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THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

'AND so ended the most successful Sports of recent years.' This phrase has occurred so often in past Sports accounts that it cannot be true, and truth, surely, is essential in a paper such as THE ELIZABETHAN, that has from its inception dealt with fact and not fiction. If, then, we wish to label the Sports of 1914 with a title that has thus gained a doubtful reputation, we must first consider what constitutes successful Sports.

No Sports are successful, says the ubiquitous pessimist, at Vincent Square. The running track is a mass of stones, whereas in respectable

meetings, when it is not cinders, it is grass. At two points in the track the corners are so sharp as to be impossible to take without waste except at the proverbial funeral pace. This somewhat exaggerated complaint contains unfortunately a good deal of truth, but we would venture to assert dogmatically that this objection is not enough to prevent either good performances individually or general success as a whole.

Now, we should perhaps first consider that uncertain quantity, the weather. Undoubtedly from this point of view it would be better to hold the Sports in the middle of Election Term, as was previously done. The beginning of April is notoriously deceptive, and not only may

it rain, but the wind that usually prevails often prevents good times and good distances. Besides this, watching is at best cold work, and, from the spectators' standpoint, Sports in April may be a shivering matter. And this leads us on to think of the spectators in general. Are they necessary to success or not? We feel quite sure that at many School functions too much is thought of the visitors, and too little of those actually at the School, who, after all, have the strongest claim to clear view and general convenience. Still, on the other hand, it is plausibly argued that the presence of some fair member of the other sex, be it mother, sister, or, shall we say, grandmother, helps to urge the athlete to the most powerful efforts he can put forth.

But in the forefront of any consideration of this matter we should place the actual performances achieved. This, surely, is success, to break records and to vie with credit with other great Schools.

Let us now lay side by side the various points enumerated above and the Sports of 1914, and see what results. The condition of fields at the time of the Sports was distinctly good, and no event can fairly be said to have been spoiled by this contingency or by the weather. On Friday, April 3rd, the conditions were well-nigh perfect; on Saturday rain fell during the morning and for the first few events in the afternoon, but 'the wonderful recuperative powers of Vincent Square' proved their worth once again.

The attendance of visitors, especially on Saturday, was surprisingly large, and, indeed, it was obvious that further accommodation would be necessary in future years.

Finally, we come to our most pleasant duty and privilege, that of dealing with the actual results of the Sports. In five events really remarkable performances took place, and for the two important ones we owe our appreciation to M. A. Thompson. In the Long Jump he equalled our old friend Mr. Fevez's record of thirty years back, 20 ft. 2½ in., and in the Hammer he threw 93 ft. 5 in., which easily beats Forbes's record of last year. In both these he should beat his own record next year.

The other three achievements worthy of special mention are the High and Long Jumps under 15, and the 150 Yards under 14.

Probably the two best runners in the School are F. E. D. Hodges and F. F. Besson; and among the Seniors, R. Ritherdon, E. J. Bühler, and G. P. Pakenham-Walsh showed great promise in their various departments.

On the whole, then, we may with better reason than for several years claim to have witnessed or participated in 'the most successful Sports of recent years,' but we must beware of that most common sin of ingratitude, and not forget to whom we owe in great measure the success of which we are naturally so proud. It is difficult to imagine what we should do without the support and assistance of those Old Westminsters whose presence has become, so to speak, an axiom. We refer, of course, and tender our most heartfelt thanks to Messrs. O. R. Borradaile, R. T. Squire, L. A. M. Fevez, S. S. Harris, A. T. Willett, and A. K. Clark-Kennedy.

The Stewards were J. C. Ainsworth Davis, H. A. Carless, A. N. Charlton, A. C. Feasey, S. L. Holmes (Hon. Sec.), M. A. Thompson, and D. G. Veitch.

We hope the following list of the School records for the Open Events will prove of interest:

100 Yards	...	G. D. Howlett (1891)	...	10½ secs.
Quarter Mile	...	W. F. Corfield (1897)	...	55 secs.
Half-mile with Hurdles	{	W. W. C. Lane (1863)	}	2 mins. 15 secs.
	{	J. Watt (1885)		
One Mile	...	R. Tomlinson (1863)		4 mins. 50 secs.
Throwing the Hammer (16lbs.)	J. A. Robertson (1894)	...	79 ft. 11 ins.	
" (12lbs.)	M. A. Thompson (1914)	...	93 ft. 5 ins.	
High Jump	...	E. O. Kirlew (1894)	...	5 ft. 7½ ins.
Long Jump	{	L. A. M. Fevez (1885)	}	20 ft. 2½ ins.
	{	M. A. Thompson (1914)		
Throwing the Cricket Ball	R. N. R. Blaker (1898)		108 yds. 10 ins.	

In the Hurdle Race (Open), it is practically impossible to give the record, as it has been run over a course of 120 yards with 10 flights in some years, and in others over one of 100 yards with 8 flights. Besides this, the height of the hurdles in recent years has been lowered from 3 ft. 6 ins. (the regulation) to 3 ft. 3 ins.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

Davison (4 yards), 1; Mansbridge (4 yards), 2.
Time, 36³/₅ secs.

Davison led most of the way, and won fairly easily in average time.

