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CONCERNING HOUSE NOTES.

THERE are many kinds of House Notes: the ordinary House Note, the tentatively original House Note, the voluble House Note, the joyful House Note, the morbid House Note, the humorous House Note, the patriotic House Note—their name is legion, and the original are always adding to the list. We will deal with them in order. First and foremost, owing to its great age and stern beauty, comes the ordinary House Note. It is a well-worn formula, but none the worse for wear. 'There are six new fellows this term. This brings our numbers up to fifty,' &c. This choice piece of English, thought out, no doubt, by some great scholar when THE ELIZABETHAN was still young, is a marvel to the unknowing, owing to the balance of its periods and the rounding

of its sentences. It is mostly used by the mathematical, the lazy, and the unoriginal. A direct descendant of it is the tentatively original House Note. This is sufficiently described by its name, and only needs an illustration. 'The arrival of six new fellows makes our House contain fifty members.'

Next in order comes the voluble House Note. This is written by those of an inventive or literary turn of mind, and the author in his later years generally takes to editing a newspaper. It takes up anything from a half to three-quarters of a column, and although its style is not so irreproachable as that of the 'ordinary' House Note, it gives us many picturesque details and plenty of local colour. 'The indefatigable efforts of the monitors have at last succeeded in stopping the chimney in the middle room from smoking,' and so forth.

What a picture this puts before our eyes! We see the malignant fireplace vomiting forth smoke. We see the heroic monitors in their shirt-sleeves, silent and determined, battling with the deadly fumes, and staking their lives on the strength of a poker or the endurance of a pair of tongs. Can we not see in this fine composition the hand which one day is to revolutionise the literary world? Needless to say the details contained in the humorous House Note are read by the School with profound interest.

We now come to the joyful House Note. This usually dwells at great length on its athletic prospects, and comes from a house which boasts of one school colour. 'We look forward with confidence to obtaining the shield this year, as several of the new fellows look promising.' This is encouraging, if not strictly accurate. It causes the House to make a mighty effort to live up to the splendour of its House Notes, but unfortunately it tends to raise premature hopes in the breasts of the aforementioned new fellows, who forthwith stealthily order for themselves House Colours. Moreover, the rest of the School is apt to be sarcastic. The morbid House Note is the rarest variety, and is usually written under the influence of indigestion or after an hour's struggle with the House accounts. In combination with the other House Notes is very artistic, and has a specially fine effect when placed next to the joyful House Note. 'Nobody in the House takes any interest in anything,' is its theme. It usually provokes much indignation throughout the House, especially among those who are rather inclined to plume themselves on their athletic powers. The author incurs much public odium on this account, which leads him to think evil things of indigestion, and make a solemn vow never to let another morsel of pudding pass his lips. The variety is necessary, however, to complete the harmonious and perfectly blended whole, which is found under the legend 'House Notes.'

Nearly the commonest variety is the humorous House Note. It is usually found in the Lent Term, when the writers of House Notes have tried their wings, and, having ac-

complished with safety the small flight required by the 'ordinary' House Note or the 'tentatively original' House Note, soar aloft into the clouds of humour. 'We hear that Robinson is a dark horse for the mile.' 'Smithson junior has, we hear, been training hard for several days,' and so forth. The humour about this is that the smallest and most insignificant member of the House is represented as prepared to perform prodigies of valour. The writer or writers—for it is usually the result of much consultation—are very proud of it, and the House is forewarned of its arrival by the sounds of mirth which proceed from the author's room. The authors themselves usually take to editing a comic paper in their old age.

The last variety of all is the patriotic House Note. This note takes a truly paternal interest in past members of the House, and scrupulously chronicles anything of interest—or otherwise—that they may achieve. 'We congratulate Mr. Smith (O.W.) on being elected a member of the Peckham Ping-Pong Club,' &c. Mr. Smith is uncertain whether to take it as a compliment or an insult. He usually decides in favour of the latter, and discontinues his subscription to
THE ELIZABETHAN.

EDITORIAL.

REQUESTS have been received from O.W.W. to revise the rate of life subscriptions. At present the rate is £5, equivalent to twenty-five, or, allowing for compound interest, forty annual subscriptions. The expectation of life at the usual age of leaving school is somewhat over 40. At the age of 30 the expectation of life is about 32, and a composition of £4 gives, with interest, about thirty annual subscriptions. At 45 the expectation is about 22, and a composition of £3 gives, with interest, about eighteen annual subscriptions. It is therefore proposed that after the age of 30 the composition shall be £4, and after the age of 45 it shall be £3. All compositions will be invested and the interest paid to current account, together with such part of the capital as may be from time to time necessary.

ANNUAL RECORDS.

First Commission.—H. E. Redman, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

* APOSTROPHES.—No. III.

'THE STORES.'

'PLEASE, Sir, may I have leave to the Stores?' 'When? What for? You are always going to the Stores.' 'Now, and to buy a tooth-brush, please, Sir.' You are the subject of this little dialogue, which may be heard at 1.30 P.M. on almost every afternoon of the week in a certain House-master's study. Leave is sometimes not granted. Perhaps the eager applicant, in his desire to see you, forgets that the day before yesterday he got leave to go and buy a tooth-brush from you; and more than one new tooth-brush in the week is held to be an unnecessary luxury. But an admirer of you who is so lacking in adroitness deserves to be denied the pleasure of access to you; he should equip himself with a plentiful supply of pretexts, which necessitate an immediate visit to you—to-morrow is his great-aunt's birthday, he must get a copy of Bacon's Essays [that is not very safe: his House-master may offer to lend him one], he has sprained his wrist and must have Elliman's ('It I will have, or I will have none'), and others. But he must be careful to use them in rotation.

