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'LUSUS WESTMONASTERIENSES.'

SUCH was the title of a little book offered to the world in the year 1730. It was written by one Robert Prior, a relation of the poet Matthew, and contained a collection of short poems in Latin and Greek, which were, he tells us, the work of Westminster boys of some two hundred years ago. For the most part they consisted of about sixteen lines, though some contain so few as four verses, whilst others run to forty or more. They were composed on various theses, the longest in the book, an effort of no less than fifty-eight lines, having as its heading 'Ad honoratissimum virum, Robertum Harley Armigerum, Regiæ Majestati a conciliis, &c.' These Epigrams were recited in Hall, at Election Dinner, before the Electors and

others; and we cannot help feeling some surprise at the length of some of the compositions, and some relief that Hall Epigrams of the present day are less profuse. For, after all, the virtue of an epigram is gone if, owing to inordinate length, the reader or hearer tires of it ere he reaches the end. As we have said, these Epigrams dealt with divers subjects; many, especially the longer ones, are personal, and record the achievements of distinguished Old Westminsters: in some cases also they take the form of panegyrics on those who have passed away from this life. In this they more resemble the Prologues of that time and, in a less degree, of this—in a less degree, because then, unlike the present, the Prologue usually dealt with one particular subject, instead of being a *résumé* of the principal events which have occurred in the Westminster year; moreover the old Prologue

was usually written in elegiacs, which was naturally the favourite metre for the Epigrams.

We publish in this number of THE ELIZABETHAN an account of the Epigrams recited in Hall, at the end of last term; this shows that the good old custom still holds, as doubtless it always will; for nothing can be urged against it that would be likely to bring about its death. Whether the compositions of the present are on an equality with those of the past is perhaps a question on which all would not agree; but we venture to think that the majority will decide that we hold our own.

Closely related to these Epigrams were the Declamations which were recited before the Electors 'Up-School' on Election Tuesday. They were recited, but not necessarily composed, by the candidates of the year; in fact, the majority seem to have been from the pen of more experienced scholars. They dealt with current events often not connected in any way with the School, and appear to have consisted of from twenty to thirty lines in the elegiac metre. 'Up-School' Epigrams seem to have flourished along with Declamations, the difference being that the Epigrams were confined to certain definite theses, whereas Declamations had a far wider scope. Indeed, we find some composed on such extraneous subjects as telegraphs, balloons, and the like. We find matters both serious and comic alike ably treated in them. But Declamations are now no more; how or why they came to an end we know not. 'Up-School' Epigrams remain as of old, and though the custom is not so strongly supported as one would like to see, yet there is no reason why they should meet with the same fate as Declamations.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

NO. 62.—SIR ROBERT THOMAS WILSON.

(Continued from p. 167, ante.)

SIR ROBERT'S next public appearance, after duly serving his term of imprisonment in a French House of Correction, was, if I may be allowed the Hibernianism, as the writer of an anonymous work upon Russia, in which he expressed, what subsequent events

have shown to be by no means unfounded, apprehensions of the mighty power and aggressive spirit of that Empire. But the Czar was at that time peculiarly dear to the Tory party as having been the immediate cause of Napoleon's downfall, and so the *Quarterly Review*, in criticising the book, attacked Wilson, whom it unhesitatingly named as the author, with considerable acrimony, as a mischievous alarmist and the calumniator of a friendly Power. Wilson made a spirited rejoinder; but the controversy has only an academical interest for a generation which, rightly or wrongly, has accepted Campbell's description of

Russia, that on its throne of adamant,
Consults what nation's breast shall next be gored.

In the following year, 1818, Wilson proceeded to carry out the only one of his father's wishes to which he ever paid the least attention, by entering Parliament. He was returned Member for the Borough of Southwark, after a hotly contested election, in which he defeated a member of the great brewing family of Calvert; and he sat for the same constituency for thirteen years, during which period he bore the brunt of no less than four contested elections. In his Parliamentary capacity we catch sight of him from time to time, discharging his duties in a fearless, but not too obtrusive, manner—the uncompromising advocate of liberty, both at home and abroad, when such advocates were sorely needed. He voted consistently for Catholic Emancipation and Parliamentary Reform, and was always ready to raise his voice on behalf of those Continental Liberals whom the 'Holy Alliance' put down so sternly.

