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CHRISTMAS 1917.

YET another Christmas finds us at war, and more seriously than at any time since August 1914; and yet again, long before their proper time, we are losing many who can ill be spared— School Monitors, members of the XI., House Monitors and others, all of whom in a greater or less degree have taken their fair share in the life of the School. They are going forth now, where many more of us are yet to follow, to take their part in fighting for that cause the triumph of which will be acclaimed with joy and thanksgiving by three-quarters of the world.

And this universal upheaval has very naturally not left us, as a School, untouched. Owing to our position in the very heart of

the capital, we have been more intimately affected than other Schools. Any evening we may listen for an hour or two to the debates of the House, and we bring away with us impressions-of patriots and of pacifists, of strong men and of weak men, of orators and of petty hecklers; in a word, the divers representatives of the people of our country--which give us food for healthy and sensible thought, and help us to realise what must be the responsibilities of our rulers in times like these. The solemn and impressive memorial services of the Abbey cannot but exert great influence on our minds, whilst our ever-growing Roll of Honour induces a seriousness and thoughtfulness, carefully concealed it is true, but of which, nevertheless, we get an occasional glimpse through the chance word of a friend,

THE ELIZABETHAN.

which is a very real factor in our lives, and for which before the War there was no place. Flying Huns both by day and night, midnight vigils as a consequence, and other things, serve to bring home to us, in a more material manner, the fact of war. Our greatest loss through the War is the Play, which fourfifths of the School have never seen; indeed we have overheard the remark from an unknown member of the Lower School that he really didn't see where Play Term came in-we hadn't had an extra one for a fortnight. The Corps has come by its own: no more parades in uniform once a week, and how the dickens can I get out of that? Instead, uniform is our normal dress, and tail-coats, with their accompanying eyesore in the form of collars, are rarely met with ; parades, though after four years of war no longer looked upon exactly in the light of a blessing, are readily regarded as a very necessary inconvenience and cheerfully and smartly undertaken; whilst in the Commission Class we venture to believe there has been developed an institution which is not likely to come to an end with the advent of Peace. Though its more desperate side-physical drill and buzzing, for instance-may be dropped, the War Office will insist that, in preparation for their period of national service, extra military work on the lines of the present Commission Class shall be done by the elder boys of all Public Schools. One of the most welcome and noticeable effects of the Commission Class is the higher standard of efficiency of senior N.C.O.s, and, considering the extraordinary smartness and keenness of the Corps at the present time, we hope and think it absolutely impossible that the slackness of pre-war days can ever return. Games have not suffered from the point of view of the keenness shown in them, but this year a lack of weight is rather a serious handicap to our football team; however, this is the first year that the War has seriously affected them, and if the School will take a greater interest in the performances of its Elevens and watch their matches in better numbers the younger people, by watching, will learn the game, and the inevitable deficiency in weight will next year be made up by skill.

We seem hardly to have justified our heading : perhaps we never meant to, but we take this opportunity of wishing O.WW., fighting for the country in whatever land, the very best of luck and all the hope and joy that Christmas can afford; and may Christmas 1917 be the last milestone on the road to victory and peace.

PRO PATRIA.

Major RALPH CECIL BATLEY, Yeomanry; KENNETH REA MORRISON, 2nd Lieut. K.R.R.C.; HUGH PLASKITT, Lieut. A.S.C.; Captain JOHN HERBERT WILLIAMS.

Major BATLEY, son of John Batley, of Seaborough Court, Somerset, was at the School from 1872 to 1881, and graduated B.A. and LL.B. from Trinity College, Cambridge. He was long an officer in the Yeomanry, and returned to his regiment for the War.

Mr. MORRISON, son of Mr. W. R. Morrison, of the Stock Exchange, was at the School throughout 1912. Afterwards he was in the H.A.C., and, enlisting in the Middlesex Regiment, obtained a commission in the K.R.R.C.

Mr. PLASKITT, younger son of the late Joseph Plaskitt, solicitor, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, was at the School from 1893 to 1899. He was the hero of the Charterhouse match in the latter year, taking five wickets for 25 runs in the second innings of our opponents and largely winning the match. Later he followed his father's profession. He was married and leaves children.

Captain WILLIAMS entered the School in 1869, and was in College from 1872 to 1876, when he was elected to Cambridge, where he took the degree of LL.B. in 1880. "He was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1881, and was for some time in the chambers of the late Lord Collins, and there acquired that intimate knowledge of work at the bar which he possessed, although he never acquired a large practice. He was appointed a reporter on the staff of the 'Law Reports' in 1911. He was one of the editors of 'Smith's Leading Cases,' and also brought out several editions of 'Goodeve's Personal Property' and collaborated in a book on 'The Law of Ejectment,' a second edition of which appeared in 1911. He was for some years a revising barrister and an examiner in law at Cambridge and at the Inns of Court. Anxious to take a share in war service, he applied for and received a commission and went to France to take up an appointment ; but soon after commencing his duties he was taken ill and invalided home. He died in the war hospital at Reading on November 18.