Why this eagerness to go to you? Let us suppose that it is a wet Wednesday afternoon with 'no station,' and that he has got leave, and let us watch him: we shall (perhaps) find the answer to our question. Immediately after Hall he will set forth, and soon, drenched but jubilant, he stands upon your steps, shakes himself like a retriever, and enters. He feels at once that Hall was inadequate and proceeds to your uppermost regions to supplement it. His uncle came to see him yesterday. He sits down and treats himself to such a variety of good things, that the retired Indian judge eating his curry at the next table looks on in wonder and murmurs to himself the Hindustani equivalent for '*hinc subitae mortes*'; but he is mistaken: he has forgotten that youth has no liver. After an hour or so your visitor, his hunger at least temporarily appeased, pays his score and starts a tour through your labyrinth of departments. You used to have a passage, which was very popular—a passage stocked with musical-boxes, clockwork menageries, and other charming mechanical creations; there have I spent many a profitable hour unmolested, till things began to fall down and break (of their own accord), and then your menials used to hint that I had been there long enough. But now you have moved them to roomier quarters, and you have driven away the genius of the place. Still our friend finds a musical-box and spends a little time with it, till he is moved on. He then goes to the 'Book Department,' having

resisted the coaxing advice of your lift-man to visit the 'Drapery, Stationery, Jewellery, Mantle and Fur Departments.' I beg your pardon, I should have said not 'Book,' but 'Turnery, Book-lamps, and Games.' There he reads all the new books, till he feels that it is time for tea. He has tea; he looks at his watch: it is 5.15! He ought to be up Library! Result—leave stopped till further notice.

But your charms are too fascinating to be resisted for long. He endures for one day, for two days: Saturday comes, and he goes. Do not tell anyone; but he goes without leave. He arrives, he makes for his favourite table, he orders apricots and cream, he begins to eat, he looks up for a moment, he sees observing him from a neighbouring table—his House-master. His apricots have lost their sweetness; he has a sinking feeling, but, though he longs for it, he does not sink out of sight. He pays his bill, and he goes. The subsequent details do not concern us—or you. You merely think to yourself, 'Silly fellow, to go and get caught like that!' and turn to welcome your other visitors. X-ED.

School Notes.

THERE was a Sat. Sun. Mon. from February 22 to February 24.

A match with Cambridge Old Westminsters was arranged for Wednesday, February 26.

The present to Dr. Rutherford, consisting of a bust of the young Augustus on a massive marble pedestal, has been placed up School *pro tem*.

We much regret to have to chronicle the approaching departure of Mr. Hackforth, who has been appointed to a Government Inspectorship.

A lecture on 'Olympia,' with limelight views, was given to the School on Monday, February 17, by Mr. Louis Dyer, of Oxford and Harvard.

On Saturday, February 15, the VIIIth Form were shown round the Elgin Room of the British Museum by Dr. A. S. Murray, Keeper of the Greek and Roman Antiquities.

The School have recently purchased an optical lantern, and arrangements have been made for fixing the sheet permanently on the beams up School.

Election Dinner will be held this year on Monday, July 28.

It seems likely that the project of erecting a Racquet Court, in memory of Dr. Rutherford, will have to be abandoned for the present. The proposed site in Great College Street proves to be much too small for the purpose.

The Governors, at their meeting on February 20, sanctioned the formation of a Cadet Company, to be attached to the 4th Middlesex (Inns of Court) R.V. Sir Howard Vincent (O.W.), Colonel of the Queen's Westminsters, has taken a great interest in the project and has promised to allow the Company to use the drill-hall, ranges and other equipments of his own corps. Mr. Sherwood has undertaken the captaincy of the Company.

Owing to the frost no less than four matches have had to be scratched, namely—*v.* Old Etonians, *v.* Casuuls, and 2nd XI. matches *v.* London Hospital 2nd XI. and Old Foresters 2nd XI.

We have received the February number of our newly revived contemporary *The Mirror*. The number of embryo poets the School seems to possess is almost as alarming as are their productions. There is much, however, that shows real merit, though we confess the editing might be improved. We were interested to see that 'Ashburnham' has ceased to be a House and has joined the growing number of our 'Societies.'

The Pancake Greaze was held this year on February 11, and proved a great success. There was a large crowd of lady visitors, and in consequence of John being somewhat embarrassed in his throw by the surrounding crowd of small boys, the pancake fell to one side in dangerous proximity to the ladies, who were rescued, however, before any harm was done. After an exciting 'greaze,' H. Logan was held to have obtained the largest portion, and received the usual reward.

The following is the Football Card, filled in up to date:—

1901.

Sat.	Sept. 28	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 1-2.)
Wed.	Oct. 2	<i>v.</i> Old Carthusians. (Lost, 0-8.)
Sat.	" 5	<i>v.</i> Casuuls. (Won, 5-4.)
"	" 12	<i>v.</i> H. B. Willett's XI. (Won, 5-1.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
"	Oct. 19	<i>v.</i> Old Foresters. (Lost, 1-10.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Won, 4-1.)
"	Oct. 26	<i>v.</i> Old Etonians. (Lost, 0-10.)
Wed.	" 30	<i>v.</i> Brasenose Coll., Oxon. (Won, 4-1.)
Sat.	Nov. 2	<i>v.</i> Emeriti. (Scratched.)
"	" 9	<i>v.</i> New College. (Lost, 1-5.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> London Hospital 2nd XI.
Wed.	Nov. 13	<i>v.</i> Emeriti. (Draw, 0-0.)
Sat.	Nov. 16	<i>v.</i> Christ Church. (Lost, 1-2.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-4.)
"	Nov. 23	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters. (Lost, 2-3.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Draw, 2-2.)
"	Nov. 30	<i>v.</i> Old Felstedians. (Lost, 1-5.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Thomas's Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost, 2-8.)
"	Dec. 7	<i>v.</i> Old Harrovians. (Drawn 3-3.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost 1-4.)
"	Dec. 14	<i>v.</i> West Kent F.C. (Lost 0-7.)

1902.

Sat.	Jan. 18	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers. (Lost 0-4.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> St. Bartholomew's Hospital 2nd XI. (Lost 0-3.)
"	Jan. 25	<i>v.</i> Old Wykehamists. (Won 7-1.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Lost 1-2.)
"	Feb. 1	<i>v.</i> University College, Oxon. (Lost 1-2.)
Wed.	" 5	<i>v.</i> Clare College, Camb. (Lost 3-2.)
Sat.	" 8	<i>v.</i> Pembroke College, Camb. (Lost 4-2.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> London Hospital 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
Wed.	Feb. 12	<i>v.</i> Old Etonians. (Scratched.)
Sat.	" 15	<i>v.</i> Casuuls. (Scratched.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Foresters 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
"	Feb. 22	<i>v.</i> Charterhouse (<i>Vincent Square</i>). (Lost 0-2.)
Wed.	" 26	<i>v.</i> Cambridge Old Westminsters. (Lost 2-10.)
Sat.	Mar. 1	<i>v.</i> Old Brightonians. (Won 3-2.)
"	2nd XI.	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters 2nd XI. (Won 3-1.)
"	Mar. 8	<i>v.</i> An Eton XI.
"	" 15	<i>v.</i> L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Wed.	" 19	<i>v.</i> Old Westminsters.
Sat.	" 22	— T.BB. <i>v.</i> K.SS.

