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THE FOOTBALL SEASON, 1905-6.

THE past football season can hardly be termed a notable one owing to the lack of success which attended our efforts in the two 'school' matches. Against our old rivals, Charterhouse, however, we were so handicapped that we may with some fairness claim satisfaction as to the result, though we never looked like possessing a winning chance; but the result of the Winchester match, a new fixture, must be frankly confessed to be disappointing. So heavy a defeat was hardly expected, nor was it justified by the actual run of the play; but the old story of missed opportunities, and the fact that the team never really found their game, possibly owing to the strange ground, turned the game in favour of our opponents. In Play

Term the side hardly did themselves justice, though the games were always keenly fought out; but at the beginning of the Lent Term, when Hepburn came in at full back and Rawlings crossed over to inside right, while Johnson partnered Harris on the left, great improvement was made; several matches in succession were won, and it really seemed as if we might stand a chance against our formidable rivals from Charterhouse. However, the loss of Johnson and Harris, who were combining with great cleverness and improving every day, added to that of Edgar from half-back, put an end to all our hopes.

Johnson has considerable dribbling powers and some knowledge of combination, but spoils his effectiveness by deplorable weakness in front of goal. Could he remedy this he might develop into a really dangerous forward, as he

is by no means deficient in pluck and dash. Harris on the left wing is clever and promising, quick rather than fast, with a good knowledge of the game, and should be a fine player next year if he can shake off the effects of his recent illness. Gover on the other wing is promising, but must learn to run faster with the ball. The remaining two insides are not born football players. Rawlings is tremendously handicapped by his inability to use his left foot, which makes him slow in his movements, especially in front of goal, otherwise strong and useful and fairly good with his head. Newman has no proper control of the ball and no initiative; but he scored the majority of the goals gained, and did very well in the House matches. At half Edgar was the most promising, MacManus useful but clumsy, and Peacock disappointing; he started in promising style, but fell off through the season. At full back Birchall deserves the highest praise. Clever, plucky and resourceful, he was the mainstay of the defence on all occasions. He feeds his forwards well, heads effectively, and knows the game. In spite of his lack of inches, we consider him the best back who has appeared for Westminster for many years, and his display against Charterhouse was one not likely to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. McKenna is a good kick, but too slow. Hepburn, who if hardly an ideal back, played many good games, and after McKenna had injured his knee for the second time, made Birchall a useful partner. Nott-Bower as a goal-keeper was sound rather than brilliant.

The thoughts suggested by a review of the season's work still run in the same old groove—we want forwards who can shoot goals. Granted that the facilities for shooting practice are limited at Westminster, it is the duty of every junior member of the School, who hopes one day to distinguish himself up Fields, to take this advice solemnly to heart. We have lately had pointed out to us the value of straight shooting from a soldier's point of view, so, likewise, with football, you cannot hope to keep the enemy at bay if you are incapable of penetrating his defence. Moreover, the

difference of moral effect between an opportunity seized or lost in the first few minutes of a match is incalculable. We assure our younger readers, especially such of them as possess gardens at home, that the desired practice can easily be obtained by kicking a tennis ball against a wall, and both feet alike, please.

In conclusion we congratulate K.S.S. on defeating T.B.B. after an excellent game, and also extend our congratulations to Grants on securing the Shield, and to Ashburnham for the plucky fight they made, three meetings being necessary before a decision was arrived at.

School Notes.

THERE are 14 new boys this term.

Lord Roberts's visit was postponed till May 8, as so many members of the Corps were out of school. We print an account elsewhere.

Last term we bade good-bye to Mr. Piggott and Mr. Bourns, to the regret of all. We welcome Mr. Burrell, who has taken the place of the former.

The Vincent Prizes were awarded as follows: *Senior*, A. P. Waterfield; *Junior*, R. McG. Barrington Ward. The subject was Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

The winning league was C, captained by A. P. Waterfield. The detailed accounts are, unfortunately, not to be found.

The concert is fixed for May 25.

The Racquet Competition held at the end of last term was won by W. R. Birchall.

Lord Roberts' prize for the best score at a Morris Tube Competition fell to Corporal C. C. Treatt. The conditions were seven shots lying, kneeling, and standing. Corporal Treatt scored 99 out of a possible of 105 points.

The House Squad Competition was held on the last day of term, and was judged by Sergeant-Major Brown and Mr. Piggott. The result being : Grant's, 1 ; Ashburham, 2 ; K.S.S., 3 ; Home Boarders, 4 ; Rigaud's, 5. The least satisfactory movement was the formation into line from fours obliquely across the yard. Commanders of squads must remember that when extensions are made the number of paces must be communicated by word of mouth. This was generally omitted or else done too late.

A "Carmen Feriale" for performance at school concerts has just been published, and can be obtained at the school-shop, price 6d. The verse is by Mr. Sargeant, and the music by Mr. Piggott. The profits will be given to the School Mission.

