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ARE THEY NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS OF THE CHRONICLES?

As most Westminsters are aware, the School possesses a large and varied collection of ledgers, which are of the greatest interest and of considerable value to it to-day. Were it not for the water-ledgers of Q.SS. and T.BB. respectively, we should know considerably less than we do know of the rowing days of Westminster, of races, water-pinks, and the every-day routine of a period that has passed away. That useful little work of reference, 'Rowing at Westminster,' of which a copy is in the Scott Library, would probably never have seen the light but for the existence of water-ledgers, which are the sources from which it is almost

entirely drawn. If necessity arise for looking up a point in the cricket records, we can at once turn up the ledgers, of which we have a sequence from 1806. This date, of course, does not give us the first days of Westminster cricket, which is of earlier origin, as is shownto refer to a well-known case in point-by the victory of Westminster over Eton in the year 1796; but there is much that is instructive to be gleaned from the history of ninety-two years' cricket at Westminster. Football records do not go back farther than 1854-to the days when the XXX. Club played the rest of the School, and beat them too, when matches lasted for two and three days, and results were scored by games. The sports ledger is one of the most complete, as, though it only dates from 1861, it records the first athletic sports

ever held at Westminster. We find here several events which were tried at various times, but which have not obtained permanent places on the card, such as pole-jumping, throwing the cricket ball with the left hand, bicycle races, football kicking, and quoit throwing. We find mention, too, of one or two regulations which seem strange to-day; as one forbidding the use of spiked shoes, or another-which was only abolished comparatively recently-by which a runner who had won certain open events was ipso facto debarred from entering for others. The early years of the fencing and racquet ledgers are very complete, and the swimming ledger—though only dating from 1875—gives a very fair history of organised swimming in the School. Besides these, there is that sacred and awe-inspiring work known as the captain's ledger, to which is found a parallel in the T.B. ledger, not to be confounded with the T.B. football and T.B. cricket ledgers; nor must the archives of the Debating Society be omitted from the list. And now to draw a moral. Many of these ledgers show ugly gaps and blank spaces, some, unfortunately, at periods which it is hard to find recorded elsewhere.

Some of these ledgers have been filled up as far as possible from THE ELIZABETHAN by our predecessors. Some are now being filled up and brought down to date, while others, we are glad to say, need no such additions to their ordinary gradual growth.

May we make an earnest appeal to those who now have the care of ledgers, and to those who shall come after, not—through slackness or for any other reason—to be betrayed into any culpable neglect of their trust?

Let them remember what the ledgers are to us; what a link they are with the past, and how we feel when we come upon an unfilled space; and, in consideration of this, let them respect the claims which our successors have upon us.

MAELDUIN.

School Aotes.

The football fixture list since Christmas, filled in up to date, reads as follows:—

Sat. Jan. 22 . Old Malvernians. (Won 3-I.)

,, ,, 29 . Casuals. (Won 8-2.)

2nd XI. v. London Hospital. (Won 2-I.)

Sat. Feb. 5 . Clapham Rovers. (Won 3-I.)

2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Lost I-2.)

Wed. Feb. 9 . A. L. Fevez's XI. (Drawn 4-4.)

,, ,, 12 . Keble College, Oxon. (Won 4-2.)

2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Lost 0-I.)

Sat. Feb. 19 . Old Harrovians. (Won 9-0.)

Wed. ,, 23 . Old Etonians. (Won 2-I.)

The goals for the School amount to 63 as against 47.

The Athletic Sports are fixed for Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. All holders of Challenge Cups, &c., are requested to return the same as soon as possible to the Captain, St. Peter's College, Little Dean's Yard, Westminster.

L. Y. Barnby received his Pinks after the Clapham Rovers match.

We had two representatives in the Cambridge XI. against Oxford on February 19, of whom we must congratulate L. J. Moon on his Blue. H. O. C. Beasley played a grand game, and was the best half on the field.

The Mission offertory on St. Matthias' Day, with the Head Master's subscription, came to £7. 6s. 6d.

Mr. Just has succeeded Mr. Nall in the supervision of drill and the gymnasium. Mr. Nall had performed these duties since Mr. Edgell left at the end of the Lent term, 1893.

The Pancake Greeze took place as usual on Shrove Tuesday, when the guinea was taken by D. Jolly, of the Science Vth. There were also the usual press reports next day, of which perhaps the account given by the Westminster Gazette was the most correct. The throw this year was unusually good.