School Notes.

THE term ends on Saturday, December 15.

There is to be no Play for the fourth year in succession.

The Mission offertory on All Saints' Day amounted to f_{4} 8s. 6d., on St. Andrew's Day to f_{5} 2s. 6d.

Since our last number, N. P. Andrews has left to join his O.C.B. R. C. Harrod has been made a School Monitor in his place. J. C. Horton has become Company Sergeant-Major O.T.C., C. E. Stones Captain of Football, and H. J. Salwey head of Grant's. We also omitted to mention that D. C. Simpson is Head Townboy.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. 3RD (Res.) BATTALION IRISH GUARDS.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13.

(Drawn, 3-3.)

As this was the first match of the season the team did not play very well together, but was strong enough to give the Guards a good game. In the first half both Andrews and Bate scored good goals for us. The Guards also scored twice. In the second half our opponents scored first, but Andrews equalised with an excellent shot. Andrews played very well, as did Radermacher at centre-half, and the backs were very sound.

Team :--

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; T. I. Bate, C. G. Graham, J. C. Horton, N. P. Andrews, and W. M. Atwood.

WESTMINSTER v. UNIVERSITY OF LONDON O.T.C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20.

(Won, 5-0.)

The School won the toss and played with the wind. The forwards pressed at once and the ball was kept in our opponents' half for most of the game. Our opponents were weak, and the score ought to have been bigger, but our shooting was often at fault. During most of the game the defence had very little to do, but when any ushes were made they succeeded in stopping them. Thus a rather uninteresting game ended with the score 5-0 in our favour. Team :---

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; T. I. Bate, C. G. Graham, J. C. Horton, N. P. Andrews, and W. M. Atwood.

WESTMINSTER v. GRENADIER GUARDS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

(Drawn, 0-0.)

Against a really good side the School did exceedingly well, and was unfortunate in not winning. During the game several shots were put in by both sides, and Andrews was exceedingly unlucky in not scoring once. Our forwards, of whom Andrews was easily the best, played much better than usual, and they were well backed up by the halves. After a most exciting game, time came with no score on either side.

W ESTMINSTER.

Team :---

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; T. I. Bate, E. M. Cazeaux, J. C. Horton, N. P. Andrews, and W. M. Atwood.

WESTMINSTER v. A. T. WILLETT, Esg.'s, XI.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

(Won, 3-2.)

After the kick-off, our forwards at once pressed and forced a corner. This, however, was cleared ; but very soon afterwards Bate, taking the ball from half-way, got clear and scored. A rush was then made by the opposing forwards, with the result that a good shot was put in by J. Croome which did not give Dyson a chance to save. After a good long shot by Radermacher which just went over the top, Mackintosh scored our second goal. This was followed by another one by Bate. Directly after half-time Pakenham-Walsh, getting the ball, ran through and scored with an excellent shot. For the rest of the time the game was very equal, no more goals being scored by either side. The match thus ended with the score 3-2 in our favour.

Teams :--

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; W. M. Binney and C. E. Stones; H. J. Salwey, D. A. Radermacher, and P. A. Leslie; N. A. Mackintosh, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, E. M. Cazeaux, and W. M. Atwood.

A. T. WILLETT, ESQ.'s, XI.

V. Croome; K. C. Hame, and A. T. Willett; R. L. Webber, H. H. Munro, and H. A. Clegg; G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, B. G. Scholefield, J. Croome, G. Jackson, and G. B. Gardiner.

WESTMINSTER v. BRADFIELD (AT BRAD-FIELD).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

(Lost, I-6.)

As it had been raining all the week the ground, which is chiefly clay, was not in a very good condition, and the team found it exceedingly difficult to stand up. This fact undoubtedly accounts a great deal for the score. The School won the toss and played with the wind. Soon after the start Bradfield scored, and followed it with another. Then, however, the School forwards got together and, from a pass from Graham, Bate put in an excellent shot into the corner of the net. Before half-time Bradfield had scored their third goal. After the re-start several shots were put in by Bradfield, and by the end of the game they had added three more goals to their total. Our forwards were obviously tiring on a ground to which they were not accustomed, and never got going at all.

Our defence was very hard worked, but played well considering the state of the ground.

