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THE PAST CRICKET SEASON.

THE Cricket season of 1890 has been in several ways remarkable. The Eleven was a better one than would appear from their record of matches. Only two victories were gained, but they were both very brilliant ones. Charterhouse was beaten by an innings and 40 runs, and a strong eleven of I Zingari by 154. In the match against Marylebone we were beaten indeed, but by no means discredited, and in the drawn game with the Old Carthusians our batting was exceedingly good. The new Pavilion has been a very great convenience to players and spectators, and on match days a considerable number of ladies have been kind enough to come 'up fields.' Early in the year a committee considered the state of Cricket in the School, and made certain recommendations, of which perhaps the most important was the institution of a system of Form matches on Wednesdays. Owing in great measure to the energy of the Captain of Cricket, these matches have become

very popular, and the number of fellows playing on Wednesdays has been almost doubled. 'Under fifteen' House matches have also been played, and other means taken to make Cricket more interesting to the smaller boys. The importance of these changes cannot be exaggerated, and we confidently believe that they will produce a permanent improvement in the Cricket of the School.

Turning to the doings of the Eleven, there is no doubt that more matches ought to have been won. The team were much too long in getting into form, and after the exeat they fell off again for a fortnight. The first four matches were all lost. Blaker was then quite unable to get runs, and everyone except Campbell showed the same want of confidence which has in former years brought on us so many defeats. Then came the victory over I Zingari, when Blaker made 171, a beautiful display of relentless hard hitting. After this the Eleven played with much more spirit. Our next total was 211 against the M.C.C., a really good performance, but Mr. H. Ross proved to be not yet

tired of making centuries, and Marylebone won a lucky victory by two wickets. After the exeat we played the Masters and Upper Tooting, two matches which might have been won, but were not. Some excellent cricket was shown against the Old Carthusians, and this was the more satisfactory as our innings was constantly interrupted by rain. The match ended in a very even draw. A hopelessly wet day prevented any play against the Authentics, and both the Old Westminster and Lords and Commons were unable to get a side together against us. At Godalming everything went well from first to last. The Eleven, as a whole, never batted better, our bowling was magnificent, and Charterhouse could only make 67 and 63. The season ended with a match against Blackheath, but the experiment of playing a match at the end of examinations was decisively a failure. The House matches were played in bad weather and on difficult wickets, but Rigauds, who had all the bowling, must, we think, have won the shield under any circumstances. The curious victory of Q.SS. over T.BB. showed, however, that in Cricket there are no certainties.

It would be superfluous to praise the judgment and ability with which the Eleven have been captained. From the I Zingari match to the end of the season Blaker batted consistently well. He has the large average of 32, and set an excellent example to a team which did not always imitate him. Campbell, Gifford, Shearme and Sherring were all good bats; Agar promises well, but Willett was rather disappointing, and the sting of this year's Eleven was not in its tail. The bowling was good, Gifford being by far the most successful. Indeed, of his performance against Charterhouse it is impossible to speak too highly. He always made the ball 'do something,' usually something disagreeable to the batsman. Berens, too, bowled with great skill, especially in the earlier matches. He was seen at his best against the Incogs. Shearme had a great success in the first match, but did little afterwards. Willett was always useful; but Powell, though he got a few wickets, was not the Powell of 1889. A great deal of time has been given up to fielding practices, and the fielding was safer and better than it has been lately. Sherring is a very promising wicket-keeper, and was especially useful in the Charterhouse match. The Cricket prospects for next year seem unusually bright. Blaker and seven or eight old Pinks will probably still be there, and the Form matches have shown that there is plenty of

bowling talent in different parts of the School. We hope therefore to have an exceptionally strong Eleven.

Appended is a list of matches, with results:—

Saturday,	May	3	v.	E. L. Fox's XI. (lost by 35).
"	"	10	v.	Incogniti (lost by 125).
"	"	17	v.	Kensington Park (lost by 140).
"	"	24	v.	Butterflies (lost by 56).
"	"	31	v.	I Zingari (won by 156).
"	June	7	v.	M.C.C. (lost by 2 wkts).
"	"	21	v.	Upper Tooting (lost by 21).
Wednesday,	"	25	v.	Masters' XI (lost by 43).
Saturday,	"	28	v.	Old Carthusians (drawn).
"	July	5	v.	Oxford University Authentics (scratched).
Friday,	"	11	v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming)
Saturday,	"	12	f	(won by an innings and 40).
"	"	26	v.	Blackheath (lost by 168).
Monday,	"	28	v.	T.BB. v. Q.SS. (Q.SS. won by 40).

Matches played, 11; won, 2; lost, 8; drawn, 1.

HOUSE-MONITORS.

A CERTAIN time must always elapse before any new institution, especially in a community so conservative as Westminster, may be expected to possess the *prestige* necessary to ensure permanent popularity and respect. Before *prestige* is acquired, the importance of the new institution must be duly recognised; and though many acquiesce in the change, few fully recognise its true importance at once—except, indeed, the reformers themselves.

To apply these remarks to one of our newest institutions, it may well be doubted whether the immense importance of the House-Monitor system is really understood by those who should have learnt it best—the house-monitors themselves. Even if they do grasp its importance, they are often disinclined to face its difficulties, which, it must be allowed, are great and numerous. Any position in which any degree of moral strength and courage, any exertion of will, self-control, and personal authority are required, must always be one of extreme difficulty to most. And it is not too much to say, that of all positions of trust in a public school, there is none so hard to fill with success as that of head of a house or house-monitor—for there is, or should be, very little difference in the degree of responsibility. It is not merely a question of good example, of firmness, of vigilance, of justice seasoned by mercy, even of moral courage. These are all necessary in a good house-monitor, and if only small fellows had to be dealt with, they would, we suppose, be sufficient. Unfortunately there is always a class of

fellows in every house, who, if age, size, bodily strength, and (very often) popularity were alone to be considered, would be house-monitors. As proficiency at work and general activity and absence of rowdiness are at least as necessary as these, such fellows are, as a rule, conspicuous, not for being house-monitors, but for giving those in authority as much trouble as they can; some because they are angry with themselves for not deserving the position which others of right assume; some because they are angry at not being allowed to assume the position which they are persuaded they deserve to hold; and others again, we fear, chiefly because it is their nature so to do.

How to deal with such fellows, how to keep them in their proper place without taking away what self-respect still remains to them, how to encourage them to energy and to induce them to use their influence for the good of their house and school, are questions which must always perplex monitors who think it worth their while to notice them. Then, too, it is extremely hard for a new monitor so to order his behaviour towards those immediately below him in his house, who last term perhaps were his associates, but who now are expected to obey him, as to strike the mean between the 'Romana gravitas' so unbecoming to a schoolboy in any position, and such a demeanour as invites the familiarity which, as we all know, breeds contempt. The moral of this difficulty is, that from the time a fellow enters a school he should act with a view to occupying at some time a position of trust in it; by which we do not mean in a self-seeking and priggish manner, but in such a way that when he becomes a monitor he will not feel, nor oblige others to feel, that he is wearing a giant's robe. Instead of this, many fellows look forward to becoming monitors, chiefly for the sake of what the historian calls 'the emoluments of office,' which in this case consist of a right to keep fags, and a certain degree of consideration; and such fellows, when they do attain the position, almost without exception disgrace it by displaying a want of proper dignity, by taking constant advantage of their exemption from the station list, and by thwarting the head of the house on every possible occasion; it is when such fellows as these are in the office that the importance of the system is best realised; the demoralisation of the house ensues in an incredibly short space of time.

