davis. Davis did all the leading, and despite the fine defence of his opponent, scored heavily in all three rounds.

It was a most successful meeting, not merely because the School won, but chiefly because of the fine sportsmanship of both sides. All the School

representatives worked well and deserved their success. It was a pleasure to see so many spectators. The School gymnasts are too often allowed to grow up unobserved, and very rarely get the appreciation they deserve.

Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. Lindsay and the members of the Scottish team for their sporting match, and to Mr. W. R. M. Leake of Dulwich College, who very kindly acted as judge.

On Tuesday, March 17, the Senior and Junior Competitions were held. In the Seniors Fuller and Macklin were best. They were very nearly equal till the rope and ladder exercises were performed, then Fuller gained a good lead. Macklin was very good on the parallel bars. Bonner did well, but Jaquet was disappointing. In fencing with the foils E. D. Adrian beat C. B. Bonner.

In Fencing with the Sabres, H. J. Davis defeated E. D. Adrian rather easily.

In the Junior Competition, J. C. Hobson proved the winner. Cecil was good at some of the exercises, but spoilt most of them by being clumsy. F. Wright and Partridge also competed and showed fair form. The chief observation to be made on this competition is that all the exercises were spoiled by carelessness. None of the boys held themselves up; they slouched up to the bar or the rope and took no care to keep their legs and feet under control during an exercise.

The orders in the Gymnastic Competitions were as follows:—

<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Juniors.</i>
F. R. H. Fuller.	J. C. Hobson.
A. S. R. Macklin.	J. A. G. Cecil.
C. B. Bonner.	R. S. Partridge.
E. G. Jaquet.	F. Wright.

The School representatives for Aldershot are:—

Boxing (Middle Weights).—H. J. Davis.

Fencing (Foil).—E. D. Adrian.

Gymnastics.—F. R. H. Fuller, A. S. R. Macklin.

We have hopes of gaining some conspicuous successes this year, but we will say no more about them. The best wishes of the whole school go with Davis and his team.

In the Inter-House Competition on March 24, Home Boarders (Bonner and Jaquet) won quite easily. Next were K.S.S. (Macklin and E. S. Wood). Then came Ashburnham (Fuller and Ham), and Grant's (S. D. Graham and F. G. Hobson). Fuller again was very good, while Jaquet, Macklin, and Bonner all showed improvement.

ACCOUNTS OF 'THE ELIZABETHAN' FOR 1907.

RECEIPTS.		CURRENT ACCOUNT.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance from 1906	4 10 10	Printing ten numbers	95 6 6	Print of War Memorial	1 9 0
O.W.W.	28 9 0	Postage, Secretary	6 1 3	Do., Treasurer	0 10 3
College	7 14 0	Receipt Forms	0 1 0	Balance in hand	0 2 10
Rigaud's	8 14 0				
Grant's	11 11 0				
Ashburnham	14 2 0				
H. BB.	14 0 0				
Masters	3 12 0				
Others	2 0 0				
Scott Library	0 15 0				
Back and odd numbers	2 11 6				
Interest	3 11 6				
From Capital Account	2 0 0				
	£103 10 10				£103 10 10

ASSETS.		CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		ESTIMATED LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.				£ s. d.
On January 1	142 0 0	To Life Subscribers	98 0 0	To Subscribers in advance	28 0 0
Three Compounders	12 0 0				
	154 0 0				£126 0 0
Less paid to Current Account	2 0 0				
	£152 0 0				

N.B.—There are now thirty-one Life Subscribers.

J. SARGEANT, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,
K. R. H. JONES, *Editor.*

Some of the numbers last year were of unusual length, and the cost has been greater than it is likely to be in most years.

GAMES COMMITTEE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1907.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1906	130 0 3	Wages	209 12 6
Levies	378 4 0	Expenses of Ground	27 13 7
Masters' Fund	23 0 0	Repairs	3 10 0
Elizabethan Club	10 0 0	New Screens	6 0 0
Sports Entries	16 10 0	Gas	4 14 6
Balance of Shop Account	7 4 5	Loam and Marl	42 7 8
		Sports Prizes	30 10 11
		Secretaries' Expenses	3 0 4
		Police at Sports	0 12 6
		Printing	11 12 0
		Horse and Carriage Hire	24 11 0
		Umpire	2 10 0
		Cricket Goods	30 14 3
		Footballs	22 5 0
		Football Nets	1 4 1
		New Hose	8 1 0
		Wood, &c.	2 8 5
		Repairs to Mowers	9 18 4
		Donation to Racket Court	7 10 0
		Flowers and Bulbs	4 0 0
		Sundries	0 4 2
		Balance	108 18 5
	£561 18 8		£561 18 8

Audited and found correct,
R. TANNER, *President.*
K. R. H. JONES, *Secretary.*

ORATIONS.

THE second trial of Orations took place Up-School on Saturday, March 14, and Monday, March 16. The piece selected for recitation was Milton's *Comus*, ll. 170-220. The judges placed the competitors in the order—Usher, Boulton, Bonner, Benvenisti; but Usher was only one mark above Boulton. Except Benvenisti, who did not know his lines, and threw away an easy chance of being first, the reciters did not sufficiently remember that they were speaking in the character of a young lady. Usher was too slow and drawing, especially at first. Boulton was not distinct enough and rather monotonous, especially towards the end. Bonner, as usual, erred from exaggerated expression, and was downright bombastic.

School Notes.

THE Corps attended the Public Schools' Field Day on Friday, March 13.

The Pancake Greeze was held on Tuesday, March 3, when the guinea was again won by a Grantite, F. R. Tomlinson. The *Evening Standard* indulged in some amusing and appropriate remarks, and photographs appeared in the *Daily Graphic* and *Daily Mirror*. Several attempts to snapshot the actual Greeze were apparently not crowned with success.

In the second trial for Orations, C. G. Usher was placed first by a very narrow margin, A. C. Boulton being an excellent second.

A. S. R. Macklin has obtained half the Waterfield Prize for Greek Prose; and K. R. H. Jones and G. G. Williams have divided the Ireland Greek Verse Prize.

The Vincent Prizes were awarded as follows: *Senior*, W. B. Harris and D. M. Low; *Junior*, E. W. Williamson. The subject was Shakespeare's 'King Lear.'