The following are the elevens :—

<i>Pinks.</i>	<i>Pink and Whites.</i>	<i>3rd XI.'s.</i>
*S. F. Johnson.	*K. E. Newman.	G. W. Hamel.
W. R. Birchall.	C. Gover.	J. W. Ferguson.
*S. McKenna.	J. C. Davidson.	L. D. Looker.
*P. T. Rawlings.	*H. D. Adrian.	M. T. Maxwell.
*G. Hepburn.	A. E. Rice-Oxley.	E. R. Mason.
W. B. Harris.	K. R. H. Jones.	E. W. Wylde.
S. C. Edgar.	*E. R. J. Ratcliffe.	*W. E. Glover.
*R. E. Nott-Bower.	Cousins.	A. Harding.
A. W. Peacock.	C. C. Treatt.	J. C. Gow.
D. McManus.		C. G. Reed.
		J. E. Lloyd-Williams.
		*C. Callos.
		*C. H. Alport.

* Will have left by next season.

The following is the Cricket Card filled in to date :—

Sat.	May	5	XI. v. XVI. (Drawn : XI., 118 ; XVI., 107 for 11.)
"	"	12	v. Old Wykehamists. (Lost : Westminster, 164 ; Old Wykehamists, 327.)
"	"	19	v. Eton Ramblers. (Lost : Westminster, 135 ; Old Wykehamists, 219, and 92 for 7.)
Wed.	"	23	v. R.M.A., Woolwich.
Sat.	"	26	v. I. Zingari.
Wed.	"	30	v. M.C.C. and G.
Sat.	June	2	v. Harrow Blues.
"	"	9	v. Incogniti.
"	"	16	v. Oxford University Authentics.
Wed.	"	20	v. Christ Church Warrigals.
Sat.	"	23	v. Cambridge Old Westminsters.
Fri.	"	29	v. Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Sat.	"	30	
Wed.	July	4	v. Free Foresters.
Sat.	"	7	v. Crusaders.
"	"	14	v. Old Carthusians.
"	"	21	v. O.W.W.
Mon.	"	30	K.S.S. v. T.BB.

LORD ROBERTS' VISIT TO WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

We print the following extract :—

'Lord Roberts paid a visit on Tuesday, May 8, to Westminster School, and after inspecting the Cadet

Corps in the yard delivered an address up School. The Field Marshal, who was received with deafening applause, began by describing how, at the beginning of the South African war, India, Australasia, New Zealand, Ceylon, and other parts of the Empire had come to the aid of the Mother Country in the time of her need. Six years had elapsed, and that the Colonies had taken to heart the lessons they then learned was shown by recent events in Natal, which was prepared on the outbreak of hostilities to take the field with an army entirely composed of citizen troops, and with no outside assistance whatsoever. But in England the lesson had not been so taken to heart. If military training in public schools were carried on here to the extent that it was in Natal a million boys would attend the Public Schools' Camp at Aldershot. At the outbreak of the South African war many had volunteered to serve in their country's cause who had not the slightest knowledge of the rudiments of drill, and had hardly ever had a rifle in their hands. In endeavouring to make these troops efficient much valuable time had been wasted, and it was to this that Lord Roberts attributed the long continuance of the war. So far as his own experiences were concerned, Lord Roberts said the knowledge that he had under his command a number of inefficient troops was a constant source of great anxiety to him. During the war important places, on the safety of which depended the army's food supply, had to be entrusted to troops on which he could not safely rely, and he sincerely hoped that no one ever would be placed in a position of such anxiety as he had then been. Referring, in conclusion, to the suggestion that his proposals would encourage militarism, Lord Roberts said it was incredible that anyone so patriotic as to devote himself to the services of his country would wish to undertake a war for its own sake alone and not from absolute necessity.'

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

A SPECIAL service was held on Sunday, May 13, in Westminster Abbey, at which the King, the Prince and Princess of Wales, their children, and other members of the Royal Family were present. Soon after eleven the King appeared in the nave, after passing through the Dean's door into the Abbey. He was supported on his left by the Dean, and was immediately followed by the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children. On either side of the nave stood the choir of Westminster Abbey, and nearer the screen the K.S.S. in evening dress and surplices, who bowed to the King and Prince and Princess of Wales in groups of five, according to the custom which prevails whenever royalty visits the Abbey. After conducting the King to his seat in the stall on the right of his own, the Dean returned to the

nave to take his place in the procession. The K.S.S. then proceeded to the Sacrament. After all in the procession had taken their seats the service began. The Psalm chosen for the occasion was the 72nd: 'Give the King Thy judgments O God, and Thy righteousness unto the King's son.' After the Prayer for the Royal Family, the following Collect of Thanksgiving was said: 'Almighty God, who by Thy providence hast united many diverse peoples in the bond of a just government in India; and hast safely brought back Thy servants the Prince and Princess of Wales from travelling in that land: We heartily thank Thee that Thou hast protected them from all dangers, and prospered their mission of goodwill; and we pray that both we and they may serve Thee yet more truly for this Thy goodness towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

The sermon was preached by the Dean, and the service closed with the singing of the first verse of 'God save the King.'