The following is the Debating Society's Card, with results to date:—

January 23.—'That this House condemns the Birmingham riots as unworthy of a civilized nation.' Proposer, H. Logan; Seconder, G. T. Boag; Opposer, E. A. Bell. (Carried, 9-5.)

January 30.—'That in the opinion of this House the prestige of England has not suffered during the period of office of the present Government.' Proposer, F. N. Ashley; Seconder, K. N. Colvile; Opposer, E. E. Atherley-Jones. (Carried, 8-6.)

February 6.—'That in the opinion of this House the increase of Novels and Magazines is greatly to be regretted.' Proposer, C. B. H. Knight; Seconder, J. Vernon; Opposer, F. W. Hubback. (Carried, 8-7.)

February 20.—'That this House approves of the alliance recently contracted with Japan. (Carried by acclamation.)

February 27.—'That in the opinion of this House Athletics do not interfere with the serious business of the people.' Proposer, E. W. D. Colt-Williams; Seconder, C. A. Wood-Hill; Opposer, G. M. Oldham. (Carried, 11-8.)

—'That this House would welcome the adoption of the Decimal System by this country.' Proposer, P. H. Napier; Seconder, P. H. Ormiston; Opposer, H. B. Philby.

—'That in the opinion of this House the Housing of the Working Classes demands immediate attention.' Proposer, F. W. Hubback; Seconder, C. B. H. Knight; Opposer, E. A. Bell.

—'That in the opinion of this House the Stage in England shows undoubted signs of decadence.' Proposer, W. A. Greene; Seconder, T. C. S. Keely; Opposer, P. H. Ormiston.

POETRY.

I ACTUS LIBI.

Appetiere dies, carni cum parcere fas est :
 ecce uolat libum ; tu rape, quisquis aues.
 Quod si qui raperes libum foret esse necesse,
 ut raperes auri uix stimulare amor.

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GAMES COMMITTEE.

THE Games Committee met on Wednesday, February 12, and after the Secretary had read the minutes of the former meeting, A. T. Willett proposed, and C. B. H. Knight seconded, that a sum of about £30 should be expended in the erection of two shower-baths in the pavilion. The motion was carried. The draw for the House Matches was then made as follows:—Rigaud's *v.* Grant's, Home Boarders *v.* Ashburnham. The Treasurer then submitted his accounts. A. T. Willett was appointed to inquire into the question of last year's swimming prizes. F. I. Harrison and C. Powers were next selected to assist in the management of the sports. After a question by A. T. Willett about the footballs, it was decided that there was no objection to a new kind being used. After a few questions, W. A. Greene was empowered to expend sums on the printing of the Fives Court Rules. The meeting then came to an end.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR 1901.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1900	126 6 8	Expenses of Ground and Pavilion—	
Masters' Fund	27 0 0	Lent Term	4 11 8
Elizabethan Club	10 0 0	Election Term	4 8 11
Sports Entries	17 8 0	Play Term	7 4 0
Book Fines	0 9 7	Wages	211 5 0
Refund for Bulbs, &c.	1 18 6	Turf, Loam, Seeds, &c.	65 8 0
Levies	270 10 4	Cricket Goods	20 8 6
„ (Wages paid by Bursar)	125 0 0	Prizes	6 0 0
		Secretary (Football and Cricke)	3 16 1
		Brakes	6 17 6
		Footballs	12 11 2
		Sports (Prizes and Expenses)	30 6 6
		Luncheons	39 13 6
		House Hire	18 18 0
		XI. Boards	2 4 0
		Printing	8 14 6
		Repairs and Paint for Pavilion	2 19 4
		Bulbs and Flowers	2 2 6
		Repairs to Machines	4 7 6
		Petty Cash—	
		Servants' Prizes	1 10 0
		Cricket Goods	2 15 2
		Seeds, Flowers, &c.	1 17 2
		Sports Expenses	0 9 6
		Treasurer's Expenses	1 3 3
		Balance	112 3 4
	<u>£571 13 1</u>		<u>£571 13 1</u>

Audited and found correct { R. TANNER, *President*.
W. A. GREENE, *Secretary*.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

PLAYED up Fields on Saturday, January 25, and resulted in a victory for the School by 7 goals to 1. Willett lost the toss, and Harrison kicked off from

the Hospital end at 2.45 P.M. At first the visitors pressed, but on the School getting together the forwards quickly took the ball down and forced a corner, which proved fruitless. Still pressing, the School forwards again took the ball down, and Coleby scored our first goal. On restarting, some good play by Woodbridge and Vernon enabled the School to force another corner, but without result. After some fairly even play Harrison scored our second goal. The visitors then pressed and gained two corners, but half time came with the score unaltered. On restarting, in the first five minutes Harrison scored a third goal, but the visitors quickly retaliated and scored their first goal. However, Coleby shortly gained a fourth goal for us. Two more goals were quickly gained from *mêles* in front of goal. Just before the end Woodbridge very neatly headed a seventh goal. For the School the forwards played splendidly, the three insides displaying better combination than they have ever previously shown. For the visitors Kaye and Salmon played a good game, but they were not well backed up by the others.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); C. Powers and A. T. Willett (backs); F. W. Hubback, F. N. Ashley, R. P. Mears (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, E. W. D. Colt-Williams (forwards).

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

C. J. Wells (sub.) (goal); J. R. Mason and P. R. Brinton (backs); H. W. Spurling, T. Salmon, R. P. Tatham (half-backs); H. Mason, W. H. Lang, H. W. Kaye, J. A. Hubback, W. A. Kaye (forwards).

2ND XI. *v.* CLAPHAM ROVERS 2ND XI.

This match was played on the 2nd Game Ground on Saturday, January 25. As no notes were taken, the account of it must necessarily be short. The School lost 1—2, which to some extent adequately represented the difference between the two teams. The Clapham Rovers won by their superior weight. For them Kitson played a very good game, doing nearly all their forward work, and scoring both their goals. The School forwards lacked dash and determination; they pressed frequently, but failed at the last moment.

Teams:—

2ND IX.