At Aldershot, on April 3, F. R. H. Fuller and A. S. R. Macklin will represent the School in gymnastics; H. J. Davis in boxing; and E. D. Adrian in fencing.

By an unfortunate oversight we omitted to thank the Elizabethan Club for a most welcome present, consisting of past Numbers of *The Elizabethan*. Of Volume I. we have received Numbers 2, 3, 5, 23, 26, and 27, the first of which was especially acceptable, as for some time we had not possessed a single copy of it; and we are now for the first time enabled to bind a complete first volume. We have also to thank the Club for practically the whole of Volumes II.,

III., IV., V., VI., VII., and VIII., as far as No. 17 of the last.

The offertory on the Feast of the Annunciation amounted to £3. 4s. *id.*

On March 21 the Seventh Form spent an interesting morning at the British Museum, for which we here take the opportunity of thanking the Head Master and Dr. Arthur Smith.

The results of the semi-final and final rounds of the Senior House Matches are as follows:—Home Boarders beat Rigaud's (1-0); Ashburnham beat Grant's (3-1), after a drawn game, in which Ashburnham were without the services of their captain; Ashburnham beat House-Boarders (3-2). We print an account of the Final elsewhere.

The Inter-House Drill Competition was held on Friday, March 27, when Grant's succeeded in retaining the Cup. K.SS. were not far behind; and these two houses, together with Ashburnham, gave quite a good display.

The Bishop of Birmingham held a Confirmation in Henry VII.'s Chapel on Saturday, March 28, when thirty-five candidates were presented.

The Inter-House Racquets Competition was won by H.BB. (F. G. Turner and C. M. L. Circuitt), who had little difficulty in beating A. E. F. Wood and H. J. Davis, the K.SS. pair, in the final tie, played on Monday, March 30.

J. R. Dasent, Esq., C.B., O.W., of the Education Office, has kindly presented the School with a fellow to the Busby chair which already stands on the dais. Mr. Dasent's chair was 'for three generations in the possession of the Steward family, who were closely connected with the School.' The seat has been repaired with a piece of elm from Christchurch meadows.

The theses for Up School Epigrams are: 1. Qui cupiet, metuet; 2. Extremes meet.

The following are the elevens:—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.'s.</i>
*W. B. Harris.	*K. R. H. Jones.	*A. M. Harding.
*C. C. Treatt.	S. D. Graham.	R. M. Barrington
J. C. Gow.	W. G. Goodale.	Ward.
*A. E. Rice-Oxley.	*A. E. F. Wood.	C. M. L. Circuitt.
*J. W. Ferguson.	*W. R. Horton.	*F. G. Turner.
*C. G. Reed.	*J. W. Geare.	A. Lamb.
E. C. K. Clarke.	A. Cowie.	R. A. Graham.
*D. L. Summerhays.	G. G. Feasey.	A. C. Edgar.
*P. H. Wyatt.	T. G. May.	M. Hammond.
J. S. Heaton-Ellis.	C. B. Bonner.	H. G. Hill.
*G. C. Formilli.		T. F. H. Marriott.
		C. V. Miles.
		L. C. Denza.

* Will have left by next season.

The following is the Football Card, with results:—

1907.

Sat.	Sept. 28	<i>v.</i>	Old Lancing Boys.	(Lost, 1-5.)		
"	Oct. 5	<i>v.</i>	Old Westminster.	(Lost, 1-5.)		
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	O.WW. (A).	(Drawn, 0-0.)		
"	Oct. 12	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	King's Coll. (A).	(Lost, 0-3.)	
Wed.	Oct. 16	<i>v.</i>	Old Brightonians.	(Lost, 0-6.)		
Sat.	"	19	<i>v.</i>	Casuals.	(Lost, 0-6.)	
Wed.	"	23	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	Oxford House.	(Drawn, 0-0.)
Sat.	"	26	<i>v.</i>	R.M.A. Woolwich.	(Lost, 0-4.)	
"	Nov. 2	<i>v.</i>	Emeriti.	(Drawn, 1-1.)		
"	Nov. 23	<i>v.</i>	Brasenose Coll., Oxon.	(Scratched.)		
Wed.	"	27	<i>v.</i>	C.O.WW.	(Won, 6-1.)	
Sat.	"	30	<i>v.</i>	Old Felstedians.	(Won, 5-0.)	
"	Dec. 7	<i>v.</i>	Old Berkhamstedians.	(Lost, 3-4.)		
Wed.	"	11	<i>v.</i>	Oxford O.WW.	(Won, 5-2.)	
Sat.	"	14	<i>v.</i>	Old Etonians.	(Won, 2-1.)	

1908.

Sat.	Jan. 18	<i>v.</i>	King's College, Cambridge.	(Won, 3-2.)	
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	O.WW. (A).	(Drawn, 3-3.)	
"	Jan. 25	<i>v.</i>	Casuals.	(Lost, 4-5.)	
"	Feb. 1	<i>v.</i>	Beckenham.	(Lost, 0-1.)	
Wed.	"	5	<i>v.</i>	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.	(Lost, 2-5.)
Sat.	"	8	<i>v.</i>	Exeter Coll., Oxon.	(Lost, 1-3.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	King's Coll. (A).	(Won, 2-0.)	
Wed. Feb.	12	<i>v.</i>	Old Westminster.	(Lost, 1-3.)	
Sat.	"	15	<i>v.</i>	Lincoln Coll., Oxon.	(Drawn, 2-2.)
Thurs.	"	20	<i>v.</i>	Winchester College (at Winchester).	(Lost, 1-3.)
Sat.	"	22	<i>v.</i>	R.M.C. Sandhurst.	(Lost, 0-1.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i>	O.WW. (A).	(Lost, 1-9.)	
"	Feb. 29	<i>v.</i>	Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).	(Lost, 0-4.)	
Tues. Mar.	3	<i>v.</i>	Trinity Rest.	(Lost, 0-2.)	
Sat.	"	7	<i>v.</i>	Old Aldenhamians.	(Lost, 0-1.)
"	"	14	<i>v.</i>	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	(Lost, 0-1.)
"	"	21	K.SS. <i>v.</i>	T.BB. (T.BB. won, 5-0.)	