2.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

Ritherdon (H.B.), 1; Bühler (A.H.), 2.
Distance, 64 yds. 2 ft.

Ritherdon's first two throws were behind the others, but with the last throw of the event he managed to win fairly comfortably. This is the worst distance for this event since 1905.

3.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Thompson (K.S.), 1; Ainsworth Davis (H.B.), 2.
Distance, 20 ft. 2¹/₂ ins. (Equal Record.)

The winner missed his first two tries, but with the third jumped 19¹/₂ ft., easily beating Julian and Besson, who tied twice for the provisional second place. With his second exhibition jump Thompson equalled the record set up in 1885 by L. A. M. Fevez, who was present this year.

Davis, jumping the next day, just beat 19 ft., thus getting the second place.

4.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Bühler (A.H.), 1; Johnstone (A.H.), 2.
Time, 21¹/₅ secs.

Heat 2.—Pakenham-Walsh (K.S.), 1; Ritherdon (H.B.), 2.
Time, 20³/₅ secs.

5.—100 YARDS. OPEN. SEMI-FINALS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Besson (R.), 1; Davison (R.), 2.
Time, 10⁴/₅ secs.

Heat 2.—Thompson (K.S.), 1; Leighton (A.H.), 2.
Time, 10³/₅ secs.

As the *Sportsman* remarked, the time in the second heat was "rather too good."

6.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14.

Bühler (A.H.), 1; Randolph (A.H.), 2.
Time, 17²/₅ secs. (Record.)

Bühler ran exceedingly well, and won easily in a time that is no less than 1 sec. better than any other since the race was started in 1898. The second and third were very close.

7.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Dawson (K.S.), 1; Brodie (A.H.), 2.
Time, 19³/₅ secs.

Heat 2.—Hodges (K.S.), 1; Leighton, A. (A.H.), 2.
Time, 19³/₅ secs.

Heat 3.—Plaskitt (A.H.), 1; Robinson (K.S.), 2.
Time, 19 secs.

Heat 4.—Sankey (G.), 1; Spence (G.), 2.
Time, 20¹/₅ secs.

8.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15. SEMI-FINALS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Bühler (A.H.), 1; Berryman (R.), 2.
Time, 12²/₅ secs.

Heat 2.—Graham (A.H.), 1; Pulvertaft, B. (H.B.), 2.
Time, 12²/₅ secs.

Heat 3.—Salwey (G.), 1; West, G. (H.B.), 2.
Time, 11³/₅ secs.

The times, especially the last, were exceptionally good.

9.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Thompson (K.S.), 1; Hodgson (G.), 2.
Distance, 97 yds. 2 ft. 8 ins.

Thompson managed to win with his last throw, after being quite out of it. His distance is the best since 1904, when E. W. D. Colt-Williams threw over 102 yards. Hodgson's best was some 7 yards less.

10.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Ayland (H.B.), 1; Brandon-Thomas (G.), 2.
Time, 12 secs.

Heat 2.—Forster (G.), 1; Howell (R.), 2.
Time, 12 secs.

Heat 3.—Macfarlane (H.B.), 1; Linford (R.), 2.
Time, 11⁴/₅ secs.

Heat 4.—Messinesi (R.), 1; Meyer (K.S.), 2.
Time, 11⁴/₅ secs.

Heat 5.—Robinson (K.S.), 1; Oliver (G.), 2.
Time, 11³/₅ secs.

Heat 6.—Theobald (A.H.), 1; Todd (G.), 2.
Time, 11¹/₅ secs.

Robinson's time was better than usual for this event.

11.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Thompson (K.S.), 1; Dawson (K.S.), 2; Hodges (K.S.), 3.
Time, 2 mins. 32¹/₅ secs.

Dawson gained a long lead during the second lap, with Thompson a good way in front of Hodges. Thompson took the hurdles well, and Dawson fell at the seventh hurdle. Though extremely exhausted, he managed to get up and finished a couple of yards behind Thompson. This is, we believe, the first time that all three places in a race have been won by one House.

12.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

Harcourt-Smith (A.H.), 1; Ritherdon (H.B.), 2.
Height, 4 ft. 10 ins.

The winner jumped in excellent style, and cleared a height that has often proved a stumbling-block in the senior event. Ritherdon also has good style, but missed more often than Pakenham-Walsh, who looked like winning. Dickson also jumped very well considering his size.

The height, 4 ft. 10 ins., is the second best on record for this event; search having to be made as far back as 1889 for something better, when Wallis jumped 4 ft. 11 ins.

13.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP. OPEN.

Prize presented by R. TANNER, Esq.

Hodges (scr.), 1; Young (60 yds.), 2; Schlötel (50 yds.), 3.

A most exciting race, in which the winner ran really extraordinarily well. Hodges, having just before come in third in the exhausting Half-Mile with Hurdles, started from scratch. Young led all the way till the last few yards, when he was overtaken by Hodges, who got clear of the crowd at the end of the first and beginning of the second lap, and coming into the straight made a marvellous sprint.

14.—BAND RACE.

This race was run off on Friday, as the usual men were obliged to send deputies on the following day.

Coston, 1; Berry, 2.

15.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Smith, 1.