C. B. H. Knight (goal); G. Schwann and G. L. Crowe (backs); F. S. Fleuret, J. M. Craig, C. W. Lonsdale (half-backs); A. P. D. Davey, W. T. S. Sonnenschein, E. T. Corfield, R. D. Gardiner, P. H. Philby (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS 2ND IX.

A. S. Oppenheimer (goal); T. H. Corfield and C. C. Austen (backs); A. S. Matthew, W. Townsend, H. D. Oppenheimer (half-backs); H. G. Zerffi, R. E. Murray, R. D. Kitson, G. Warren (forwards).

Referee: F. Fraser.

WESTMINSTER *v.* UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Played up Fields on Saturday, February 1. The visitors broke away at once, and scored a goal in the first five minutes of the game. After this reverse the School pressed, and Mears sent in a good long shot which only just went over the crossbar. The high wind made the shooting very erratic, and in spite of great efforts on both sides there was no score. On resuming, the School again pressed, and some good combination by Harrison and Coleby enabled the former to score. The visitors were for the most part kept on the defensive, Harrison and Vernon causing them a good deal of trouble; however, their defence proved sound. Just before time University College broke away and scored a goal—the winning goal, as it proved, the School being unable to get a goal in the few minutes remaining for play. The School had the better of the game, and had very hard luck in not winning; but there was a hurricane raging throughout the game, and in the second half the ball was nearly always 'out.' The forwards, especially Vernon and Harrison, played well, but their shooting was weak. Of the defence, Mears and Ashley were far and away the best. For the visitors Goldberg played an excellent game at centre-half, and certainly saved his side from defeat.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); C. Powers and A. T. Willett (backs); F. W. Hubback, F. N. Ashley, R. P. Mears (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

W. Longman (goal); A. P. Boxall and V. Pomfret (backs); G. H. Maxwell, H. W. Goldberg, E. F. Medcalf (half-backs); C. C. Monkhouse, T. Hartnoll, J. Evans, A. M. Robertson-Walker, T. C. Smith (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* CLARE COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Played up Fields on Wednesday, February 5, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 3 goals to 2. Willett lost the toss and Harrison kicked off the Hospital end soon after half-past two. After some even play, Woodbridge sent in a good shot which just cleared the bar. Following ineffectual shots by our forwards, Clare ran down and scored a second goal. The School still had the better of the game, and after shots by Napier, Coleby and Harrison had been cleared, the last-named scored our first goal. Westminster forced two corners in quick succession, but failed to turn them to account. There was no further scoring before half-time. Immediately after the restart Woodbridge scored our second goal. For a time the visitors were penned in, but they broke away and forced a corner, from which they scored a third goal. Napier and Vernon both made some nice runs, but the shooting in the centre was not very accurate, Harrison being the chief offender.

After some fruitless rushes by both sides, time was called with the score 3 goals to 2 in their favour. For the School Harrison played very well in the first half, but owing to his not having been well during the week, he could not keep it up. Of the defence Mears was the best. Anderson's goal-keeping was as good as ever.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); G. Schwann and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, F. N. Ashley, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, L. A. Woodbridge, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

K. B. Anderson (goal); R. N. Balfour and J. C. Aitchison (backs); E. P. U. Robson, G. P. Potter, G. M. Gibson (half-backs); C. M. Whitehead, R. M. P. Druce, R. Spencer, F. A. Croshaw, R. D. Lowndes (forwards).

WESTMINSTER *v.* PEMBROKE COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Played up Fields on Saturday, February 8, and resulted in a defeat for the School by 4 goals to 2. The visitors won the toss, and Harrison kicked off from the Church end at twenty minutes to three. At first the game was very even, both goals being attacked in turn. After we had gained a corner they retaliated and scored their first goal from a corner. However, a few minutes later the ball was well rushed through by Corfield, thus making the scores even. After some play in mid-field they scored from a scrimmage in front of goal (1-2). Just before half-time they scored a third goal, and though Harrison put in a good shot, it was just cleared. In the second half the School had more of the game, and after some continuous pressing by our forwards, Harrison gained a second goal. Although we had still the better of the game, a rush by their forwards resulted in a fourth point for them. Try as they would the School could not score, and Pembroke were left the victors by 4 goals to 2. The School had quite as much of the game as their opponents, and if they had not had to play ten men only in the first half, owing to Ashley being disabled, they would probably have won, as during the half-hour when the School had only ten men the visitors scored twice.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

S. A. Dickson (goal); E. W. D. Colt-Williams and A. T. Willett (backs); R. P. Mears, F. N. Ashley, C. Powers (half-backs); J. C. Vernon, E. T. Corfield, F. I. Harrison, A. T. Coleby, P. H. Napier (forwards).

PEMBROKE COLLEGE.

P. C. T. Crick (goal); J. E. C. Jukes and C. J. Lutes (backs); N. A. Rast, R. W. S. Ogle, E. M. Hacking (half-backs); R. E. Taylor, F. Livesey, A. H. Groom, E. Wells, A. G. Appleton (forwards).

2ND XI. *v.* LONDON HOSPITAL 2ND XI.

This match, which was to have been played up Fields on Saturday, February 8, was scratched.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD ETONIANS.

This match was to have been played up Fields on Wednesday, February 12, but was scratched owing to the frost.

WESTMINSTER v. CASUALS.

This match was to have been played up Fields on Saturday, February 15, but was scratched owing to the frost.

2ND XI. v. OLD FORESTERS 2ND XI.

This match, which was to have been played up Fields on Saturday, February 15, had to be scratched owing to the frost.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

COLLEGE RIGAUD'S GRANT'S H.B.B. ASHBURN-HAM Pts.

COLLEGE.	—	W 7-0	D 0-0	W 4-2	W 4-0	7
RIGAUD'S	L 0-7	—	L 0-7	W 1-0	L 0-3	2
GRANT'S.	D 0-0	W 7-0	—	W 3-2	W 2-0	7
H.B.B.	L 2-4	L 0-1	L 2-3	—	—	0
ASHBURN HAM	L 0-4	W 3-0	L 0-2	—	—	2

In the replay between College and Grant's, Grant's won (1-0) thus securing the Cup.