Here we dismiss the subject, of which there

would be pleasanter things to say if all who aspire to the dignity of house-monitors bore in mind more constantly the maxim of Bacon:

'No one knows how far he has advanced on the road of virtue, unless public office affords him a field for action.'

EPIGRAMS.

THE Election Dinner took place on Monday, July 28, when about 60 guests were present. The Dean was in the chair, supported by the Dean of Christ Church and the Master of Trinity: among other distinguished O.W.W. and others present were Mr. T. W. Wheeler, Q.C., Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, Mr. Charles Watkin Williams Wynn, Lord Justice Fry, Col. Howard Vincent, M.P.

There were thirty-one Epigrams, the majority of them, as usual, English, the Theses being:

Gravior medicina malo

and

ψεύδος γλυκύ, πῆμα καλόν.

The obscurity of the Thesis was neatly expressed thus:

My friends around admire the grand afflatus of the poet;
I sit divinely rapt. For worlds I would not let them know it;
One urgent thought my wretched brain perpetually teases—
To wonder what on earth can be the meaning of this thesis.

Contemporary politics were much used, the following three being perhaps the best allusions:

When you nearly are choked by a fly which has blindly
And hurriedly dashed down your throat,
To swallow a spider your dear friends will kindly
Suggest as the best antidote.

Thus people there are who, with backbone most flabby,
Follow teachers the Nation who tell,

If it would not be choked by Obstruction and L-bby,
To swallow Home Rule and Parnell.

Leges Anglorum ne vos violetis, Hiberni,
Legum latorius violare licet.

Sat Codro fons purus erat, faex atra Mathoni;
Te proprium interea, caupo, tenebat opus.

Sobrius ut Matho sit, nummos, caupo, accipe Codri;
Stat caupo ignavus, flet Matho, Codrus eget.

while

Ille malum mali: malum est malus et male sentit;
At malo est gravior post medicina malo,

puzzled many to translate, and even him who had to repeat it. With the following we may perhaps conclude our account:

Ultero promittis hunc cadum, sodales:
Nunquam, qui bibit hunc, timent podagram.
At, si vera mihi loquenda res est,
Hunc pluris facio cadum podagra.

The doctors tell us that by thee,
O Chinese Leaf, our lives grow shorter:
What of it? Fifty years on tea
Are worth five score on milk-and-water.

Sweet is the lie that small boys tell

When they smoke (tho' they loathe it) the dire cigarette,
And noble the pain that they bear so well

For the sake of the honour and glory they get.

J. C.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 24.—GEORGE HERBERT.

(Continued from page 172.)

IN the year 1629, Dr. Walter Curle, who was Rector of Bemerton, near Salisbury, was appointed to the Bishopric of Bath and Wells, and thereupon the presentation to the living of Bemerton, which ordinarily belonged to the Earls of Pembroke, fell to the Crown. Philip, the then Earl, accordingly bestowed the King to bestow it upon George Herbert, and the King readily acceded to the request in the words, 'Most willingly to Mr. Herbert if it be worth his acceptance.' The gift was unexpected by Herbert, who was not even in priest's orders, and no sooner had he heard of his kinsman's kindness than a too conscientious fear seized him that the responsibility was too great and that he was not fit to undertake the cure. After their marriage the newly married couple paid a visit to the famous seat of the Pembroke family at Wilton, where or at Salisbury close by the Court happened to be residing. Herbert's first thought was to thank the Earl for his gift, but he informed him at the same time that he had not yet decided whether he could accept it, adding his reasons. These the Earl during the day imparted to Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, but who was then Bishop of London, and Laud sought an interview the following day with George Herbert, and after conversing with him convinced him that it was his duty to accept it. Arrangements were at once made for his institution, and a tailor was specially summoned from Salisbury. He was instituted on April 26, 1630, to the living of Bemerton with Fuggleston by Dr. Davenant, Bishop of Salisbury, his induction taking place the same day. At the time Herbert undertook the cure of Bemerton he was about thirty-six years of age, and though he was only destined to hold it for a short period he so used his time and conducted himself in his mode of living and in the performance of his duties that the remembrance of his life lives to the present day. Herbert held a lofty idea of what the life of a clergyman should be, and both before and at his induction he made certain resolutions which he steadfastly carried out. 'But above all,' he says, 'I will be sure to live well, because the virtuous life of a clergyman is the most powerful eloquence to persuade all that see it to reverence and love, and at least to desire to live like him. And this I will do, because I know we live in an age that hath more need of good examples than precepts.' In his parish he was greatly revered by the poor, so much so that some 'would let their plough rest when Mr. Herbert's saints bell rang to prayers.' In his life of piety and benevolence he had a ready coadjutor in his wife, who acted as the dispenser of his charity. At Bemerton again Herbert's first duty was one of restoration. He repaired the chancel of the church, and the chapel adjoining the parsonage-house, and almost entirely rebuilt the house itself. Over the mantelpiece in the

hall he had engraved a verse, 'To my Successor,' reminding whoever it might be that the house had been rebuilt, that he had the benefit of it, and enjoining charity in him as some sort of return. The verse has disappeared from its original position, but has been re-engraved in another part of the house. Former rectors had lived at Minal, many miles distant from Bemerton, and thus the rectory had fallen into disrepair. As soon as it was possible Herbert was ordained priest at the hands of Dr. Humphrey Hensman, afterwards Bishop of London.

As had been the case at Cambridge, so at Bemerton Herbert's recreation was music, and he attended at Salisbury Cathedral regularly once or twice a week. The music, he said, 'elevated his soul.' Before returning home he was wont to take his part with lute or viol at a private musical meeting at Salisbury. Of his journeyings to and from Salisbury by road various anecdotes have come down to us, but these need not be repeated here. How he befriended the poor man with his overladen horse, and the rebuke administered by him to his musical associates at Salisbury who decried his action as beneath his dignity, is well known.