But one of the burning questions of the earlier years of George IV.'s reign was the relation between that sovereign and his wife. This is not the place to discuss the character of that much-wronged, though far from faultless, Princess. But the working classes and the Reformers of the type of Joseph Hume and Sir Francis Burdett were enthusiastically convinced of her innocence. Wilson took a decided line on the same side, thereby not only imitating his political associates, but also indulging that chivalrous inclination towards the weaker side which was characteristic of him throughout his career. He was one of the few notable people who followed the body of the unhappy Caroline on her last journey, amid scenes to which London has, fortunately, long been a stranger. At Hyde Park Corner the *cortège* had orders to turn into the Park, but the crowd wished to insist upon its traversing Piccadilly. With great difficulty the cavalry escort forced a way for the hearse across the Park, to Cumberland Gate—once Tyburn, now the Marble Arch—which they found barricaded against their further progress by a row of overturned carts; here the soldiers and the mob came into collision, and two of the latter were actually shot down. Such an incident did not tend to allay the heat of partisanship. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of 'wilful murder against some Life-Guardsman unknown,' but the Government was able to give a more practical effect

to *their* displeasure by dismissing Wilson from the Army. It was a punishment for which he must have been prepared, when he, a wearer of His Majesty's uniform, put in an appearance at such a gathering, although there was nothing to make him in any way responsible for the disturbance. But what he felt to be a grave injustice, as he wrote to the Commander-in-chief, was that he should be cashiered, as he was, unheard and even unaccused. He renewed his complaint from his place in the Commons early in the next session—an almost unprecedented case of a member demanding justice for himself—but the Ministers met him with an assertion of the sovereign's absolute right to erase any name he chose from the Army List. This doctrine, assuredly more consonant with the theory than with the practice of the Constitution, since it would place the Army at the mercy of the King, nevertheless, commended itself to the Ministerial majority, and Wilson's motion was rejected by 199 votes to 97. He was not only removed from the Army, but was even deprived of the Orders he had received from foreign sovereigns, the few tokens of gratitude he had extorted from his own having naturally gone with his commission. From one point of view, Wilson must have been rather relieved by his punishment, since it enabled him, in 1823, to offer his services to the Spanish Liberals, which, of course would have been impossible if he had still held a commission in the English Army.

His last campaign, however, brought him neither profit nor credit; indeed, his usual luck deserted him so completely that he experienced his first serious wound.

The French troops had entered Spain, to put down the resistance which the Cortes tried to offer to their king—an expedition still commemorated by the name of the Trocadero in Paris—and it was in action with them, on the historic ground of Corunna, that Wilson was shot through the thigh. When resistance became hopeless, he took ship back to England, whereat the 'Annual Register' unkindly observed that 'though Sir Robert Wilson had bled for Spanish freedom, he was by no means partial to French captivity.'

About the same time we read that at a trial for high treason in Paris, the names of Mr. Bowring (presumably the Sir John who afterwards wrote Bentham's life and preserved the philosopher's body in death, besides involving us in one of our little wars with China) and of Sir Robert Wilson were mentioned as accomplices. But, if this was ever anything more than a *canard*, nothing seems to have come of it.

It is stated that a subscription was started to indemnify Wilson for the loss of his commission, but it is nowhere added with what result; it was probably dropped on his restoration to his rank and honours, as to the date of which the authorities are again provokingly silent. His commission as Lieutenant-General bears date May 27, 1825, but this was presumably granted retrospectively, as it is difficult to believe that Wilson was ever taken back into favour

as long as George IV. lived. But, from the first entry of the Allies into Paris, at which point Wilson's autobiographical memoirs end, the task of constructing his 'Life' is by no means a sinecure.

The rest of his career was comparatively uneventful. He resigned his seat in Parliament in 1831; became Colonel of the 15th Hussars in 1835; and reached the full rank of General in 1841. In the following year he was appointed Governor of Gibraltar, and held that post for seven years, returning home only just before his death, which took place 'at Marshall Thompson's Hotel, Oxford Street,' on May 9, 1849.

So closed one of the most remarkable lives of a remarkable period. English military historians have never done full justice to either the services or the capacity of Sir Robert Wilson, in part, perhaps, because it never fell to his lot to command his own countrymen in action, all his services, except the very earliest, having been rendered with foreign troops, Hompesch's, the Loyal Lusitanian Legion, and the Russian and Austrian armies. But while Whitehall disparaged, Metternich admired, and Napoleon, if we dare use so strong an expression, feared him. But though Wilson's merits as a soldier were great, they are not his only, nor, indeed, his chief claim to our admiration. His literary work would by itself make a fair second-class reputation; he had the quick intelligence and sagacious foresight which many professed statesmen unfortunately lack. But these are comparatively of small importance. Wilson's real fame must rest on what he was rather than what he did. There was in him, as a more competent biographer would have shown, without needing to say so explicitly, a keen sympathy with misfortune and a passion for Justice—never counting the cost where she was to be served—which it is not easy to parallel. I began this article by a perhaps rather forced comparison between Wilson and Dreyfus; but the progress of that mournful judicial drama on the other side of the Channel has revealed a closer resemblance. If I call Wilson the English Picquart, it is hard to say to which of the two men I pay the greater honour.