THE LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Pts.
A	—	L 0-2	D 0-0	L 0-7	L 0-6	—	W 3-1	—	3
B	W 2-0	—	W 1-0	W 5-0	—	D 0-0	—	W 1-0	9
C	D 0-0	L 0-1	—	W 4-1	W 3-0	—	W 3-1	—	7
D	W 7-0	L 0-5	L 1-9	—	—	D 2-2	—	W 2-0	5
E	W 6-0	—	L 0-3	—	—	L 0-2	W 3-1	W 5-3	6
F	—	D 0-0	—	D 2-2	W 2-0	—	W 3-0	D 2-2	7
G	L 1-3	—	L 1-3	—	L 1-3	L 0-3	—	L 0-1	0
H	—	L 0-1	—	L 0-2	L 3-5	D 2-2	W 1-0	—	3

The following is the list of Captains :—

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| A. T. C. S. Keely. | E. W. T. S. Sonnenschein. |
| B. M. Macdonald. | F. H.B. Philby, vice H. Logan. |
| C. R. G. Gardner. | G. K. N. Colville. |
| D. H. V. Capon. | H. W. S. Lonsdale. |

FIVES TIES.

The following was the result of the First Round :—

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

The following is the draw for the Second Round :—

C. B. H. KNIGHT	}	v.	G. SCHWANN
A. T. COLEBY			K. N. COLVILLE
P. H. ORMISTON			E. A. BELL
J. POYSER	}	v.	R. P. MEARS

EXTRACT.

In the *Free Lance* for January 11 there appeared a letter to his mother from an Old Westminster, who, in addition to stroking the boat against Eton and becoming President of Third Trinity, had the good fortune to be present at the Coronation of Queen Victoria. Space precludes us from quoting the entire letter, but we print excerpts which we think may be of interest :—

8 John Street, Adelphi :

St. Peter's Day, June 29, 1838.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—I am so glad to-day is a holiday—a Saint's Day. I don't know what I should have done if it had not been, for I did not get home to bed till six o'clock this morning, and they did not wake me till quite four o'clock. . . . I got away before six o'clock. It was a cool, cloudy morning. I had to take the usual short cut through Hungerford Market, for Strand and Charing Cross were no go. . . . We came into Whitehall, but there we stuck till we got hold of a friendly peeler, who landed us safely in Dean's Yard. Of course, we had no passes of any kind to show, only our gilt buttons with R.S.W. on them, to prove we were Westminster boys. . . . The Green was already full of carriages, and the iron railings had been pulled up to let in the carriages. The Queen's scholars went into the organ loft and the town boys into a gallery looking down on to Poet's Corner, where the seats had been placed for the House of Lords. . . . At last the cheering outside the Abbey called us to 'Attention!' We stretched our necks as far as we could get to see our most gracious Sovereign appear from under the organ. First came a tremendous blast of trumpets. Then the most unmusical greeting of the Queen's scholars of three times 'Vivat-Victoria Regina,' shouted in harsh but well-drilled unison from the organ loft, responded to by thousands of voices packed inside the Abbey. . . . I cannot give you an account of all the ceremony in detail as it proceeded, or my letter would never be finished. . . . It was a curious sight when the Queen was once crowned, and she turned to the Peers and said : 'My Lords, be covered,' to see all the House of Lords put their coronets on their heads and stand in their robes. . . . The homage ceremony lasted a long time. It became very slow and tedious, and as I was getting hungry, I got leave to explore the scaffolding behind the galleries.

Now, my dear mother, I hope you will think this worth the double postage you will have to pay for it . . . and remain, your affectionate son,
CHARLES.

THE MISSION.

WE are glad to report an increase of numbers amongst the Juniors.

The Church Lads' Brigade are smartening up, and some of the lads are becoming good shots. Captain Price is entering a squad for competition in drill, gymnastics, ambulance, &c.

The Major of the Battalion is arranging for more Church Parades.

The Debating Society has made a start. Mr. Watherston (O.W.) is taking great interest in the Society, and is endeavouring to get O.W.W. to come. On Saturday evening, February 15, the Club Choir gave an entertainment to St. Andrew's Home and Club, Great Peter Street. The first part of the programme consisted of the humorous cantata, 'Forty Thieves,' and the second part consisted of songs, mandoline trios, &c., &c. A most enjoyable evening was spent. 'Our Boys' were enthusiastically received.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

THIS Society met on January 28 and February 4, when *Othello* was begun but not finished, and as there was no meeting on February 11, it was not till February 18 that the reading was completed. Though at times not lacking in interest, the readings were on the whole dull. The chief feature throughout, however, was the Iago of Mr. Sargeaunt, who was splendid. W. A. Greene as *Othello* and W. T. Kennedy as *Desdemona* were good at times. F. W. Hubback made an excellent *Cassio*. The other parts were not especially remarkable. The cast was as follows:—

Mr. Sargeaunt	<i>Iago.</i>
Mr. Smedley	<i>Montano.</i>
W. A. Greene	<i>Othello.</i>
W. T. Kennedy	<i>Desdemona.</i>
W. T. S. Sonnenschein	<i>Roderigo.</i>
J. A. C. Highmore	<i>Gratiano.</i>
F. W. Hubback	<i>Cassio.</i>
P. H. Ormiston	<i>Brabantio, Bianca.</i>
C. B. H. Knight	<i>Duke.</i>
L. A. Woodbridge	<i>Lodovico.</i>
E. A. Bell	<i>Emilia.</i>

The Society met again on February 25, when Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* was begun.

Old Westminsters.

MR. R. R. CAMPBELL has been called to the Bar.

The Dean of Gloucester has just published an important work, entitled 'Early Christianity and Paganism.'

Major H. V. Ravenscroft is granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while serving with the Egyptian Army.

Mr. J. Stirling Lee is at work on a statue of Narcissus. It is greatly admired by those who have seen it.

Mr. G. F. Laking, M.V.O., has been appointed Keeper of the King's Armoury.

We congratulate Mr. S. S. Harris on receiving his football Blue for Cambridge.

We hear that the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, as genealogist to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, is engaged jointly with Colonel Holbeche in writing the history of the Order.

At Cambridge Mr. S. A. Sydney-Turner is elected to the Waddington Scholarship. He was elected head to Trinity in 1899, having previously won a major scholarship at the college.

After the match with Dulwich Hamlet the O.W. Football Club entertained Mr. A. J. Hemmerde at dinner and made him a present in recognition of his services as their Secretary. There was much oratory, and Mr. P. C. Probyn was in his best form.

We have received a small pamphlet called 'A Home Letter on the Calcutta University Question,' from a correspondent, who informs us that it is the work of an Old Westminster who wishes his name to remain unknown. This little satire is an enlightened attack on the present management of Calcutta University. The poem is clever, though not sustained at the same level throughout. We find not a few happy phrases, such as 'bureaucratic topsy-turvydom' and some lines suggestive of Calverley.

