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COMMEMORATION.

COMMEMORATION was held in the Abbey on November 17. The Service, as had been announced beforehand, was slightly altered. The Benedictus took the place of the Te Deum, and the hymn Gloriosi Salvatoris was added. Since the last Commemoration, three years ago, the Commendatio has been largely added to.

Commemoration is always a beautiful service, but its effects have too often been marred by poor singing. It is difficult, of course, for voices almost entirely strange to the Abbey and unused to the enormous space, that has to be filled, to undertake successfully after a few days' practice the task of the Gregorian chants; and it is, naturally enough, the chanting that has so often proved a difficulty in Commemorations in the past.

However, this year the singing was much improved. Possibly the practices, which are always held now before the Saint's day services, are having a good effect. The singing pronunciation of the Latin-another stumblingblock-was moderately successful, though the careful listener might still have detected here and there some quaint Anglo-Italian hybrids. The new hymn gave life and colour to a service which has sometimes a tendency to a melancholy tone. With the help of the Old Westminsters and a large congregation a fine volume of sound was obtained, the only flaw being that that section of the congregation which sat in Poets' Corner found it difficult occasionally to keep time with the main body.

The Reception, held up-School afterwards by the Head-master and Mrs. Gow, was largely attended. Altogether this year's service is one to be remembered. But there is one point in connection with it that claims our attention. As we have said, each Commemoration raises a problem in the singing. It would seem to be very difficult to get good singing at Westminster—not from lack of material, but for another reason.

It is the invariable rule that, whenever the School are required to sing on any occasion or in any place that might conceivably be called public, an unaccountable feeling of bashfulness, not noticeable on other occasions, seizes the large majority, and makes it quite impossible for them to do justice to their voices. The popular notion that boys at school are always ready to allow full play to their lungs certainly does not hold at Westminster. In spite of a certain improvement, no one, however optimistic, could pronounce the singing on Saint's days and other occasions wholly satisfactory; there

is yet much to be done.

We must confess ourselves puzzled to find a reason why so many boys at Westminster, whose voice capacity is certainly not deficient, for they can sing well if they choose, up-School, should fail to be of any use when needed, and should be afraid to make any sound at all. We are puzzled, too, to find a remedy. But it would be indeed ungrateful in us if, after having called attention to a need of improvement, we failed to bring forward any suggestions that might assist it. Could not something be done, then, to familiarise the School with the requirements of the Abbey? The suggestion has been made that a hymn, unaccompanied if necessary, and led by an informal choir of those whose modesty is not so overwhelming as to deprive their voices of their proper functions, would at once enliven morning 'Abbey' and achieve the result we desire. If, however, as some would have it, laziness, coupled with a misplaced sense of dignity, is at the root of the trouble, we presume that measures of a more stimulating nature must be sought. We hope that this is not the case. Meanwhile we appeal to everyone, and in particular to members of the lower School, which seems more afflicted than the rest by this unfortunate diffidence, to do their best in future to remove the bad tradition.

THE MISSION.

THE Committee met in the Old Library on October 29, 1908, to discuss annual business and to elect

a new Chairman. We regret to record that Sir Alfred Turner has been compelled, owing to the pressure of his work, to resign the post of Chairman, which he so generously consented to fill last year. The Committee feel that the Mission owes a great deal to his sympathetic support. We are, however, extremely grateful to his Honour Judge Wheeler, K.C., for coming forward to fill this position. We feel that the Mission will thus fare well under the guidance of one of the most patriotic of O.WW.

The year's reports were read and carried, and will be found printed *in extenso* in the Annual Report, which we hope all O.WW. will receive. It is indeed worthy of note that last year's Report was sent to 1,300 O.WW., and that only eighty subscribed. But it is personal service that is really needed, and in these days, when everyone takes some interest, more or less, in social problems, it is strange that so many O.WW. living in the heart of London do not trouble to study these questions at first hand.

REVIEW.

We have received a new composition by an O.W. musician—Mr. A. C. Boult.* Sir Frederick Bridge, who has kindly given us his opinion of them, says: 'The songs are well written, tuneful, and the accompaniments are appropriate. Of the three I prefer the last—"Faith, Hope, and Love"—but possibly one is a little influenced by the beautiful words. Mr. Boult writes like a musician, and is not too much affected by the modern Young-England-Graveyard School, where all is sorrow and sadness and, we may add, ugliness.'

We are glad to have this opinion of what we believe to be Mr. Boult's first publication. The songs bear the stamp of originality, and we hope for

great things from the writer in the future.

* Three English Lyrics for Medium Voice. By Adrian C. Boult. (Breitkopf & Härtel, London.)

POETRY.

AESCHYLUS: Agamemnon, Il. 281-316.

CLYTAEMNESTRA:

Fire was our messenger, Hephaestus' self.
Beacon sped beacon, flame urged courier flame
From Ida unto Argos: Ida first
Flashed her bright tidings where th' Hermaean rock
Crowns misty Lemnos' isle, whose kindled blaze
Athos accepted third, the mount of Zeus.
And springing high, to vault wide Ocean's sell,
Rioting in might sped on the flaring torch,
Sped, like a sun his orient beams of gold,
Sped the great message to Macistus' towers.
He, nor with pause, nor heedless sunk in sleep.
Let pass his share the fiery line along.