Sir Walter Phillimore came down on February 17 to ask for a Play, which was duly given next day. A subscriber points out that no notice has appeared in *The Elizabethan* of Sir R. L. Vaughan-Williams (O.W.) on his preferment to the position of Lord Justice. We beg to apologise for the oversight, and to offer our somewhat late but none the less hearty congratulations. Lord Justice Vaughan-Williams is the son and grandson of Old Westminsters, both of whom were Judges before him.

THE WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

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THE FIELDS.

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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. ROYAL ENGINEERS (CHATHAM).

PLAYED on Saturday, December 11. The visitors turned up three short, and in consequence the start was delayed somewhat. Finally F. A. S. Gwatkin (O.W.), Lonsdale, and Barnes played. Engineers kicked off against the wind. The School at once pressed, Blaker from a pass by Truslove sending in a shot which their goal-keeper saved well. The School again attacked, and Blaker headed behind. At last, from a pass by Robinson, Blaker scored a neat goal (1-0). On the restart Corfield ran down, but kept the ball too long, and was robbed by the left back. Then they had a turn, and Gwatkin ran right down, but was stopped in time by A. C. Barnby, who sent the ball right up the field, and his brother scored from a pass by Blaker (2-0). We then forced a corner, which was well cleared. Robinson ran down, but shot behind. The School forced two corners in quick succession, but they got them away safely. Gwatkin ran down, but shot wildly behind. Then a beautiful run by Anderson and Blaker resulted in Anderson's shot being well saved. Anderson had a long shot, which the goal-keeper just reached. Half-time (2-0).

The School were now playing against the wind, but they still managed to press, and Corfield shot behind. Their inside left made a fine run the whole length of the ground, but was robbed just before he tried to shoot. Their left back then tried a run down, but overran the ball, and our forwards got it, but it went into touch. Anderson had a clear chance, but shot outside. Their inside left then had a fine opportunity, but shot straight at Rayner, who had no difficulty in clearing. L. Y. Barnby then scored again after a nice run by all the forwards (3-0). Anderson shot over. We pressed severely until the end, but their backs were very lucky, and managed to clear on every occasion, and so a somewhat uninteresting struggle ended (3-0).

The wind spoilt accurate play, and the ball was very frequently in touch; this rendered the game uninteresting to watch. The teams were not particularly good; everyone seemed a bit stale. backs were fair, but the halves were weak, and the forwards did not combine well. The result does not

at all show the state of the game.

Teams :-WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby, R. Wynter (backs), A. L. Foster, R. Truslove, B. H. Willett (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, A. C. Robinson (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

This match was played Up-fields on Saturday. February 5. Blaker was absent from the School team on account of his knee. The game started half an hour later than the advertised time (2.30). Jacob was noticeable for two good runs on the wing, but Langton cleared on each occasion. They pressed in turn, and J. F. More shot behind. Soon afterwards we nearly scored from a corner, the ball only just going over the bar. The first goal was gained by us as, after a long high shot of Young's had hit the post, L. Y. Barnby ran up and scored (1-0). For a long time fine play by Rayner and Lonsdale kept their forwards out, but at length J. F. More beat Rayner. Anderson and Corfield made several good runs, and on one occasion gave L. Y. Barnby an excellent opportunity, but he shot wide. At half-time the score was I-I. Immediately on the restart L. Y. Barnby scored a splendid goal from a good pass by This seemed to wake up the Clapham Rovers, who pressed on several occasions, and once nearly scored, the ball going across the mouth of goal. In spite of their efforts, however, Barnby scored again with a very long dropping shot at a difficult angle. This left us winners by 3-1.

Teams :-

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, and B. H. Willett (half backs), W. F. Corfield and S. M. Anderson (right), H. S. Bompas (centre), L. Y. Barnby and W. R. Jacob (left)

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

J. M. Langton (goal), S. Waller and A. R. Dyer (backs), O. B. Pound, S. C. Wyatt and A. B. Challis (half-backs), D. P. Winckworth, A. N. Other, E. L. Bristowe, J. F. More and R. H. More (forwards).

SCHOOL v. A. L. FEVEZ'S XI.