We hear with pleasure that Mr. Hackforth has just been appointed to a Government Inspectorship.

From the last Army List it appears that the following Westminsters are now serving in South Africa:—Bt. Col. H. E. Rawson, Bt. Lt.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan, Bt. Major A. R. Hoskins; Captains C. E. Balfour, R. W. R. Barnes, A. A. McHardy, W. Martin-Leake, and A. G. Prothero; Lieutenants J. A. H. Britton, L. B. Chamberlain, L. K. D'Arcy, G. T. A. Drought, E. H. Lynch, R. H. More, S. H. F. Muriel, H. G. Quin, J. P. B. Robinson, I. G. Sewell, G. H. Stack, A. A. L. Stephen, A. E. Stewart, E. A. Underwood, and J. B. Wells.

For the London Cup O.W.W. drew twice with the Civil Service. On the first occasion the wind was so high and the ground so wet that shooting was almost impossible, and there was no score. On the second the team was weaker, as S. S. Harris was playing for Cambridge and K. B. Anderson for the Corinthians. Moreover, both A. L. Foster and A. Whittow were hurt. The result was a draw of 1 all. W. F. Fox

played a grand game, L. J. Moon had returned to form, and H. O. C. Beasley and B. H. Willett were conspicuous.

In the third match O.W.W. did not play in their best form and were, moreover, unfortunate. Early in the game H. O. C. Beasley was nearly blinded by a kick in the face, and though he pluckily came back for the last half-hour he was quite unable to see. Of the others, few except W. F. Fox and H. B. Willett did much to distinguish themselves. Nevertheless there was no score till the last quarter of an hour, when the ball after hitting the bar was sent through by a shot which K. B. Anderson, who had defended well, could not have stopped. Thus the Civil Service won by 1 goal to none.

The following is the Football Card :—

1901.

Sat.	Sept.	28	v.	Tunbridge Wells, at Tunbridge Wells.
"	Oct.	5	v.	London Caledonians, at Tufnell Park.
"	"	12	v.	Clapton (first round, London Charity Cup), at 'Spotted Dog,' Clapton.
"	"	19	v.	Ealing, at Ealing.
"	"	26	v.	Cambridge University, at 'Spotted Dog,' Clapton.
"	Nov.	2	v.	Old Harrovians, at Harrow.
"	"	9	v.	Casuals, at Tufnell Park.
"	"	16	v.	Old Brightonians, in London.
"	"	23	v.	Old Etonians, at Catford Bridge.
"	"		v.	Westminster School, at Vincent Square.
"	"	30	v.	Old Foresters, at Snaresbrook.
"	Dec.	7	v.	Old Carthusians, at Tufnell Park.
"	"	14	v.	R.M.C., at Sandhurst.
Thur.	"	19	v.	Royal Engineers, at Chatham.
Thur.	"	26	v.	Leytonstone, at Leytonstone.

1902.

Sat.	Jan.	4	v.	Ealing, at Ealing.
"	"	11	v.	London Cup Competition Proper (first round).
Wed.	"	15	v.	Emeriti, at Wimbledon.
Sat.	"	18	v.	Clapton, at 'Spotted Dog,' Clapton.
"	"	25	v.	Cheshunt, at Cheshunt.
"	Feb.	1	v.	Old Wykehamists, in London.
"	"	8	v.	Weybridge, at Weybridge.
"	"	15	v.	Charterhouse School, at Godalming.
"	"	22	v.	Eton College, at Eton.
"	Mar.	1	v.	West Kent, at Chislehurst.
"	"	8	v.	Old Foresters, at Snaresbrook.
"	"	15	v.	
Wed.	"	19	v.	Westminster School, at Vincent Square.
Sat.	"	22	v.	St. George's, Ramsgate, at Ramsgate.
"	"	29	v.	Old Etonians, at Ludgrove.
"	April	5	v.	Hastings and St. Leonards, at Hastings.

'A' TEAM.

1901.

Sat.	Oct.	19	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.
"	Nov.	2	v.	Barnes, at Barnes.
"	"	9	v.	Forest School, at Walthamstow.
"	"	16	v.	Highgate School, at Highgate.
"	Dec.	7	v.	Kenley, at Kenley.
"	"	21	v.	Bexley, at Bexley.

1902.

Sat.	Jan.	4	v.	Hoddesdon, at Hoddesdon.
"	"	11	v.	St. George's Hospital, at Wimbledon.
"	"	18	v.	War Office, at Neasden.
"	"	25	v.	Ealing 'A,' at Ealing.
"	Feb.	1	v.	Barnes, at Barnes.
"	"	8	v.	Highgate School, at Highgate.
"	"	15	v.	Hoddesdon, at Hoddesdon.
"	"	22	v.	Bexley, at Bexley.
"	Mar.	1	v.	Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.
"	"	8	v.	Forest School, at Walthamstow.
"	"	15	v.	Kenley, at Kenley.
"	"	22	v.	Ealing 'A,' at Ealing.
"	"	29	v.	War Office, at Neasden.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, January 23, when F. W. Hubback was elected Vice-President in succession to J. A. C. Highmore (resigned).

The House then proceeded to discuss the motion : 'That this House condemns the Birmingham riots as unworthy of a civilised nation.'

The PROPOSER (G. T. Boag) apologised to the House for not having known sufficiently early that he was to propose the motion, so that he was unable to say much on the subject. He compared Birmingham to Edinburgh, where no such thing was allowed to happen ; in fact, they even refused to let the Town Hall to the Pro-Boer speakers who asked for it.

The OPPOSER (E. A. Bell) said that the action of Birmingham was excusable, because Mr. Lloyd-George had used insulting language against Mr. Chamberlain, who had done more for Birmingham than anyone else.

The SECONDER (W. A. Greene) said that the Opposer had adopted the cheapest form of argument. England's greatest glory lay in her right of free speech ; but at the present day all rational criticism of the Government was immediately called unpatriotic, and the author of it 'Pro-Boer.' No one was bound to go to the Town Hall ; if they did not want to hear discreditable remarks about the war, they need not have gone.

F. N. ASHLEY said that the rioters were the people who paid for the war. The Pro-Boers increased the difficulties of the war, and therefore ought to be put a stop to.

F. H. NICHOLS said the riots were not so bad as those caused by Mr. Kensit. The Lord Mayor would not be in his rights to refuse the use of the Town Hall.