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports were held on May 6 and 7, and for the first time for many years took place in perfect weather. In the senior events the palm falls to P. T. Rawlings, who succeeded in carrying off the Cricket Ball, Open Quarter, and Hundred, and came in second in the Open Hurdles. In the junior events, Cecil V. also greatly distinguished himself, winning three events, viz., High Jump, Quarter-mile, and Hundred. Of these, the High Jump deserves special mention. Cecil cleared 4 feet 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and failed only by a quarter-inch to reach Shearman's record of two years ago.

In individual performances there were some good exhibitions, besides the one already mentioned. In the Open High Jump, Hepburn cleared 5 feet 3 inches; in the Junior Cricket Ball, Hobson threy 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards. These are two notable instances.

The struggle for the Sports Cup was very keenly contested by Ashburnham and K.S.S. In the end the former drew ahead by five points, and wrested the cup from the place it has occupied for the past two years. They are to be congratulated highly on their success. We must offer our hearty thanks to Messrs. R. T. Squire, O. R. Borradaile, L. A. M. Fevez, C. Powers, and C. Kent (O.W.W.) for their kindness in assisting as judges and time-keepers. The success of the sports of 1906 were in a very great measure due to their effective co-operation.

The stewards were: G. B. Wilson, Hon. Sec., S. McKenna, P. T. Rawlings, S. F. Johnson, W. R. Birchall, R. C. Le Blond, and G. Hepburn.

On Wednesday, April 4, trials were held for Senior and Junior Long and High Jumps, Senior and

Junior Cricket Balls, and Hammer. The first round of the Inter-House Tug-of-War was also pulled off, Grant's defeating Ashburnham (2-0), and H.B.B. Rigaud's (2-0).

FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

Rawlings, 1; Harding, 2; Wood, A., 3. Time, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

2.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Ferguson, 1; Bonner, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Goodale, 1; Gow, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Heat 3.—White, 1; Macgregor, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

3.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Glover, 1; Hepburn, 2; Newman, 3. Time, 2 mins. 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

4.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

Hobson, 1; Wood, H., 2. Distance, 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds.

5.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

Cecil, V., 1; Graham, 2. Height, 4 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

6.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN. CHALLENGE HAMMER.

McKenna, 1; Macgregor, 2. Distance, 66 ft.

7.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Pinks, 1; Hepburn, 2. Distance, 16 ft. 11 ins.

8.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14.

Gilmour, 1; Usher, 2. Time, 20 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

9.—100 YARDS. OPEN. HEATS. CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Adrian, 1; Callos, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Rawlings, 1; Le Blond, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Heat 3.—Wood, A., 1; Worlock, 2. Time, 12 secs.

10.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

Graham, 1; Wood, H., 2. Distance, 14 ft. 6 ins.

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

Heat 1.—Newman, 1; Hepburn, 2. Time, 21 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Rawlings, Wyld, dead heat. Time 21 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

12.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

Failes, 1; White, 2; Macgregor, 3. Time, 2 mins. 10 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

13.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Sharpe, 1; Brown, 2.

14.—INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR. FINAL TIE.

H.B.B. pulled over Grants (2-1).

H.B.B. were the lighter team, and lost the first tug. They made a magnificent recovery, however, and won eventually

SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

- 15.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.
Goodale, 1; Ferguson, 2. Time, $11\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- 16.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN.
CHALLENGE CUP.
Rawlings, 1; Le Blond, 2. Distance, 90 yds.
- 17.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.
Rawlings, 1; Callos, 2; Hepburn, 3. Time, 58 secs.
- 18.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. HEATS.
Heat 1.—Cecil, V., 1; Leach, 2. Time, $21\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Heat 2.—Rawson, 1; Graham, R. A., 2. Time, $21\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 19.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.
Goodale, 1; Gow, 2. Time, $61\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- 20.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.
Rawlings, 1; Le Blond, 2. Time, $11\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 21.—HURDLES. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.
Leach, 1; Rawson, 2. Time, 21 secs.
- 22.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.
Hepburn, 1; Horton, 2. Height, 5 ft. 3 ins.
- 23.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.
Newman, 1; Rawlings, 2. Time, $20\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- 24.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.
Cecil, V., 1; Burleigh, 2. Time, $64\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- 25.—FLAT RACE, ONE MILE. OPEN.
CHALLENGE CUP.
Glover, 1; Callos, 2; Lloyd-Williams, 3. Time, 5 mins. 13 secs.
- 26.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15.
Cecil, V., 1; Wood, H., 2. Time, $12\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- 27.—120 YARDS. UNDER 13.
Cecil, J., 1; Himmel, 2.
- 28.—CONSOLATION RACE (Winners excluded).
Geare, W. D., 1; Tunnicliffe, 2.
- 29.—O.WW. RACE.
Longhurst, 1; Vernon, 2.
- 30.—TUG-OF-WAR. K.SS. *v.* T.BB.
T.BB., the heavier team, pulled over K.SS. (2-0).