On Wednesday, February 9, A. L. Fevez brought down a strong team against us. Each side attacked in turn, Lonsdale stopping Burnup and passing to Anderson, who gave Veitch a hot shot, which he saved. Then Blaker put in several shots in quick succession, but Veitch saved them all. A corner to us proved fruitless; L. Y. Barnby ran down well, but Fevez barred his progress. Veitch saved two shots from Corfield and Anderson, and Burnup got possession but shot over. However, Severn from a pass by the last-named player scored at close quarters (o-1). Many shots were saved both by Rayner and Veitch, but at length Blaker beat the opposing goal-keeper from an excellent centre by Corfield (1-1). Soon afterwards, Bickley scored for them with a very soft shot, the score at half-time being 1-2. However, Corfield scored an excellent goal from a pass by Anderson (2-2); and the last-named also troubled Hemmerde, who had gone into goal vice Veitch. Shots by Blaker, Anderson, and Lonsdale were all saved, but in a short time Anderson beat Hemmerde and gave us the lead (3-2). Even play followed till Bickley scored from a mêlée in front of goal (3-3). We tried hard to obtain the lead, but in spite of this Burnup got clean away and scored, no one being able to overtake him (3-4). However, Corfield equalised with a splendid shot, and time was called with the score 4 all.

Teams:-

A. L. FEVEZ'S XI.

J. G. Veitch (goal), A. L. Fevez and A. Whittow (backs), W. F. Fox, R. O. Barnett and H. F. Chatterton (half-backs), R. E. More, A. J. Hemmerde, A. R. Severn, F. Bickley and C. J. Burnup (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young and B. H. Willett (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

SCHOOL v. KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD.

This match was played Up-fields on Saturday, February 12. For some time even play was the order, and each goal was visited in turn. Anderson sent in two splendid shots, but both were saved. We opened the scoring with a goal from Anderson, which Pryce should have saved (1-0). Then at close quarters Blaker shot three times, the ball returning to him after hitting the goal-keeper each time. Not long afterwards L. Y. Barnby easily found the net (2-0).

Anderson and Corfield showed up finely on several occasions, and at length, by centreing to Blaker, had the satisfaction of seeing him score (3-o). Halftime was then called. On the restart we pressed, but play was very even for a considerable time, Keble, by their weight, just managing to keep us out. However, after a time, E. C. Wright got away and scored (3-1). Hereabouts Corfield should have scored, but shot wide. Anderson and Blaker sent in many good shots, the latter trying Pryce with an excellent shot from the left. Then Wright succeeded in scoring again (3-2). On the kick-off Young gave a splendid exhibition of passing, and we, helped by this, scored through Blaker (4-2.) The game remained even after this, and time left us winners by two goals.

Teams :-

KEBLE.

F. R. C. Pryce (goal), C. J. Thurlow and E. S. Cooper (backs), H. S. Dickinson, T. W. Orr and J. C. Crawley (halves), S. H. Langston, J. S. Morgan, E. C. Wright, K. Burnett, and S. P. Austen (forwards).

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and J. C. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, and B. H. Willett (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

SCHOOL v. OLD HARROVIANS.

This match, which was played Up-fields on Saturday, February 19, was won very easily by 9 goals to love. Play was fairly even at the beginning, and both goals were visited. However, the School began to get the best of the exchanges, and should have scored several times but Barnby missed on three occasions. Then Blaker scored with a long shot (1-0). Neat passing among the forwards followed, and Anderson shot well, the ball going into the net off Evans (2-0). Blaker soon scored again twice, completely beating the goal-keeper each time (4-0.) Another goal from Anderson made the score at halftime 5-o. The second half needs little description. The School had matters much their own way, and, after a good attempt by Blaker to head a goal from a corner, Anderson scored easily (6-o). Then Blaker scored twice more and Anderson once, we being winners as above stated.

Teams :-

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and R. Wynter (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young and B. H. Willett (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

OLD HARROVIANS.

H. L. Anderson (goal), R. C. Evans and C. B. Tritton (backs), M. Hewlett, W. L. Alcroft, and D. L. Rougement (halves), E. C. Buckingham, G. E. H. Barrett-Hamilton, R. Stewart-Brown, G. W. Stow, and E. L. Johnston (forwards).

2ND XI. v. O.WW. 2ND XI.