The winner had a large start, but, considering his sixty-nine years, it was a good performance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4.

16.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. SEMI-FINALS.
CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Plaskitt (A.H.), 1; Leighton (A.H.), 2.

Time, 19 secs.

Plaskitt won fairly easily, but Leighton, Dawson, and Hodges came in close together.

Heat 2.—Ainsworth Davis (H.B.), 1; Robinson (K.S.), 2.

Time, 19 secs.

Won easily.

17.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Ayland (H.B.), 1; Macfarlane (H.B.), 2.

Time, $11\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Messinesi (R.), 1; Theobald (A.H.), 2.

Time, $11\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

These were better times last year.

18.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Plaskitt (A.H.), 1; Ainsworth Davis (H.B.), 2.

Height, 5 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Of the five left in, Spence was the first to go. At the next height Neill and Holmes failed, and, just after, Davis. Plaskitt continued to jump, and cleared some 2 ins. more than Davis, who had a damaged ankle.

19.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. FINAL.

Pakenham-Walsh (K.S.), 1; Ritherdon (H.B.), 2.

Time, $20\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Walsh hurdles very well, and won easily in one of the best times, except that of last year, on record,

20.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL.
CHALLENGE CUP.

Thompson (K.S.), 1; Ainsworth Davis (H.B.), 2.

Time, 11 secs.

Thompson, Davis, and Besson came in almost together. Thompson started badly and was behind till the last 10 yards.

21.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

Ritherdon (H.B.), 1; Kitchin, C. (H.B.), 2.

Distance, 15 ft. 9 ins.

Ritherdon was some way the best jumper, and cleared a distance that has not been beaten since 1896, when Cotterill jumped no less than 16 ft. 7 ins.

22.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL.

Messinesi (R.), 1; Theobald (A.H.), 2.

Time, 12 secs.

Messinesi won, with some feet to spare, in good time.

23.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL.
CHALLENGE CUP.

Plaskitt (A.H.), 1; Leighton (A.H.), 2.

Time, $19\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Davis held the lead he gained at the beginning till the last hurdle, over which he tripped; and Plaskitt and Leighton came in close together. The time is not nearly good enough for Westminster.

24.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN.
CHALLENGE HAMMER.

Thompson (K.S.), 1; Ainsworth Davis (H.B.), 2.

Distance, 93 ft. 5 ins. (Record.)

The winner's three throws were never beaten, though Davis did extremely well, also beating Forbes's record of last year (84 ft. 5 ins.).

25.—QUARTER-MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Besson (R.), 1; Thompson (K.S.), 2.

Time, $56\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

The pace was quick from the first, and at about 300 yards Besson took the lead, and won quite easily from Thompson, the other three being some way behind.

26.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15. FINAL.
CHALLENGE CUP.

Salvey (G.), 1; West (H.B.), 2.

Time, $12\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Slightly better time than usual.

27.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

Oliver (G.), 1; Forster (G.), 2.

Time, $61\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Oliver set a fast pace and held the lead all the way, winning in excellent time by about 4 yards. There was a close race for the second.

28.—ONE MILE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Prize presented by E. L. Fox, Esq.

Hodges (K.S.), 1; Nelson (K.S.), 2; Dawson (K.S.), 3.
Time, 5 mins. 22½ secs.

About thirty entered, which number was reduced by half during the first two laps, which were run at a funereal pace, no one being bold enough to take the lead. In the third lap, Nelson, Hodges, and Dawson went to the front, and this order was kept till 15 yards from the tape, when Hodges with a good sprint overtook Nelson and won by 3 yards. Dawson was some 10 yards behind, and Young (R.) was fourth.

29.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

West (H.B.), 1; Mellor (H.B.), 2.
Time, 66 secs.

Won in about the usual time.

30.—CONSOLATION RACE.

(Winners excluded.)

Meyer, 1; Tudsbery, 2.

31.—O.WW. RACE.

Prizes presented by The Masters.

Denza (A.H.), 1; F. W. Pink (R.), 2.

The winner won by about 4 yards; 2 yards separated Pink from the mass.

TUG-OF-WAR :—

King's Scholars v. Town Boys.

(Last year K.SS. won, 2—0).

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
1. Holmes, S. L. ...	11	1	1. Clode, C. M. ...	11	12
2. Hodges, F. E. D. ...	10	10	2. Plaskitt, E. M. ...	12	6
3. Kitchin, D. H. ...	11	5	3. Calvert, A. C. H. ...	12	12
4. Dawson, T. R. ...	11	7	4. Hodgson, E. L. ...	12	12
5. Turner, R. R. ...	12	0	5. Pite, A. G. ...	13	5
6. Thompson, M. A. ...	12	10	6. Ashley, J. O. (capt.)	12	6
(capt.) ...	...	...	

King's Scholars won (2—1).

This proved a better struggle than for many years past, as both sides had practised a good deal. Three of the K.SS. team had finished the mile just before, while the T.BB. were quite fresh; so the latter, who got down excellently, had little difficulty in winning the first pull. The second looked to be a repetition of the first, but when the T.BB. were within 2 feet of winning, K.SS. started to pull excellently, and after a long fight pulled T.BB. over. In the third pull T.BB. never got going at all, and King's Scholars won easily.