From far the beacon light advancing roused Messapius' watchmen by Euripus stream. They saw, they knew, they flashed responsive flame, Fired the sere heath, and passed the message on. Now the red signal, with unminished strength Nor brightness paled, o'erleapt Asopus' plain Like shining moon, and on Cithaeron's scaur Waked a new sequence of our missive fire. Nor here was hospitality denied The fiery traveller, whose aspiring glare Made shadows on the fretted arch of heav'n. So shone his beams beyond Gorgopis' mere; And on the steep of Aegiplanctus high Forbade to spare the lurid ordinance. With strength unstinted Aegiplanctus sent A giant beard of flame, streaming the wind, To shoot beyond that foreland, whence men see The shipping and the blue Saronic gulf. Then, then it fell, it lighted, where it aimed, Arachnaes height, our city's sentinel; And thence on yonder royal roof it stayed, This light true fathered of Idaean fire. Such are our courses of torch-bearers here, In due succession orderly fulfilled: The race is his that runneth first and last. And such the sign and proving of our words, My lord's announcement out of Troy to me.

School Notes.

THE Offertory for the Mission on the Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude amounted to £6. 5s. 4d.

The Offertory at Commemoration was £32. 7s., and was devoted to the same purpose.

J. S. Heaton-Ellis regained his Pinks after the match v. R.M.A., Woolwich.

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

1908.
Sat. Oct. 3 v. Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-1.)

2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 0-4.)

3nd XI. v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 0-4.)

3nd XI. v. Casuals. (Lost, 0-4.)

3nd XI. v. Woolwich. (Lost, 2-5.)

3nd XI. v. King's College A. (Scratched.)

Wed. Oct. 28 v. Mr. F. N. Ashley's XI. (Lost, 0-1.)

Sat. Oct. 31 v. Old Brightonians. (Won, 4-1.)

Wed. Nov. 4 v. Outcasts. (Lost, 0-5.)

Sat. , 14 v. Old Felstedians. (Scratched.)

Tues. ,, 17 v. C.O.WW. (Won, 10-1.)

Sat. ,, 21 v. Kenley. (Won, 2-0.)

2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 3-4.)

, Nov. 28 v. Old Wykehamists.

2nd XI. v. King's College A.

, Dec. 12 v. Emeriti.

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1909.
Sat. Jan. 16 v. Lancing Old Boys.
     ,, 23 v. Exeter Coll., Oxon. 2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters A.
     Jan. 30 v. Beckenham.
2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.
Wed. Feb. 3
              v. Mr. S. S. Harris's XI. v. Christ Church.
Sat.
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Wed.
           10 v. Old Westminsters.
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           13 v. Casuals.
           20 v. Old Aldenhamians.
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Wed. ,, 24 v. Winchester College (at Vincent Square).
                2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters A.
Sat.
  , Mar. 6 v. Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Wed. ,, 10 v. Seniors.
Sat. ,, 13 v. Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Wed. ,, 17
                v. Seniors.
Sat.
          20 K.SS. v. T.BB.
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The following is the card of the Debating Society, filled in to date:—

Oct. I.—'That this House deplores the increase of Professionalism in Sports.' Proposer, J. C. Gow; Seconder, J. Heaton-Ellis; Opposer, E. Clarke. (Carried by acclamation.)

Oct. 8.—'That this House approves of the system of Fagging.' Proposer, D. M. Low; Seconder, W. Bell; Opposer, M. Hammond. (Carried by acclamation.)

Oct. 15.—'That this House approves of the Licensing Bill.' Proposer, P. Ham; Seconder, E. Williamson; Opposer, R. Barrington-Ward. (Lost by acclamation.)

Oct. 22.—'That this House deplores the present State of Naval Administration.' Proposer, L. E. Tanner; Seconder, J. Benvenisti; Opposer, C. B. Bonner. (Postponed.)

Oct. 29.—Impromptu Debate.

Nov. 5.— 'That this House would deplore the re-introduction of "Water" at Westminster.' Proposer, H. Hill; Seconder, W. Gray; Opposer, W. Lutyens. (Carried by acclamation.)

Nov. 12.—'This House would approve of the introduction of the Metric System into England.' Proposer, C. G. Usher; Seconder, C. Formilli; Opposer, H. Wood. (Postponed.)

Nov. 19.—'This House would approve of the Nationalisation of Railways.' Proposer, E. Wood; Opposer, G. Tunnicliffe. (Postponed.)

Nov. 26.— 'This House deplores the prevalence of Motor Racing.' Proposer, G. L. Troutbeck; Seconder, F. Hobson; Opposer, C. Covington.

Dec. 3. - Impromptu Debate.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FIELD DAY.

EPSOM DOWNS, THURSDAY, Nov. 12, 1908.

THE general idea of the operations was that a Southern Force (Blue), operating against a Northern Force (Red) retreating on London, had arrived at Reigate.

The Red Force was reported to be holding a strong position at Walton Downs, covering Epsom

Downs Station.

At I P.M. on November 12 a force detached by the Blue Commander from Reigate arrived at Tadworth Station. They received orders to push forward with all speed and capture the Railway Station at Epsom Downs—the railway between Tadworth and Tattenham Corner being destroyed.

The detached force (attacking) consisted of Dulwich College, Westminster School, Whitgift

School, Reading School.

The Red Force (defending) consisted of St. Paul's School, King's College, Wimbledon, Reigate School.