Played on Saturday, February 5. Having lost the toss we started the game from the hospital end, and after both goals had been in turn besieged, Harris scored for the School with a long low shot (1-0). On changing ends the O.WW. played up much better, and, scoring through Chatterton and Woodbridge, won a good game by 1-2. The result should have been different had only our forwards taken advantage of their numerous chances of scoring.

Teams :-

O.WW.

Oppenheimer (goal), H. Maughan and L. E. Deacon (backs), R. E. Murray, Woodhouse, and E. F. Colvile (halves), A. Woodbridge, F. T. Plaskitt, H. F. Chatterton, A. S. Willett, and F. Cunningham (forwards).

2ND XI.

K. Anderson (goal), H. W. Beveridge and R. Scarisbrick (backs), H. Plaskitt, R. Truslove, H. G. H. Barnes (halves), R. B. Featherstone, W. Rutherford, S. S. Harris, J. B. Wells, and G. H. Bernays (forwards).

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R. TANNER, President. F. WATREFIELD, Secretary.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on February 10 to discuss the following motion:—'That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that members of Parliament should receive some emolument.'

Proposer, F. WATERFIELD; Seconder, G. H.

Bernays; Opposer, A. L. Foster.

The Proposer said that the country benefited most by having the best possible men to represent it in Parliament. The present system does not allow this. Labour members should form a much larger section of the House than they do; at present, for want of money, many who otherwise would stand are unable to. They cannot spare the time from their work unless they are paid. If adopted in the right way, this system would bring far better men into Parliament. To prevent members receiving their pay without working for it, it would be quite simple to expel members who, to use the Proposer's own vulgarism, 'slack it.'

The OPPOSER (A. L. Foster) agreed with the Proposer that Parliament does not contain the best men, but he did not think that this would be altered much for the better if members were paid. Moreover, the expenditure of paying all the members would be enormous. Furthermore, if this system were adopted,

bribery would become rife.

The SECONDER (G. H. Bernays) said that in a democratic country no obstacle ought to stand in the way of a candidate. According to the present system the choice of candidates in a constituency is very much restricted, and only the wealthy are able to stand. Poorer men, but often far more capable, are unable to stand for want of means. This obstacle should be removed. There are not only election expenses, but also future maintenance to be provided for. A man cannot be a member of Parliament and earn his own living, especially if he lives out of London. G. H. Bernays suggested £300 for the salary. Of the 670 members, 30 receive salaries as ministers, while the remaining 640 lose as much time and get nothing. £300 for these 640 members would come to less than £200,000. Other countries pay their members. In America they get £1,000 and travelling expenses; in Austria, between £200 and £300; in France, £360. The £200,000 could easily be paid out of taxes, certainly not by the constituents.

L. Y. Barnby said that the English Parliament was little more than a club; barring the 30 members who form the Government, the rest enjoy themselves very much as members, and should pay rather than be paid. He objected to G. H. Bernays's proposal of paying sufficient to keep members. He should think \pounds_2 ,000 nearer the sum than \pounds_3 00 necessary for keeping the average member.

A. McKenna, after reading an extract from 'an eminent English scholar,' comparing Church with Parliament, went on to ask why we should copy America. Members have long holidays in which to work and save enough to support themselves during

the following session.

Mr. GWYER (hon. member) then rose. He agreed with the last speaker, but not with L. Y. Barnby. Bribery is more rife in countries where members are paid, as in France and America. He compared the

Dreyfus case. If members were paid, politics would become a profession. Very few members are prevented from holding their seats for want of means.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on February 17 to discuss the following motion:— That the modern style of dress

leaves much to be desired.'

This motion was not productive of a very keen debate. The following were the speakers:—For: S. M. Anderson (Proposer) [3], B. H. WILLETT (Seconder), A. MCKENNA [2], H. R. FLACK [2], L. Y. BARNBY, H. MCKENNA. Against: A. S. GAZE (Opposer), A. C. BARNBY.

The speeches chiefly centred round the discomfort of top-hats, the disadvantages of evening dress, and the relative merits of classical and modern attire.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on February 24 to discuss the following motion:—'That unearned increment should be taxed.'

Proposer, H. J. M. Hudson; Seconder, W. V.

RAYNER; Opposer, F. T. B. WARD.

The Proposer's speech may be found almost word for word in Book V., chap. ii. § 5, of John Stuart Mill's 'Principles of Political Economy.' What few departures he made from the wording of the text were certainly not improvements.