POINTS FOR THE HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP.

EVENT ...	Throwing the Cricket Ball—Under 15.	Long Jump—Open.	150 Yards—Under 14.	Throwing the Cricket Ball—Open.	Half-Mile with Hurdles	High Jump—Under 15.	High Jump—Open.	Hurdle Race—Under 15	100 Yards—Open.	Long Jump—Under 15.	100 Yards—Under 16.	Hurdle Race—Open.	Throwing the Hammer.	Quarter-Mile—Open.	100 Yards—Under 15.	Quarter-Mile—Under 16	One Mile.	Quarter-Mile—Under 15	TOTAL.
Points	3 1	5 3	3 1	5 3	5 3 1	3 1	5 3	3 1	5 3	3 1	4 2	5 3	5 3	5 3 1	3 1	4 2	5 3 1	3 1	115
Rigaud's (Holders) ...											4			5					9
King's Scholars		5		5	9			3	5				5	3			9		44
Home Boarders	3	3				1	3	1	3	4			3		1			4	26
Ashburnham...	1		4			3	5				2	8		1					24
Grant's ...				3											3	6			12

INTER-HOUSE TUGS-OF-WAR. SEMI-FINALS.

(Decided on Wednesday, April 1.)

(A) Grant's v. Rigaud's.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
1. Blundell, R. C. ...	10	10	1. Bennett, A. M. ...	10	4
2. Hewins, M. G. ...	10	10	2. Christopherson, R. ...	10	7
3. Thacker, H. B. ...	11	1	3. Davison, E. ...	10	7
4. Shepherd, J. M. E. ...	10	9	4. Frere, P. B. ...	12	0
5. Calvert, A. C. H. ...	12	11	5. Besson, F. F. ...	10	7
6. Hodgson, E. L. ...	12	12	6. Vernham, N. M. ...	11	2
(capt.) ...	...	...	(capt.) ...	...	...

Grant's won (2—0).

(B) Ashburnham v. Home Boarders.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
1. Clode, C. M. ...	11	2	1. Ellis, W. S. ...	10	6
2. Leighton, A. L. ...	11	4	2. Pulvertaft, R. ...	11	5
3. Plaskitt, E. M. ...	11	9	3. Addis, H. L. ...	11	6
4. Tudsbery, L. ...	11	12	4. Garvin, R. G. ...	11	6
5. Terres, T. B. ...	12	0	5. Taylor, C. M. ...	11	10
6. Pite, A. G. ...	13	4	6. Ashley, J. O. ...	12	6
(capt.) ...	...	...	(capt.) ...	...	...

Ashburnham won (2—0).

FINAL.

(Decided on Thursday, April 2.)

Ashburnham, the heavier side, won (2—0), with much difficulty.

School Notes.

THE Racquets Pair, H. A. Carless and D. G. Veitch, were unfortunately prevented from representing the School *v.* Charterhouse at Queen's Club, owing to the former's injury to his collar-bone.

The Captain and Vice-Captain of Cricket this season are D. G. Veitch and A. C. Feasey respectively.

We are glad to be able to publish a paragraph under the heading 'Water' after an interval of over thirty years.

The Mission Offertory on the Feast of SS. Philip and James (May 1) amounted to £5 os. 4d., which, without the Headmaster's contribution, is so small, that the average per boy is not more than 2½d.

The Concert will be held Up School on May 29.

There are seventeen new boys this term.

The King's Scholars and a large proportion of the rest of the School were enabled to be present at the Memorial Service to the Duke of Argyll, on May 8, in Abbey.

Grosvenor Street, Millbank, has been re-named 'Hinchliffe Street,' after John Hinchliffe, who was a scholar and assistant-master of Westminster School, and was Headmaster for three months in 1764. Page, Carey, and Vincent Streets, in the immediate vicinity, are already named after former Headmasters of the School.

We append the Cricket Card for this season.

Played at Vincent Square.

May	9th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Butterflies.
"	16th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	I Zingari.
"	20th, Wed.	<i>v.</i>	The Household Brigade.
"	23rd, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Eton Ramblers.
"	30th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Westminster Colts <i>v.</i> Haileybury Colts.
June	6th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Christ Church.
"	17th, Wed.	<i>v.</i>	Radley.
"	20th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Oxford University Authentics.
"	27th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	
July	3rd, Fri.	<i>v.</i>	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
"	4th, Sat.		
"	8th, Wed.	<i>v.</i>	M.C.C. and G.
"	11th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Free Foresters.
"	18th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	O.W.W.
"	25th, Sat.	<i>v.</i>	Incogniti.
"	27th, Mon.	T.B.B. <i>v.</i>	K.S.S.

FIVES.

THE final of the House Competition produced a very well contested set. College started well in the first game, getting five points before their opponents scored, and eventually won the game (15—9) before H.B.B. had settled down. In the second game, however, Feasey played brilliantly and H.B.B. won (15—11). The third game was very close, the scores keeping very near till it was 13—11 in favour of H.B.B. Then College pulled up to 13 all, and won the game and rubber (5—1). Of the two pairs College were the better balanced, Charlton being slightly the better, but both played well. For H.B.B. Feasey, handicapped by a bruised arm, played brilliantly after a poor start, while Julian played better at the beginning than at the end.