The following is the card of the Debating Society for Lent Term, 1908, filled in to date:—

Jan. 23.—'That this House disapproves of the Policy of Disarmament.' Proposer, R. M. Barrington-Ward; Seconder, E. D. Adrian; Opposer, W. B. Harris. (Carried, 19-2.)

Jan. 30.—'That this House would welcome the Abolition of Capital Punishment.' Proposer, G. G. Williams; Seconder, J. S. Heaton-Ellis; Opposer, G. L. Troutbeck. (Lost, 4-15.)

Feb. 6.—Impromptu Debates.

Feb. 13.—'That in the opinion of this House, Colonies are a drag on the Mother Country.' Proposer, J. R. Wade; Seconder, A. E. Rice-Oxley; Opposer, D. M. Low. (Lost, 4-18.)

Feb. 27.—'That this House deplors the condition of Modern Drama.' Proposer, C. C. Treatt; Seconder, O. V. Thomas; Opposer, J. L. Benvenisti. (Carried, 14-7.)

Mar. 5.—'That this House deplors the English System of Game Preservation.' Proposer, A. S. R. Macklin; Seconder, L. E. Tanner; Opposer, J. Geare. (Carried, 7-6.)

Mar. 19.—'That this House approves of the policy of India for the Indians.' Proposer, A. C. Boulton; Seconder, R. H. Williams; Opposer, C. K. Covington. (Lost by acclamation.)

Mar. 26.—Impromptu Debates.

Apr. 2.—'That in the opinion of this House the past year has been eminently satisfactory.' Proposer, K. R. H. Jones; Seconder, R. M. Barrington-Ward; Opposer, E. C. Clarke. (Carried, 11-10.)

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* WINCHESTER.

THIS match was played at Winchester on Thursday, February 20, and resulted in a disappointing defeat after a most exciting game. Westminster were without the services of both Gow and Ferguson, the absence of the former weakening both the attack and defence in striking manner. The ground was a little soft but in splendid condition, with the wind across when Westminster kicked off towards the 'Wall' goal at 2.15. Harris took the ball down the left wing and Gray was tested immediately with a hot ground shot, which he did well to clear. Winchester soon responded with a clever run by Hawker, and Treatt saved a high shot in good style. For some time after this Westminster were always pressing but never scoring, mainly owing to wild shooting but partly due to the fine goalkeeping of Gray, who at one point saved three times in quick succession. Another fine run by Hawker relieved matters for Winchester and enabled Bury to put in a shot at close range, which Treatt stopped, but patted down at the forward's feet, enabling him to score with a second attempt after twenty minutes' play (0-1). Harris put in some brilliant runs, showing himself too fast and tricky for the Winchester defence, but Goodale gave him no support, whilst Heaton-Ellis, when in an easy position, shot over from a beautiful centre. Once indeed Harris got right through himself, but shot straight at Gray, who saved easily. Winchester once more became dangerous and the Westminster goal had a narrow escape: Treatt ran out and only partially cleared a slow shot, and before he could get back a second shot hit the post and would have screwed into the net, but for a timely clearance by Rice-Oxley. The Winchester left wing made some good runs and Arkwright was particularly prominent, continually 'drawing' Formilli, who neither marked the outside nor had the slightest understanding with Reed, although the latter and Wyatt were both playing a splendid game. Circuit, who was improving, dribbled right through from half way and equalised after thirty-five minutes' play, thus at last obtaining the goal for which Westminster had waited so long. (1-1). For the rest of the first half Westminster had all the game, but missed some very easy chances, Circuit being the worst offender in this respect; and at the interval the score remained 1-1. From the re-start Harris again got away, but his fine centre went begging, all the insides missing it in turn. The Wykehamists again pressed, Bury missing an easy chance. Shortly after Treatt obtained the ball in the midst of a mêlée and dodged and forced his way cleverly through to clear safely. The exchanges became very even, the Winchester defence all kicking very well but being slow, whilst the Westminster backs tackled beautifully, although the halves were not so good. About mid-way through the second half, the Winchester left wing again getting away, Ark-

wright scored with a good cross shot, Westminster being very unfortunate in having Wyatt hurt half a minute earlier. The team, however, played up well, and Harris made some good runs and centres, from one of which Circuit missed what should have been a certain goal. Goodale, who had been displaying his worst form throughout the game, now exchanged places with Harris, who came inside and very soon gave Circuit a nice pass from which he scored, but was ruled off-side. Towards the end Arkwright added a third point for the home side by heading in from a scrimmage and giving Treatt no chance. Westminster continued to play up and forced several corners in the last five minutes but failed to reduce the lead, and Winchester won the finest game yet seen between the two schools by three goals to one, although Westminster had the best of the game, but could not shoot.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

C. C. Treatt (goal); C. G. Reed and P. H. Wyatt (backs); G. C. Formilli, E. C. Clarke, and A. E. Rice-Oxley (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, S. D. Graham, C. M. L. Circuit, W. G. Goodale, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

WINCHESTER.

M. Gray (goal); K. R. Habershon and W. A. Tresenter (backs); A. J. R. M. Leslie, J. G. B. Randall, and A. C. S. Smith (half backs); M. L. Hawker, L. M. Bury, A. L. Fleming, C. H. Arkwright, and C. H. Woosnan (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* R.M.C.
SANDHURST.

THIS match was played Up Fields on Saturday, February 22, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by a solitary goal. Neither side displayed good form, and the game was decidedly uninteresting to watch. This, however, was chiefly accounted for by the greasy state of the ground and a steady drizzle of rain, which continued throughout the afternoon. Westminster kicked off at 2.43, and at once invaded the enemy's quarters, Harris unluckily mis-kicking in front of goal. Exceedingly even play followed, Clarke being conspicuous in the defence. Another rush by the School forwards resulted in Feasey's putting the ball over the cross-bar; and soon afterwards the visitor's outside right ran down and centred, his inside turning the ball into the net. This proved to be the only point scored, and was a somewhat tame goal, as Treatt should have had no difficulty in getting to it. The visitors continued to press, but Wyatt played a fine bustling game, and, after an unsuccessful rush by our forwards, half-time came with the visitors leading by one goal. The interval was followed by very good work on the part of Harris and Feasey, and we were exceedingly unlucky not to draw level. The visitors also pressed for some time, Reed and Wyatt putting in useful work. For the last fifteen minutes the ball was continually in front of the visitors' goal, but all the conditions were against good shooting, and time

found us still one goal to the bad. For the School, Reed, Wyatt and Clarke were conspicuous in the defence, and both outsiders did good work; the insides were disappointing.