The Officer commanding the detached force (Capt. W. E. Cross) sent forward two Companies of Dulwich and half a Company of Reading to attack the left of the enemy's position, and to keep the enemy occupied while the remainder of the force prepared to attack the enemy's right at Warren House

(on the top of Walton Downs).

This attack on the enemy's right he proposed to carry out by advancing westward along a valley to Nohome Farm, and then turning to the north and attacking Warren House. But our scouts reported that the enemy held a position commanding the valley along which we proposed to advance. There was therefore nothing else to be done but to withdraw the greater part of the force to the South and then march under the cover of the woods to the West of the enemy's position, and so turn his flank.

This flank march was led by Westminster. On many occasions we had to advance across rather exposed ground, where we might have been easily seen from Walton Downs had not boys crawled along under gorse bushes or run hard in extended order.

Proceeding in this way we reached Nohome Farm. Finding that the enemy had no suspicion of our presence, we moved further over to the West of Walton Downs. We then halted for a few minutes to enable Dulwich, Whitgift, and Reading to come up, and to concentrate our forces for an attack.

We drove the enemy off Walton Downs, and forced him to retire on the Grand Stand on Epsom

Downs

Westminster were on the extreme left, advancing up the road leading from Langley Bottom Farm to the Grand Stand.

When the enemy had concentrated his forces round the Grand Stand, it was obvious that we could not advance any further over the open ground without

losing half our force.

Led by Sergeant Clarke, the Westminster Corps crept up in widely extended order by the side of a fence until they reached the shelter of an inn. There they assembled, and then rushed round the corner and attacked the enemy in the flank. The latter retired, and a small force under Sergeant Clarke kept them engaged. The remainder of the Company moved cautiously round the reservoir in the hope of taking the enemy in the rear. When we had passed the reservoir we came to a thick edge, with a very high gate as the only exit. Looking over the gate, we saw a body of the enemy only fifty yards away.

They were calmly eating oranges! We got over the gate as quickly and as quietly as we could, and lay down in the road. By force of numbers we drove back the enemy's small flank force, and were able to enfilade his main body as they retired from the Grand Stand.

Thus ended a very enjoyable Field Day. One of the most pleasing features of the operations, as far as we were concerned, was the willing way in which all the boys undertook the long and rapid flank march. As a general rule the extensions were well kept, but on one or two occasions in the attack on the Grand Stand the rushes were made too long. It is useless to try and advance more than twenty yards at a time under heavy fire. Such mistakes would have cost us at least half our Company.

In advancing under fire it is absolutely necessary that the advance should be made man by man. On the Field Day it often happened that six or eight

boys rose together and advanced.

The umpires thought that the Sergeants and other N.C.O.s did not take cover nor lie down properly.

Their lives are of importance in warfare.

I was glad to see that the N.C.O.s of our corps generally led their men in the rushes. I also noticed some improvement in the way in which the boys took cover; but there is room for further improvement. On halting everyone must lie down flat on his face, and never sit down with his back to the enemy.

The thanks of all the corps are due to Sergeant Clarke for the admirable way in which he carried out the scouting, and for the cleverness with which he found the way on the flank march.

H. A. W.

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

OMITTED from a previous list:—

KNYVETT, CHARLES, b. 1752, adm. 1762, left 1765, d. 1822. Organist of the Chapels Royal.

Our list for this month is unavoidably delayed till our next issue.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 24, J. R. Wade read a most interesting paper on Ants. He described several species of ants, especially mentioning the White Ants or Termites and the ferocious Driver Ants. He also gave an excellent description of the Life History of the Ant. The driver ant forms long columns which march through the forest, destroying every living creature in their path.

On Saturday, October 31, H. W. BARBER, Esq., read a very instructive paper on Mendelism. He began by a life of Mendel, the discoverer of Mendelism, who was born in 1822 and died in 1884. The fundamental principle of Mendelism is

that every creature is the product of two dissimilar cells. He gave the Society an excellent account of the experiments of the Dutch scientist De Vries with the pea, *Pisum sativum*. He finished an admirable paper by explaining to the Society how crime was inherited for generations, and said that education was almost invariably worthless to the lower classes, though it might produce a temporary change for the better. And, in conclusion, he remarked that the only way to improve mankind was to carefully supervise marriage and thus prevent crime and disease from spreading.

On Saturday, November 14, G. G. WILLIAMS was to have read a paper on Bees, but owing to a singing

practice there was no meeting.

On Saturday, November 21, the TREASURER read a very interesting paper on the Migration of Birds. He described very fully the general direction, as far as at present known, of migration. He remarked that migration usually took place over definite routes known technically as 'fly-lines.' He pointed out that the general trend of migration was towards the Equator in autumn and away from the Equator in spring. He also remarked that, according to several naturalists, the routes followed when on migration were roughly circular.

The Society desire to acquire a collection of Lepidoptera to form part of an Exhibition next term, and afterwards to become a permanent possession of the School. All contributions should be addressed to the Treasurer, 2 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. Old Westminsters and others are cordially invited to

send specimens.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. WOOLWICH.