King's Scholars (A. N. Charlton and G. G. F. Greig) beat Home Boarders (A. C. Feasey and C. R. Julian) by two games to one: 15—9, 11—15, 18—14 = 44 points to 38.

O.T.C.

PROMOTIONS:—Cadets Veitch and Hodgson to be Lance-Corporals.

The House Competition on April 6 was won by Grant's, with College second. On the whole, all sections were steady on parade and showed good knowledge of their work. It is to be hoped that, in view of Inspection and field-days, this improved form will be shown on weekly parades.

In accordance with the new Infantry Training Regulations the contingent has been reorganised in three Platoons, which are again subdivided into four sections each, numbered consecutively from one to twelve. In numbers the Platoon will correspond to the old half-company, so that the new section will be the equivalent of a squad. This smaller unit should lead to considerable improvement in field work, and at the same time make the work of the section Commanders easier.

The Contingent will be inspected in Richmond Park on Monday, July 6, by Major Earle, of the 1st Grenadier Guards. There will be a field-day on June 9 against Cranleigh School; and on June 12 the Corps has been asked to provide a Guard of Honour for the Duchess of Albany at the opening of the New Wing of the Infants' Hospital in Vincent Square.

Camp this year will be at Mytchett Farm, Alder-shot, from July 28 to August 6, under Lt.-Col. C. E. Pereira, commanding 1st Coldstream Guards. During the term No. 1 Platoon and the Recruits will parade on Mondays at 1.45, while Nos. 2 and 3 Platoons will parade on Fridays. The range in Tufton Street will be open for class-firing on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Practice at Bisley will be on Wednesday afternoons.

All candidates who entered for Certificate 'A' last term have been successful. They are Sergeant Chidson, Corporal Turner, and Lance-Corporals Kohnstamm and Warren, bringing the number of those who have gained the Certificate during the year up to nine.

RACQUETS.

THE final of the Inter-House Competition took place on Thursday, March 26, between Grant's and King's Scholars. The attendance in the Gallery was large and enthusiastic.

In the first game Greig served well, and K.S.S. won easily (15—4). The second game looked to be a repetition of the first, but when K.S.S. were leading and were within three points of winning the game, Greig was hit on the head from a return. Play was continued after a short interval, and Grant's won the game (15—12), and, after some excellent play, managed to secure the next two also (15—12 and 15—10). K.S.S., however, made a plucky fight, and won the fifth game fairly comfortably (15—7); but Grant's ran out in the sixth game easy winners, Veitch ending up with a sequence of five.

Charlton played very steadily throughout, but his service is decidedly inferior to his second string's, who played an excellent game in spite of his accident. If this had not occurred, it is highly probable that K.S.S. would have won. Of the Grantite pair, Veitch serves fairly well and is consistent, while Thacker is a good deal better in play than in service.

Scores:—

Grant's (D. G. Veitch and H. B. Thacker) beat King's Scholars (A. N. Charlton and G. G. F. Greig) by four games to two: 4—15, 15—12, 15—12, 15—10, 7—15, 15—3 = 71 aces to 67.

"Judgy" refereed and scored. The holders were Rigaud's.

WATER.

THE following arrangements have been made for Water this term. A changing room has been hired at Putney. Some boats are lent by the Old Westminster's Boat Club, and others are hired.

There is station from 5.45 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. for boarders every evening, and for day-boys on the evenings when they arrange to go. Day-boys who go on in the evening are allowed to have leave off station in the afternoon. On Wednesday afternoons and on other late plays there is station from 2.40 P.M. until 4.40 P.M. On Saturday afternoons two fours go on.

The total number of those who go on this year is about thirty. D. P. Shaw, Esq., coaches.

A race has been arranged with Haileybury College to be rowed in clinker fours with fixed seats on Wednesday, July 1, at Putney.

ACCOUNTS OF 'THE ELIZABETHAN' FOR 1913.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.		PAID.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1912	13 14 4	Printing	89 13 6
School	66 15 0	Addressing and Postage	8 17 6
O.W.W.	18 17 0	Treasurer's Postage	0 5 3
Masters	3 12 0	Sundries	0 9 3
Others	1 6 0	Balance	9 11 9
Back Numbers	0 10 0		
Interest	4 2 11		
	<u>£101 17 3</u>		<u>£108 17 3</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

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REVIEW.*

A REVIEW of a book such as this must necessarily be confined chiefly to the parts containing reference to Westminster. We may, however, first comment on the somewhat muddle-headed arrangement, which makes it extremely difficult to discover exactly what one wants at short notice. We are quite unable to understand the Editor's reason for not placing the School accounts in alphabetical order, seeing no particular advantage in placing schools that play each other together.

The references to Westminster are so numerous and so scattered, that it is difficult to gain an idea of the general impression made by last year's XI. However, we conclude that the Editor would place Westminster third in order of merit among the Public School teams of 1913. Last year's Captain is mentioned upon several pages, and also has the doubtful honour of a photograph, as does the whole XI. collectively. The account of the season is more or less transcribed from THE ELIZABETHAN, and the usual crop of misprints is much smaller than it might well be in a work of this kind. It is noteworthy that Rudd's score of 152 is recorded as the sixth best of any Public School last year, and is absolutely the only century scored against the M.C.C. by a School representative.