The forwards missed several chances in front of goal, and were, with the exception of Bate, rather disappointing. For Bradfield, Kenyon-Slaney at centre-half and Sorensen were the best. Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; N. A. Mackintosh, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, C. G. Graham, and W. M. Atwood.

BRADFIELD.

L. P. Antrobus; J. E. Buxton and R. O. Byrne; J. A. Lupton, G. W. Kenyon-Slaney, and R. S. Blundell; S. T. T. Parsons, S. M. Sorensen, G. J. Vallance, F. E. Dusgate, and J. F. Yale.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI. v. SCHOOL MISSION. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10. (Won, 6-1.)

Our first two goals were scored by some good combination on the part of Walker and Cazeaux, the latter scoring in both cases; except for this nothing of note happened before half-time. After the kick-off, Wade scored off a good centre from Walker. A rush was then made by their forwards, but a good shot from their inside-left was well saved by Kohnstamm. Immediately afterwards, however, they scored their first goal, which was followed by goals from Clegg and Berryman. A few minutes before time Cazeaux shot our last goal, leaving the score 6-1 in our favour.

Teams :--

WESTMINSTER.

G. L. S. Kohnstamm; W. M. Binney and K. C. Hame; H. A. Clegg, T. H. N. Ballantyne, and B. N. Randolph; R. H. Walker, E. M. Cazeaux, F. D. Berryman, P. V. Wade, and H. F. Gorman.

SCHOOL MISSION.

E. D. McKinnon; J. B. Ware, W. F. Girly; S. Payne, L. J. Sutton, F. Lemonde; O. H. Evans, J. L. Adam, C. W. Hardy, J. I. Collin, and F. E. Jones.

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE (AT GODALMING).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

(Lost, 0-9.)

As may be seen from the score, we were in this match quite outplayed-due principally to the fine performance of the Charterhouse forwards, three of whom had played against us last year. The School forwards, none of whom had played on the ground before, found it very difficult to control the ball, which was a much lighter one than we are accustomed to use. The School won the toss and played down the slope. Charterhouse began pressing at once, and put in several shots which were well saved by Dyson. Through the good play of the School's defence there was no score until after about half an hour's play, when the score was opened by a shot from Lavenstein, which Dyson saved but failed to clear. Within a few minutes of this our opponents scored again, and half-time arrived with the score still 0-2. In the second half, despite the fact that the ball was more in the Charterhouse half than in the first half, our opponents altogether scored seven more goals, five of them during the last quarter of an hour. The defence throughout played very well, but the forwards were disappointing, considering that the Charterhouse backs were not nearly so strong as usual.

The large score was due almost entirely to the play of their forwards, of whom Williams and Lavenstein were easily the best.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; N. A. Mackintosh, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, C. G. Graham, and W. M. Atwood.

WESTMINSTER 2ND XI, v. ST. ANDREW'S HOME.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

(Lost, 0-3.)

Shortly after the start our opponents forced a corner and scored off it. This was followed by excellent shots by Randolph and Gorman, both of which, however, were saved. For the rest of the time the ball was generally in our half, and their centre-forward scored their second goal. After half-time the game was uneventful except for another goal scored by St. Andrew's Home. The whistle blew with the score o-3 in their favour.

Teams :--

WESTMINSTER.

G. L. S. Kohnstamm; H. Chisholme and K. C. Hame; H. A. Clegg, C. J. Pinder, and B. N. Randolph; R. H. Walker, E. M. Cazeaux, F. D. Berryman, P. V. Wade, and H. F. Gorman.

ST. ANDREWS HOME.

G. Dunster; W. Munster and M. Wise; T. Ford, A. Craft, and T. Rice; A. Hall, R. Hall, F. Fenton, C. Craft, and F. Macdonald.

WESTMINSTER v. SCOTS GUARDS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

(Lost, 2-3.)

The School lost the toss and defended the Hospital goal. Soon after the kick-off their inside-right took a shot, which hit Radermacher and went into the corner of the net. Some play in mid-field then followed, and our opponents forced a corner, from which they scored their second goal. Bate then put in a shot which hit the post and was cleared. After half-time Radermacher dribbled through by himself and scored. A third goal was scored by the Guards from a corner kick. This, however, was followed by another goal for us by Graham. No more goals were scored, and the game ended 2–3 in favour of the Guards.

Teams :--

WESTMINSTER.

F. P. Dyson; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; H. H. Munro, D. A. Radermacher, and P. H. Leslie; N. A. Mackintosh, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, C. G. Graham, and W. M. Atwood.

SCOTS GUARDS.

Kennedy; Ross and Frew; Leishman, Divers, and Mess; Baird, Davies, Sebborn, Nicholl, and Caldwell.

SENIORS.

FIRST ROUND.

GRANT'S v. RIGAUD'S.