Mr. Burton (O.W.) had kindly consented to give away the prizes after the Sports. He remarked that he was at the school when the present Houses of Parliament were building; he said that fact would

lay bare the date of his sojourn at Westminster. He remarked that it was a great surprise to him, hidden as he was in the depths of the country, to receive a letter from the Headmaster asking him, as he was the oldest Old Westminster, to distribute the prizes. He could not thank the School enough for the reception he had received, and the honour he felt on being asked to be present at the Sports.

The Headmaster made a brief reply, and the proceedings terminated with three cheers for Mr. Burton, the ladies, and O.WW.

 THE GYMNASIUM.

SENIOR GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

THE Senior Competition resulted as follows :—

1. B. V. T. Worthington, 85 marks out of 90.
2. H. Worthington, $81\frac{1}{2}$ marks.
3. A. S. R. Macklin, 70 marks.
4. { P. W. Seare, 67 marks.
D. M. Stiffin, 67 marks.
6. M. H. B. Lethbridge, 66 marks.

The Junior Competition resulted as follows :—

1. Usher, $77\frac{1}{2}$ marks out of 90.
2. Hobson, 75 marks.
3. Fuller, 70 marks.
4. Dodgshon, 67 marks.

The Senior Competition was of a higher standard than usual, while the Junior was quite up to the standard.

FENCING.

Foils.

There was a keen competition for the Fencing Badge this year, and the bouts were productive of some good display. G. L. Hunter was successful, winning the final with the greatest ease.

Semi-final Round.

- A. J. Clarke beat C. B. Bonner (3-1).
G. L. Hunter beat J. Jardine (holder), (3-1).

Final Round.

- G. L. Hunter beat A. J. Clarke (5-0).

Sabres.

Although this was the first year there has been a Sabre Competition, there was some good form shown. A. J. Clarke, the winner, beat D. J. Jardine in the semi-final by 3 points to 1, and easily defeated C. C. Treatt in the final (5-0).

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPETITION AT ALDERSHOT.

In gymnastics the School was represented by B. V. and E. H. Worthington, who did fairly well, being placed twentieth out of forty. In the Middle-weight Boxing Competition C. C. Treatt was defeated by the winner, from Sherborne, after a good fight. H. J. Davis was our representative in the Feather-weights. He was defeated by Grundy, from Malvern.

G. L. Hunter did extremely well in the Foil Competition. He was not hit once until the semi-finals, when he was unfortunately beaten by Kachom, of Harrow, by 1 point (5-4). A. J. Clarke did well in the Sabre Competition, being beaten by the winner after an excellent fight (5-3).

THE FIELDS.

THE ELEVEN *v.* NEXT SIXTEEN.

THIS match was played up Fields on Saturday, May 5, the Eleven being without the services of Turner, who captained the Sixteen, and G. Worlock, who was keeping wicket for them. The Eleven, who batted first, started disastrously, Birchall being bowled by Wood's first ball, and Harley falling in the same over. When only 4 runs had been scored Reed bowled Edgar (three wickets for 4), but this let in Hepburn, who helped Gow to carry the score to 59 before being stumped off Turner. Shortly afterwards Gow left, after compiling a well-played 37. A short stand was then made by Johnson (4) and Rawlings (23), after which Le Blond (10) and Longhurst (18 not out) carried the score to 113, and the innings closed for 118. The Sixteen started fairly well, 10 being scored before Worlock was finely bowled by Hepburn. Wylde then joined Reed, but was soon afterwards bowled by Le Blond. Worthington stayed for some time, until Reed got in front of a straight one from Harley. Runs came slower after this, and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 107 for eleven, the runs coming from Reed (15), Hodgson (15), Mappin (not out 11), and Wood (10).

Score and analysis :—

THE ELEVEN.

W. R. Birchall, b. Wood.....	0
S. C. Edgar, b. Reed	2
R. Harley, b. Wood	0
J. C. Gow, b. Wood.....	37
G. Hepburn, st. Worlock, b. Turner	14
S. F. Johnson, c. Wood, b. Reed	4
P. T. Rawlings, b. Reed	23
R. C. Le Blond, b. Wood	10
H. F. Longhurst, not out.....	18
W. A. R. Hadley, c. Wylde, b. Wood	0
Extras	10
Total	118

NEXT SIXTEEN.