This match was played up-Fields on October 24, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 5-2. The School were without May and Formilli, but this loss was only in part accountable for the disgraceful exhibition they gave. The defence was miserable, Bonner, who took May's place, being perhaps the best; the forwards were weak, and, despite the efforts of Heaton-Ellis, failed to turn any of his excellent centres to account. The visitors turned up late, and so the kick-off was delayed until 3.30. The School at once began to press, but after about a quarter of an hour's play the Woolwich forwards ran down and scored Almost immediately, however, Heaton-Ellis made a brilliant run and scored, the goalkeeper failing to clear his shot. The visitors added two more goals before the interval, and although the School had several opportunities they failed to make use of them. In the second half the game was rather more even, and the visitors played very incoherently. fourth goal was due to a bad piece of play by Graham, and the fifth resulted from a scrimmage in the goal mouth. Cowie made several fine saves, but he was unable to make up for all the mistakes of the defence. With five minutes to go, Cooke beat the goalkeeper with a centre from Heaton-Ellis. For the visitors the inside forwards were quite good, but the halves and backs very poor.

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A. Cowie (goal); R. A. Graham, G. G. Feasey (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, C. B. Bonner (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, T. F. H. Marriott (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. F. N. ASHLEY'S XI.

This match was played up-Fields on October 28, and resulted in a win for the visitors by one goal to nothing after an evenly contested game. The visitors kicked off from the Hospital end and almost immediately scored, the inside left putting over. Heaton-Ellis got away, but shot into the goalkeeper's hands. The opposing inside forwards were several times well stopped by Gow. The visitors had hard luck in not scoring, the centre-half volleying a behind-kick just to the side of the goal. The visitors continued to press, and just on half-time the centre forward broke away and scored with a splendid shot which did not give Cowie a chance. Half-time: School o, Ashley's XI. I. In the second half the School, though they did not score, showed up better than before. Almost at once Heaton-Ellis ran down the wing and sent in a fast shot, which skimmed the cross-bar. The same player again ran down and centred to Cooke, who, however, failed to score. The visitors' outside left now got away and centred well to the centre forward, who put in a good shot, which Cowie saved by fisting over the bar. After some good passing by the inside forwards, Heaton-Ellis got possession, and, getting past Chatterton and Ashley nicely, centred to Cooke, but the latter miskicked. Feasey now stopped two dangerous rushes, but the ball was kept in the Marriott dribbled past the opposing School half. half-back and back, but centred badly. Just before the end Heaton-Ellis ran down and centred to Circuitt, but he failed. Result: School o, Ashley's XI, 1.

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A. Cowie (goal); G. G. Feasey, M. Hammond (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, C. B. Bonner (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, T. F. C. Marriott (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD BRIGHTONIANS.

This match was played up-Fields on October 31, and resulted in a victory for the School by four goals to one. Goodall kicked off for the School from the

Church end at 3.5, and almost immediately Gow came near scoring, the opposing goalkeeper saving well. For a short time the visitors kept the ball in the School half, but the inside forwards did not shoot well, and Graham stopped several dangerous attacks. Shortly afterwards Heaton-Ellis got possession, and, tricking the opposing half and back cleverly, scored a good goal. After some time Marriott ran down and centred nicely, and Goodall scored. The visitors now pressed, and the centre forward had hard luck in not scoring. Once the inside left was in good position, but he miskicked and Graham easily cleared. The outside right now got away and nearly scored, Cowie saving well. Half-time: School, 2; Old Brightonians, o.

Immediately after the resumption the School forwards pressed, but the goalkeeper saved a hard shot from Heaton-Ellis well. After some good play by the inside forwards, the ball was passed to Marriott, who ran down and passed to Lamb, who scored. The visitors went away with a rush, but Cowie saved well on two occasions. Heaton-Ellis then dribbled through and centred to Gow, who added a fourth goal. For the remainder of the time the visitors pressed, and after the centre forward had hit the post with a hard drive, the outside right scored in somewhat lucky fashion. Cowie had to deal with a good many shots, but he managed to save them all. Just on time Heaton-Ellis raced away and was unfortunate not to score, the ball hitting the crossbar. Result: School, 4; Old Brightonians, 1.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); R. A. Graham, M. Hammond (backs); C. B. Bonner, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, A. Lamb, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, T. F. H. Marriott (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. C.O.WW.

Westminster kicked off from the Church end at 2.48. Westminster pressed, but Circuitt missed. A fairly even game ensued, Westminster keeping the ball mostly at the visitors' end, until they got through and failed. Afterwards the visitors pressed and Davidson failed, after which Circuitt scored with a well-placed shot. Westminster pressed and failed; the attack was then renewed, and Circuitt put in two good shots which were saved. Then the visitors got through and scored. Then in rapid succession came nine goals for Westminster. First Lamb scored, then Circuitt, and then Lamb again. All the shots were good. After that Lamb scored again, while Marriott, Goodall, Circuitt, May, and after that Circuitt again, added the other points. Result: Westminster, 10; C.O.WW., 1.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (gcal); M. Hammond, G. G. Feasey (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, A. Lamb, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, T. F. C. Marriott (forwards).

C.O.WW.

D. J. Jardine (goal); A. E. F. Wood, C. V. Chatterton, E. A. Oliver, W. R. Birchall, A. M. Harding (halves); Metcalfe, W. H. A. Whitworth, J. Geare, W. B. Harris, J. C. C. M. Davidson (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OUTCASTS.