THE second-game ground after a night of drizzling rain was very slippery and unsuitable for a good game. Grant's won the toss and immediately started pressing, putting in several shots, the ball finally being netted by the Rigaudite left-back. Rigaud's, who had hardly pressed at all during the first thirty minutes, now attacked, Berryman finally scoring a goal. His example, however, was immediately followed by Mackintosh, who did the same for Grant's after a good but unsuccessful shot from Cahn. The score at halftime stood at 2-1 in Grant's favour. The second half was more interesting, and, after pressing hard for some minutes, Mackintosh again scored after a muddle outside. The Grantite forwards then seemed to get together better, and Mackintosh's

goal was immediately followed by an excellent one shot from the left by Sutton, and two minutes later a fifth was scored by a good shot from Cahn. For the next twenty-five minutes the game was uneventful, both sides attacking. For Rigaud's Proger proved himself to be the most formidable person, putting in several good shots, and finally scoring about ten minutes before time. A minute later another was shot by Greig. The remainder of the time was spent in unsuccessful attacking by both sides until Mackintosh ran down and only just failed to score. The game ended in Grant's favour (5-3).

The teams were made up as follows :--

GRANT'S.

G. L. S. Kohnstamm; H. J. Salwey, N. A. Garrard, T. H. N. Ballantyne, C. J. Pinder, L. E. Calvert; E. W. St. G. Spencer, E. G. Buckley, N. A. Mackintosh, C. M. Cahn, C. T. E. Sutton.

RIGAUD'S.

W. G. Cass; N. McKinnon-Wood, H. W. Lillie; D. John, J. R. Vedder, P. H. Leslie; R. H. Walker, W. F. Pickering, F. D. Berryman, L. W. Proger, R. B. Greig.

A.HH. v. H.BB.

This match was played on the 'Big Game' ground, which was very slippery, due to the heavy rain which had fallen during the previous night. A.HH. won the toss, and began by defending the 'church end.' H.BB. kicked off and most of the play was in the A.HH. half for the first quarter of an hour, until the A.HH. forwards made a splendid rush, and Buhler scored the first goal with a ground shot into the corner of the goal. The game was quite even for the next few minutes, until H.BB. made a dangerous-looking rush; the A.HH. goal-keeper made a very good save from a shot put in by Wade. Then A.HH. began to have the best of the game again, and another goal was scored with a splendid shot by Bate. Again the A.HH. inside right got away with the ball and the H.BB. goal-keeper made a good save. At half-time the score was 2-0 in Ashburnham's favour. The game was renewed, and A.HH. seemed to get the best of it and the ball was kept well in the H.BB. half for the rest of the game. Buhler managed to get another goal, and as the game went on, through good combination on the part of the A.HH. forwards, Graham scored two more, and shortly before the whistle went Bate managed to score another goal. The game ended in a decisive victory for A.HH. by six goals to nil.

Teams :---

A.HH.

A. J. A. Amos; S. Potter and H. Chisholme; R. G. Bare, H. H. Munro, and B. N. Randolph; E. J. Buhler, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, C. J. Graham, and W. M. Atwood. M. Richmond; M. A. L. Banks and C. E. Stones; H. A. Jenkins, L. J. Balfour, and D. C. Junkin; D. C. Simpson, A. W. C. Mellor, P. V. Wade, E. M. Cazeaux, and C. H. Clare.

SENIORS' FINAL. A.HH. v. G.G.

Grant's kicked off defending the church end, and managed to keep the ball well in the Ashburnham half for about the first ten minutes of the game, until the Ashburnham forwards made a good rush which resulted in a corner; then, Atwood putting in a very good corner kick, Bate managed to get his head to the ball. Kohnstamm saved it, but unfortunately allowed the ball to escape to Buhler, who put it into the On kicking off again the Ashburnham net. forwards got away with the ball and were well kept together by Horton, who gave some good passes to his inside forwards; then Bate put in a hard high shot, which Kohnstamm magnificently touched over the top of the goal. As the game continued with Ashburnham pressing, Graham put in a good shot from a pass from Munro; this now brought the score up to 2-o in Ashburnham's favour. The game continued with most of the play in Grant's half, with the exception of intermittent rushes by the Grantite forwards, which were usually repulsed by the A.HH. backs. At half-time the score still remained at 2-0. In the second half Thorold played goal for Grant's instead of Kohnstamm, who played inside right. The game was very even till the A.HH. outside right, on receiving the ball from his half-back, made a rush for Grant's goal; Thorold made a good save by pluckily running out of goal, but unfortunately came to grief in a collision with Buhler and badly 'winded' himself; Buhler's ankle also received damage. The game was then renewed, and the Grantite forwards made a splendid rush and Mackintosh put in a good left-foot shot, thus scoring the first goal for Grant's. The game was then very exciting till Bate, running the ball up, succeeded with a good shot in scoring another goal for Ashburnham. Grant's then made several hard efforts to score, and the whole side played splendidly, but Ashburnham again got away and Bate scored with a lucky shot, which just managed to pass over the Grantite goal's head, thus bringing the final score up to 4 goals to I in Ashburnham's favour.