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R.M.C. SANDHURST.

Birbeck (goal); Porter and Henstock (backs); Bagot-Chester, Sprot, and Mochlar (half-backs); Wallman, Hodne, Forte, Shakespeare, and Ball (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

It was not generally thought that Westminster stood a very good chance of winning this match, as their team was not a strong one on the whole, while Charterhouse was supposed to have a particularly good lot. It is quite possible, however, that Westminster with their good defence might have caused a surprise, but the injury to Gow, a really high-class centre-half, took the backbone out of the side. On the day itself we were provided with an unexpectedly good match, of which the final score, 4-0 in favour of Charterhouse, by no means represented the actual play. The visitors won the toss and played the wrong way, a fact of which Westminster were not slow to take advantage, and Harris was conspicuous on many occasions with clever runs and centres. With a good centre-forward, several goals might have been scored; as it was Charterhouse scored twice before half time and crossed over with an undeserved lead of two goals. During the second portion the visitors were better together, and did more pressing, with the result that they scored twice more; no fault can be urged against the Westminster backs and halves, all of whom played with great vigour and did exceedingly well. Ferguson was the pick: both in kicking and tackling his work was admirable; Rice-Oxley, Wyatt, Clarke, and Reed were very little inferior; indeed, from start to finish of the game the defence never faltered. Most unfortunately Treatt had an off-day in goal, in spite of one or two good saves in the second half; had he been in his best form a very different result might have accrued. Undoubtedly the weak point of the team was the forward line. Harris alone stood out as a player of first-class merit, and it was unfortunate that an injury to his knee bothered him towards the close. Circuit was quite incapable at centre: he had neither pace, shooting powers, nor cleverness, and having weight and height, used neither. Summerhays played a useful game and tried his hardest; it is a great pity he is so small. Heaton-Ellis did many useful things, and Formilli showed promise. The great drawback was the lack of cohesion and the fact that very few Westminster forwards at present know how to kick the ball or understand the theory of forward play.

There was not a single hard shot put in by a Westminster forward during the whole game. The first thing to be done in football is to learn to kick the ball long and low off the instep; let us hope to see this defect remedied next year with happy results.

Teams.—

WESTMINSTER.

C. C. Treatt (goal); P. H. Wyatt and J. W. Ferguson (backs); E. C. Clarke, C. G. Reed, and A. E. Rice-Oxley (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, G. C. Formilli, C. M. L. Circuit, D. L. Summerhays, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

CHARTERHOUSE.

R. B. Murray (goal); S. Baker and R. W. Russell (backs); C. K. Rhodes, A. Stuart, and W. G. Gabain (half-backs), F. H. L. Rushton, R. H. Weeks, S. A. Pike, A. G. Livesey, and C. B. Johnson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* TRINITY REST.

The form displayed by the School in this match, against a decidedly mediocre side, was distinctly disappointing. A detailed description of the actual play it is unfortunately impossible to give. Throughout the game there was little to choose between the sides; the visitors having slightly better luck when in front of goal. Neither team got at all well together, and the number of off-sides given was quite alarming, Heaton-Ellis especially being an offender in this respect. The visitors crossed over at the interval with a somewhat undeserved lead of one goal, and added another point in the course of the second half, thus winning a poor game 2-0. Harris was the one forward in our line to show up to advantage, though he found Doll a decided obstacle. The latter played perhaps the best game on his side, showing considerable pace; his kicking, too, was very sound. For the School, Ferguson played a fine game, his kicking and tackling being alike excellent.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. C. Treatt (goal); J. W. Ferguson and W. R. Horton (backs); P. H. Wyatt, C. G. Reed, and E. C. Clarke (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, S. D. Graham, G. C. Formilli, D. L. Summerhays, and W. B. Harris (forwards).

TRINITY REST.

B. Gray (goal); M. H. C. Doll and W. R. Birchall (backs); S. E. Medcalf, J. L. Crommelin-Brown, and H. A. Jackson (half-backs); A. N. Other, R. E. Shore, R. M. Barrington-Ward (sub.), M. T. Maxwell, and W. E. Times (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD ALDENHAMIAN.

This match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 7, and resulted in a defeat for the School, 0-1. Harris lost the toss, and Formilli kicked off at 2.57. The School got going at once, and a pass from Summerhays resulted in a good run by Harris and a well-judged centre to Formilli, who nearly scored. The ball was then transferred to our quarters, the visitors' inside right completely beating our backs and charging down Cowie, who made a plucky, but unsuccessful

ful, attempt to save the goal. The visitors maintained their advantage, and were only prevented from adding to their score by the good play of our backs. Our forwards pressed for a time, but Graham shot badly; and shortly after Harris had hard luck in not scoring. The visitors' outside-right got well away, and put in a fine centre, but the centre forwards, though well placed, shot wide. Our opponents continued to have most of the game throughout the second half, Cowie bringing off several good saves. Reed and Clarke also played a good game, and it speaks well for our defence that the visitors failed to score a second point. For about ten minutes towards the end of the game the ball was transferred to the other end, Graham and Harris nearly scoring on three or four occasions; Harris particularly was unlucky not to score. Our defence was then tested again for a few minutes and was not found wanting, and time arrived with no alteration to the score.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); P. H. Wyatt and C. G. Reed (backs); E. C. Clarke, T. G. May, and A. E. Rice-Oxley (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, S. D. Graham, G. C. Formilli, D. L. Summerhays and W. B. Harris (forwards).

OLD ALDENHAMIAN.