Westminster kicked off from the Church end at 2.47. The visitors got away almost at once and from a pass from S. H. Day the inside right scored. Then some fairly even play ensued. Heaton-Ellis got away and centred well, but the ball was cleared. Circuitt and Goodall had shots, but both failed to score, and the visitors had some shots, but failed also. Then the Outcasts pressed and missed; they then pressed again, but Cowie saved. They then kept the ball at the Westminster end for some time and scored. They shot again, but Cowie cleared well. The play that ensued was pretty even until S. H. Day scored with a good shot. After that Westminster pressed and Gow had a good try which just failed. Marriott managed to get close to the opponents' goal, but unfortunately missed. Heaton-Ellis and Marriott tried again, Heaton-Ellis's shot just hitting the bar. After that the inside right shot a good goal for the visitors and then scored again. Then Lamb had a shot, but failed. Result: Westminster, o; Outcasts 5.

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OUTCASTS.

R. B. Scholfield (goal); E. V. Chatterton, J. C. Hughes (backs); R. O. Barnett, C. E. Wreford-Brown, W. Parker (halves); H. Hughes-Onslow, W. J. H. Curwen, S. H. Day, H. N. Burroughes, J. Denison-Pender (forwards).

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

	K.SS.	A.H.	R.	G.	н.вв.
K.SS	-	D 0-0	W 0-2		
А.Н	D o—o	_			D 1—1
RIGAUD'S	L 0-2		-	L 1-2	
GRANT'S			W 2—1	_	
н.вв		D I—I			-

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
A	-				VV	W 2-0	W	
В		-		L 1-4		17	L 0-2	
С			-	W 3—1	7	12.5	W 2-0	
D	4	W 4—1		_		W 2—1	10	
Е	L 1-2		-		_	D 1—1		W 5—0
F	L 0-2			L 1-2	D 11	-		
G		W 2—0					-	
Н		W 3-0	L 2-3		L 0-5			_

Captains :--

AE. S. Wood.	EW. F. Lutyens.
B.—J. R. Wade,	F.—F. G. Hobson.
C.—C. K. Covington.	G.—G. L. Troutbeck.
DK. D. Murray.	H.—W. S. Gray.

FIVES.

SCHOOL TIES.

THE following is the result of the second round:-

A. L. Purves (sub.) and C. B. Bonner	beat { (2-1) }	H. F. Rawson and R. R. Rawson.
J. C. Gow and C. M. L. Circuitt	beat { (2-0) }	J. Goodall and: G. B. F. Rudd.
G. C. Formilli and	I G. L.	Troutbeck drew byes.

WESTMINSTER IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY.

WE have been favoured with the following interesting notes. We understand them to have been written by the Rev. Henry Smith (a grandson of the Head Master of that name), who died a few years ago:—

In June, 1832, after the Whitsuntide holidays, I, aged 13, and my brother, aged 9, were taken by our father to Westminster. Having been examined by the Head Master and Under Master conjointly, we are placed, one in Upper Fifth, the other in the Upper

Third. A boy from each of these Forms is selected to instruct us in our duties. The instructor is called the Substance, his pupil the Shadow. In school they are inseparable for a week, then their connection ceases.

We board at Stelfox's, a large house on the terrace in Great Dean's Yard, where three of my brothers have been already. Cornish, afterwards Sir John Mowbray, is head of the house. I share a room with William and Edward Barnett and George and Alexander Dasent. My brother being placed in the Under School is confined to Fags' room, which is locked every night at nine, when fagging for the

day ceases.

The order of the day is as follows: On Monday morning, about 6.45, the servant at Stelfox's (Dick) calls the boys. Soon after a boy in the Fourth Form, whose turn it is, stands on the landing and cries with a loud voice, 'Quarter to seven,' 'Quarter to seven'; so at every quarter till half-past seven, which is school-time. As soon as the Head Master issues from his house, the same boy calls, 'Williamson coming, Williamson coming.' As the house door is not visible from Stelfox's and Scott's, two home boarders are stationed at the archway leading into Little Dean's Yard to give notice. A boy rushing as fast as he can from the top landing at Stelfox's can just manage to reach school doors before they are closed. At the entrance Williamson and Preston* meet and go into school together. The door is locked by Monos, who gives the key to Williamson. The boys collect at their proper forms, and the Masters kneel upon the bare floor, side by side in the middle of school, about half-way between the door and the bar that marks the boundary of Upper and Under School. The monitor of school kneels a few feet in front of them and reads the following prayer:-Infunde quaesumus Domine Deus gratiam tuam in nostras mentes, ut omnia opera nostra per te ingrediantur, per te progrediantur, et per te feliciter egrediantur, per Jesum Christum dominum nostrum. Pater noster, qui es in coelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum, adveniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua, sicut in coelo, sic etiam in terra, panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et remitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos remittimus debitoribus nostris, et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo, quia tuum est regnum, potestas, et gloria, in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Gratia Domini nostri Jesu Christi et Caritas Dei Patris, et communicatio Spiritus Sancti sit semper cum Omnibus nobis. Amen.

The above, as far as I can recollect, is all that is said.