G. Worlock, b. Hepburn.....	5
C. G. Reed, l.b.w., b. Harley.....	15
Q. E. M. Wylde, b. Le Blond	0
B. V. T. Worthington, b. Rawlings	0
A. Wood, b. Harley	10
M. T. Maxwell, c. Glover, b. Edgar.....	9
F. G. Turner, b. Hepburn	4
J. Heaton-Ellis, b. Johnson.....	1
L. D. Looker, b. Rawlings	7
J. C. Davidson, c. Le Blond, b. Hepburn.....	0
C. G. Hodgson, b. Hepburn	15
G. Mappin, not out	11
W. S. Rawson, not out	7
D. MacManus	
J. E. Lloyd-Williams } did not bat.	
W. E. Glover	
Extras	23
Total	107

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE ELEVEN.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Wood	14.3	3	27	5
Reed	10	0	25	3
Looker	3	0	13	0
Lloyd-Williams	3	0	7	0
Wylde	6	1	16	0
Turner	3	0	12	1
Mappin	3	0	8	0

Wylde and Mappin bowled two wides each.

NEXT SIXTEEN.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Hepburn	11	5	9	4
Le Blond	5	0	22	1
Rawlings	7	1	17	2
Harley	4	0	15	2
Hadley	3	1	5	0
Longhurst	3	0	8	0
Edgar	3	0	7	1
Johnson	2	1	1	1

Le Blond and Rawlings bowled one wide each.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

Played up Fields on Saturday, May 12. Rawlings won the toss, and sent in Turner and Gow to face the bowling of Noel and J. R. Mason. Gow did not survive long, making way for Rawlings, who soon got set. No one else, however, stayed long, though Birchall quickly hit up 19. Rawlings was scoring freely and looked like reaching his century when bowled by a shooting ball from Mason. Few more runs were added, and the innings closed for 164. The visitors started with Noel and Weigall, the former being soon out to Hepburn. With Torrens in, a long stand was made, runs coming quickly. The other batsmen also hit hard, and the School total was soon passed. No less than seven bowlers were tried, Hepburn being the most successful. The innings ended for 327.

Score and analysis :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. G. Turner, b. J. R. Mason	14
J. C. Gow, c. H. S. Mason, b. J. R. Mason	5
P. T. Rawlings, b. J. R. Mason	63
W. R. Birchall, c. Fox, b. Peterkin	19
A. Wood, b. Peterkin	0
S. F. Johnson, b. Torrens.....	4
G. Hepburn, b. J. R. Mason	1
S. C. Edgar, not out.....	14
R. C. Le Blond, b. J. R. Mason	0
R. Harley, c. Torrens, b. J. R. Mason	6
W. A. R. Hadley, c. Torrens, b. J. R. Mason....	2
Extras	36
Total	164

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

E. B. Noel, c. Harley, b. Hepburn.....	11
G. J. V. Weigall, c. Rawlings, b. Harley.....	53
A. A. Torrens, st. Birchall, b. Wood.....	74
J. R. Mason, c. Rawlings, b. Hepburn	29
W. Philipson, b. Edgar.....	53
H. S. Mason, c. Edgar, b. Hadley.....	30
R. H. Fox, c. & b. Hadley	0
G. Peterkin, c. Birchall, b. Hepburn.....	30
H. R. A. Deane, absent	0
H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, not out	6
C. G. Reed, l.b.w., b. Hepburn.....	0
Extras	41
Total	327

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs.	Maiders.	Runs.	Wickets.
Noel	5	0	31	0
J. R. Mason.....	18	6	36	7
H. S. Mason	8	3	22	0
Peterkin	8	2	10	2
Philipson	3	0	10	0
Torrens	7	2	19	1

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Hepburn	9	3	79	4
Turner	5	0	46	0
Le Blond	6	0	34	0
Harley	5	0	39	1
Wood	3	0	25	1
Hadley	8	1	31	2
Edgar	7	0	28	1

Hepburn bowled one wide.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, February 15, the House met to continue the debate on the Motion :

‘That this House deplores the recent extensive growth of the Labour Party.’

H. J. MASSINGHAM opened the discussion by showing that as there were only fifty labour members to represent 13,000,000 people, half the country was not properly represented even now ; to eject these

fifty members would mean that 13,000,000 Englishmen would have no share at all in the government of their country.

J. D. MARKS said that some of the remarks on the abolition of the Monarchy, Scholarships for Board School boys, &c., were foolish ; universal suffrage was safer ground for attack. In proving its danger he quoted an amusing example from one of the School servants. He proceeded to condemn Mr. Keir Hardie for his lack of political and literary education, and the Liberals for their toadyism to the Labour Party, when the real struggle of the future would lie between the Labour members and the united forces of Liberals and Conservatives, who would have to combine against the growth of Socialism.