Thus in a quiet, pious, and practically useful life the last years of the poet-priest were spent. His old enemy, consumption, however, again reasserted itself; but he manfully and conscientiously struggled against it and continued to perform his ministerial duties until he felt it was necessary for him to desist and leave the duties to be performed by his curate. He only gave in after a struggle. 'I will not be wilful,' he said, 'for though my spirit be willing, yet I find my flesh is weak.' A month or so before his death he was visited by the Rev. Edmund Duncan, afterwards Rector of Fryer Barnet, who came at the request of Herbert's old friend Nicholas Ferrar, to inquire after his health. Five days later Mr. Duncan returned, this time at Herbert's own request, and found the invalid weaker. But he was not present when the poet breathed his last. Another old friend of his, Arthur Woodnot, arrived from London to see him shortly before his death, and remained by his side until the end came. To him Herbert consigned his will, and to his care he commended his wife and nieces who were living with him. Peacefully as he had lived he peacefully passed away, and was buried in the Church he had served so well on the 3rd of March 1632, or, according to present reckoning, 1633. As regards his person, Walton tells us that 'he was of a stature inclining towards leanness; his body was very straight, and so far from being cumbered with too much flesh, that he was lean to an extremity. His aspect was cheerful, and his speech and motion did both bespeak him a gentleman; for they were all so meek and obliging, that they purchased love and respect from all that knew him.'

Before passing on to give a short account of Herbert's works a few more words should be added about his mother and wife. Mrs. George Herbert survived him thirty years. After remaining his widow for six years she married Sir Robert Cook,

Knight, of Highnam, in the county of Gloucester, who died about eight years after their marriage. Lady Cook outlived her second husband fifteen years and died in 1663. She was buried at Highnam. Twelve years after her husband's death Herbert's mother also married a second time, her second husband being Sir John Danvers, the brother of the Earl of Danby. She died, as we have already mentioned, in 1627, and was buried at Chelsea. Her funeral sermon was preached by Dr. John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's. We have seen that she gained the complete love and reverence of her children, and particularly of her son George. He always spoke of her with great gratitude and veneration, and when Dr. Donne's funeral sermon was published, a series of Latin and Greek poems entitled 'Parentalia,' which had been written by Herbert from time to time, were printed with it as an appendix. These poems set forth his feelings of gratitude and love for his mother, and the second of the series—which, it may be added, has been translated into English verse by the Rev. Richard Wilton—is said to stand second only to Cowper's fine poem already alluded to.

Herbert's fame at the present day rests of course upon 'The Temple,' which was only published after his death. The manuscript was commended to the care of his friend Nicholas Ferrar, and we cannot do better than reproduce the scene of the death-bed gift in the words of friendly Walton. When Mr. Duncan left him for the last time on his death-bed the divine poet, after sending a message as to the state of his body and mind, 'did, with so sweet a humility as seemed to exalt him, bow down to Mr. Duncan, and, with a thoughtful and contented look, say to him 'Sir, I pray deliver this little book to my dear brother Ferrar, and tell him he shall find in it a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul, before I could subject mine to the will of Jesus my Master, in whose service I have now found perfect freedom. Desire him to read it: and then, if he can think it may turn to the advantage of any dejected poor soul, let it be made public; if not, let him burn it; for I and it are less than the least of God's mercies.' Thus meanly did this humble man think of this excellent book, which now bears the name of 'The Temple; or Sacred Poems and Private Ejaculations,' of which Mr. Ferrar would say, 'There was in it the picture of a divine soul in every page, and that the whole book was such a harmony of holy passions as would enrich the world with pleasure and piety.' The same year the poet died the 'little book' thus humbly committed to his care and judgment was sent by Nicholas Ferrar to Cambridge to be licensed. At first the Vice-Chancellor refused to license it as a whole, taking objection to the two 'much noted' lines:

Religion stands a tip-toe in our land,
Ready to pass to the American strand.

Ferrar declined to print the book except as a whole, and as he had received it from the poet's death-bed; and after certain waste of time and words in arguments on both sides the Vice-Chancellor withdrew his objection and gave the required license, apologising for his

concession by saying: 'I knew Mr. Herbert well, and know that he had many heavenly speculations, and was a divine poet; but I hope the world will not take him to be an inspired prophet, and, therefore, I license the whole book.' It made its first appearance in 1633, with a preface by Nicholas Ferrar, and soon ran through several editions. We need not expatiate here upon the merits of this well-known book, which, after more than two centuries and a half, is still popular not only in England but in other English-speaking countries and colonies. Its popularity bespeaks its praise more eloquently than words, and proves how the spirit of Herbert breathing through his book appeals to the hearts of Englishmen. It may be mentioned as a matter of interest that 'The Temple' formed one of the scanty library of Charles the First during his imprisonment.

The next of Herbert's writings which calls for remark is 'The Country Parson.' In this work, which is in prose, Herbert sets down the rules for the conduct of living which he carried into practice himself, and the book was no doubt written by him for his own guidance and to prevent the possible chance of his ever losing sight of the standard of life he had resolved to live up to. On the death of the author, the book came into the possession of Mr. Arthur Woodnot. By him it was entrusted to Barnabas Oley, who published it with a preface, from which Walton admits he obtained some of the materials for his 'Life.' Herbert's first essay at poetry was while he was still a schoolboy at Westminster. In the Andrew Melville controversy Melville published a satirical poem against the liturgy and ritual of the Church, which he called 'Anti-Tam-Cami-Categoria.' This poem was published in 1604, and found its way into Westminster School, where it found an antagonist in young George Herbert, who replied with 'Epigrams Apologetical.' But they were not all written while he was at school; he added to them afterwards. The epigrams were in Latin, and must have been of some merit, as they were first collected and published by Dr. Dupont, Dean of Peterborough. Probably they were never seen by the man against whom they were written, as Andrew Melville died in 1622, and the 'Epigrams' were not published until 1662. Herbert's 'Parentalia,' which was published in his lifetime, we have already referred to. At Cambridge again a few Latin poems came from his pen on such occasions as the death of Henry, Prince of Wales, and he was accustomed to send some sonnets to his mother from Cambridge.

Probably the best edition of Herbert's poems is the one which was edited by Dr. A. B. Grosart, and was published in 1886. The edition is prefixed by a lengthy memorial introduction by the editor, the first part being devoted to the biography of Herbert, and the second part to an exhaustive critical examination of his writings. Good as this account is, and it is the fullest yet published, the pleasantest life of the divine poet is, and perhaps ever will be, the quaint and charming memoir which was written by the gentle Isaak Walton.

URLLAD.

ELECTION.

THE results of Election were as follows :—

Elected to Christ Church :

F. Y. ECCLES, T.B.
C. A. PHILLIMORE, Q.S.
H. L. STEPHENSON, Q.S.

Elected to Trinity :

W. H. COVINGTON, T.B.

Elected to Exhibitions at Christ Church :

S. LIBERTY, T.B.
P. WILLIAMSON, Q.S.
F. GILBERT, T.B.

Triplett Exhibitions were awarded to :

S. LIBERTY, T.B.
P. WILLIAMSON, Q.S.

A Triplett Gratuity of £150 was awarded to :

H. C. SCOTT, Q.S.

and one of £50 to :

H. P. EDWARDS, T.B.

The following are the Monitors and Heads of Houses for next year :

Captain.—J. S. PHILLIMORE, Q.S.
Monitors.—F. URCH, T.B.
E. H. MARSH, T.B.
J. S. SHEARME, Q.S.
Head of Grant's.—R. A. YELD.
Head of Rigaud's.—H. R. BLAKER.
Head of H.B.B.—R. R. HOWLETT.
Head of Ashburnham.—W. W. BATCHELOR.