Prayers being ended the Masters have a short talk, and then separate, Williamson to his table at the top of school and Preston to his chair in the under school. Then at each form the lowest boy but one calls names, while the lowest writes down those of the absentees, and takes the paper immediately to the monitors' table and gives it to the monitors' junior, who enters the names in a book. When the

^{*} The Under Master.

names book is ready the monitor of school takes it to the Head Master, carrying a rod, the badge of office. No monitor speaks to a master or usher without a rod in his hand. Even when the Head Master summons him to look over an exercise he carries a rod; when he attends sixth lesson it is dispensed with. Prayers being over the key is returned to Monos and the door unlocked, and those boys that are late come in, and are soon followed by the ushers, who never come in with the two Masters. The usual punishment for being late is to be kept half an hour from breakfast. At school doors, which are not closed again till 12 o'clock, is stationed the Monos (monitor ostii), a second election whose business it is to take care that no one goes up school, also to call down any boy that a stranger wishes to see. For half an hour at breakfast time a junior supplies his place, and is said to take the cap; he also takes the cap during sixth lesson if the Monos happens to be in the sixth. As soon as names have been called over the boys proceed with their lessons till breakfast time. At about a quarter to nine Williamson, with names book in hand, visits each form in succession, and has a short conversation with the ushers. Then out to breakfast, the Sixth, the Upper and Under Shell, and Fourth. The Fifth and Under School wait till ten. No boy, unless he is a K.S., or is in the Sixth or Upper Shell, is allowed to walk in school, he must either run or trot. If an usher wishes to show a boy up for any fault he sends for the monitor; when he comes he touches his cap and says: 'Give my compliments to Dr. Williamson, and tell him that --- has done so and so.' --- trots behind the monitor to the Head Master's table, who, having listened to the complaint, probably says, 'I shall flog you,' which he does forthwith; he then throws the rod into the middle of school, a junior comes, picks it up, puts it under his gown, and carries it to the monitors' table. At half-past eleven Monos appears at the monitors' table, and says, Sesqui est undecima. Monitor of school takes the message at once to Williamson; at a quarter to twelve Instat duodecima and at twelve Insonuit duodecima. this last announcement Williamson, though he may be looking over an exercise at the time, instantly leaves his table, prayers are said by the monitor, and morning school is over.

I should have mentioned that, in school time, the head of the Water (T.B.) sends round a list to the different Forms below the Upper Shell, nominating the crews that are to man the boats as soon as school is over. At 12, then, the boys disperse—some to the fields, some to the water. Besides the long boats, there is a heavy boat propelled by sculls, called a funny, also sailing boats, half-deckers, and punch-bowls. There is only one steamboat on the river. It goes to Richmond occasionally, but is seldom seen, so the boys have the water pretty much to themselves. At 1.30 there is dinner in the boarding-houses, plain, but abundant. From 2 till 2.30 the boys loiter about; none are allowed to cover their

heads but the seniors. If a junior is out in Dean's Yard or College Street when the clock strikes 2, he doffs his cap and carries it under his gown. At 2.30 Prayers, &c., as in the morning. In due course Monos announces Sesqui est quarta—Instat quinta—Insonuit quinta. After school the boys disperse as in the morning. About 7.30 an usher appears at the fields and calls names. Names are also called at the boarding-houses. At 8 a substantial supper of cold meat, bread and cheese, and beer. Then, in the bedrooms, lessons are prepared for the morrow; at 10 to bed, and soon after the man Dick comes round and takes away the candlesticks. Thus ends Monday, a whole school day.

(To be continued.)

Mouse Notes.

K.SS.—Mr. G. T. Boag and Mr. H. B. Philby (O.WW.) have left for India. We offer them our best wishes.

Our Juniors gave a rather disappointing display in their second match, and hardly came up to the expectations which the game against Rigaud's had raised. They succeeded in making a draw with Ashburnham, no point being scored on either side. Plenty of individual talent was shown, but little or no combination, while the backs seemed unable to clear the ball away to their forwards. M. Hammond has appeared on several occasions for the School. Our heartiest congratulations are due to J. S. Heaton-Ellis on regaining his Pinks after the Woolwich match.

The Literary Society has read 'Julius Cæsar' and 'As You Like It,' and is looking forward keenly

to a reading of 'The Critic.'

Ashburnham.—We are driven far afield in search of news this month. The House internally is looking quite smart now, as the panelling in the Upper Room has been thoroughly cleaned, whilst an attempt has been made to relieve the monotony of the yellow walls in the Middle and Under. Our Juniors drew with K.SS., no score being recorded on either side. As, before going up-Fields, we expected a defeat, we should be well satisfied; yet we do not think our team made the best of their opportunities. G. C. Formilli has appeared up-Fields once more, and we hope we shall see him there without further damage every Saturday till the end of the season.

In conclusion, we should like to say that an attempt is being made to put the House Library in a working condition, and we should therefore be extremely grateful to any O.WW. of the House who

would let us have any old books.

Grant's' since the last ELIZABETHAN. Our Juniors were successful in their first match, defeating Rigaud's

by 3 goals to 1. The team, as a whole, combined well together, and should do well in their other matches. Yard ties have reached the semi-final stage and have shown more activity than Fives ties, which were to have been started at half-term; but except for a few enthusiasts the pairs have, as yet, appeared only upon paper. We must commiserate R. A. Graham, who has had the misfortune to damage his knee, but, we hope, not seriously. Both he and T. F. C. Marriott have been playing regularly for the School. The Literary Society having finished 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' has now started 'The Rivals,' but it has been unable to hold its meetings for the last two weeks.