The VICE-PRESIDENT admitted that the professed object of Socialism was excellent—equal opportunity for all ; but unhappily this was impossible. Any attempt to bring it about would only result in a general mediocre level of education—that is, the incompetency of all instead of at least the competency of the few. He ridiculed the mere idea of abolishing the House of Lords ; it was the one safeguard to our system.

The PRESIDENT objected that it was possible to pack the Lords with newly-created Peers.

The VICE-PRESIDENT, continuing, next condemned the payment of members ; we should have a new class of professional—the ‘political pro.’ Women’s Suffrage he considered one of the most reasonable items of the Labour programme.

The PROPOSER (P. T. Rawlings), in summing-up, observed that most of his sentiments had already been voiced by Mr. Marks. It was not the actual coming into power of the Labour Party that we had to fear—it was the results of that newly-acquired power ; this was the beginning of the end. He did not agree with Mr. Massingham that education of the lower classes was good for the country. The one redeeming feature of the Labour scheme was the abolition of drink and the gambling press. After briefly touching on Education Reform, and the need of an Upper House in the Constitution, he said that, without wishing to cast any slur on Mr. Keir Hardie for his manual labour, he did not believe that member was competent to share in the government of England, and he finally warned the House that if Socialism were to come, revolution would assuredly follow after.

The Motion was then put before the House by the President, and carried by acclamation.

ON Thursday, February 22, the House met to discuss the following Motion :—‘That in the opinion of this House suicide is justifiable in certain circumstances.’

PROPOSER, the Secretary ; SECONDER, the Vice-President ; OPPOSER, E. R. J. Ratchiffe-Cousins. Among other speakers, the President and P. T.

Rawlings supported, and S. F. Johnson opposed, the Motion, which was eventually carried by 8 votes to 6.

On Thursday, March 1, the House met to discuss the Motion: 'That this House would welcome some change in the present distribution of the franchise.'

PROPOSER, R. C. Le Blond; SECONDER, J. D. Marks; OPPOSER, J. E. Lloyd-Williams. Other speakers were the President, Vice-President, and E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins, who all spoke in favour of the Motion, which was carried without a dissentient voice.

On Thursday, March 8, the following Motion was discussed:—'That this House would deplore any increase in the Powers of the Sovereign in Imperial Administration.'

PROPOSER, the President; OPPOSER, D. J. Jardine. The Motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

On Thursday, March 22, the House discussed the Motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the spread of education among the lower classes is not productive of great national advantage.'

PROPOSER, D. J. Jackson; SECONDER, E. N. R. Trentham; OPPOSER, S. F. Johnson. The President also spoke against the Motion, which was lost.

N.B.—Considerations of space, together with the imperfect condition of our reporter's notes, have prevented us from publishing a fuller account of these debates.

On Thursday, March 15, the House met to discuss the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House Mr. Balfour is worthy of a place in the First Rank of English Premiers.'

The PROPOSER (S. F. Johnson) rising in a house whose thinness of numbers paid small compliment to the opening speech, expressed the pleasure it gave him to come forward as Mr. Balfour's champion. The greatness of a Prime Minister must be judged, first by the actions of his whole Cabinet, dangerous as the doctrine sounds; secondly by his own qualities; thirdly by his personal achievements. A Premier must be great-souled, courteous, and unselfish; his policy must be far-reaching, and his politics sound. Almost all these qualities belonged to Mr. Balfour. He must also have versatility of mind; that Mr. Balfour had this was shown by the way in which he rose from the toils of a heavy session, and immediately read a most advanced and brilliant paper on the origin of matter before the British Association. He was universally admitted to be one of the leading present-day philosophers, as well as a metaphysician of world-wide reputation. Mr. Balfour has shown his skill and iron determination when Chief Secretary, but his real triumphs came with the premiership.

He worked ceaselessly in Parliament, or with the Defence Committee. Nothing but his conciliatory tact would have obtained the much-needed colonial assistance in the Boer War. It was Mr. Balfour who arranged the international visits of King Edward, which proved so beneficial to the peace of the world. Many examples might be quoted of his self-sacrifice and patriotism. One would suffice. That was when Mr. Balfour remained in power until the conclusion of the Japanese alliance, to the detriment of his own party and of himself. We owed him a great debt for the splendid navy he had given us. We cannot praise too highly his great qualities and achievements, his thoroughness, his blamelessness of life, his large-hearted nature—only read the calm, and splendidly dignified tone of his valedictory address after the defeat at Manchester.

Mr. Johnson wound up an excellent speech with an eloquent appeal to the House to judge Mr. Balfour on his own merits, and not with party feeling, and to pay worthy tribute to a man who had raised the whole rank and level of the Premiers of England.