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House Notes.

K.SS.—The Fives Cup is in its eighth year of residence, the Tug has been won for the fourth time running, and the Sports Cup has returned with less difficulty than expected when our last Notes were written. All those responsible for this state of affairs would make too long a list to write, but Charlton and Greig's fine struggle to keep the Fives should be recorded, as also Thompson's 28 points at the Sports. Our Fives pair nearly won the Racquets also; and we were second in the Drill Competition, being but 10 points behind the winners. Col.-Sergt. Waterson was in command. The Literary Society begins this term's reading with 'A School for Scandal'; and we must not forget to congratulate the Master of the K.SS. on the birth of a grandson.

ASHBURNHAM.—As usual, House Notes must be divided into two parts: platitudes and prophecy. Under the first head we put on the black cap for Byham and Birdwood, who have left; besides five others, headed by Clode, who hurried off to 'cram' for the Army examination in June, 'triste ministerium.' The athletic retrospect is also a sad one. The injuries to Carless snatched the Fives Cup out of our reach, and made our chances for Racquets dwindle to nothing. In the Sports, considering the various maladies which as usual form our excuse, we did quite well, finding a creditable third place in the Inter-House Competition; while among individual performances Harcourt-Smith's Junior High Jump is pre-eminent. Under our second head we must foretell that our nine new boys, with the help of some maturer talent, seem far on their way to win Juniors. The unique feature to record, a piece of real history, was our easy victories over Home-Boarders and Grant's by which we secured the Tug Cup.

GRANT'S.—We must commence these Notes by offering our sympathies to N. Kohnstamm on having developed scarlet fever during the holidays, and trust that we may see him soon as well as ever in our midst. Our winning the Drill Cup was hardly expected, and we must congratulate our section on doing so well. Whilst on the subject of the O.T.C., we have heard that two eminent privates, D. G. Veitch and E. L. Hodgson, have at last been raised to the rank of Lance-Corporal. Congratulations are also due to Veitch and Thacker on winning the Racquets Cup for the first time. Our three representatives in the Examination room were successful; congratulations to them also. Our prospects for Seniors and Juniors at present look hopeful; may they be fruitful! Our numbers this term are the same—49. One new boarder, Montagu, takes the place of Biddulph, to whom we wish every success in the future.

H.BB.—It is our pleasant duty this term to congratulate our Gym. pair, Davis and Ritherdon, on winning the Inter-House Cup. Also we must congratulate Davis on winning the Senior Gym. Competition, Ritherdon the Junior, and Garvin the Foils, though we must condole with the latter on not keeping the Public Schools Championship. At the Sports we came in second, the unfortunate accident to Davis preventing us from making a hard fight with College.

In the Inter-House Fives we lost to College after a very keen struggle in the final, while in the Drill we came in third.

We must also congratulate Davis and Taylor on getting through Littlego.

There are three new fellows up the House this term, while three left last term, to whom we wish every success in the future.

RIGAUD'S.—Our first duty is to offer our condolences to those who left us last term; but we are glad to report that the advent of four new boys—Whitehouse, Stott, Von Neuberger, and Windmuller—has brought up our numbers to 57—about the highest total, we should say, that the House has ever reached.

Yard Ties, as usual, have been drawn, but so far there has been no swinging of them whatsoever; but we have hopes for the future.

Our heartiest felicitations must be thrust upon Davison and Besson on becoming Monitors, and we wish them both luck in their new offices.

As to the prophecy of future events, far be it from us to indulge in that most gratuitous form of error, but we hope that at least a few of those who have joined us since this time last year have some talent as wielders of the willow; still, as we hinted above, we are not Malachis.

We must close our congratulations by offering them to Davison on his House Colours, and to P. M. Matcham, Esq. (O.R.), on his marriage.

Finally, we wish the House all good luck in the future, and hope it will attain successes despite its youth.

Historical Note.

THE Rev. Henry Blagden calls our attention to an error in the *Lusus*, Vol. II., p. 110. The Captain who spoke the Prologue in 1850 is there given as William Henry Bennett. In fact, Mr. Blagden was Captain and spoke the Prologue.

Old Westminsters.

SIR ROLAND VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS, who was raised to the Bench in 1890, and became a Lord Justice in 1897, has retired from the high place which he has so long adorned. Sir Thomas Bucknill, who lately retired from the Bench, has been sworn of the Privy Council.

At Oxford, Mr. J. G. Barrington-Ward is in the Second Class in Classical Moderations.

At Cambridge, Mr. J. F. Goodall played in the Seniors' Match, and Mr. P. W. G. Kann in the Freshmen's. Mr. G. B. F. Rudd played in the Freshmen's Match at Oxford.

Marriages.

GOODHART—LA TOUCHE.—On April 24, Gordon Wilkinson Goodhart to Alice S., fourth daughter of General W. P. La Touche.