FLOREAT.

HALL EPIGRAMS.

THIS year Hall Epigrams were neither very numerous nor remarkably good. In Latin the favourite metre was elegiac, and there was but one in Greek. Of the theses *Multum in Parvo* was more popular than *Ἐυρεῖν λιοντα*. One on the former was a graceful farewell, worthy of its author.

Multum in Parvo

Vale, per annos cara sex mihi nutrix,
Vitam memoria dehinc mea tenenda omnem,
Quae clausa parvos parva terminos inter
Multos alumnos multo amore devincit.

The pun was not eschewed; witness:

Ξυρεῖν λέοντα.

By other roads, in other times,
The self-same end they seek:
In colder and in hotter climes,
The English and the Greek.

The Greek a razor used to show,
No lion fell he feared;
Now, when we face our tawny foe,
His majesty we beard.

Or, again:

Ξυρεῖν λέοντα.

The Congress Stead has summon'd—or the Czar—
To check hostilities at sea is fain;
But their restrictions will, if pushed too far,
Deprive the British Lion of his *main*.

South Africa has *aliquid*, if not *aliquid novi*:

Multum in Parvo.

Almam vexavit nuper discordia Matrem:
Num Rhodon ambigitur fas decorare toga.
'Improbe' pars clamant, clamant pars 'Inclyte' contra
Obque togam toto iurgia in orbe sonant.

Our superiors' learning:

Multum in Parvo.

'Discipuli spectant pavidum venerantque magistrum
Scribere qui doctus, qui numerare potest.
Miranturque magis, vix ausi credere parvum
Unum tot posse et tanta tenere caput.'
At mihi non sic est: cerebrum sive est mihi magnum,
Seu parvum, restat semper inane caput.
Multa quidem menti occurrunt: ex omnibus unum,
Auxiliante Gradu, vix epigramma fluit.

And our inferiors' ingenuity:

Multum in Parvo.

Orbilius versus octove decemve posposit:
Unum composuit Pollio versiculum.
Ne brevitatis obsit, facit ut ter syllaba miro
Longa sit in versu, quae brevis ante fuit.
Ille, 'Breves,' inquit, 'tu produxisse ter ausus,
At longas idem es corripuisse quater.'

The microbe:

Multum in Parvo.

Parvula, quae sensus fugis omnes, forma bacilli,
Mors latet in tenui corpore quanta tuo!

And its cure:

Multum in Parvo.

Exsiluit cista morbi genus omne reclusa;
Restitit et tanti spes medicina mali.
Spes minimum pilulae contracta residit in orbem
Ilia qui sanat, pectora corda iecur.
Ne fallare tamen, Pandorae nomine captus—
Carterii ni sit, nil pilula ulla valet.

Our cricketers have rimes of their own:

Multum in Parvo.

Willy Quaife
Is very safe,
And his bat is hard to beat;
Bobby Abel
Needs no label,
Known for many a scoring feat;
Gilbert Jessop,
With success op-

Posed the wily Kangaroo,
Who, on his side,
Claims with just pride
That he has a midget, too.
All the world o'er
Could you find four
Bats more like to make a score?

We will end with the shortest:

Multum in Parvo.

'The shorter the better'—
Fulfilled to the letter.

And the neatest:

Multum in Parvo.

Ubi cumque prodeō,
Bos occurrit oculo,
Sedens bos in poculo.

School Notes.

THE Gumbleton Prize for English Verse has been awarded to O. G. F. Lühn.

We congratulate E. P. Garrett on passing the second part of the India Civil Service examination.

At Oxford W. F. Fox and R. E. More appeared with success in the Seniors' Match, and H. B. Willett and H. Plaskitt in the Freshmen's Match.

At Cambridge F. Young and E. M. Eustace played in the Freshmen's Match. The former we also congratulate on having represented the University *v.* Suffolk County.

We offer hearty congratulations to H. W. Beveridge on representing Oxford at golf this term.