Teams:-

A.HH.

A. J. A. Amos; S. Potter and H. Chisholme; R. G. Bare, H. H. Munro, and B. N. Randolph; E. J. Buhler, T. I. Bate, J. C. Horton, C. J. Graham, and W. M. Atwood.

G.G.

G. L. S. Kohnstamm; H. J. Salwey and N. A. Garrard; T. H. N. Ballantyne, C. J. Pinder, and L. E. Calvert; E. W. St. G. Spencer, E. G. Buckley, N. A. Mackintosh, C. M. Cahn, and C. T. E. Sutton.

Historical Note.

A VERY large number of the Hotham family have been at Westminster, and 'The Hothams,' by A. M. W. Stirling, gives many interesting particulars concerning them, together with many letters. In one chapter there is an account of many schoolfellows of the five sons of Sir Beaumont Hotham who were at the School under Nicoll. Among them are Lord March, afterwards Duke of Richmond, who set fire to Vinny Bourne's wig; Lord Higham-Ferrers, afterwards the Prime Minister Rockingham; Lord Buckinghamshire, afterwards Viceroy of Ireland; Lord Hastings, who was almost at the head of ton before he left school, the Hamiltons, and the Campbells. There is much of Pulteney's only son, whose early death shattered his father's hopes, and something of Chesterfield's son, the recipient of the Letters. There is a battle with skis, in the course of which a boy, possibly the poet Cowper, gets his cricket bat broken, and a drubbing given to a fraudulent coachman, who started a story that he had been murdered and is reported as willing to give evidence of his own death. There is much beside which is of interest to Westminsters.

WESTMINSTER WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

As a result of the meeting held up School last July it was decided to issue an appeal for subscriptions for the above Fund. A letter was therefore drawn up by the Committee, signed by the Dean of Christ Church (President of the Fund), and sent to every Old Westminster whose address was known. It was suggested that if it was so desired subscriptions might be spread over a number of years. Up to the present time the result of this appeal has been that about $f_{4,500}$ has been either subscribed or promised. It is proposed very shortly to issue a further letter and a first list of subscribers. No decision has as vet been made as to the form of the permanent Memorial, and the matter is still under consideration. As no Memorial can be erected until after the War, the most urgent necessity has been the establishing of a Fund to meet any immediate requests for assistance towards education. The following Old Westminsters have been added to the Committee : Major General Sir R. G. Egerton, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., Rear-Admiral R. F. Phillimore, C.B., M.V.O., Mr. Arthur Severn, Major General N. M. Smythe, V.C., C.B., and Sir George H. Sutherland.

All correspondence about the Fund should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary at 2 Little Dean's Yard, but subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, T. Staveley Oldham, Esq., at 440 Strand, W.C. 2.

O.T.C.

THE short days and dull weather of this term curtail to some extent the activities of the Corps, but the scheme of A and B squad organisation, which proved such a success last year, has invested the term's work with plenty of interest. The N.C.O.s of the B squads are a pattern of keenness, and have achieved remarkable results with what, in some cases, might be called rather difficult material.

Under the capable direction of Sergeant-Major Maynard, of the Grenadier Guards, the A squads have undergone a rigorous training in the complexities of platoon drill, while the members of the commission class have received a foretaste of responsibility in the assumption of the onerous duties of platoon and section commanders—the improvement in the delivery of the words of command disarms any objections to the massed choir effects which, from time to time, have startled the echoes of Dean's Yard.

• The field day, held on Wednesday, October 24. when we operated against Cranleigh School, proved a great success.

The new field organisation of platoons, which we had practised so assiduously in camp, was used, and, on the whole, very fair advantage was taken of the scope it affords for the display of initiative on the part of platoon and section commanders.

The great flanking movement which was meant to provide us with a spectacular victory somewhat misfired, but we eventually drove the enemy from a commanding position on Unstead Hill, and then consumed a well-earned lunch on the slopes of the captured position—the rain holding off till we had finished.

We have lost a very valued N.C.O. this term in Sergeant-Major Andrews, who had to leave us at rather short notice to join the Guards' O.C.B. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing him every success in the future.

Gumbleton English Verse.

PEACE.