The OPPOSER (the President) asked leave of the House to quote past history, that in the brilliant sunshine which gathered round the names of Pitt, Peel, and Gladstone, Mr. Balfour might slink away in dishonoured unworthiness. The fame of Pitt rested on the genius for coalitions which he showed in the French wars. Peel would go down to posterity for having repealed the ruinous protective system, and for having set the example for Mr. Gladstone's financial genius to follow. Apart from Mr. Gladstone's stupendous achievements at the Exchequer, we had to consider his great legislation—look at the Disestablishment of the Irish Church, at the Land Act, and the Reform legislation too various to be reckoned, at the Reform Bill, and at the greatest measures of all, though they were doomed to failure for the time, the great Home Rule Bills. What had Mr. Balfour to show as against this? The Boer War, and the Education Act of 1902, a disastrous Aliens Act, an abortive Redistribution Bill—waste of life, of money, of credit, of time, bankruptcy of support and confidence. The party split—Mr. Balfour preserved philosophic doubt and an empty mind for three years, then yielded unconditionally. Mr. Balfour was no orator, no debater. He spoke with hesitation, without conviction; split hairs, enunciated sophistries, and obscured every issue. Although jockeyed into office he had never in any way been connected with any great legislative measure. He had effected nothing with his huge majority. The papers, like the *Morning Post*, devoted columns to repudiating his leadership. When he entered the House the members grew sleepy. In fine, there was nothing by which Mr. Balfour was entitled to rank with the great names of Pitt, Peel, and Gladstone. When divested of superlatives and of frothy eulogy, the Proposer had nothing to offer except personal courtesy and the Defence Committee. In conclusion, the House would do well to reverence

the great names of English statesmen, and by voting against the Motion, show their determination to uphold the honour of our very greatest Prime Ministers.

The **SECONDER** (Mr. D. J. Jardine) complimented the Proposer on his great speech, and reminded the House that with Mr. Balfour duty came before health, and he went through with his election though far from well. Mr. Balfour's whole conduct was the expression of the Horatian line (emended by Mr. D. J. Jardine) 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria pati.'

R. C. LE BLOND, in a short speech, approved the destructive criticism of Mr. Balfour by the Opposer, but could not agree with his remarks about Mr. Gladstone's title to the front rank of English Premiers. His Act of Disestablishment had done great harm in Ireland. (The Opposer: That Act was at least just.) R. C. Le Blond asked the House to condemn by their vote the shifty and uncertain policy of Mr. Balfour, a policy which was condemned by all impartial judges.

The **PROPOSER**, in winding up the debate, reviewed briefly the great claims, personal and public, which Mr. Balfour possessed, and asked the House to use a golden opportunity of paying honour where honour was due.

The House then divided, and the Motion was carried by a majority of two.

House Notes.

K.SS.—One end of Dormitory has at length been repaired, and we hope that the whole will be finished after the 'exeat.' With the help of Prayer Room and part of Saignes we have no further need to make use of the kind hospitality extended us last term by Grant's and Rigaud's. We regret that a coating of whitewash has obliterated the names in pencil on the wall at the stage-end of Dormitory, but their disappearance was inevitable. We heartily congratulate O. H. Walters on playing in the Oxford Freshmen's match. The Literary Society has started on 'Richard II.'

ASHBURNHAM.—There is so much to record this month that it is hard to know where to begin. We succeeded in gaining the Sports Cup last term, chiefly owing to the efforts of our juniors. We heartily congratulate all those who gained points for the House. In the final of the House matches we drew with Grant's twice with the score at one all; at the third time, however, we were beaten (2—1). We were, unfortunately, without Harris on each occasion. He will be unable to play cricket this term, on which we sincerely sympathise with him. Our hearty congratulations to A. E. Rice-Oxley and C. C. Treatt on Pink and Whites, to A. M. Harding on 3rd XI.'s, and A. S. Ogilvy on his House Colours. Our cricket

prospects are quite fair, and there is plenty of promise among our Juniors. We congratulate C. C. Treatt on winning Lord Roberts's prize. In the House Drill Competition we gained second place, only one mark behind Grant's. We have one new boy this term, and T. A. Milholland has returned after a prolonged sojourn in another hemisphere.

GRANT'S.—We are glad to be able to record officially that we are free from 'mumps' this term. We managed to secure the Football Shield by winning the third game against Ashburnham (2—1), but our chances for the Sports were seriously damaged by the enforced absence of E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins and C. G. Shearman, owing to the above-mentioned disease. With the addition of the Drilling Cup, 'Hall' has quite a fine appearance. We have to congratulate H. D. Adrian and E. R. J. Ratcliffe-Cousins on their football Pink and Whites, C. G. Reid and E. A. Wylde on their 3rd XI.'s, and C. G. Shearman, S. D. Graham, E. Moore, H. C. F. Metcalfe, and W. A. R. Hadley on their House Colours. We regret the loss of K. E. Newman; we shall miss him greatly. May he have every success in his future career. The brothers Vey have come up the House, and we have three new boys, one of whom is a boarder. Our cricket prospects are bright, as we have six old Colours and some promising Juniors.