We are sorry to see that R. W. R. Barnes was severely wounded at Elandslaagte. Mr. Barnes is a Lieutenant in the 4th Hussars and Adjutant of his regiment. He was summoned from his regiment in India to be Adjutant of the Imperial Light Horse.

A correspondent has kindly informed us that Lieut.-Col. Herbert Rawson, R.E. (O.W.), has gone out to South Africa as commanding the Royal Engineers in Natal.

We also hear that P. E. Knapp and J. B. Wells (O.W.W.) are seeing active service in the same quarter. We wish them all success and a safe return.

The late Dr. Troutbeck, whose death we announced in our last number, was buried in the East Cloister on Saturday, October 14. The Dean kindly allowed the Monitorial Council to attend the service in the Abbey.

The following is the football card filled in up to date :—

1899.

Sat.	Sept.	30	. Clapham Rovers. (Lost 0-3.)
"	Oct.	7	. E. H. Winslow's XI. (Won 3-0.)
"	"	14	. H. O. C. Beasley's XI. (Lost 3-7.)
"	"	21	. Old Westminster's. (Won 2-1.)
"	"	28	. Old Carthusians. (Drawn 0-0.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Lost 2-7.)
Wed.	Nov.	1	. Old Etonians. (Won 1-0.)
Sat.	"	4	. Old Foresters.
"	"	11	. R. E. More's XI.
"	"	18	. Casuals.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster's 2nd XI.
Wed.	Nov.	22	. Emeriti.
Sat.	"	25	. Old Harrovians.
"	Dec.	2	. Christ Church
"	2nd XI.	v.	London Hospital 2nd XI.
Wed.	Dec.	6	. University College.
Sat.	"	9	. Old Felstedians.
"	2nd XI.	v.	A. B. Challis's XI.

1900.

Sat.	Jan.	20	. Clapham Rovers.
"	2nd XI.	v.	London Hospital 2nd XI.
"	Jan.	27	. Selwyn College, Camb.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.
Wed.	Jan.	31	. Old Etonians.
Sat.	Feb.	3	. Old Westminster's.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminster's 2nd XI.
Wed.	Feb.	7	. Emeriti.
Sat.	"	17	. Casuals.
"	"	24	. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).
"	Mar.	3	. Old Brightonians.
"	2nd XI.	v.	E. H. Winslow's XI.
Wed.	Mar.	7	. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Sat.	"	10	. F. Wormold's Eton XI.
"	"	17	. T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, September 30. The start was delayed by a sharp shower of rain, but the ground was in pretty good condition. Westminster won the toss and elected to play from the old hospital end, Goodall kicking off for Clapham Rovers at 3.15. They at once pressed, but Barnby cleared; and the Westminster right wing got away, only however to be pulled up by the opposing back. Lock tackled Bristow just as he was becoming dangerous and sent across to the left wing, where Jacob and Pashley took it right down, until the ball went into touch by their goal. Clapham Rovers did most of the pressing for a time, play being chiefly confined to their left wing. Barnby at length got the ball well away and passed it to Kennedy who took it up the wing, but Bompas shot behind. The right wing continued to attack and Harris shot, but he had been previously ruled off-side. Play was transferred for a time to the other end, but Harris and Kennedy were soon at work again and a corner

resulted; Lock sent behind. From the kick-off the Rovers went away; Topping got the ball from what seemed an off-side position and scored, Anderson having no chance; the appeal was not allowed. Half-time was soon after called. On restarting, Clapham Rovers pressed for some time, and Anderson had a fast shot to save from Goodall. A little later, however, Bristow scored with a good shot for them. Westminster attacked for a time after this, and Harris, getting the ball, passed to Kennedy, who put in a hot shot; Hollick, however, cleared well. The Rovers were soon back again, and scored again through the agency of Goodall. They continued to press for the remainder of the game, though the Westminster right wing occasionally got away well. Thus when time was called the score was 3-0 in favour of Clapham Rovers.

None of the team did themselves justice with the exception of Anderson, who cleared finely. Foster also showed to some advantage at centre-half, working very hard. His passes, were, however, somewhat wild. The Clapham Rovers played very well together, the backs being very good, while F. Odell at centre-half was too much for our forwards. Both the outsides showed pace and dash, as did H. Goodall in the centre. E. H. Winslow, Esq., refereed.

The teams were as follows:—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby (capt.) and E. C. Stevens (backs); P. F. Lock, A. L. Foster, R. Wynter (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, W. R. Jacob and R. Pashley (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

W. L. Hollick (goal); A. R. Dyer, H. Smith (backs); R. J. Burlington, F. Odell, A. Mackie (half-backs); H. Topping, V. Brown, H. Goodall, E. L. Bristow, F. O. Ward (forwards).