The Opposer, who briefly but warmly seconded the motion, commented upon the socialistic side of

the question.

The SECONDER found several ways of expressing his entire agreement with the Proposer's abstract.

L. Y. BARNBY, after a ramble of some length, allowed that he did not even understand what unearned increment was.

S. M. Anderson did not agree with John Stuart

Mill. He defended the landlords.

A. McKenna dealt with the humorous side of the question with his customary skill.

A. C. BARNBY said that things went on very well as they were, and sat down somewhat abruptly.

H. McKenna attacked S. M. Anderson's views on taxation, and suggested to A. C. Barnby that we do not live in Utopia, and that there was still room for improvement.

S. M. Anderson disagreed with the previous speaker upon the principles of taxation, and a division

resulted as follows: -Ayes, 4; Noes, 8.

The House then adjourned.

Mouse Notes.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—We have at last played off the final of our Fives Ties, resulting in a win for Colvile and Henderson over Beveridge and Harris

after a hard struggle (15-13, 13-18, 36-34). We congratulate Featherstone on his House Colours, which he received on playing for 2nd XI. We are glad to say that Wynter has at last returned.

College.—Owing to illness and the difficulty of procuring substitutes the Room Ties are progressing slowly. Seniors Room have defeated Juniors Room for the second time, but Second Election Room has almost all its matches to play. The Chess and Fives Ties are progressing quite fast, and the latter competition has reached the semi-final stage. There are at present three Queen's Scholars playing for the School.

Grants.—Hearty congratulations to L. J. Moon on his Blue; the last Grantite for his Blue was, we believe, J. G. Veitch, who was in the Cambridge team in 1891. We are temporarily without our head—J. Heard—who is still suffering from his knee, and has been invalided home in consequence. We hope, however, to see him back among us before long. H. S. Bompas has had the misfortune to meet with an accident Up-fields; he has our warmest sympathy, and is, we are glad to say, doing well. W. P. Daniel has been made a monitor. The next play the Literary Society intends reading is 'The Good-natured Man.' The pancake fell to a Grantite representative this year in the person of D. Jolly.

RIGAUDS.—Congratulations are due to L. Y. and A. C. Barnby; to the former on getting his Pinks, and the latter his Pink and Whites. We were very glad to see that S. C. Probyn and R. E. More were included in the Oxford team against Clapton, and congratulate them both heartily. We have received a present of a new tug-of-war practice rope, for which we beg to thank the donor. Our representatives in the XI. continue to play regularly, and K. B. Anderson has kept goal for the 2nd in all the matches this term.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

THE Installation Meeting of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Tuesday, December 21, 1897. Mr. Alderson Burrell Horne (O.W.) and Mr. William Maxse Meredith (O.W.) were initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. W. Stephenson. Bro. Samuel Hatch West, M.D., who had been elected at the previous meeting, was then installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the coming year by W. Bro. H. Sutherland, M.D., P.G.D., and subsequently appointed and invested the following