S. G. Frazer (goal); W. G. Mills and H. L. Whitaker (backs); E. G. Jones, Rev. E. M. Hacking, and L. J. Reid (half-backs); A. P. Cole, E. St. G. Hewelson, S. G. Etheridge, A. Jaques, and R. Snowdon (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* MR. L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

This match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 14. The School kicked off at 3.5 from the church end, and got away at once owing to some good play by Summerhays, but Geare shot high over the cross-bar. The visitors after some even play in the middle of the field got near our goal, but Cowie cleared a shot by the inside right. Westminster now got near the visitors' goal, but Heaton-Ellis was off-side by a few yards. The School forwards kept up the pressure, and Geare nearly scored. A promising run by Summerhays was stopped by Fevez. Directly afterwards Graham shot over. Our opponents now raced away towards our goal, and after some pretty combination their inside right beat Cowie with a hard cross shot that he had no chance of saving. Westminster got away, and Heaton-Ellis forced a corner, which, however, Blaker cleared. We again attacked our opponents' goal, but Feasey, who seemed out of his element at inside left, put behind, and at the interval the visitors were leading by one goal. After some fruitless rushes by our opponents Heaton-Ellis nearly scored. The visitors took the ball down to our end, and Cowie only just saved a very hard drive by Blaker. The visitors still pressed, but their centre half shot wide. Summerhays sent in a high shot, which was, however, cleared by Fevez. Our opponents now pressed, and in spite of excellent play by Rice-

Oxley they nearly scored on several occasions, but time came without any further addition to their score. The School did not show particularly good form, though it is true that six of the regular side were unavailable.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); R. A. Graham, G. D. Formilli, and W. G. Goodale (backs); T. G. May, E. C. Clarke, and A. E. Rice-Oxley (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, S. D. Graham, J. W. Geare, G. G. Feasey, and D. L. Summerhays (forwards).

MR. L. A. M. FEVEZ'S XI.

C. Kent (goal); Rev. R. C. Guy and L. A. M. Fevez (backs); F. Plaskitt, E. Mortimer, and H. F. Chatterton (half-backs); A. R. Severn, C. D. Hewitt, A. Foster, R. N. R. Blaker, Capt. E. V. Chatterton, and A. W. Hughes-Onslow (forwards).

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

This match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 21. T.BB. kicked off at 2.37 from the hospital end, and soon pressed. Edgar relieved pressure, and K.SS. gained a corner, which, though well placed, was cleared by Oxley. T.BB. now pressed, but Gow had no difficulty in dealing with various shots. Play was then transferred to the other end, and Cowie saved a fine shot from Heaton-Ellis. Shortly afterwards Harris, after a good run, scored with a brilliant shot (1-0). K.SS. again pressed and gained another corner which was ineffectual, and T.BB. getting away scored through Graham with a shot which Gow should have saved (2-0). After half time T.BB. pressed their opponents almost continually, and although Gow cleared several times, they were not to be denied, and eventually Harris scored with a high cross shot (3-0). Shortly afterwards Formilli added another point and Harris a fifth and last. Play became more interesting during the last quarter of an hour, and K.SS. ought to have scored, but their shooting was faulty. K.SS. were without the services of Jones and Ferguson, and Gow was unable to play in the field owing to his leg. We must congratulate T.BB. on their victory, which makes their list of wins equal to that of K.SS.

Teams :—

K.SS.

J. C. Gow (goal); A. E. F. Wood and M. Hammond (backs); W. F. Lutyens, A. C. Edgar, and C. K. Covington (half-backs); E. S. Wood, R. M. Barrington-Ward, J. S. Heaton-Ellis, H. N. Wood, and K. D. Murray (forwards).

T.BB.

A. Cowie (goal); C. G. Reed and W. G. Goodale (backs); E. C. Clarke, A. E. Rice-Oxley, and T. G. May (half-backs); G. G. Feasey, S. D. Graham, G. C. Formilli, W. B. Harris, and D. L. Summerhays (forwards).

SENIORS.

ASHBURNHAM *v.* H.BB.

The final House match was played Up Fields on Friday, March 27, and ended in a win for Ashburnham (3-2). About five minutes from the start,

Harris gained possession of the ball in mid-field, out-paced the opposing backs in a fine run, and scored from close quarters (1-0). For some time the game was very even. Summerhays and Hill frequently took the ball near the Ashburnham goal, but were usually pulled up by Formilli. For Ashburnham Chapman worked well, and at last succeeded in getting past Purves and Feasey, and centred; Turner ran out, and Denza put the ball through the goal (2-0). After the kick-off, Homeboarders were very near scoring, Circuitt making a bad shot from a centre from Geare, but at half-time the score was still 2-0. Soon after half-time, Homeboarders ran down, and Circuitt scored with a fine shot (2-1). After this the game was even more keenly contested than before. Harris was conspicuous among the Ashburnham forwards, but Feasey and Estall defended well. At last, however, Harris dribbled the ball right up to the goal and scored (3-1). From the kick-off Homeboarders pressed, Circuitt and Summerhays doing some clever work, and soon Hill scored with a corner shot, owing to a mistake by Aglionby (3-2). For the rest of the game Homeboarders tried very hard to equalise, Aglionby having to save many shots, but after a very keen and even game Ashburnham won (3-2).

For Ashburnham everyone played hard. Formilli was perhaps the best man of the defence, and Harris was of course the best of the forwards, but was well supported by the others, especially Chapman. For Homeboarders, Summerhays, Hill, and Circuitt were good in the forward line, and for the defence Feasey got through a great deal of work in different parts of the field.

Teams:—

ASHBURNHAM.

W. H. Aglionby (goal); G. C. Formilli and W. G. Goodale (backs); E. S. Pinker, A. E. Rice-Oxley and C. M. Goodall (half-backs); G. P. Chapman, E. J. Tyson, L. C. Denza, W. B. Harris, and J. F. Johnston-Watson (forwards).

H.B.B.

F. G. Turner (goal); A. C. Estall and G. G. Feasey (backs); J. M. Fisher, C. B. Bonner, and W. D. L. Purves (half-backs); W. D. Geare, C. Hodgson, C. M. L. Circuitt, D. L. Summerhays, and H. G. Hill (forwards).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, February 27, to discuss the Motion:—

'That this House deplores the condition of Modern Drama.'