SCOTT LIBRARY.

WE are indebted to the kindness of the Librarian for the following notes :

ELECTION TERM, 1890.

Number of volumes in Library—	3,200.
Volumes purchased	37
„ presented	17
Total	54

By A. G. GRENFELL, Esq.—'Johnson, Dr. : Life and Letters' (Boothby).

By G. W. PERRY, Esq.—'Burke, Wisdom of' (Parkhurst); 'History and Uses of Flags' (MacGeorge); 'Scotland, Gazetteer of' (Wilson); 'Symbols and Emblems of Christian Art' (Twining); 'Mottoes for Monuments' (Palliser); 'Endowments and Establishment of the Church of England' (Brewer); 'Harvest of the Sea' (Bertram); 'Benedicite' (Chaplin); 'Vestiges of Natural History of Creation' (Chambers); 'The Intellectual Powers' (Abercrombie); 'Annotated and Illustrated New Testament,' 2 vols. (Churton & Jones); 'Table Talk' (Coleridge); 'Bryant, Biography of' (Symington).

School Notes.

THE play this year is the "Adelphi" of Terence. There has been published at the School a new edition of the play with George Colman's translation interleaved. The length is reduced by almost three hundred lines, the text being something like that adopted in Dr. Scott's edition.

The offertory given on Michaelmas Day in Abbey for the mission amounted to £16. 2s. 7d., which the Head Master's donation raised to £21. The offertory on Election Sunday was, by kind permission of the Dean, devoted to the same object, and came to over £30.

There is to be an exeat this term, beginning on Friday, November 7, and lasting till Tuesday, November 11.

Commemoration Day is November 17, when the preacher will be Dean Butler, of Lincoln (O.W.).

The Mure Scholarship has been awarded to F. Urch, T.B.

There are twenty-nine new boys this term, making the total number of the School 228.

The *Illustrated London News* of Saturday, October 4, contains pictures and an account of Westminster, as No. III. of the 'Great Schools of England' Series. The article is good and readable, and the illustrations fair, though not free from those errors of detail which are to be found in almost all such series.

Westminster took twelve certificates this year with sixteen candidates, two obtaining distinction in some subjects. The average age of the candidates has fallen to 16½ years.

R. E. A. Hamilton and E. F. Knox passed respectively 101st and 108th the qualifying examination at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in July for commissions in the cavalry and infantry.

The following are the O.W.W. in the Greats List which appeared in July :

G. G. Phillimore	First Class
R. M. Towers	Second „
H. Withers	Third „

The death of Sir Alfred Slade (which we record in this number) will remind many of the name 'A. SLADE' cut in huge letters on the 'Dryden bench,' and the story of his getting five hundred lines for every letter, for his pains.

School Epigrams on Election Tuesday were few, indeed they did not amount to a dozen altogether, but yet they were a little more numerous than last year. The Theses were :

In Vino Veritas.
The striker struck.
ὄνος πρὸς λύρα.

Perhaps the best was the following epitaph on our late contemporary :

What? Truth in wine! in vain in wine I sought her:
Westminster Truth was always in hot water.

A new Station Rule has been made putting all fellows under seventeen, of whatever School standing, on the Station List.

Mr. Raynor has exchanged the Shell for the Sixth, which Mr. Sargeant now takes, as well as certain work of the Seventh.

Instead of the match *v.* Old Etonians on October 18th, J. P. Paul brought down a team to play the School.

We beg to congratulate A. H. Harrison on becoming captain of the Cambridge University Football Club.

The Cricket Elevens were made up as follows :

I.	II.	III.
H. R. Blaker (Capt.)	G. E. Mills	D. Winckworth
J. D. Gifford	F. J. Maclean	W. F. D'Arcy
J. O. T. Powell	P. Williamson	P. Waterfield
J. A. Willett	A. W. F. Guy	R. H. More
J. S. Shearme	H. Matthews	J. F. More
G. E. S. Campbell	D. Fitzmaurice	R. Balfour
E. Berens	W. W. Batchelor	T. W. Morcom
F. B. Sherring	G. O. Shattock	D. Shearme
C. T. Agar	C. Page	M. E. Fevez
E. G. Burton	H. N. Langton	J. Corbett
W. T. Barwell	H. C. Jonas	R. W. Knox

The Football fixtures for this season are :

PLAYED AT VINCENT SQUARE.

1890.

Sat. Sept. 27	Old Westminster.	(Lost 2-8.)
„ Oct. 4	Clapham Rovers.	(Won 4-1.)
„ „ 11	F. Bickley's XI.	
„ „ 18	Old Etonians.	
„ „ 25	Casuals.	
Wed. „ 29	University College, Oxon.	
Sat. Nov. 1	Christ Church, Oxon.	
„ „ 8	Crusaders.	
„ „ 15	Lancing Old Boys.	
Mon. „ 17	Cambridge O.W.W.	
	(Commemoration Day.)	
Sat. „ 22	Old Harrovians.	
Wed. „ 26	Trinity College, Oxon.	
Sat. „ 29	Royal Engineers.	

1891.

Sat. Jan. 24	H. E. Oivier's XI.
Wed. „ 28	Clapham Rovers.
Sat. „ 31	Old Wykehamists.
„ Feb. 7	Christ Church, Oxon.
Wed. „ 11	Old Carthusians.
Sat. „ 14	Casuals.
„ „ 21	Old Etonians.
„ „ 28	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
„ Mar. 7	Old Westminster.
„ „ 14	Old Harrovians.
Wed. „ 18	Grant's <i>v.</i> H.BB.
Sat. „ 21	Rigaud's <i>v.</i> H.BB.
Wed. „ 25	T.BB. <i>v.</i> Q.SS.

We have adopted a suggestion made us by a correspondent (under the signature *Acllap*) that we should have agents at Oxford and Cambridge. A. R. Knapp has kindly consented to undertake the work at Christ Church, and W. Grant-Wilson at Trinity. University subscriptions will in future be paid to them, and they will distribute the *Elizabethans* when they appear.

THE FIELDS.

CRICKET.

THE SCHOOL *v.* BLACKHEATH.

THIS match was played 'up fields' on Saturday, July 26, and resulted in a disastrous defeat by 168 runs. The visitors were pretty strong, and the School team appeared to be quite demoralised by examinations, three-quarters of our total being off a single bat—Blaker's. Altogether the experiment of playing a match on the last Saturday of the term cannot be said to have been successful. Score and analysis :

BLACKHEATH.