H.BB.—This chapter in our chronicles must necessarily be short since our members refuse to do anything worth handing down to posterity. First, we apologise to Mr. C. L. Macdona for overlooking his Treasurership of the C.U.G.C., and know he will pardon us for these late congratulations. Mr. R. F. Doherty seems to be leading the English Lawn Tennis Team to victory in South Africa. We hope he will continue his success. We were glad to see so many O.H.BB. at Commemoration, and hope to see even more at the Play.

Among present members Chitty has distinguished himself by breaking his arm, on which we condole and sympathise with him. We had three representatives in the last Colts' Match, and, no doubt, would have done splendidly in Juniors if we had played. The House Fives ties approach the finals. Circuitt and Geare defeated Bonner and Hill after a fierce struggle. G. G. Feasey has been made a House

monitor.

RIGAUD's.—It seems but yesterday since the Editor called upon us for last month's House Notes. Yet, short though the time seems, we must nevertheless endeavour to call to mind the events of the last month.

Disaster follows disaster with our Junior team. We were drawn with Grant's, but, in spite of all our efforts, we were defeated (2-1). We must not forget to offer our congratulations to Lamb on play-

ing for the School in several matches.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox have kindly allowed us to have a series of weekly concerts, in which all the elder members of the House take part, and which everyone thoroughly enjoys.

We have several enthusiastic Racquets players this term, and entertain every hope of getting the

Cup next term.

We must condole with Bell on his recent indisposition, and hope to see him back again soon.

We were glad to see a large number of Old Rigaudites at Commemoration, but we still do not hear as much of them as we should wish. Our heartiest congratulations are due to C. J. B. Hurst, C.B., on being appointed a British Delegate to the Naval Congress, and to A. W. Matcham, Esq., on passing the Law Society's Final Examination.

We regret to hear of the sudden death of

A. Whittard, Esq., from blood-poisoning.

Old Westminsters.

THE Rev. F. P. Farrar, Rector of Sandringham, has been appointed Chaplain in Ordinary to the King.

Mr. M. Shearman, jun., has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

Mr. E. C. Cleveland-Stevens has been elected to a valuable Research Studentship by the London School of Economics.

Mr. J. S. Lewis has paid a Life Composition to The Elizabethan.

Mr. A. H. Miller, who passed the Solicitors' Final Examination last June, was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature last month.

Appended is the O.W.F.C. fixture card :—

IST XI. Sat. Oct. 3 v. Old Etonians, at Kent House. (Lost, 2-3.) ,, 10 v. Westminster School, at Vincent Square. (Won, 7-1.) ,, 17 v. Oxford University, at Ealing. (Lost, 1-4.) ,, 24 v. ,, 31 v. Emeriti, at Acton. (Scratched.) Nov. 7 v. Hayward's Heath. (Scratched.) ,, 7 v. Richmond Association (2nd round Middlesex Senior Cup), at Vincent Square. 14 v. Old Carthusians, at East Dulwich. ,, 21 v. Hampstead (1st round Middlesex Charity Cup), at Paddington. 28 v. Dec. 5 v. Cambridge University, at Queen's Club. 12 v. Old Malvernians (2nd round Arthur Dunn Cup), in London. 19 v. A.F.A. Senior Cup Competition proper, 1st round. 26 v. Eastbourne, at Eastbourne. 1909. Sat. Jan. 2 v. Surrey Wanderers, at Acton. " 9 v. Old Cranleighans, at Malden. ,, 16 v. Reading Amateurs, at Reading. " 23 v. Beckenham, at Beckenham. 30 v. Brighton Helmston, at Brighton.

y, Feb. 80 v. Righton Helmston, at Brighton.
y, Feb. 6 v. R.M.C., at Camberley.
Wed. 10 v. Westminster School, at Vincent Square.
Sat. 13 v. Clapham Rovers, at East Dulwich.
y, 20 (Oxford v. Cambridge at Queen's Club.)
Wed. 12 (Westminster v. Winchester at Vincent

Sat. ,, 27 v. Ealing, at Ealing.

Sat. Mar. 6 v. Margate Wanderers, at Margate.

13 v. Old Felstedians, at Walthamstow.

14 v. Old Etonians, at Kent House.

15 v. Emeriti, at Acton.

16 v. Westminster School Sports at Vincent Square.

17 v. Red Star A.C. de Paris, at Ealing.

Mon. ,, 12 v. Bognor Crusaders, at Bognor.

The 1st XI. has entered for the Arthur Dunn, A.F.A. Senior, Middlesex Charity and Middlesex Senior Cups.

Members wishing to play in any of the 1st XI. Matches are requested to make early application to C. Kent, 79 Finchley Road, N.W.

'A' TEAM. 1908. Oct. 3 v. St. Edmund's School, at Canterbury. (Lost, 3-8.) 10 v. Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square. (Won, 4-0.) 17 v. Forest School, at Snaresbrook. (Lost, 1-3.) 24 v. Highgate School, at Highgate. (Won, 6-0.) ,, 31 v. Guy's Hospital 'A,' at Honor Oak Park. ,, (Lost, 1--2.) Nov. 7 v. Old Cranleighans 'A', at Malden. ,, 14 v. St. Lawrence College, at Ramsgate. ,, 21 v. Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent ,, Square. 28 v. Old Cholmeleians 'A,' at Walthamstow. 5 v. Bexley, at Bexley. Dec. ,, 12 v. Brentwood Rovers 'A,' at Brentwood. ,, 19 v. Barnet Old Elizabethans, at Barnet. 1909 Jan. 2 v. Brentwood Rovers 'A,' at Brentwood.