The PROPOSER (C. C. Treatt) in an excellent speech pointed out that there is no realism in Modern Drama. Our comedy is only farce, and our farce mere buffoonery, while our tragedy only thrills the uneducated. How can we expect an art to flourish—and we must remember that acting is an art—if it is merely used as a means of getting money?

The destiny of English acting should not be left in the hands of Mr. Charles Frohman and other actor-managers. Only those plays are accepted which are likely to appeal to a large number of people, and so have a long run. As the result of this there is no dramatic situation. Actors, again, are entirely tied down to act as the actor-manager directs them. They are acting another man's conception of the part and not their own. The author is only allowed to write that kind of play which will suit the audience the actor-manager is catering for. Too much attention, moreover, is paid to the scenery; while the author receives too little notice, and the 'stars' too much.

We have no natural gestures in England; all our gestures are conventional, and we do not sufficiently distinguish between the heroic and the commonplace in the tones of the voice. Moreover there is no experimental theatre; actor-managers are too much afraid of financial loss, and the duty devolves upon the Stage Society. We need a Royal College of Dramatic Art and we need a literary drama. In conclusion, the speaker gave some illustrations of the divergence of the Modern Drama from true life.

The OPPOSER (J. L. Benvenisti) said that the duty of the OPPOSER of such a motion was necessarily a negative one. His business was to point out flaws in the PROPOSER'S remarks. The PROPOSER had made his task even more difficult by indulging in a discussion of the modern stage, and only touching on Modern Drama to say that our tragedy was degenerating into melodrama. He would point out, however, that the fact that during the last two hundred years it was the shady side of human life which had been depicted on the stage was an argument in favour of Modern Drama.

The SECONDER (O. V. Thomas) agreed with the PROPOSER in saying that drama is art. He went on to point out that art is intended to give expression to ideas and not merely to give pleasure. At the present day more people—even of the intellectual classes—go to the theatre for amusement than for the exercise of their thinking powers. This was not right; we do not read books merely for pleasure, and why should we go to the theatre solely for that reason? Modern drama does not show or attempt to show the influence of character or the thought of the people.

R. M. BARRINGTON-WARD said that every art has its conventions, and this holds true for drama, but it is not the conventions that tell against drama, but the fact that nowadays realism is altogether inartistic.

The OPPOSER pointed out that Realism is to be found in the plot of the play and not in the trivialities produced by the actor-managers.

R. M. BARRINGTON-WARD remarked that just as a good picture might be spoilt by small blemishes, so the modern drama is spoilt by trivialities. Drama must necessarily decline until it is undertaken by the State.

A. C. BOULT, however, was very doubtful whether subsidisation is good for the drama.

The VICE-PRESIDENT then said that our judgment on the drama should be that of the majority, and not that of an intellectual minority. Modern musical comedies please the man in the street, and he himself was very fond of a song with a good swing.

The PROPOSER replied that at the present day 'songs with a good swing' are spoken and not sung. Children are fond of bad illustrations in picture books; but that is no reason for not educating them to appreciate great masterpieces.

The motion was then put to the House and carried by 14 votes to 7.

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 5, to discuss the Motion:—

'That this House would welcome reform in the English system of Game Preservation.'

The PROPOSER (A. S. R. Macklin) did not see the use of hatching young partridges under chickens in order to shoot them. It was foolish, because if they were allowed to grow up under natural conditions they would retain their natural cunning and therefore afford better sport. The birds could be kept in check by their natural enemies, such as the weasel. At present we destroy the weasel, which is almost the only check on rabbits. He wished to point out that much of the land appropriated for shooting could be used for pasture, land would not then be so expensive. Moreover, the present system encouraged poaching.

The OPPOSER (J. Geare) disposed of the PROPOSER'S remarks in some pithy sentences. He wished to know who wanted rabbits destroyed, and did not altogether agree with the PROPOSER'S brief reply: 'any self-respecting farmer.' The lands used for shooting are used for wheat and other crops before the season opens, and can be tilled afterwards. By repealing the game laws we should be doing serious injury to one of the oldest forms of sport in England. He then proceeded to make some humorous remarks on different game birds.

The SECONDER (L. E. Tanner) found it difficult to discover what the PROPOSER and OPPOSER were driving at. In spite of this, he agreed with the PROPOSER'S remarks on poaching. Why should the actual inhabitant have less right to shoot the game in a village than a man who came down at certain seasons to shoot? The only remedy was to make game private property.

The SECRETARY explained the meaning of the Motion, as the previous speakers had apparently misunderstood it. As a naturalist, he could not look unfavourably upon a system which had evolved the modern pheasant from the original bush fowl. He then gave some of the differences between the various species which have culminated in the modern pheasant. He repudiated the PROPOSER'S idea that the native pheasant had any cunning. It was due to our game system that many rare birds, not only of national but even universal interest, were preserved. The near extinction of the ruff in Norfolk would occur to

many members. The great estates of England had been held together almost entirely by means of this system. To it, however, we owe many improved breeds of dog.

The PROPOSER remarked that bulldogs had decreased in size during the last few hundred years.

The SECRETARY pointed out that bulldogs were bred almost entirely for show purposes, and in any case had no connection with game preservation.

The OPPOSER thought that before we condemned the present system we ought to invent another.

The PROPOSER suggested a close season, as with fish.

The Motion was carried by 7 votes to 6.

House Notes.

KSS.—We have great pleasure in congratulating Mr. A. P. Waterfield (O.W.) on gaining a place in the Oxford Chess Team. Our sadly weakened team had made us more or less resigned to defeat at the hands of Town-boys this year, though scarcely to so hollow a one as was actually the case. It was our forward line which failed us in our time of need; but for the defence—especially Edgar and Hammond, whom we congratulate on 3rd XI's and College Colours—we have nothing but praise. We also offer our congratulations to K. R. H. Jones, A. S. R. Macklin, and G. G. Williams, who all seem no less convinced than A. E. F. Wood that, so far as School Prizes are concerned, 'the half is greater than the whole.' Thanks to the undesirable, though possibly praiseworthy, persistence of our old friend the 'flue,' we have probably at no time in the course of this term been at full strength; and, at the time of writing, we miss two familiar faces, Ferguson and Usher. Those who are yet remaining are but shadows of their former selves; but all alike, we hope, will have regained their pristine strength by the time we write our next house notes.