MACMANUS—AMAN.—On April 16, Desmond Manus MacManus to Gladwyn Lesley Mary Aman, of Orpington, Kent.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of DAVID ARCHER VAUGHAN COLT-WILLIAMS. He was a son of the Rev. David Williams, and a grandson of Sir Edward Vaughan Colt, Bt. Admitted in 1861, he went to Oxford in 1868, and was called to the Bar in 1877 and practised at Chester. He was a constant attendant at our celebrations, and his son was in College in the early years of the century. His death occurred on April 21.

A MUCH younger Westminster has passed away in JOSEPH ANTHONY CUTCLIFFE HIGHMORE. The elder son of Sir Nathaniel Highmore, K.C.B., he was admitted into College in 1897, and elected to Oxford in 1902. He was called to the Bar, and was also a Captain in the Royal Irish Rifles. He died on April 16.

ON April 7 occurred the death of WALTER HENTY, who was admitted in 1850 and elected to Cambridge in 1858.

ON April 16 died HERBERT DRAPER, who was at the School from 1882 to 1884. He was admitted a Solicitor in 1891, and practised in Vincent Square, as his father, his grandfather, and his great-grandfather had done before him.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—May we say a word or two with regard to Summer Camps? Besides the O.T.C. Camps, there are every year what are called 'The Universities' Camps for Public Schools.' It surely is a great pity that these should draw away a large number of boys from their military duties, as is the case. These Public School Camps offer, or seem to do so, a pleasant prospect for the unwary and the uninitiated—there is nothing to do except 'enjoy oneself' and lounge about, with which one gets thoroughly fed-up. Surely it is much pleasanter to do a certain amount of hard work and to uphold the honour of one's School in military circles, than to be seduced by the vision of a do-nothing-slack-all-the-time holiday.

Those who have ever been to both Camps—and one of us has done so—have always expressed utter contempt for the Public School Camps, and are agreed that the O.T.C. Camps, apart from being far healthier and more enjoyable, are, given fine weather, the best part of the whole summer holidays. It is to be hoped that no Westminster will be so foolish as to patronise these Camps without first consulting those who have experience of both, but that everyone will help to uphold the high reputation which Westminsters have gained at the War Office by their efficiency and readiness in the past.

Yours, etc.,

'A PLATOON,'
W. H. V. NELSON.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The following quotation, I think, from a back number of THE ELIZABETHAN (June 1903), will prove of some interest at the present time. It occurs in the School Notes, after a paragraph condoling with the dreadful calamity, a serious fire, that had recently befallen 'our sister Royal College' of Eton.

'The situation of Westminster, in immediate connection with the most venerable of all national monuments, has doubtless helped to protect us from a similar disaster. There are hydrants and hose in the Yard, and ladders in the Dark Cloister, and watchers, of whom one at least is a fireman. But the fire at Eton has called the attention of our authorities to the structure of our buildings, and pains will be taken to provide for every room of every House adequate means of escape.'

There are one or two points in the above paragraph to which I should like to draw attention. I doubt whether our 'immediate connection' with the Abbey would make the slightest difference if a fire started, say, up Grant's, or even up School. The Abbey, indeed, provides hydrant and hose by the Deanery front door, and still closer by the letter-box by Littleington Tower. The Abbey, I suppose, supplies the three or four ladders in Dark Cloister, and to the Abbey, I presume, we owe the presence of the watchers. But the hose and hydrant supplied by the Abbey are too far away, the ladders are of wood, and one fireman is not a fire-extinguisher, any more than the swallow's supposed accomplishments. However, we have omitted the hose and hydrant in the Yard; the hydrant I know, but I do not suppose many other people know it. It is a small thing, and on a dark night would be uncommonly hard to find in a hurry. The hose is in a state of decomposition, I am informed, and at present exists in the drying room; consequently, again, if Grant's caught alight, it would be entirely useless.

But, we are told, 'the fire at Eton has called the attention of our authorities to the structure of our buildings, and pains, etc.' Sir, eleven years is a long time—time enough to burn many 'only sons of widows'; and it is incredible that eleven years of lying in bed half-

awake and snoring should be needed before the authorities, *i.e.* the Governing Body, can finally awake out of their sleep of indifference to the safety of those entrusted to their charge.

For this is on the assumption that they have been aroused; we can at least observe a few fire-extinguishers in dark corners, hand-rails have been added in places where congestion is to be expected in case of fire, and, above all, a beautiful red ladder adorns College wall, with a notice that it is to be used only in case of an outbreak. Unnecessary indeed, since the ladder in question reaches no College windows, and the windows of No. 3 are barricaded with wire netting!

I have no wish to write more, but it must be obvious that nothing could prevent serious loss of life in case of a fire and the ensuing panic up School at functions—the death trap of Mr. Liddell's Room is too horrible to contemplate.

Eleven years is a long time, and yet by analogy we must expect to wait still longer.

Believe me,

Yours, etc.,

Ἐργηγοῦρος Φρόνημα.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

TRIN. COLL. CAMB.