P. Christopherson, c. Sherring, b. Willett...	40
M. Christopherson, not out	27
C. L. Hemmerde, c. Sherring, b. Gifford ...	0
H. C. Blaker, c. Gifford, b. Campbell	78
A. W. Stewart, c. Sherring, b. Berens	8
G. R. Hutchinson, c. Blaker, b. Gifford ...	55
H. St. J. Clarke, c. Sherring, b. Campbell	6
R. A. Fegan, c. Shearme, b. Campbell.....	0
Byes 2, l.b. 3	5

Total (for 7 wks.)..... 219

G. O. Jacob, D. Christopherson, and H. Christopherson did not bat.

WESTMINSTER.

H. R. Blaker, b. P. Christopherson	38
C. T. Agar, b. Hemmerde	3
J. D. Gifford, c. D. Christopherson, b. Hemmerde	0
J. A. Willett, b. P. Christopherson.....	0
G. E. Campbell, b. Hemmerde	3
J. S. Shearme, c. Clarke, b. Hemmerde ...	0
F. B. Sherring, b. Hemmerde.....	0
W. T. Barwell, b. Hemmerde.....	3
J. O. Powell, not out	0
G. E. Mills, b. Hemmerde	3
E. Berens, b. Hemmerde	0
Byes.....	1

Total .. 51

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BLACKHEATH.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. D. Gifford	20	2	61	2
E. Berens	14	3	35	1
J. A. Willett	10	0	37	1
J. O. Powell	6	1	22	0
J. S. Shearme	7	1	17	0
G. E. S. Campbell	8.3	2	25	3
H. R. Blaker	4	0	17	0
WESTMINSTER.				
C. L. Hemmerde	14.1	5	29	8
P. Christopherson	14	3	21	2

THE HOUSE MATCHES.

RIGAUD'S v. GRANT'S.

Played 'up fields' on Monday, July 14.
Result: Rigaud's won by 8 wickets.

This was a most exciting match, though at first it was thought that Rigaud's were by far the superior team, especially in bowling. Berens and Gifford bowled excellently, especially Berens; but Powell and Burton were very nearly as effective for Grant's.

Score and analysis:

GRANT'S.			
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
G. E. Mills, b. Berens	4	b. Berens	1
F. J. Maclean, c. Willett, b. Gifford	9	b. Gifford	0
G. E. S. Campbell, b. Berens	0	b. Berens	2
W. T. Barwell, b. Gifford	6	b. Berens	8
E. G. Burton, c. and b. Gifford	4	b. Gifford	3
J. O. T. Powell, b. Berens	0	b. Gifford	0
D. P. Winckworth, b. Berens	0	b. Gifford	4
J. Corbett, b. Berens	3	b. Berens	4
R. A. Yeld, b. Berens	0	b. Gifford	1
E. J. Woodbridge, b. Berens	4	not out	1
A. R. Severn, not out	2	c. Shattock, b. Gifford	0
Leg byes	2	Byes 4, l. b. 2, w. 1	7
	34		31

RIGAUD'S.			
H. R. Blaker, run out	18	b. Burton	5
G. O. Shattock, b. Burton	0	b. Powell	17
J. D. Gifford, b. Powell	4	0 not out	2
J. A. Willett, b. Burton	0	not out	6
E. Berens, b. Powell	0		
H. C. Jonas, b. Powell	2		
H. Langton, b. Powell	1		
W. J. D'Arcy, b. Powell	0		
H. E. Matthews, b. Burton	4		
P. G. Waterfield, b. Powell	0		
H. Nye, not out	2		
Byes 3, l. b. 1, w. 2	6	Leg-bye	1
Total	37	Total	31

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

GRANT'S.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
E. G. Berens	12.3	8	10	7
J. D. Gifford	13	4	22	3
RIGAUD'S.				
J. O. T. Powell	15	6	16	6
E. G. Burton	14.2	1	15	3

RIGAUD'S v. H.B.B. (HOLDERS OF THE SHIELD).

Result: Rigaud's won by an innings and 46.

Rigauds' bowling was much too strong for H.B.B., who collapsed completely in the first innings; in the second innings they were rather more successful, thanks to Page and Guy. Rigauds' victory was largely due to the splendid play of Gifford and Willett, who made 68 and 49, and Langton, who added 31; as well as to Berens' excellent bowling. H.B.B. were minus Doherty on the first day, and D'Arcy could not play for Rigaud's.

Score and analysis:

H.B.B.			
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
C. T. Agar, b. Gifford	0	run out	7
V. Paget, b. Berens	1	c. Blaker, b. Berens	7
W. Batchelor, b. Gifford	3	b. Willett	11
A. W. F. Guy, l. b. w., b. Berens	0	b. Willett	16
H. S. Ladell, b. Gifford	2	c. Blaker, b. Gifford	1
A. Morcom, c. Langton, b. Berens	0	b. Gifford	0
M. Fevez, b. Berens	0	b. Willett	7
C. E. Page, not out	7	not out	33
R. H. More, c. Willett, b. Gifford	7	b. Berens	9
J. Ranalow, b. Gifford	0	b. Gifford	9
A. G. F. Guy, b. Berens	2	b. Gifford	3
Byes 4, l. b. 1	5	Byes 13, l. b. 1	14
Total	27	Total	117

RIGAUD'S.

H. R. Blaker, b. Morcom	6
G. O. Shattock, b. Fevez	4
J. D. Gifford, c. More, b. Fevez	68
J. A. Willett, c. Fevez, b. Morcom	49
H. Langton, b. Morcom	31
E. Berens, c. Ladell, b. Fevez	2
W. F. D'Arcy, retired ill	5
H. C. Jonas, b. Morcom	1
H. Nye, b. Doherty	6
P. G. Waterfield, b. Doherty	5
E. A. Gates, not out	0
Byes 3, l. b. 6, w. 3, n. b. 1	13
Total	190

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

H.B.B.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. D. Gifford	9	2	16	5
E. Berens	8.2	5	6	5

The Shield is now filled up, having run for eleven years with this result:

Rigaud's	won 6 times.
Grant's	3
H.B.B.	2

It now becomes the possession of Rigaud's for good.

Q.SS. v. T.B.B.

Played on Monday, July 28.

Result: Q.SS. won by 40 runs.

Alderson and Nesbitt began the innings of Q.SS. against the bowling of Gifford and Berens. At first

Q.SS. fared badly, four wickets going down for 11 runs. But Sherring and Williamson then got together, and brought the score to 80. After this Sherring could get no one to stay with him till More came in, when their partnership realised 20 runs. Sherring then got out, and soon afterwards the innings closed for 152.

H. R. Blaker and C. T. Agar batted first for T.BB.; the latter, however, was bowled in the first over, but Gifford and Blaker made a good stand. After this partnership, Willett, Campbell, and Barwell were all out without staying long; but Guy, Mills, and Powell all reached double figures. However, they were not able to reach the score of the Q.SS., owing to the splendid bowling of More, Balfour, and J. S. Shearme and the excellent fielding of the whole team.