Our sincerest condolences must be offered to our unsuccessful representatives in the Gym. Competition, A. S. R. Macklin and E. S. Wood. We met with no better success in the Drill Competition; but all our representatives may congratulate themselves on a really plucky attempt to win the cup, an attempt really worthy of our house. Davis especially deserves unstinted praise for the keenness and unselfishness he showed in training the squad. Our best wishes follow him and Macklin to Aldershot. In the absence of our real pair, it reflects great credit on our Racquets representatives that they have reached the final round of the Inter-House competition.

In spite of the constant indispositions and consequent absences of various members throughout the term, the Literary Society has enjoyed a most successful list of readings, finishing with 'King Richard

II.'; and with more favourable conditions obtaining next term, we look forward to some excellent readings.

ASHBURNHAM.—'History repeats itself,' and after a lapse of eight years, the shield has returned to Ashburnham. In 1900 S. S. Harris captained the team that had the honour of winning the final for the first time in the history of the House; his brother has now followed his example. Hearty congratulations to the whole team. We were drawn against Grant's in the first round, and, despite the ravages of influenza, which necessitated us playing four short, we drew; this fine performance was followed up by a victory of 3-1 in the re-play. In the final we just managed to get home by the odd goal in five after a great game. We were unfortunate in being without the services of C. C. Treatt on all three occasions. Congratulations are due to G. P. Chapman, L. C. Denza, W. H. Aglionby, E. S. Pinker, C. M. Goodall, T. F. Johnston-Watson, A. B. Johnson, and E. J. Tyson on House Colours. In the Drill Competition we were as successful as could have been expected, the House squad—despite the scarcity of drills—doing very creditably. Our prospects for the sports are fair. We congratulate G. P. Chapman, A. W. G. Hinchliffe, and E. W. R. Hadden on their success at Oxford. We had four representatives in the T.B.B. team which defeated K.SS.

GRANT'S.—We must congratulate J. Hobson on winning the junior Gymnastic Competition, and Marriott, Miles, H. Rawson, R. Rawson, and Williams on receiving their House Colours after the matches against Ashburnham. Nor must we forget to congratulate A. C. Boulton on passing 'Smalls.' We hope that E. D. Adrian, W. R. Horton, R. S. Storer, and J. W. Geare have been equally successful up at Cambridge. Of these, we condole with Storer in failing to impress the examiners by the beauty of his voice. Grant's have added another name to their long list of 'Pancake Winners' in F. R. J. Tomlinson, whom we heartily congratulate. The Literary Society, owing to unavoidable circumstances, has been unable to meet since the last number of *The Elizabethan*. By the time this appears in print we hope to have read the 'Critic.' After drawing with Ashburnham (0-0) we re-played them on March 23, and after a hard and even match succumbed to them (3-1). S. D. Graham succeeded in winning the yard ties, defeating H. Rawson in the final round. As for the 'Sports,' our expectations are moderate, but we hope for the best.

H.B.B.—The first thing we must do is to congratulate Summerhays and Wyatt on receiving their Pinks after the Charterhouse match, and Feasey, too, on playing for T.B.B. In the first round of 'Seniors' we just managed to beat Rigaud's (1-0).

It was a match of missed opportunities, both sides failing to take numerous chances of scoring. Our display was rather disappointing, the forwards not being good, while the defence was at times 'shaky.' Wyatt most unfortunately suffered a rather serious internal injury, and will be unable to play in the Final. This, of course, is a great blow, and the most sanguine of us can hardly hope for victory now. We offer Wyatt our sincerest condolences and wish him a speedy recovery. We won the Gym. Cup fairly easily, Jaquet and Bonner—the former especially—performing most excellently. This cup is most handsome, and Bonner must find some one to back him up, so that we may retain it next year.

In our last notes we most carelessly omitted to congratulate Mr. P. M. Bartlett on being one of the Christ Church Eight in their recent triumphs in 'Torpids'; while Mr. G. D. Johnston has also been doing brilliant things in another field.

There is not much more of the term left now, but before the end of it we shall have been engaged in the final of 'Seniors,' the Drill and the Racquets Competitions and the Sports (may we all keep fit for this busy fortnight!), so that we ought to have more news than usual to record the next time we undertake the task of writing these notes.

RIGAUD'S.—Alas! misfortune is still our unhappy lot, and we must again reproach that fickle goddess, Fortuna, for refraining to shower her golden rays upon us. If training and enthusiasm could ensure success we should have won the day; but chance was against us. Home-Boarders carried off the victory by a well-placed goal shot in the first five minutes, and although Rigaud's pressed several times, they failed to score. The game was evenly contested throughout. R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, and A. Leck received their House Colours.

We must congratulate E. C. K. Clarke on gaining his Pinks after the Charterhouse match. Congratulations are also due to A. Cowie for winning his 'Thirds.' He has played several times for the 1st XI. in the absence of the School goal-keeper.

We were glad to see Mr. Failes for a few hours at half-term. It is always nice to welcome old friends, especially Mr. Failes.

We hear with interest that Mr. H. I. P. Hallett (O.W.) has been elected President of the Union at Oxford. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

Old Westminster.

At Oxford Mr. W. A. Greene has added to his many distinctions by winning the Vinerian Scholarship. Mr. H. I. P. Hallett has been elected President of the Union. Mr. A. P. Waterfield was a member of the

Chess Team which defeated Cambridge. The Rev. Cecil N. Arnold has been preferred to the Rectory of Fifield Bavant.

By the death of his cousin Mr F. E. Sugden has succeeded to the Barony of St. Leonards; but, being under age, cannot at present take his seat in the House of Lords.

Mr. G. D. Johnston was omitted from the Annual Records. Mr. Johnston took a First Class in Constitutional Law and Legal History in the examinations of the Council of Legal Education, and was also awarded the special prize of £50 for the best paper.

Mr. O. J. R. Howarth has paid a life composition to *The Elizabethan*.

Birly.

ON March 22 the wife of Reginald S. Summerhays, of a daughter.

Marriage.