WESTMINSTER v. E. H. WINSLOW'S XI.

School lost the toss, and kicked off towards the School end. The School started passing and kept it up during the whole game. Harris put in some nice shots, while Jacob, who took outside *vice* Pashley, centred well. The visitors made occasional rushes, but were never really dangerous, Anderson only touching the ball twice during the whole game. Harris after a nice run with Kennedy opened the scoring with a splendid shot from the right. The visitors got away and L. Y. Barnby shot, but Anderson cleared. Some very scrambling play ensued, after which Bompas put the ball through from the scrimmage in front of goal. Soon after half-time was called, the School leading 2-0. On restarting, the School at once pressed and Harris tried the goal-keeper with three or four nice shots. He then forced six corners, but nothing came of them. Soon after that two more corners were finely taken by Wynter, one of them hitting the cross-bar. L. Y.

Barnby then got away and put in a hot shot, which Anderson was lucky in saving. Our right wing were again conspicuous, and Harris finished a good run by putting on third and last goal. Soon afterwards time was called, leaving the School victorious by 3-0.

The whole team played much better, the defence especially showing to advantage. Anderson had scarcely anything to do, while the backs had a very easy time. The forwards showed a great improvement, Harris and Jacob being the best. The shooting was poor, and the score should have been much larger.

Of our opponents L. Y. Barnby was best, putting in the only two shots.

Team :—

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); P. F. Lock, A. L. Foster, R. Wynter (half-backs); W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley, H. S. Bompas, S. S. Harris, S. O. Kennedy (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER *v.* H. O. C. BEASLEY'S XI.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, October 14, and resulted in a win for Beasley's XI. by 7-3. Westminster kicked off, and the visitors at once began to press. Kennedy ran down on the right, but was pulled up by Smith. Taylor got the ball and scored an easy goal. Their left wing did most of the work for a time, and kept the ball continually up by the Westminster goal. Smith centred well and Taylor easily scored again. Westminster's left wing attacked from the kick-off, but was well stopped by Greatorex, and Beasley ran up on the right and centred, Brodie rushing the ball through. The scratch Eleven continued to press, and Snell, getting right away on the left, scored. Oakley soon after scored with a splendid long shot in the corner of the net. Westminster went away with a rush, and Bompas scored a fine goal. Beasley's XI., however, were soon at work again, and Brodie obtained his second goal. The Westminster right wing got down, but Greatorex relieved in time. Oakley got the ball and sent in a long shot, which Anderson let through his legs badly. From the kick-off Westminster again rushed down and Bompas scored. Half-time was soon after called. In the second half the game was more even. Taylor and Beasley repeatedly ran down on the right wing, but the backs generally cleared just in time. Beasley's XI. did most of the pressing, and Taylor twice got clear of the backs, only to be pulled up for off-side. Westminster occasionally got away, but the backs generally stopped them before they had time to shoot. Play was confined to mid-field for a time, but Taylor at last got right past everyone and had the goal at his mercy, but unaccountably missed. Westminster then attacked, and Harris scored a good goal. Nothing further was scored, though they pressed hard; a very hot shot from Taylor was splendidly cleared by Anderson. For the School the defence as a whole

was excellent; Wynter found the opposing right wing somewhat too fast for him, but worked hard. Oakley's shots proved too much for Anderson, while G. O. Smith, who played a grand game at back, completely routed our forwards. This was perhaps one of the best teams we have met for some years, and we did well not to be more severely beaten.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); P. F. Lock, A. L. Foster, and R. Wynter (half-backs); S. O. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

H. O. C. BEASLEY'S XI.

E. T. B. Lee (goal); G. O. Smith and P. Greatorex (backs); L. Y. Barnby, R. O. Barnett, E. A. Lewis (half-backs); H. O. C. Beasley, S. S. Taylor, H. W. Brodie, W. J. Oakley, H. S. Snell (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* O.WW.