officers:-H. E. Rawson, S.W., W. A. Ellis, J.W., Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C., Chaplain, H. Sutherland, P.G.D., Secretary, J. Barnes Liberty, S.D., F. G. Hallett, J.D., E. Festus Kelly, I.G., Philip S. Lee, D.C., and W. E. Horne, Steward. W. Bro. T. Wakley, junr., who had been re-elected Treasurer at the last meeting, was also invested. The following members were present at the meeting:— C. W. Stephenson, W.M., S. H. West, W.M. Elect, S.W., W. A. Ellis, J.W., W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.D., P.M., R. J. Mure, P.M., Thomas Wakley, junr., P.M. (Treasurer), C. M. Barker, P.M., F. J. Present P.M. W. Hieles, P.M., Berr, F. M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. Present P.M. W. Hieles, P.M., P. J. Present P.M. W. Hieles, P.M., P. E. M. Tomlinson, M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. Present P.M. W. Hieles, P.M., P. J. Present P.M. W. Hieles, P.M., P. J. P. M. Tomlinson, M. Tomlinson, M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. P. M. Tomlinson, M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. P. M. Tomlinson, M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. P. J. P. M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. P. J. P. M. Tomlinson, M. P. J. P. Pearse, P.M., W. Hicks, P.M., Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, I.P.M., H. E. Rawson, (Secretary), H. Sutherland (Steward), J. B. Liberty, S.D., F. G. Hallett, J.D., P. S. Lee, D.C., Walter Tomlinson, H. F. Manisty, A. M. Cope, W. E. Horne, W. J. Armitage, A. B. Horne, and W. M. Meredith. The guests were:-Bros. W. Percy Payne (Duke of Portland Lodge), D'Arcy Power (Rahere Lodge), T. Tedbury (St. Clement Danes Lodge), C. J. Jacomb-Hood (Royal Clarence Lodge), E. Armitage (Isaac Newton Lodge), W. J. Lancaster (Emulation Lodge), W. J. Walsham (Rahere Lodge), E. M. Money (Isaac Newton Lodge), J. E. Barton (Weyside Lodge), Rev. J. S. Brownrigg (D.P.G.M., Bucks), R. W. Muggeridge (Anchor Lodge), E. Swain (St. Andrew's Lodge), H. Warrington (Chancery Bar Lodge), E. H. Ezard (Æsculapius Lodge), A. P. Luff (Grove Lodge), J. H. Lavies (Earl of Mornington Lodge), W. S. Hoyte (Royal Somerset and Inverness Lodge), Richard Eve, P.G., Treasurer (Grand Master's Lodge), R. M. Minton-Senhouse (Bank of England Lodge), H. H. Monckton (Royal Hampton Court Lodge), W. Bruce Clarke (Alliance Lodge), J. Curnow (University of London Lodge), W. Fraser Rae (Antiquity Lodge), Stephen C. Dibdin (Universal Lodge), Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D., C. E. Barry (Jerusalem Lodge), Edmund Owen (Sancta Maria Lodge), J. E. Lane (Royal Hampton Court Lodge), Rev. F. Willett (Lodge of Honour, Wolverhampton), and Bradbury Dyne.

At the subsequent banquet covers were laid for fifty-two, a number only exceeded, if it was then, at the consecration of the Lodge on January 20, 1888. A very successful and pleasant evening was enjoyed, the musical portion thereof being, as usual, of an excellent character, enhanced on this particular occasion by the kind and admirable co-operation of one of the visitors, Bro. Hoyte.

A regular meeting of the Lodge was held at the Café Royal on Friday, February 4. The following members were present:—S. H. West, W.M., H. E. Rawson, S.W., W. A. Ellis, J.W., W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.D., P.M., Thomas Wakley, junr., P.M., Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M., Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C. (Chaplain), J. B. Liberty, S.D., F. G. Hallett, J.D., H. Sutherland, P.G.D. (Secretary), Walter Tomlinson, W. E. Horne (Steward), W. J. Armitage, A. B. Horne, W. M. Meredith, and T. S. Lee. The

visitors were:—W. Bro. E. Beaumont (W. M., Chancery Bar Lodge), Bro. Gerald Maxwell (W.M. Elect, Drury Lane Lodge), and Bro. Charles H. Miller (Isaac Newton Lodge). V.W. Bro. W. K. R. Bedford, who was unable to be present at the previous meeting, was invested by the Worshipful Master as Chaplain. Bro. Rev. F. Willett (O.W.) was elected as a joining member. Mr. Thomas Stirling Lee (O.W.) was initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master. Bro. A. B. Horne and Bro. W. M. Meredith were admitted to the second degree by the Worshipful Master.

The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted, the Treasurer's account showing that the finances of the Lodge were in a satisfactory condition. The sum of ten guineas was voted to be added to the list of W. Bro. West, W.M., who will represent the Lodge as a Steward on the occasion of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June next.

At the conclusion of business the brethren and their guests dined together.

POETRY.

'ODI ET AMO.'

The key to me of all life's harmony,
To which are tuned all pleasure and all pain;
And yet 'tis I, and I alone, that gain;
The music of thyself hath touched not thee.
Alas! the day when first I found 'twas so,
And with rude fingers crushed my own ideal;
When passion first refused to take a 'no,'
And open laid the all too fragile real!
And thou dost ask forgiveness! Canst not see
That justice that upon myself I call
Is thus disarm'd? Then might I have been free;
The chance is gone; and now despairing, I
But by a word enslav'd, lose heart, lose all,
And love and hate and love—I know not why.