May 8, 1914.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Your demand has arrived at a somewhat inopportune moment, but there was no disobeying your final telegram. It is obvious that we shall have no peace until your editorial maw is gorged. Are you not aware, Sir, what happens at Cambridge this term? One of the few good things that may be advanced in favour of Oxford as opposed to Cambridge is that there they at least have the decency to have their 'Mods' in the Lent term. This term, Sir, is the term of the Triposes—if your classical eye can pardon such a form. Blessed, indeed, are they of their first and second years who have no Tripos in prospect. Life for us third-year men, or Senior Sophs as we are for some reason or other called here, is one round of work, one long-drawn-out pang of apprehension. And they are on us, Sir, on us in a week. But we dilate, we waste invaluable moments. Pardon us if we incohere, if our prose is not well rounded off, if we at times deviate from the subject in hand or from the truth; one day you yourself will know what it is to have a 'Tripos-brain.'

Our Immortals are with us ever; they fear no Triposes; to them, indeed, in their hearts knowing all things, lurks no hidden fear of them who ask hard things, difficult to be answered. (Forgive us, Sir, we have read half the Iliad to-day.) We mean Messrs. Robertson, Adrian, and Hackforth. Their quiet, virtuous lives never assist us with much copy. They cannot be 'progged'; it is a doubtful point whether a Fellow can be sent down. However, they never try. If they play games, they do it in seclusion. They all lecture periodically and diversely. Mr. Hackforth still sometimes delights the Musical Club and the *habitués* of 'Smokers' with his pianistic skill. Of the mortal men, most of us, as we have already implied, are trying to make up for one or two years of varying degrees of indolence with a view to deluding sundry Examiners—who once did the same themselves—into the belief that we are Historians, Mathematicians, Classics, or as the case may be, each unto each. Mr. Sedgwick, for instance, whom we must first of all congratulate on his election to a Senior Scholarship at Trinity, contemplates the History Tripos Part I., apparently with a more or less unruffled mind. He finds time to disport himself on the iver in his usual capacity of Cox for 3rd Trin. Mr. R. R.

Rawson is one of the partly-blessed; he has merely 'Mags' in prospect. *O si sic omnes.* He is allowing his pugilistic fame to rest upon the laurels that it achieved with such *éclat* last term. It was almost a cheering sight to see him in the character of Herakles in the *Alcestis* the other night in great Court; we should perhaps, say, Herakles in the first part of the *Alcestis*. Mr. C. V. Miles is also making a bid for his degree; he takes both parts of the Law Special in the near future. He is part-owner of a 35-h.p. car, a fact which prevents him from devoting his entire time to the study of Law. We believe he plays tennis. Mr. E. L. Hawke, we understand, has entered his name for the Classical Tripos. Probability would seem to favour this theory, judging from the unwonted quietness that pervades his part of the College. He is said even to eschew concerts, and golf is for the time taboo. Mr. W. T. R. Rawson has blossomed quite suddenly into a lawn-tennis player, and has been found worthy of inclusion in the 1st Trinity Tennis VI.; while he and another found their way to the final in the College Tournament, wherein, however, they failed to survive. He is one of the few who read modern philosophy. Mr. P. W. G. Kann was given a place in the Freshmen's Cricket Match this week; he amassed scores of 26 and 9 quite creditably, but was unable to take a wicket in the eight overs that were allotted to him. We expect great things of him before the season is out. Mr. Fursdon is, as of yore, a prominent member of the O.T.C., and a most capable Secretary of the C.O.WW.; the persistency with which he pours in circulars reminding one of various subscriptions that remain unpaid—and generally do—is commendable in the extreme. Mr. Walpole, President of the above-mentioned organisation, provides us with little copy; he, too, is immersed in work for his Tripos in all probability. We understand that Mr. Goodall played in the Seniors' Match, but we cannot at the moment hit upon his scores therein. We must tender our apologies to Messrs. Smith, Tansley, Humphries, Melville Smith, Dvorkovitz, and Lichtenberg for having nothing to say of their achievements beyond the fact that some of them have Triposes, etc., hanging over them, and are consequently not much to be seen about town. Mr. Barraclough, of King's, evidently plays lawn-tennis. Mr. Lambe, of Magdalen, is a giant among us, turning the scale at 14½ stone. He is at present combating the latter part of 'Littlego', and when not engaged in that, we understand, indulges in gymnastics; in less energetic moments his gramophone is his consolation. Mr. Durrant seems to be making some name for himself at the Union; he is already on the Committee of that Institution, and should rise high in its ranks before he has done.

The C.O.WW. dinner was, as usual, a great success. Mr. Fursdon had organised everything to a nicety. It was held in Trinity. Mr. Michell was the guest. He made several speeches, and Messrs. Walpole and Hawke contributed similar efforts. Afterwards Mr. R. Rawson sang lustily several popular songs, and Messrs. Durrant, Fursdon, and Crow provided light entertainment of a suitable nature. A feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Michell of a colossal pencil by Mr. Hawke.

Now, Sir, we have done our best; it is a long letter and a rambling one; in the nature of things, it will be the last we shall have the pleasure of addressing to THE ELIZABETHAN—always assuming that the worst does not befall us in the Tripos. If we have offended some by reason of our levity, we apologise; likewise do we ask pardon of those whom we have libelled, slandered, black-mailed, or taunted. We will now lay down our pen and give place to a worthier correspondent; not, however, before we have once more raised the old cry—

Floreat.

Yours faithfully,

E. TRIN. COLL. CANT.

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