Played 'Up Fields' in a dense fog on Saturday, October 28, resulting in a win for the School by 5-1. The School won the toss and played toward the south end. Owing to the fog it was almost impossible to see anything of the game. Westminster started pressing, and half-way through the first half Harris scored with a nice shot. O.WW., who started one short owing to Whitlow disabling his leg, then got away and looked dangerous, but failed to score. Soon after half-time was called, Westminster leading 1-0. In the second half the fog increased, and play lasted only about fifteen minutes, when both sides scored once, the School being left winners by 2-1. The game was a poor one, anything like combination between the forwards and the defence being impossible, as most of the time the forwards were quite invisible. Had it not been for the fog, the School would probably have won with more goals to spare.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. B. Anderson (goal), A. C. Barnby (capt.), and E. C. Stevens (backs); E. A. Lewis, A. L. Foster, A. T. Willett (half-backs); W. R. Jacob, R. Pashley, H. S. Bompas, S. S. Harris, S. O. Kennedy (forwards).

O.WW.

W. V. Rayner (goal, L. A. M. Fevez and C. E. L. Johnston (backs); H. F. Chatterton, H. O. C. Beasley, W. F. Fox (half-backs); J. H. Alderson, R. H. More, D. P. Winkworth, L. Y. Barnby, R. R. Campbell (forwards).

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—We were beaten in the Juniors by Rigaud's in the first round. We congratulate Coleby on a first appearance for the School. Lock has been playing regularly, but unfortunately got blood-

poisoning in his leg a short time ago. We trust he will be playing again by the time this appears. Gaye has again appeared on the field after a long absence. We earnestly hope that he will in future be free from accidents; he has had far more than his share in the last year. The Literary Society is reading King Henry VIII. The cast of the play has been made up. There are necessarily a good many new hands, but we hope by studious rehearsing the acting may be as creditable as last year.

RIGAUD'S.—There is very little to be recorded in this number. We offer our heartiest congratulations to B. H. Willet on playing in the Oxford Freshmen's match. A. T. Willett is also to be congratulated on playing for the School against Old Westminster, and Bennett, Powers, and Kemp on playing for the 2nd XI. against Clapham Rovers' 2nd XI., and the two last-named on receiving their House colours. In Junior House Matches we were drawn against Junior College, whom we succeeded in defeating by four goals to two.

GRANT'S.—In the Junior House Matches we were drawn with H.B.B., whom we beat decisively by 7-1. The whole team played up hard and well. We heartily congratulate Rawlings and Oldham on playing for the 2nd XI. against Clapham Rovers; the latter has received his House colours. W. Osborn, we are glad to see, has recovered from his illness, and returned to take up his monitorial duties.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—In the first round of the Juniors we drew a bye, but we hope to give a good account of ourselves in the second. We shall unfortunately lack the services of Lewis, whom we heartily congratulate on representing the School against Old Westminsters and Old Carthusians. We are beginning our preparations for the House Fives Ties. In our last number we forgot to offer our congratulations to H. L. Henderson on getting Head Election to Christ Church; we rectify the omission herewith. We also congratulate F. G. Joseph on gaining the Ireland Prize for Latin Verse.

H.B.B.—We drew Grant's in the Junior House Matches, and were beaten by 7-1, Battle, Perry, Wilkins, and Lowe showing up best for us. We congratulate H. Plaskitt on playing in the Freshmen's Match at Oxford. We also congratulate Lühn on obtaining the Gumbleton Prize for English Verse. Battle has played for the Second XI., and received his House colours.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, Oct. 12, when the following motion was discussed: 'That the rules of cricket require revision.'

The PROPOSER (A. A. MILNE) suggested that, in view of the large number of drawn matches during the last few seasons, a committee of prominent cricketers should be formed to reconsider the rules. He mentioned several expedients to render drawn games more unlikely, but seemed most in favour of a proposal to take an inch or two off the width of the bat. In one matter especially, he said, the rules require revision: overthrows should not count to the batsmen nor against the bowler, but should be scored as extras. As to county qualification, no man should be allowed to play for any county except that in which he was born.

The OPPOSER (A. L. FOSTER) contended that it is only in first-class cricket that batsmen have the advantage; in ordinary school or village cricket the bowlers are almost always at a great advantage. He criticised most of the Proposer's suggestions as to lessening the width of the bat; he considered that that would spoil all cutting and back play. The suggested alteration in the l.b.w. rule he considered absurd.

K. B. ANDERSON, who seconded the motion, did not agree with the opposer that a decrease in the width of the bat would lessen the effectiveness of cutting and back-play; in support of this he quoted the use of broomsticks.

The PRESIDENT was surprised that no one had brought forward the suggestion that drawn matches should be decided by the average of runs per wicket. After speeches by Barnby, Ravenscroft, and S. D. Kennedy, the House divided with the following result: Ayes, 10; Noes, 6. Majority for, 4.

The motion was therefore carried.