SHERRING—WRIGHT.—On March 3, Frank Brodie Sherring, I.C.S., to Ellen Muriel Avory, eldest daughter of John Frederick Wright, of Frimley Hall, Surrey.

Obituary.

The death of THOMAS VINCENT removes an aged member of a numerous Westminster race. Born in 1819, a grandson of the famous Head Master, he was admitted in 1830 and became a K.S. He graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge, and taking orders was twenty years Rector of Pusey. Since 1889 he had lived in retirement.

The death of EDWARD BOVILL removes one of six brothers who were at the School in the fifties and sixties. He went from the School to Guy's Hospital and became F.R.C.S., and afterwards a surgeon in the Bengal Army. He retired from the service as Lieutenant-Colonel. His son, now a Lieutenant in the 39th Garwhai Rifles, was at the School some years since.

Correspondence.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

St. Mary's Vicarage,
Vincent Square,
Westminster, S.W.,
March 11, 1908.

SIR,—You kindly allowed me to write to THE ELIZABETHAN and ask that Old Westminsters would come and help at the Boys' Club. Will you permit me, through the same channel, to say that since then Mr. C. Maughan and Mr. H. L. Geare have offered their services. The former gives help in the Club rooms, and the latter in the Lads' Brigade and gymnasium, and I need not say that the presence of both is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
PERCY ANSTLEY ELLIS.

WESTMINSTER GAMES.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

March 12.

DEAR SIR,—It is with great interest that I have read the letters of your correspondents who prefer to conceal their identity under the 'noms de plume' of 'Boarder' and 'Half-Boarder.' Nevertheless, I am extremely averse to making this addition to that already contributed, because I feel that I have already written on this subject in THE ELIZABETHAN with no result; because I feel sure that too much is written and far too little done; and because one is far more likely to be considered a carping critic than a spectator who sees most of the game. However, I feel, Sir, that the two suggestions put forward by 'Half-Boarder' fall very far short of the root of the matter. I would deny the slackness of day-boys in going Up Fields to watch Saturday matches—of which he makes so much—or at least I would deny it in the large majority of cases. Moreover, if that vice—as he calls it—does exist, does your correspondent think that if 75 per cent. instead of 50 per cent. turned up to watch Saturday matches, the School games would derive an iota of benefit? Personally I think it would be far better, both for themselves and the School, if they played a good hard game rather than be the spectators of what is generally only too disheartening a performance. His second suggestion is more practical, but equally far from the root of the matter. Shelving for the sake of brevity the question of the necessity for another day-boy house, I must say I think it would be at least a risky experiment to put fifty 'loafers' together in one house. One point in 'Boarder's' letter with your permission, Sir, I would deal with: he deplores the pessimistic attitude of the School. I should hardly call the Debating Society pessimistic at any rate, when they hand down as their immortal opinion that a year in which the School matches at football and cricket have been lost, and in which the representatives of 240 boys are easily beaten by the representatives of the remaining 40, is *eminently* satisfactory. Such an optimistic view is, I think, deplorable. Equally deplorable, however, is the crushed spirit of several Westminster speakers at an Old Boy Dinner recently. I still hold the opinions which I expressed in the July or August number of THE ELIZABETHAN. Several other letters appeared about that time, and we were promised the consideration of the Games Committee of 1907-8. I should be very much indebted to you, Sir, if you would let me know the result of that Committee's deliberations. Of one thing I am certain, and it is this, that there is something radically wrong with the management of Westminster's games and

'Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas.'
Whoever our 'Felix' may be, I feel sure it is neither 'Boarder' nor 'Half-Boarder.'

Believe me, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DOUGLAS J. JARDINE.

ANNUAL RECORDS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As you invite your readers to point out omissions in the recently-published list of distinctions gained by O.W.W., may I remind you that in the Honour School of Modern History at Oxford, M. Shearman and D. C. Morrison were placed in the Second and Third Class respectively?

With the usual apologies,

I am, yours, &c.,
S.

DYOTT'S DIARY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Oxford & Cambridge Club,
Pall Mall, S.W.
March 22, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—The publication of 'Dyott's Diary,' which is mentioned in your March number, enables us to correct a mistake in 'Alumni Westmonasteriensis'; in which book, at page 502, General William Dyott, the writer of the 'Diary,' is said to have been an Old Westminster.

That this was not so is clearly shown by the 'Diary' itself, in which General Dyott laments the fact that he himself was not an O.W., as tending to prejudice his son's chance of election to Oxford in 1828.

The General's name is rightly omitted from Barker and Stenning's Register.

Yours truly,
W.A.P.

THE CADET CORPS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed a few lines to draw attention to the general lack of enthusiasm which has overtaken the School Cadet Corps during the last two terms? At the end of last year, *i.e.* when the corps was at camp, I consider the keenness shown in corps matters was at its height: everybody in it knew his drill well and was thoroughly interested in military tactics. Since that time this enthusiasm seems to have fallen rapidly. The Wednesday drills are not so well attended and are considerably worse carried out. To give a definite instance of this loss of interest, I will mention what has happened up one of the Home-Boarding Houses. At the beginning of the Play Term there were eleven recruits up this house. At the beginning of this term there were none, and two members, although still at the School, gave up the corps.

I attribute this to three causes: (1) There being no field day during the Play Term; (2) the making of the sections into house-sections; (3) the field days which the School attends, and the arrangements made for those field days. As to (2) I believe fellows get tired of being thrust together on field days with exactly the same people as they meet up their houses, and when an N.C.O. is wanted in a house section, he has to be chosen from that house; thus better men from other houses are passed over. As to (3), is it not possible for Westminster to attend the same field days as Harrow, Charterhouse, and Winchester attend, instead of always attending those in conjunction

with strictly London day-boy schools? As to the arrangements of the last and only field day since our return from camp, only one, I believe, of the section commanders had a map, as not even rough sketch-maps for the N.C.O.'s and men were provided by the School, although on all former occasions maps have been provided, and no principal scheme was given to the section commanders until about three minutes before we moved off, and then only a very rough and incoherent one.

May I also suggest that the old custom of recruits having to pass the adjutant be revived?

With the usual apologies,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
N.C.O.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

ANON.—We would draw your attention to the notice: 'Correspondents must enclose their names with contributions, etc.'

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