F. W. HUBBACK said that the Boers would invent speeches anyhow, so that it would not make much difference. They ought to have gone quietly away. Free speech is a good thing.

W. A. GREENE, speaking again, said that Mr. Ashley had made an extraordinary statement, for the people inside paid for the war as much as the rioters. Mr. Lloyd-George conscientiously thinks

the war is barbarous. It is impossible to limit free speech.

After a few other speeches the House divided, and the motion was carried by 9 votes to 5.

The House met on Thursday, January 30, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the prestige of England has not suffered during the period of office of the present Government.'

The PROPOSER (G. M. S. Oldham) asked for a definition of 'Prestige.' England must be very rich to stand the stain of this great war. The Continental nations are merely envious of our power. We cannot prevent ships taking arms and provisions to the Boers.

The OPPOSER (E. E. Atherley-Jones) said that the British could and should have prevented the arming of the Boers; they might have made representations to the Portuguese Government.

The SECONDER (A. L. Crossman) said that with regard to China, Manchuria was useless to us, and there was therefore no need for us to protest. The great cost of the South African war shows that we are determined to support our prestige.

P. H. NAPIER said that the British had destroyed the farms of the Boer women and children. Enormous taxes are now paying for the war, and there will be further taxes on South Africa.

H. LOGAN said that some people thought that 'Pro-Boers' wanted the Boers to win; they really wanted nothing of the kind, they merely wished to keep the Tenth Commandment.

W. A. GREENE said that the 'Jameson Raid' was disgraceful, and the punishment too small. The Government had broken faith with the Boers.

The House divided after a few more speeches, and the motion was carried by 8 votes to 6.

The House met on Thursday, February 6, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the increase of novels and magazines is greatly to be regretted.'

The PROPOSER (C. B. H. Knight) said that people in the old days read more carefully, and therefore better and more solid novels were provided for them. The Americans were far superior to us in the way of books. The increase of the lower kind of novel rendered the character of the nation superficial.

The OPPOSER (F. W. Hubback) said that in the old days good books and bad books were both published, and because the bad very rarely survive, it is not to be supposed that there were none. Dickens and Thackeray were not read much in their own time. There was now a greater reading population, and the numerous editions of the great authors shows that they are still greatly read.

The SECONDER (C. Wood-Hill) said that to do away with the trash was the best way of educating people. Notice how quickly the books come; sufficient thought cannot be given them.

F. W. HUBBACK, speaking again, said that if they

did not read trash they would do worse. It is dull to be always reading old authors. There is at present a loss of inventive spirit.

K. N. COLVILLE said the demand produces the supply. There are plenty of good books for those who want them.

After a few other short speeches the House divided, and the motion was carried by 8 votes to 7.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—Hitherto nothing remarkable has taken place in College. We have already commented on the successes of our Juniors, and we feel sure they will do themselves justice in the Final. Our Fives Ties have comfortably settled down into their usual placid state of lethargy. Our Chess Ties, however, are speeding along at a positively dangerous rate. Besides our prayer-room laboratory we seem now to possess a dormitory engine-room, judging by the weird sounds the hot-water pipes delight in giving off in the stilly hours of night. The Literary Society have read *The Winter's Tale*, but are not meeting any more for the present. Our prospects for the Sports are fairly bright.

RIGAUD'S.—It is with the greatest pleasure we hear that our House-master's son, H. Failes, has done so well in his examination. Atherley-Jones has become a monitor. Our Junior House match fixtures ended in a defeat at the hands of Ashburnham by 0-3. Powers has been playing with great success at half. 'Ping-Pong' has become most popular here, especially among the Hallites, some of whom, we are confident, will in the near future be internationals at the game. R. N. R. Blaker is still in the West Indies, where we hope he will achieve success. There is a large contingent of Rigaudites in the Debating Society; no doubt they will be heard weekly discussing seriously the affairs of the nation.

GRANT'S.—Perhaps the doings of our Juniors have been causing most interest up the House, for they followed up their victory over H.B.B. by surprising their admirers by making a draw of their game with College (0-0). If they can only beat College in the replay, the Cup will come up Grant's for the first time. We heartily congratulate Woodbridge and Dickson on playing against Charterhouse, and hope they will distinguish themselves. Ashley's loss is deeply felt; football in particular will suffer in consequence of his departure. Neville has made us a wash-box which will be very useful. Yard Ties have once more made a move. The Literary Society have finished the *First Part of Henry IV.* and *The Scheming Lieutenant*. We have almost forgotten to congratulate Logan on winning the Pancake Greaze. We hope the guinea proved full compensation for any damage he may have sustained.

HOME BOARDERS.—We have much pleasure in chronicling several successes gained by former members of the House. We most heartily congratulate E. Hackforth on his Civil Service appointment to an Inspectorship under the Board of Education; at the same time, we shall all deeply regret losing him. Among others to whom our congratulations are due are Guy Laking, on his Royal Victorian Order; Edward Chatterton, on his commission in the R.I.F., to whom we wish every success in South Africa; R. J. Reynolds, on passing the Preliminary Scientific Examination. Moreover, we are delighted to see the first of this season's Pinks conferred on J. C. Vernon, who has shown himself thoroughly worthy of them. Our House Fives Ties, so long delayed through the indisposition of several competitors, have now reached their final round, in which P. H. Napier and E. T. Corfield meet M. Macdonald and R. C. Oppenheimer. We trust that more members of the House will enter for these next term. On January 31 P. H. Ormiston delivered an interesting lecture before the Scientific Club on the subject of the Spheroidal Condition of Liquids.

ASHBURNHAM.—Our heartiest congratulations to S. S. Harris on obtaining his Blue—the first Blue which Ashburnham has been able to boast for some time. Our Juniors have defeated Rigaud's by 3-0. Several members of the team played a very good game. Our representatives in the School Fives Ties are doing well, and Schwann and Colvile should stand a good chance of winning the tie. We congratulate Mears on being chosen to play for the School against Charterhouse.

Birth.

EDEN.—On February 4, at 11 West Eaton Place, the wife of Guy Ernest Morton Eden, of a daughter.

Marriage.

SCOTT-GATTY—HART-DYKE.—On February 10, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Alexander John Scott-Gatty, eldest son of Alfred Scott-Gatty, York Herald, to Lina Mary, eldest daughter of the Right Hon. Sir William Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P.

Obituary.