How may I speak of that I know not of ? Vainly I seek to scan the universe--

On earth, on ocean, and in air above-

To find the blessing that outweighs the curse, To find the joy no sorrow can immerse.

There is no lasting peace in aught around,

But rather war grows deeper, darkness worse, And ever louder clangs war's horrid sound : Yet darkling still I seek : ah, where may peace

be found ?

Ev'n in some solemn minster's mystic fane, Or on the crest of some far-seeing hill :

Though here and there a quiet haunt remain, Though now and then old joys be with us still;

Yet all these moments, seek them as we will, Must count for nothing, while we always wonder

To hear, amid the silence, in the thrill Of upland breezes, peals of man-made thunder, And roars, as of a storm that rends a world asunder.

'Tis ev'ning : far across the western sea

Low sinks the sun, and, as his short day fails, He paints the scene in all strange hues that be:

But o'er this wildest fantasy prevails One tone, that every rock and wave assails—

Blood-red! Anon, as dark'ning shades increase,

Home from the deep return the distant sails. 'Tis night, and heav'n's weird raging glories cease, Till all-pervading reigns th' harmonious hue of

Like as a man who, up a hillside track,

peace.

Makes painful progress in the dead of night, —A weary trav'ller !—all the sky is black, Moonless and cloudy : nothing in his sight :

Stony his path, yet neither left nor right He turns, but still the dreary climb ascends,

Until the long-desir'd return of light,

Though stumbling oft, he neither rests, nor bends His path, but towards his goal his lonely way

he wends.

He leaves behind his hill-engirdl'd town,

And parts from all that once he counted fair : His restful home, where never gale swept down,

Where never breeze disturb'd th' o'er-placid air ;

All things that once he loved, and journeys there Lonely, but yet by hope still onward borne.

Anon the gloom grows lighter, everwhere

Dawn springs to life: no more is he forlorn:

And from his feet the lark springs up t' acclaim the morn :

And as, the summit of his hill once gain'd,

He sees his goal ahead, his home below,

And breathes the cool, fresh air he has attain'd, Which lends him courage to the end to go,

And gives that life he long had sought to know : Ev'n so we wander in the gloom of war,

And leave the sleepy home of long ago,

To seek, through strife, the purer air afar,

The world of truer peace, and where wars never are.

Breath'd on the freshness of a summer breeze, Echo'd by many a sadly-murmuring wave,

Whisper'd amid the incense-scented trees,

Sung by the banks that laughing brooklets lave, Sounded adown a dim cathedral nave,

Through mighty arches with dim vaulting crown'd, Past massive tombs where lie the wise and brave.

There is a voice whose fair, enchanting sound Tells in dim, dreamlike voice where peace may yet be found : 'The lasting joy of heav'n's most perfect gift, Though to the world no longer it appears,

- Is still divinely giv'n to those who lift
- Their hearts above the world, and in whose ears The everlasting music of the spheres

Sounds still of blessed calm, amid the blast Of thund'ring war, amid the bitter tears.

And universal peace shall reign at last,

When war is known no more, and tyranny is past.

- Peace is immortal : long ere man's beginning It flowed from God's high throne, its heav'nly source :
- It dwelt with man on earth, ere his first sinning Drove it from Eden, from its flow'ry course.

Thenceforth on earth it found no sure resource, No certain home, save in the hearts of few;

Driv'n forth by violence and by man's own force

From out th' abode of man, that once it knew

In old creation's youth, when earth was fair and true.'

The voice grows fainter, and is husht, when, lo ! All through the choir a blaze of gold and red Smiles down with radiance of a sunset's glow,

- Painting the sculptur'd forms of th' ancient dead, The warrior's mail, the abbot's mitred head:
- These, too, in life's short day for peace had striven, But none they found ere this world's hour was sped.

For them to whom no peace on earth is given Remains th' unending bliss of perfect Peace in Heaven. C. W. B.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 30, Mr. A. L. Vanneck read a very clear and instructive paper on 'Railway Engineering.' Starting with the construction of a railway, he described the preliminary survey, the laying out of the line, and the method of 'development' in places where the gradient would otherwise be too steep, by making a long detour, as in the Marshal Pass, or by means of helicoidal tunnels. He concluded with an account of blasting and tunnelling, describing the method of guiding a shield, and of working it in wet ground. On the whole, the lecture was well thought out and admirably timed.

On November 6 Mr. E. W. St. G. Spencer gave a very interesting lecture on the 'Construction of the Ford Car.' He first described the working of the engine, explaining the order and method of sparking, the cooling, and the special type of carburetter used on this motor car. He next gave a clear account of the special rotating field magneto and epicyclic gear, only used on Fords and Lanchesters. He concluded with a description of the radial flow silencer, which dispenses with the use of perforated plates, so greatly facilitating cleaning. Mr. Spencer showed intimate knowledge of the car, with which he has had much practical experience, and made his lecture most clear and concise.