In the second innings Q.SS. made 35 for 3 wickets against weaker bowling.

Q.SS.		Second Innings.	
First Innings.			
A. C. Nesbitt, b. Gifford	0	run out.....	12
J. H. Alderson, b. Berens	0	b. Powell	0
F. B. Sherring, c. Blaker, b. Powell.....	75	b. Powell.....	0
J. S. Shearme, b. Gifford.....	2	not out.....	15
R. W. Knox, b. Gifford	0	b. Blaker.....	0
P. Williamson, b. Willett.....	26	not out.....	7
R. Balfour, b. Berens	2		
D. Shearme, b. Willett.....	6		
J. F. More, not out	14		
E. H. Cox, b. Powell	6		
D. Clapham, c. Campbell, b. Powell.....	3		
Byes 13, l.b. 2, w. 2, n.b. 1	18	No ball.....	1
Total	152	Total (for 3 wickets)	35

T.BB.

H. R. Blaker, c. Nesbitt, b. More	40
C. T. Agar, b. J. Shearme	0
J. D. Gifford, c. Sherring, b. Balfour.....	16
J. A. Willett, b. More	3
G. E. Campbell, c. Sherring, b. More	3
W. T. Barwell, c. Sherring, b. Balfour	3
A. W. F. Guy, c. Williamson, b. J. Shearme	13
F. J. Maclean, b. J. Shearme	0
G. E. Mills, b. D. Shearme.....	12
J. O. Powell, b. Balfour	10
E. Berens, not out.....	4
Byes 1, l.b. 5, w. 0, n.b. 2.....	8
Total	112

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Q.SS.

First Innings.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	No balls	Wickets
Gifford	20	5	44	0	3
Berens	18	6	29	0	2
Powell	11-1	1	29	0	3
Willett	13	7	16	0	2
Campbell	9	3	16	1	0

Berens bowled 2 wides, and Campbell 1 no ball.

Second Innings.

Gifford	5	0	19	0	0
Powell	6	2	7	0	2
Blaker	2	0	8	0	1

T.BB.

J. Shearme	20	9	30	0	3
D. Shearme	14-2	2	33	0	1
More	15	3	29	2	3
Balfour	10	5	12	0	3

More bowled 2 no balls.

UPPER TOOTING v. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL (PAST AND PRESENT).

[We are indebted to the kindness of one of the players for the following account of a match played after last term was over.]

This match was played at Tooting on July 30, 1890. Tooting won the toss, and batted first on a rather sticky wicket, which improved later in the day.

W. E. Roller bowled very well, and took seven wickets. The Westminster fielding also was very good, and Tooting were disposed of for 83.

Westminster scored 276, and won easily, Higgins, Roller, Trollope, and the brothers Street batting very well.

UPPER TOOTING.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
G. F. Bonner, c. Thorne, b. Roller	9		
N. Roberts, l.b.w., b. Roller ...	0		
W. M. O. Wilson, c. F., b. H. B. Street	12	c. Sandilands, b. H. B. Street ...	12
F. Clemence, not out	24	not out	3
C. A. Evors, c. Dale, b. Roller	1	c. H. B. Street, b. Dale	6
F. H. O. Wilson, b. Roller.....	6		
W. H. DuBuisson, c. H. B. Street, b. Roller	4		
A. J. Lane, b. Roller	0	c. Roller, b. Dale	0
Major Christie, st. Thorne, b. Roller	4	not out	4
G. Roberts, b. Roller	13	c. Veitch, b. H. B. Street	5
W. A. Last, b. H. B. Street ...	3	l.b.w., b. H. B. Street	0
Byes 3, l.b. 4	7	Wide	1
Total	83	Total	31

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. T. Higgins, c. Last, b. Bonner	52
J. M. Dale, b. Roberts ..	11
W. E. Roller, run out	48
W. S. Trollope, c. and b. H. Wilson.....	29
F. Street, b. H. Wilson	20
G. E. Campbell, b. H. Wilson	14
J. G. Veitch, b. H. Wilson	0
R. R. Sandilands, c. and b. H. Wilson.....	0
H. B. Street, not out.....	34
F. G. Oliver, c. Bonner, b. H. Wilson	12
F. G. Thorne, st. Evors, b. Last	20
B. 23, l.b. 11, w. 2	36
Total	276

CRICKET AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings	Runs	T.N.O.	H.Score	Average
*†H. R. Blaker (capt.)	12	393	0	171	32.9
*J. D. Gifford	12	160	0	46	13.4
*†J. O. T. Powell	10	21	1	13	2.3
*J. A. Willett	11	111	0	31	10.1
†J. S. Shearme	11	136	2	46	15.1
†E. Berens	11	59	3	28*	7.3
†G. E. S. Campbell	12	158	3	33	17.5
†F. B. Sherring	11	151	0	47	13.8
†C. T. Agar	9	61	0	21	6.7
†E. G. Burton	4	15	0	9	3.3
†W. T. Barwell	10	46	2	13*	5.6
G. E. Mills	3	3	0	3	1
H. E. Matthews	4	8	0	4	2
D. Fitzmaurice	1	0	0	0	0
F. G. Maclean	3	8	2	5*	8
P. Williamson	3	18	1	10*	9
A. W. F. Guy	2	31	0	28	15.1

* Played in XI. of 1889.

† Staying on for season of 1891.

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gifford	249.2	49	611	47	13
Willett	96.1	28	291	18	16.3
Shearme	69	13	188	11	17.1
Berens	216	61	420	24	17.12
Powell	112	17	348	11	31.7
Burton (3 innings)	12.2	5	26	3	8.2
Blaker	6	0	34	1	34
Agar (2 innings)	2	0	22	0	0
Campbell	8.3	2	25	3	8.1
Fitzmaurice	6	1	13	1	13

FOOTBALL.

THE SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

Played 'up fields' on Saturday, September 27.
Result : The School was beaten by 8-2.

Neither team was in very good condition, but the visitors were strong and the game was all one way. Blaker was very good at back.

Teams :

O.W.W.

W. R. Moon (goal), R. T. Squire and A. H. Harrison (backs), F. W. Janson, W. N. Winckworth, and J. P. Paul (half-backs), R. R. Sandilands, J. G. Veitch, F. Street, E. W. Woodbridge, and A. R. Woodbridge (forwards).

THE SCHOOL.

J. Langton (goal), J. S. Shearme and H. R. Blaker (backs), J. Hollocombe, A. W. F. Guy, and F. B. Sherring (half-backs), A. L. Longhurst, W. T. Barwell, C. Page, J. O. T. Powell, and S. Nye (forwards).

THE SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

Played 'up fields' on Saturday, October 4. Result : The School won by 4-1.

We had the best of the game almost throughout, especially after half-time, as one of the visitors' half-backs was disabled, and they played only ten men. Barwell was good, shooting three of the goals.