FAKIR.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Extract from a letter dated November 16, 1732:—
'I have the satisfaction too inform you of my save arrival in London but found the roads intollerable bad. My Bro. & Sister C— are pretty well & send their humble service, tho' the latter has the remainds of a Cold of Ten dayes Standing in we'h she has not been out of doors. I heard by them of the Boyes Welfare but we expected them every moment till 3 when they jump'd in very brisk & lively and I think both grown but I was amaz'd to see without a shooe to their feet, especially Jacky. I sent for a shooemaker & equipp'd them each a new pair. They had their best Cloaths on but Jemmys in a sad Condition with grease. They had what they called Clean Shirts on but I think look'd but bad. Jemmy look'd very thin and I had him took measure of for some other Cloathes. They seem very brisk & to like the School & their Master.' 'I think it is odd they wd let them bee wthout Shooes for itt's enough to catch their deaths. They are to come to me a Saturday & tarry all night.'

Obituary.

It is again our mournful duty to record the death of one who lived to be the oldest Westminster. JOHN CARRICK MOORE was the elder son of James Carrick Moore, of Corswall, Wigtonshire, and was born February 13, 1805. He was a grandson of the witty author of 'Zeluco,' and a nephew of the still more famous hero of Corunna. He entered the School in the year of Waterloo, and was a town-boy till Christmas 1823. He graduated from Queens' College, Cambridge, and was called to the bar as a member of the Inner Temple in 1831. Mr. Moore was a Fellow of the Royal Society, and a man of great and varied learning. His contributions to such papers as 'Notes and Queries' were of great service to many authors. He was at one time a frequent attendant at our anniversaries, but for some time past was kept away by his great age. Mr. Moore married in 1835 Caroline, daughter of John Bradley, of Colborne Hill, in the county of Stafford. His only son died before him, but a daughter survives. Mr. Moore died in Eaton Square on February 12. As this was the eve of his birthday, he had in a legal sense entered his ninetyfourth year.

We have also to regret the death of another very old Westminster. CHARLES EASTLAND DE MICHELE was born in 1810, and admitted to the School in 1822. He was afterwards editor of the Morning Post. In 1849 he became H.M. Consul at St. Petersburg, and, except for the time of the Crimean War, remained there till 1866. Mr. Michele, whose three sons were also at the School, died at Weybridge on

February 19.

Correspondence.

OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—There is not very much news from Oxford that would interest your readers. On the football field Fox, More, and Probyn have at different times appeared for the Varsity, but the first-named, at a critical period in the term, was placed hors de combat by the return of an old strain. Johnston has apparently forsaken 'socker' for the sister game. Hogarth has

been playing for the county.

Interest has lately been centred on the river. Lecky rowed bow in the House second boat; Berens two for Pembroke; Boulter three for B.N.C.; while A. Severn coxed Exeter. The number of bumps recorded was nowhere near that of last year, but the racing was keen throughout. The House did quite as well as was expected, since they were hampered by illness in the boat during the last week of training. Denman is the only O.W. hockey player up here; he was playing for the 'Varsity the other day against Paddington.

De Watteville is Secretary of the Archæological Society, and has also risen to an exalted rank in the Volunteers.

The O.U.D.S.'s revival of 'Romeo and Juliet' passed oftvery successfully. The part of the Apothecary was taken by

Gwyer.

We have to welcome Mr. Hall, who has taken up his residence as a Fellow at John's, while we must regret Harwood's departure, due, we are sorry to say, to ill-health.

Before concluding, may a regret be expressed that The Elizabethan has seen fit to enter into such a severe course of training to reduce its bulk? Its attenuated form was hardly recognisable, and this is the more remarkable when we remember that it has apparently absorbed the Play number in its entirety.

I am, Sir, Yours, &c., DOG-TOOTH.

THE SPORTS.

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR, -Might I be allowed to make a few suggestionsconcerning the Sports? In the first place, would it not be possible to pull off the first round of the House tugs on the Wednesday of the trials, and the final on the Friday? Otherwise, the final coming just before the T.BB. v. Q.SS. is a terrible handicap upon T.BB., several of whom have always taken part in the previous tug.

Also, could not something be done to the old rope, or a new one purchased? as, in its present rough state, a hard pull cuts the hands terribly. Any of those who pulled in the Rigauds v. Ashburnham last year can bear witness to this.

Thirdly, I would suggest the purchase of a proper hammer, as the present one is much too heavy, and has not the sort of handle which is generally used.