H.BB.—The 'mumps' were very rampant in Home-Boarders at the end of last term, and consequently we were handicapped in the Sports. However, we must congratulate ourselves on winning the 'Tug,' though we had the lightest team of the four; but, on the other hand, we regret to say that we are no longer the possessors of the Drill Cup, which is now up Grant's; we intend to have a good try to recover it next year. The House furnished three out of six of our representatives at Aldershot—the brothers Worthington for gymnasium, and Hunter for fencing. We condole with B. V. T. Worthington on being quite unable to do himself justice through indisposition. Our congratulations are due to Callos on getting his 3rd XI.'s at football, to Longhurst for playing for the XI. *v.* Next XVI., and to Worthington for being amongst the XVI.

RIGAUD'S.—Once more we are called upon to venture into the glare of publicity. First, let us congratulate W. E. Glover and C. M. Alport upon getting House Colours and Thirds last term; Glover again on winning in fine style the mile and the half with hurdles; G. Hepburn on carrying off the high jump and numerous trifling prizes besides; and S. McKenna upon the hammer. Then, again, Hepburn, Harley, Glover, and McManus figured prominently in the XI. versus the XXII., and seem worthy of warm congratulation.

We regret to say that Alport and Lyttelton have

left us, the latter in order to go to Eton. However, we have two new boys, so that our numbers, at any rate, are unchanged.

T. E. Rodocanachi has just returned to our midst, although long detained by adverse weather and circumstances in the Mediterranean. Martin is indulging in 'mumps,' in which plight we offer him our deepest sympathy.

Various members of the Cadet Corps, who are up the House, have been making themselves conspicuous, with a view to being inspected by Earl Roberts.

Our cricket prospects are most hopeful, and the House is literally filled with talent. By the time this appears in print, we hope the yard ties will be in full swing. The only member of the House who plays Fives assures us that we shall have a dangerous pair for the Inter-House Cup. We are quite prepared to believe him.

Old Westminsters.

At Oxford, the Chancellor's Prize for a Latin Essay has been awarded to Mr. H. L. Henderson, Fellow of New College.

Mr. E. Hackforth, of the Education Office, has been appointed Secretary for Education to the Brighton Town Council.

At Oxford, Mr. S. D. Charles, Mr. A. L. Crossman, and Mr. A. G. R. Henderson are in the second class in Classical Moderations.

Also at Oxford, Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens has been highly commended by the examiners for the Stanhope Prize Essay.

The Dean of Gloucester has been appointed Honorary Professor of Ancient History in the Royal Academy.

Mr. Cyril Mayne has been appointed to a mastership at Malvern College.

Mr. A. S. Gaye has been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

'Western Tibet and the British Borderland,' by Mr. C. A. Sherring, M.A., F.R.G.S. (O.W.), of the Indian Civil Service, is published by Edward Arnold.

Burth.

On April 20, the wife of Richard Waterfield, of a daughter.

Obituary.

IN this column the statement has been made that Mr. Moysey was probably the oldest Westminster. In fact he was more than two years younger than the late Bishop of Jamaica, who died in April. REGINALD COURTENAY was the second son of the Right Hon. Thomas Peregrine Courtenay, and was born on February 27, 1813. He was admitted in 1824, and became K.S. in 1826. He graduated at Oxford, and was called to the Bar, but in 1841 took Orders and was for ten years rector of Thornton Watlass. In 1853 he went to Jamaica as Archdeacon, becoming later Coadjutor-Bishop, and, in 1872, Bishop of the See. He gave up the bishopric in 1879. He married, in 1842, a daughter of Admiral Sir John Beresford, K.C.B. [See the *Times* of April 17.]

We have also much to regret the death of Sir George O'Brien, who was a Bishop's son, but won distinction in other fields than his father's. GEORGE THOMAS MICHAEL O'BRIEN was born in 1850, admitted in 1858, and became Q.S. in 1859. At School he distinguished himself as a witness before the Public School Commissioners, and was elected head to Trinity in 1863. He afterwards entered the Ceylon Civil Service, and after a distinguished career in that island was appointed Governor of Fiji in 1897. A competent critic has said that he was remarkable for 'earnestness in the public service, for dislike of publicity, and any form of self-advertisement, and for great generosity to friends and subordinates.' His health was impaired by long service in unhealthy climates, and he died, after much suffering, on April 12. He was made K.C.M.G. in 1894, and on his appointment to Fiji came to the School to ask for a late Play. In his last illness he found his chief pleasure in reading books on the School, and in talking of his Westminster days to his medical attendant, himself of Westminster. [See the *Times* of April 14.]

Another very old Westminster has passed away in WILLIAM HENRY AMYOT, who was born in 1820, and admitted in 1830. He was called to the Bar, and practised at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He married in 1849 a daughter of Sir Fortunatus Dwarries. He died at Newcastle on May 10.