Teams :

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

S. Colman (goal), C. H. Aylin and R. W. Ingram (backs), G. Dunsmuir, G. P. Taylor, and R. B. Brooks (half-backs), H. Prestow, C. Mitchell, H. Dunsmuir, H. C. Pearce, and H. Rathbone (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

G. Langton (goal), H. R. Blaker and G. S. Shearme (backs), F. B. Sherring, A. W. F. Guy, and G. C. Hollocombe (half-backs), A. L. Longhurst and W. T. Barwell (right wing), C. Page (centre), G. C. Powell and R. F. Doherty (left wing) (forwards).

THE SCHOOL v. F. BICKLEY'S XI.

Played 'up fields' on Saturday, October 11.
Result : The School lost by 4-1.

The game was brisk throughout, and for a long time we panned the visitors, whose victory was in great measure due to Grant-Wilson's good play in goals. Doherty and Barwell were both good for the School.

Teams :

THE SCHOOL.

J. Langton (goal), H. R. Blaker and J. S. Shearme (backs), J. Hollocombe, F. B. Sherring, and A. W. F. Guy (half-backs), A. L. Longhurst, W. T. Barwell, C. E. Page, J. O. T. Powell, and N. Doherty (forwards).

F. BICKLEY'S XI.

C. Grant-Wilson (goal), F. G. Oliver and T. Furber (backs), C. Blenkinson and two others (half-backs), D. Leman, H. C. Peck, S. H. Gregory and C. Page (forwards).

O.W.W. v. OLD ETONIANS.

Played 'up fields' on Wednesday, October 1.
Result : A draw, 2-2.

Teams :

O.W.W.

C. W. Grant-Wilson (goal), R. O. Mills and A. L. Fevez (backs), J. D. Gifford, J. E. Phillimore, and F. W. Janson (half-backs), C. W. R. Heath, F. Street, R. R. Sandilands, P. T. Patrick and H. C. Peck (forwards).

O.W.W. v. CHISWICK PARK.

Played at Chiswick on Saturday, October 11.
Result : O.W.W. lost by 3-0.

Teams :

CHISWICK PARK.

C. Brandon (goal), H. R. Loraine and W. E. Muspratt (backs), A. G. Topham, W. A. Barnes, and W. H. Loraine (half-backs), A. W. Stewart and A. Haye (right wing), R. Topham (centre), C. B. Peachy and J. W. Summerhayes (left wing) (forwards).

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

W. R. Moon (goal), R. T. Squire and E. G. Moon (backs), W. N. Winckworth, J. P. Paul, and F. W. Janson (half-backs), P. C. Probyn and A. R. Woodbridge (right wing), J. G. Veitch (centre), and A. J. Hemmerde and R. R. Sandilands (left wing) (forwards).

Umpires : Messrs. Oldham and W. A. Loraine. Referee : Mr. Raven.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

AN extraordinary meeting was held on Monday, September 29, to elect officers. The following were elected :

President J. S. PHILLIMORE.
 Vice-President and Treasurer A. L. LONGHURST.
 Secretary L. F. WINTLE.
 Assistant Secretary J. G. FARRAR.

The election of new members took place on Wednesday, October 1st. The following were elected : J. H. Alderson, J. O. T. Powell, C. T. Agar, D. Fitzmaurice, F. B. Sherring, C. F. Watherston, H. R. Blaker, H. V. Anthony, P. B. Henderson.

The first meeting, held on Thursday, October 2, was even duller than first meetings usually are, only society business being transacted.

POETRY.

She is so fair ; my love would fain surprise
 The listening winds with such a wondrous song
 That they would murmur ever low and long :
 But when I look upon her glorious eyes,
 In their gray depths such wealth of love there lies,
 I could not do myself or her the wrong
 Vainly to try to sing with halting tongue
 All that she is and all my sad soul sighs.
 Under that spell I wander all among
 Lone woodlands full of ancient melodies :
 All strange romaunts from love-lorn lustrings rise
 And fill my soul with rapture—strains that hung
 On lips of old-world minstrels or were flung
 From caverns dim with moonlight mysteries.

SLEEP.

Sleep he came to my ladye fair,
 His eyes were gray as a twilight sea,
 His voice was low as the tuneful prayer
 Of olden minstrelsie ;
 And oh ! so pale was he.
 He had a crown of poppy buds,
 He was clad in a robe of dreams,
 Vaporous dreams from the ocean floods
 And mystery-shrouded streams
 Whereon the cold moon gleams.
 Lo ! he kissed my ladye's brow,
 Closed her eyes with his fingers wan,
 Fair my ladye's face did glow,
 Fair her white breast shone,
 Soft to rest upon.
 Slowly he twined his arms around,
 Drew her ever more close to him,
 Borne from afar came a lonely sound,
 Like the sigh of forest dim
 Or cry of Seraphim.

All about was his mantle cast,
 Mystic robe of the dreams of eve,
 All their strange spells held her fast,
 All the wefts they weave
 To solace them that grieve.

RÉVEUR.

MY LADY LIETH.

My lady lieth like a Chinaman,
 She is of mystical mendacity ;
 Sometimes I wonder how she can
 Lie so consistently, so cleverly.
 Methinks she hath a book of them to tell
 What she hath lied already ; and her mind
 Weaves subtle fibs to sound most plausible :
 Simpering she says, ' I find
 They save me trouble in this hot July ;'
 And so she never tries
 To shake th' enchanting habit off ; that's why
 My lady lies.

CREVEUR.

EPIGRAM.

The Church, we're told, made saints, long years ago
 Of those who nobly did their work below,
 That generations yet to come might know
 How much they prized 'em.
 So here a debt of gratitude they pay
 To college waistcoat, who has had his day,
 His work well done, in school time and in play
 They've " canon "-ised him.
 Canon Westcott installed at Westminster, February
 1884.
 College waistcoat abolished at the same time.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

CAN anyone confirm the truth of the following statement, which appeared in an article on 'London in 1790,' published in the *Illustrated London News* of July 26, or add any further details?

'On August 4 a Westminster School-boy, named Dyer, was executed over the Debtors' Gate, Old Bailey, for forgery.'—F. C.

In answer to Q.'s question in the July number of *The Elizabethan*, while the word 'bosky' is an old-established name for the college gown among the Queen's scholars, 'turtle' was a word coined in 1879 by one of the second elections for no other reason than that, as the gown had a special name, the college waistcoat should have one also. The term had no particular significance, and it is strange that it should have survived through so many years—*i.e.*, if it still be in use.—F. C.

And it is.—Ed.

BIRTH.

We record the following with all due congratulations:—On August 9, at 107 Banbury-road, Oxford, the wife of the Rev. E. H. Alington, of a son.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of a distinguished O.W., Sir Alfred Slade.