With humble apologies for trespassing so far upon your

valuable space,

I remain, Yours, &c., TOWN-BOY.

February 13.

[The rope is only two years' old.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Will you or any of your readers kindly reply to the following queries?

(1) Where was Shottons? (mentioned in extracts from an old School paper, furnished by 'Temp. Mut.,' in your last).

(2) Is it a fact that Westminster and Eton once rowed for the possession of the 'coveted pink'? If so, in what year? Yours truly, A CANTAB., O.W.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR, - The Elizabethan for last June contained a brief notice of the death of W. S. Cox. Will you allow me a corner to add a few words about the circumstances under which it took place, which have just come into my hands in a short memoir written by his father, and, at the same time, to invite those who were his contemporaries at Westminster to join in putting up a small brass to his memory at the School?

Cox left the School in 1888 and went up to Oxford with an Exhibition at Queen's the next year. He was a keen oar and rowed in his College torpid and eight. After taking a Second Class in Theology in 1893 he went for a term to Wycliffe Hall, and was ordained at Christmas. For two years he was curate in a large London parish. But he had for a long time thought of going abroad as a missionary, and at the end of '95 offered himself to the Church Missionary Society. It was arranged that he should go to India, and he spent the next year at

Oxford and elsewhere in preparation. In June of that year his destination was changed. A man was wanted for West Africa, and men ready and fitted to face its deadly climate are not easy to find. Cox was asked if he would go, and although he had special connections with India, and had spent several months studying with a view to work there, he characteristically agreed. In January of last year he sailed for Sierra Leone. He had been hardly four months at his work when he was struck down with malarial fever. He was put on board ship in the hope that a voyage to the Canaries might cure him, but he died the next day and was buried at sea.

He was one of those who do their work quietly and without making a stir, but those who knew him best at school and at Oxford knew the sincerity of his belief and the simple nobility of his life. His contemporaries at Queen's will remember the quiet courage with which he stood up for an unpopular cause in

the face of strong feeling roughly expressed.

Westminster does well to preserve the memory of those of her sons who give their lives for duty's sake. Already the lobby Up-School commemorates O.WW. who have fallen serving their country in war. Cox fell in a warfare no less dangerous, and it is fitting that a place should be found here to commemorate the simple faith and quiet heroism with which he went—a volunteer—to his post of duty and of death. A small Committee has been formed, consisting of R. W. Towers (St. Andrew's Vicarage, Harrow Road, W.), P. J. Preece (15 Dean's Yard, Westminster), and myself, any of whom will be glad to receive and acknowledge contributions.

Yours faithfully, L. JAMES.

Radley College, Abingdon.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR, -When reading through the last Play-number of The Elizabethan, I was somewhat startled at the remarks made about the O.WW. in the 'gods.' As a matter of fact the noise and disturbance was made by certain very influential members of the School, and not by O.WW. at all. The behaviour of the O.WW. was irreproachable.

Thoughtlessness and haste, I suspect, is your excuse for this rudeness to the Old Boys, who, above all other people, should be respected by the School; and, even if for one brief moment any O.W. was to misbehave in any way, it should rather be

hushed up than published abroad.

In the same issue it was said that the third night went brilliantly, contrasting the third with the less brilliant second and first nights. Most people considered the second night best, even though on this night O.WW. were in the 'gods,' whilst on the third night they were barred the 'gods.'
Yours, &c.,

P. W.

CHALLENGE CUP.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—Now that the sports are again in sight, may I say a few words on the subject of the Challenge Cup? Last year's system of reckoning up points started with such a low maximum for open events, that the lesser events could not be reckoned with any degree of accuracy. And then, why should (say) the

cricket ball count the same as the mile or quarter?

The best plan would be to give ten, five, and two for places in the mile, half with hurdles, quarter, and hundred. For other open events, say eight, four, and two, and so on in proportion. A much better idea of the relative positions of the Houses would thus be obtained. And one other thing, the handicaps cannot be counted. It is grossly unfair, for in a big School event, with three quarters of the runners totally untried, accurate allotting of starts is impossible, and the result is almost always the result of chance, not of a good performance. I trust something will be done this year to obviate the crowding of competitors for the mile and quarter. Surely the majority can be weeded out some days before. The present system is a terrible bar to good times in these events.

I am, Sir, yours very truly,

X.

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