The House met again on Thursday, October 19, to discuss the following motion: 'That this House would welcome the abolition of Free Trade.'

This was a very poor debate, as few members seemed to have any knowledge of the subject.

The PROPOSER'S (H. DAY) chief argument was that our agricultural interests would be greatly increased by the abolition of Free Trade; at present the only agricultural employment that pays is the rearing of pigs.

The OPPOSER (O. G. F. LÜHN) was somewhat disconnected and inaudible; he considered that Free Trade had answered very well for a century. The prosperity of America was not due to Protection, but rather existed in spite of it.

C. M. PAGE, who should have seconded the motion, had been under a misapprehension as to the wording, and in consequence had very few new arguments to bring before the House.

A. C. BARNBY said that, owing to the low ebb of commerce in England, Free Trade had once been necessary; this is no longer the case, and it can now only be regarded as a mere sentimental survival. Free Trade is quite incompatible with Imperialism,

as it places our Colonies on the same commercial footing toward us as the great foreign nations.

The PRESIDENT thought that by continuing Free Trade we allow others to gain, where we ourselves lose ; gratitude in politics is an unknown politics ; he cited as an example of the generosity of some nations with regard to Free Trade the case of Portuguese West Africa, the only things that can be taken into the colony duty free being agricultural implements, which are practically useless on the sandy soil there.

S. D. KENNEDY attacked Free Trade from its bearing on the Cane Sugar Industry, which is being ruined by the German bounty.

After further speeches by F. G. JOSEPH and P. BROWNING, the question was put, with the result that the motion was carried by acclamation.

OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR Meeting of the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, on Tuesday, October 17, 1899. The following members were present: S. H. West, I.P.M., W. Ashton-Ellis, S.W., J. Barnes Liberty, J.W., W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.D., P.M., Thomas Wakley, Junr., P.M., C. W. Stephenson, P.M., H. Sutherland, P.G.D., Secretary, E. Festus Kelly, T. Stirling Lee, and G. J. Crawford Thomson.

Great regret was expressed at the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Rawson, R.E., he having been ordered to South Africa to take part in the war against the Boers, and hearty good wishes were expressed for his safe return with more honours to his name.

Bro. W. Ashton-Ellis was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. Wakley was re-elected as Treasurer.

The names of two Old Westminsters were duly proposed and seconded as candidates for admission into Freemasonry in the Old Westminsters Lodge.

A Past-Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to Bro. Rawson, in token of the Lodge's appreciation of his services in the Chair and his merits as a Mason and a man.

The resignation of V. W. Bro. W. K. R. Bedford, Past Grand Chaplain, was announced and was received with very great regret by the brethren. Bro. Bedford, alike a distinguished Old Westminister and a distinguished Freemason, was one of the founders of the Lodge, which has now practically completed its twelfth year of existence. Although considerations of health have compelled his resignation, the brethren yet trust to see him occasionally amongst them as a visitor.

Other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the usual banquet.

Obituary

WE regret to record the death of the Rev. HENRY CADWALLADER ADAMS, the well-known author. Mr. Adams was a son of Serjeant Adams, was born in 1817, and admitted in 1830. He matriculated at Oxford from Balliol and migrated to Magdalen, of which House he became a Fellow. He was ordained in 1846, and was for some time a master at Winchester. From 1867 he was Vicar successively of Dry Sandford and of Old Shoreham. His theological works are well known, and his School stories had at one time a great vogue. These stories did not affect realism, and, as far as we know, the scene of none of them was laid in Westminster.

The Rev. RICHARD GREGORY CHALK, who died in June, aged 75, was admitted in 1837, became Q.S. in 1838, and was elected to Trinity in 1842. In 1849 he became Rector of Wilden, near Bedford, and held his living for half a century.

DAVID JOSIAH DRAKEFORD, who died in the summer, aged 34, was at the School from 1880 to 1882. His initials were occasionally appended to notes in our columns.

We have also to record the deaths of Major-General ANDREW PELLET SCRIMSURE GREEN, R.A., and the Rev. WILLIAM FREDERICK CHAMBERS, sometime Vicar of North Kelsey. General Green was in his seventy-eighth, and Mr. Chambers in his seventy-first, year.

Somewhat younger was CHARLES EDMUND BANKS, who was a Bishop's Boy in 1847, and died in his sixty-eighth year. ROBERT BURGESS ANGELL, who was at School for a few terms in 1891-2, died in Africa, aged 21.

Answer to Query.