WE have to lament the loss of another Westminster in the war. GEORGE ARCHIBALD DUNCAN FORBES CUNNINGHAM, youngest son of the late James Elliot Cunningham, was born in December, 1876, and entered the School in January, 1892. After leaving school he spent some time in Germany, and in 1899 was gazetted second-lieutenant in the Essex Rifles Militia. In 1900 he was gazetted to the Essex Regiment, and joined his battalion in South Africa. He died of enteric fever at Standerton on January 25 in this year.

Last month we recorded the retirement of Sir Archibald Milman. We have now to lament his death, which occurred on February 14. ARCHIBALD JOHN SCOTT MILMAN was the third son of the historian, who, from 1835 to 1849, was a Canon of Westminster. Born in 1834 he was admitted in 1841, matriculated at Cambridge in 1851, and graduated in 1855. He became second Clerk-Assistant in the House of Commons in 1857, Clerk-Assistant some years later, and succeeded Sir R. Palgrave as Clerk in 1900. He was a very loyal Westminster, and his familiar presence will be greatly missed at the Play and at Election Dinner.

Correspondence.

A MASTERS' FIVES COURT.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I have noticed of late that the only good 'Fives Court' has been much occupied by the masters to the exclusion of the boys. Is this right? Ought not the masters to have a court of their own? Yours, &c.,

'SPECTATOR.'

THE LIGHT FANTASTIC TOE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In view of the approaching Coronation and the large part the School will be privileged to take in it, would it not be desirable to find some means of suitably celebrating the occasion? I venture to suggest a dance to be given by the School. With very little difficulty 'Up School' could be converted into an admirable ball-room, and I feel sure my plan will meet with general approval. Trusting this excellent opportunity will not be overlooked, I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,

'SALTATOR.'

[While cordially agreeing with your suggestion, we fear there are many difficulties in the way of its realisation.—ED.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I was among those present at Commemoration last year, and it struck me what a splendid place 'Up School' would be for a dance. It could be given alternately with Commemoration, and would, I am sure, appeal strongly to sisters of fellows in the School, and doubtless to many of the fellows themselves. A limited number of tickets would prevent a great crush, and allow so many tickets to each boy. Those who could not make use of theirs might return them to the Bursar, who could soon dispose of them. I am, Sir,

Yours, &c., C. B. E. M.

THE GYMNASIUM.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I wish to call your attention to what cannot but be regarded as a standing disgrace to the School. I refer to the shameful lack of interest in the Gymnasium shown by the majority of the School. The Gymnasium has never had what can be considered a satisfactory number of patrons among boarders, but of late the attendance at the evening classes has dwindled to practically nothing. It cannot be urged that Gymnastics are not needed; they are necessary at all times, but more especially at this time, when a School Cadet Corps is to be started. With the usual apologies, I am, Sir,

Yours, &c., JIM NASTICK.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—The leader of your last number contained a reference—all too short—to the state of the Debating Society. While agreeing with what you say on the subject, I cannot but regret that your remarks were not stronger. There is no doubt that the Debating Society is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and, as the matter must be of interest, as it is of importance, to the School, I trust you will allow me to discuss it at some length. The Society is marked at present, as you justly say, by poor speeches and a general lack of interest in the debates, and the reasons that have been suggested for this are, (1) the want of enough members; (2) the unsuitable or uninteresting nature of the subjects chosen for debate. The first of these two alleged reasons cannot be allowed, for the number of members this term is only less by one than the number in the same term of last year. If some of the higher members of the School had shown a little interest in the Society, the number of members would have been larger by about ten. The second reason contains much truth, but itself needs an explanation. At the first meeting of the Society this term members were asked to send in suggestions for motions. One was sent in. So the Committee found themselves compelled to arrange the card, and it is only natural that their originality was soon exhausted, and that in consequence some of the debates are uninteresting. That this year is not exceptional in this respect will easily be seen by an examination of the Society's cards for former years.

It is strange that no one has looked for the reason of the Society's decadence where it would naturally be found—in the disposition of mind of the members themselves. It so happens this year that the proportion of serious members—members who wish to speak and can—is very small indeed. The rest, either because their minds are too occupied with their own affairs to make them interested in ordinary questions, or because they lack the power to speak, or because they prefer trying to 'rag' or to secretly peruse a newspaper, are, even if ornamental, certainly not useful members of the Society. On the few occasions when they do speak, they take no trouble how they speak, and in consequence the debate dies a speedy death. Now this state of things may be lasting, or it may be only temporary. In the unlikely event of its being lasting, I think a suggestion made recently in the Society might have some effect in bringing the higher members of the School to a sense of the duty they owe to the School and to themselves. The suggestion is, that the Society be thrown open to all members of the Upper School. It is maintained that this would tend to improve the speeches, to bring to light new talent, and generally to put life into the Society. Unless the Society takes a decided turn for the better, this is the only way to keep it alive. Members would be ashamed to speak extempore (unless, of course, they have the gift), they would pay more attention to the form, length, and wording of their speeches, more sense would be talked and less nonsense, and any oratorical abilities there might be in the School would be developed. At first, it is true, not many speeches would be made, but a few good speeches are worth many bad, and after a time more members would speak.

The only real objection to be found to the idea is that a weak President would be unable to keep order; but I think that the general feeling of the Society would not allow a President to keep his place—as has happened on former occasions—who was incapable of preventing 'ragging.'

Another advantage of this arrangement would be that masters might care to attend.

I would only recommend this arrangement (which, though more satisfactory, would be more difficult to manage) if the Society does not show signs of improvement; at present its apathy is most disheartening.

Trusting that the importance of the subject will excuse the length of this letter, I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

W. A. GREENE, *Pres. Deb. Soc.*

[While thoroughly agreeing with your remarks in the main,

we think that you mistake the real origin of the evil. The condition into which the Debating Society fell under the weak President of last year undoubtedly accounts for its present unsatisfactory state. Some half-hearted attempts at reform were made at the time, but the prejudice of certain members prevented them being carried out. We think that if effective measures had been taken then, the Society would be flourishing at the present moment.—ED.]

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—*St. Peter's School Magazine, The Granta (3), The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly, Our Boys' Magazine, The Cheltonian (2), The Penn Charter Magazine, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Working Men's College Journal, The Brighton College Magazine, The Clavinian, Ulula, The Haileyburian, The Cholmelian, The Marlburian, The Carthusian, The Cantuarian.*

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