On November 13 Mr. P. J. S. Bevan read an excellent paper on 'The E.M.L. Turbine.' He began by a short account of the evolution of the turbine, from the pressure sphere of Hero. B.C. 130, to Westinghouse and Laval types of the present day. He next explained Sergeant-Major Ling's invention, illustrating his lecture by means of a ‡ h.p. and a 14 h.p. model. Unlike the ordinary Parson's turbine, this engine works with direct pressure, acting on two vanes, rotating on the rotor against the outer casing, and made to move in and out by means of a cam. From its small size and high speed, the weight per horse-power is very small, and an internal-combustion engine of this type is being designed for aeroplanes. The great interest aroused by this very promising invention was shown by the eager discussion which followed, and Mr. Bevan is to be heartily congratulated on his maiden paper.

On November 20 Mr. J. S. Bentwick read a remarkably good paper on 'Bacteria and Disease.' He commenced by giving a general description of bacteria, explaining their method of multiplication and the action of the white corpuscles upon them by means of excellent lantern-slides. He then showed how the diseases due to the microbes might, in some cases, be traced to a poison or toxin secreted by the bacteria, or contained within it. In the latter case the cell was poisoned only after devouring the invader, the action being local, as is the case in the glands. In many cases, however, the action is not clearly understood, but it is supposed that the bacteria unites with a 'side-chain,' so preventing the cell from receiving nutrition. He concluded with Prof. Ehrlich's theory of immunity, and the formation of anti-toxins by the cell. This interesting paper was very clear and well illustrated by the slides, and was thoroughly appreciated.

Bouse Notes.

K.SS.—Extraordinarily little has happened since our last notes. Whilst the Town Boys were playing off Seniors, we managed to get in some House games which proved quite successful. The semifinals and finals of our Fives Ties are all that remain to be played off. Radermacher has conducted them with energy and without scratchings, and there being nobody else to congratulate, we congratulate him on it. 'Macbeth' and 'King Henry VIII.' have gone through successful readings at the hands of the Literary Society.

We have started a College Library of Modern Fiction, and it is doing very well. During the course of the term just under a hundred books have been purchased and presented. We wish Cahn and Bosanquet every success at Cambridge.

G.G.—Since the beginning of the term we have to record the loss of N. P. Andrews (G.G.) and C. J. Pinder (Inf.). Our best wishes go with them.

It is not, perhaps, fully realised how many were the positions held by N. P. Andrews. He was a School Monitor, Head of Grant's, Captain of Cricket and Football, C.S.M., and represented the House in Fives and Racquets. He was also a leading member of the Debating and Glee Societies. Not for at least twelve years has a member of the School been Captain of Cricket and Football.

In Seniors we defeated Rigaud's in the first round, but, unfortunately, lost to Ashburnham in the Final, after an excellent game. We cannot but think that with Andrews or Croome in the forward line the score would have been reversed. Congratulations are due to H. J. Salwey on becoming Head of Grant's, and to E. W. St. G. Spencer, C. M. Cahn, and F. J. A. Thorold on their House Colours.

Yard Ties are progressing favourably, and the Fives Ties which started at half term will, we hope, be finished by the end of March.

Finally, it is with deep regret that we record the death of Major R. C. Batley.

R.R.—Since our last notes nothing of any importance has occurred. Unfortunately, we lost to Grant's in Seniors by 5 goals to 3 after a very good game. We must congratulate F. Berryman, R. Walker, and Vedder on getting their House Colours; and the first two on playing regularly for the Second XI. In our last notes we regret to see that, by a mistake, Berryman was not congratulated on his Thirds at the end of last term.

In the Literary Society we have just finished a successful reading of 'Twelfth Night,' and have embarked upon 'The Tempest.'

Finally, we have to congratulate an Old Rigaudite, Capt. N. A. Beechman, on getting the Military Cross.

H.BB.—As is often the case, the second half of this term finds us with but little to record.

The only event of importance that has occurred since our last notes is the first round of Seniors. We were unfortunate in drawing Ashburnham, by whom we were not altogether unexpectedly defeated. M. A. L. Banks, P. V. Wade, and C. J. Balfour have been awarded House Colours, and we accordingly take this opportunity of offering them our congratulations. As to Juniors, we feel confident that our team will give a very good account of itself when the time comes. Fives Ties are progressing steadily, the second round having already been reached.