THROUGH the kindness of a subscriber we are able to state, in answer to the query in the last number of *The Elizabethan*, that the sketch of 'Little Dean's Yard' there referred to was drawn by Mr. C. F. Brickdale, O.W., who also drew the block for the frontispiece of *The Elizabethan* and illuminated the School Prayer Book.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The term is now well advanced, and we are at leisure to estimate our comparative losses and gains since last year. On the whole we have good reason to be satisfied; for, though we have lost a Leander tie in Mayne, a Union 'light' in Airy, and two 'blues' of undying fame in Beasley and Moon—the last-named we hope will be with us again before long—we may fairly be consoled by the arrival of S. A. Sydney-Turner, F. Young, H. R. Lonsdale, J. Heard, G. W. Goodhart, and C. H. Edmunds at Trinity, R. Davies-Colley at Emmanuel, and E. M. Eustace at Sidney. Most of these have already distinguished themselves in their various spheres of influence.

The senior O.W. now up is Cooper, who still graces Queen's with his presence, and hopes to take a degree this term. He is now a leading contributor to *The Granta*, and his table may often be seen littered with halfpenny comic newspapers that he is seeking to outshine in the field of literature.

Blaker is Secretary of the C.U.A.F.C., and has already demonstrated that he has lost none of his skill on the football field. Old Westminsters came up to play the 'Varsity on Saturday, October 28, with a somewhat weak team, which was defeated by nine goals to three.

Our representatives in the Freshmen's Match were Young and Eustace, both of whom played with credit. Our condolences are due to Lonsdale, who was crowded out, the names of no fewer than twenty-eight full-backs having been sent in. In a league match the other day he distinguished himself by shooting a brilliant goal from that position.

Young has been doing great things, and played for the 'Varsity on Wednesday, November 1, against Suffolk County. He has proved himself to be a determined character also in other ways. The wily tout that enters his rooms expecting to find a simple-minded and compliant fresher soon discovers his mistake and retires with hurried steps. He has also distinguished himself greatly as a hard driver of bargains, as the interior of his rooms will testify. There is an especially fine overmantel, which, had it not been a bargain, would have cost half what he paid for it. We are not quite sure whether his tea is one of these notable bargains; but he is, at any rate, very proud of it, as also of a species of cake, the prevailing ingredient of which appeared to be cayenne pepper. He sometimes holds a tea-making class on Sunday afternoons. He is at present producing a great literary work on 'Mathematics considered as part of a Liberal Education,' the completion of which is eagerly awaited by all, and especially his tutor.

Eustace, in spite of his somewhat ferocious exterior, is much the same as ever; his laugh, welling up from beneath the 'subfusc' depths of his moustache, is hearty as of yore. He is a great mathematical theorist, chief among his aims being the trisection of the angle and the squaring of the circle. In fact, mathematics are just now unusually prevalent—Sydney-Turner, forsaking even Ebenezer Jones for the new craze, and Gaye especially, are irrepressible, their combats on the parts and magnitude of the point and other far-reaching questions being hot and long-continued. Heard has been dividing his atten-

tion between society, driving, and worms—what he does with these last is somewhat obscure.

Most prominent among us, perhaps, is Boulter, who, by reason of his calm self-possession, tempered by boisterous mirth, is gradually getting into his hands all the college offices that from time to time fall vacant, and has, therefore, been suspected of aiming at tyranny. He is an ex-president of the Fledgelings, Secretary of the Classical Reading Society and of the Shakespeare Society, and keeps a careful watch on refractory dons. He has brought his tutor into a fair state of submission, but has still a few differences of opinion with the new Junior Dean; in this, as in all else, however, we feel sure he will be the winner.

With best wishes for Commemoration and the Play,

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In the October number of *The Elizabethan*, in the last paragraph of the article on the past cricket season, appears this sentence, 'It only remains to say that the attendances at Vincent were generally good.' Is 'at Vincent' a new expression coined by the writer, or is the word 'Square' accidentally omitted? In either case why not say 'Up Fields.' Surely Westminster has not so many 'notions' that it is necessary to avoid the use of some of them.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. ROBERTSON.

[The word 'Square' was accidentally omitted after 'Vincent.' Surely 'Vincent Square' has as much right to be used in connection with Westminster as 'Up Fields'!—ED.]

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—*Rossalian*, *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle*, *Wellingtonian*, *St. Peter's School Magazine*, *Alleyrian*, *Cheltonian*, *Carthusian*, *Westminsterian*, *South Eastern College Magazine*, *Newtonian*, *Olola*, *Felstedian*, *Haileyburian*, *Meteor*, *The Blue*.

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