We extract the following notice from the *Observer* of Sunday, July 21:

Sir Alfred Slade, Receiver-General of Inland Revenue, died at five o'clock on Saturday morning of Bright's disease. Alfred Frederick Adolphus Slade, Third Baronet of Maunsel, Somersetshire, was born on May 28, 1834, and educated at Westminster and Trinity College, Cambridge. He entered the 57th Foot, and served with it throughout the Crimean Campaign, where he was dangerously wounded at the storming of the Redan, for which he received the Crimean medal and clasp, the Sardinian Order of Valour, the Turkish medal and the Medjidie. He also served in the Indian Mutiny. He was a J.P. for Middlesex, Somerset, and Westminster, and was Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Volunteer Somerset Regiment. He was also previously in the West Somerset Yeomanry. He contested Lewes in 1865 and Taunton in 1873, but unsuccessfully, in the Conservative interest. He was appointed Receiver-General by Lord Beaconsfield in 1875, which office he has held till the present time. He married in 1860 Mary Constance, daughter of Mr. William Cuthbert, of Beaufront Castle, Northumberland. He is succeeded by his son Cuthbert, who is a lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and leaves one other son, Basil Alfred, and three daughters, the eldest of whom is married to Captain J. A. Smith Cunninghame, 2nd Life Guards.

We feel sure that many O.W.W. will learn with regret that 'Joe' Simson is dead, though present Westminsters and later generations of O.W.W., owing to the narrowing of bounds, can have known but little of him.

He died early in August, after a long and painful illness.

A fuller notice will be found below in a letter.

Correspondence.

'RYTTER.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—In response to the tirades of 'Cricketer' and 'Twitter,' I must cry 'Peccavi.' How I ever came to write such a foolish letter I cannot say, unless I was suffering from indigestion or some such malady. However, now that I acknowledge my folly I am sure that all indignant parties will accord me their gracious pardon. My apologies are also due to the members of the Select Committee, and I should like them to know that the offending letter was written before I read the report of their meeting in the May issue of *The Elizabethan*, and I must now congratulate them on the success of their new regulations.

Believe me, dear Sir, to be, yours very truly,
RYTTER.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR,—That the School Debating Society is in an unhappy state is perhaps sufficiently shown by the reports of its proceedings which you publish. Any doubt which might exist on the subject seems to be dissipated by the woeful eloquence which has appeared in your columns under this heading—eloquence which has not found an echo at the Society's meetings. May I suggest that as a first experiment the members should no longer elect into their body every junior Q.S., simply because he is a Q.S.; that motions should be given in to a committee of selection; that a master should be requested to act as president of this committee and of the Society. If these changes could take place we should, at all events, be saved from puerile discussions on 'ghosts,' or dreary attempts to 'settle' the Irish Question (whatever that may mean), by the aid of misquotations from Herbert Spencer. We should, too, decrease the number of members who vary long spells of somnolence with conversational utterances. If I may suggest another remedy, it will be that the Society should with all decent speed be abolished. This would have two advantages as a reformative scheme:

1. The Society would no longer be 'in a bad way.'
2. More useful institutions might take its place. One such must frequently occur to us—an Essay Society: that is, a society at whose meetings a member reads a paper on some subject, and discussion follows.

Objections:

1. No one has 'time' to write essays. Now this must be an unanswerable difficulty, for I have often seen fellows stop working up cricket averages from the *Sportsman* in order to enunciate it. I confess that the thing which does duty with me for a brain has not yet grasped what 'time' means in this context, but the essays may surely be short.
2. It eliminates oratory. Certainly; but it substitutes lessons in reading, and you, Sir, who have sat in the presidential chair through many a sad debate, can testify to the imperfect success of members who at present try to articulate passages from various authors on matters irrelevant to the discussion on hand; in fact, many who speak fairly well can scarcely read at all.
3. The essays would be dull [which does or does not apply to speeches]. Here I quote the admirable sentiment which Dr. Bradley has enshrined in his 'Prose,' apparently for such occasions as these, *De hac re viserint sapientiores*: viz., the Selection Committee.

Now, supposing present Westminsters are 'really too busy to prepare a sufficient number of essays'—and if they devoted as much time to any one 'subject' as is now given to learning up names, initials, averages, and cup-match results, they would be in a fair way towards one of those well-paid professorships north of the Tweed—then I would suggest that O.W.W. should be asked to come and read papers occasionally. Finally,

it seems right that the essays should be kept by the Secretary and bound at the close of each session, and, with a record of proceedings, placed in Library, for the good of those that come after.

Apologising for the length of my ideas,

I remain, yours obediently,

AN EX-MEMBER OF THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

'ALAPAE WESTMONASTERIENSES.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—A book, as I daresay you are aware, came out at the end of last term, under the title of 'Alapae Westmonasterienses,' containing some of the sorriest doggerel that, we should say, has ever appeared in print. This book, we have reason to believe, emanated from the fertile brains of certain members of the Seventh Form, who were evidently of opinion that it was worth giving to the world, for several reviews of it appeared in the papers. Does not this seem to you to reflect anything but honour on the School that has produced such poets as Dryden, Cowper, Cowley, Southey, and others too many to mention? Hoping you will deem this worthy of insertion,

Believe me, dear Sir, yours,

DISGUSTED.

THE RACKET COURTS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should like to call your attention to the disgraceful state of the racket court. Many of the paving-stones are sunk, and in wet weather contain little pools of mud and water; many others are cracked; and the whole of the court is generally covered with gravel. Could not the Games Committee take steps about this?

Yours truly,

DERR.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May I ask for a corner of your paper to let your readers know that 'Joe' Simson died during the holidays—on Friday, September 12? Joe was perhaps little known to present Westminsters, but to the younger generation of O.W.W. his name will call up pleasant recollections of strawberry ices—the best in London—Genoa cakes, and raspberry vinegar; and not a few will remember cosy tea-parties in Joe's snug back parlour. For many years Joe supplied young Westminster with an outlet for its pocket-money, as successor to 'Jekyll,' whose name still clung to the shop; and he was liked by all who knew him for his English honesty and uprightness. Everything with Joe was fair and above-board. To a few who knew him well he had stories to tell of his soldier days, and of the Crimean War, in which he served as a marine. He had been connected with the Abbey for some 32 years, and present Westminsters are probably familiar with him as a 'beadman' keeping the west cloister door at the Sunday services; while Queen's scholars will remember him behind the scenes at the Play, sitting at his post in the wing to let the drop scene up and down at the prompter's bidding. He was also entrusted with the important office of opening the curtain to allow the Captain to step forward to the footlights to deliver the prologue.

Joe had been ailing for a long time, and latterly he had suffered much and was reduced to the shadow of his former self. At Election he was better, and he was in his usual place in the Abbey on Election Sunday. It was a few Sundays later that old Joe, staunch as ever to his duty, and taking his place in Abbey when he should have been keeping to his room, caught a chill, which ended in his death on the following Friday.

Mrs. Simson will keep on the shop, and I can assure O.W.W. that orders from old customers will be very much appreciated and most faithfully executed; and I need hardly remind them that Mrs. Simson's tea is of the very best.

Believe me, dear sir, yours truly,

L. J.

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