E. M. Cazeaux has come into the Upper. His arrival brings the numbers of that apartment up to thirteen.

We were very pleased to hear that Lieut. C. A. A. Robertson has been awarded the *Croix de Guerre*.

Finally, we wish D. C. Simpson every success in his forthcoming examination.

A.HH.—First and foremost we have to congratulate the House Team on winning the first round of Seniors against H.BB. (score 6-0). Needless to say the forward line, which, except for one member, is the same as that of the School's Team, played excellently, but also the defence was a surprising success, especially Amos, who played goal and got his House Colours after the match, together with Randolph. We congratulate them both. We also congratulate T. I. Bate on getting his Pinks after the Bradfield match. Meanwhile, B. G. Randolph and H. Chisholm have appeared for the 2nd XI.

Our next piece of news is that the Sergeant-Major resides in our House once more. We congratulate J. C. Horton on attaining this position, and also R. G. Bare, who has been made a sergeant.

T. I. Bate has just been made a monitor ; we hope he will have a brilliant career in this capacity.

R. Harrod is now junior School Monitor, taking the place of Andrews.

We deeply regret to record the death of K. R. Morrison, who has been killed in action.

On going to press we receive the good news that we have won the Final of Seniors, beating Grant's by 4-1. We congratulate H. Chisholm, R. G. Bare, and S. M. Potter on their House Colours.

Old Mestminsters.

MR. PAUL M. FRANCKE has been appointed a Registrar in Bankruptcy. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1890, and became Counsel to the Board of Trade in Bankruptcy matters in 1913. For the two last years he has rendered valuable services as Joint Secretary of the Aliens Advisory Committee.

The Rev. G. M. S. Oldham has been presented to the Vicarage of St. James's, Clapton.

Births.

ON November I, the wife of Alfred Stratford Dugdale, of a son.

On November 8, the wife of Captain H. N. Hume, M.C., of a son.

On November 6, the wife of R.E. Olivier, of a son.

Marriages.

GRAY—LAMMERT.—On October 17, Captain Eric H. Gray, 74th Punjabis, to Phyllis Jean Mary, elder daughter of G. P. Lammert, of Hongkong

WHITE—SHEPHERD.—On November 20, T. F. H. White, 2nd Lieut. R.E., to Gladys Ainée, only daughter of Mr. Shepherd, of Hampstead.

VOYSEY—ROWBOTHAM.—On November 28, at St. John's Church, Felixstowe, by the Rev. A. E. Stantial, Capt. R. A. E. Voysey, R.F.A., S.R., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. E. Voysey, Ryde, I.W., to Nancy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rowbotham, Felixstowe.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of the last survivor but one of the successful Minor Candidates of 1844 and of the Election of 1848. HENRY DONALDSON NICHOLSON, son of Henry Nicholson, Rector of St. Albans, and grandson of John Payler Nicholson, elected to Christ Church in 1778, was admitted in 1842, and as a schoolboy was sworn in as a special constable at the time of the Chartist Riots. After ordination he held several curacies, and was for a time Chaplain at Dinard. Later he settled at Plymouth, where he took temporary charge of several curacies in succession and acted as a Chaplain in the Dockvard. He also wrote a book on the organ and designed organs for churches. On his deathbed he desired that notice of his death should be sent to the Captain of the School.

The death of the Dean of Gloucester removes a very Old Westminster and a writer of note. Admitted in 1850 as HENRY DONALD MAURICE SPENCE, son of George Spence, Q.C., M.P., he was in College from 1851 to 1854. Going to C.C. College, Cambridge, he won several University prizes and took Orders in 1865. He was Professor of English Literature at Lampeter, and ten years Vicar of St. Pancras. On his marriage in 1871 to a daughter of the late David Jones, M.P., he added her surname to his own. He was a prolific author in the fields of history and divinity, and a recognised authority on Saxon architecture.

We have also to regret the death of THOMAS TOMLINSON, one of the six brothers whose school-life covered from 1852*to*1865. His own years were 1852 to 1855. He was a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the Bar in 1871. It will be remembered that his nephew is on our Roll of Honour.

The War Memorial Committee has lost one of its distinguished members by the death of Mr. Justice Low. Admitted in 1870, he met with a serious accident which led to his leaving before the usual age. He was admitted a solicitor in 1878, but changing the branch of the profession was called to the bar at the Middle Temple. He took silk in 1902 and became a bencher in 1911. Always an active Liberal, he contested Salisbury in 1900 and Clapham in 1906. He sat for Norwich from 1910 until his elevation to the Bench, and he was knighted in 1909. The Times says that he was "a man well read in the constitutional history of his country, and had mastered the greatest issues of the Common Law. His considered judgments were always careful, terse, and scrupulously relevant." He was little more than two years on the Bench.

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