Sat. Jan. 2 v. Brentwood Rovers 'A,' at Brentwood.

,, 9 v. Old Heddon Courtiers, at Heddon Court.

,, 16 v. Old Cranleighans 'A,' at Malden.

,, 23 v. Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent

,, ,, 23 v. Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincen Square.
,, ,, 30 v. Charterhouse 2nd XI., at Godalming.

,, Feb. 6 v. Forest School, at Snaresbrook. ,, ,, 13 v. Highgate School, at Highgate. ,, ,, 20 v. Aldenham School, at Aldenham.

,, ,, 20 v. Aldennam School, at Aldennam. ,, ,, 27 v. Westminster School 2nd XI., at Vincent Square.

" Mar. 6 v. Old Heddon Courtiers, at Heddon Court.

,, 13 v. Brentwood School, at Brentwood.

The 'A' Team has entered for the A.F.A. Junior Cup.

Members wishing to play in any of the 'A' Matches are requested to make early application to H. C. Macpherson, St. George's House, Eastcheap, E.C.

1908. 'В' ТЕАМ.

,, ,, 24 v. Highgate School 2nd XI., at Highgate.

,, 31 v. Forest School 2nd XI., at Snaresbrook. (Won, 3-o.)

Nov. 14 v. Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square. ,, 28 v. Harpenden Wanderers Reserves, at Harpenden

,, Dec. 5 v. Heddon Court and Masters, at Heddon Court.

,, ,, 19 v. Old Tollingtonians Reserves, at Walthamstow.

,, ,, 26 v. Harpenden Wanderers Reserves, at Harpenden.

Sat. Jan. 16 v. Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square.

,, ,, 30 v. Heddon Court and Masters, at Heddon Court.

,, Feb. 6 v. Westminster School Colts, at Vincent Square. ,, ,, 13 v. Highgate School 2nd XI., at Highgate.

,, ,, 13 v. Highgate School 2nd XI., at Flighgate., ,, 20 v. Forest School 2nd XI., at Snaresbrook. ,, Mar. 13 v. H.M.S. 'Worcester,' at Greenhithe.

Additional 'B' Matches will be arranged if required.

Members wishing to play in any of the 'B' Matches are requested to make early application to A. K. Clark Kennedy, 6 West Eaton Place, S.W.

Births.

On October 27, the wife of Claude Van der Gucht, of a daughter.

On November 2, the wife of Lewis Herbert Winckworth, of a son.

Marriage.

REYNOLDS—BACON.—On July 25, John Hardwick Reynolds to Alice Isabel, daughter of the late J. L. Bacon, J.P., of Wellington, New Zealand.

Obituary.

A YOUNG Westminster has passed away in Algernon Charles Evelyn Whittard, who was for some years in Rigaud's, and died in Paris on November 3 at the age of twenty-three.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

November 1, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I should be glad if either you yourself or some of your readers could give me information on a small point of historical interest.

In the Prayer-books of the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign Her late Majesty's Declaration at the end of the Accession Service ordains a certain 'Form of Prayer' to be used (among other places) in 'our Colleges of Eton and Winchester. An old Harrovian who was interested in this subject told me that he had seen an old Prayer-book (unfortunately he did not remember the date or reign) in which Westminster was included, as was natural, with the two other Colleges. I should be pleased if I could possibly be further informed about the existence and date of any such Book of Common Prayer, and would like to inquire if there was any reason for the original list being altered.

I am, Sir,
Yours very truly,
INQUISITOR.

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

November 2, 1908.

DEAR SIR, -In a recent number of THE ELIZABETHAN, in which a list of school officers appears, I note that there is no mention of the 'Colour-Sergeant of the Corps,' who, I presume, is the senior man of the Corps. We are all well aware, when the Corps was started, there was to be no clashing with the recreations already in vogue in the School; but surely, now that so much trust is put in the Public School men of Great Britain, it is time for these distinctions to be withdrawn and the Corps given the same standing as the Games. I therefore hope in the near future that the senior boy officer (or non-commissioned officer) may be put on the list of School officers in just the same way as the Captains of Games are; for it must be recognised, after perusing your excellent leader for last month, that Westminster's Officers' Training Corps does not set up to be simply an excuse for 'playing at soldiers,' but to be a part of the country's defensive force. With apologies for this 'growl,'

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant, A 'TERRIER' OFFICER (O.W. and a former N.C.O. of the Corps).

[We agree with our correspondent that the Colour-Sergeant should have been included in the list of School officers, and apologise for the omission .- ED. ELIZ.]

O.WW. GENUINE AND OTHER.

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

Lincoln's Inn.

November 21, 1908.

SIR, -A correspondent in your November number asks on what authority Lord Burleigh and Dr. William King, Archbishop of Dublin, are included in the list of O.WW. printed in

Ackermann's 'History of the School.'

The error as to Lord Burleigh possibly arose from the fact that he was a benefactor. The name of Dr. William King may have been given by mistake for that of his contemporary, may have been given by mistake for that of his contemporary, William King, D.C.L., who was Judge of the Admiralty Court in Ireland and Vicar-General of Armagh. He entered college in 1678, and was elected to Oxford in 1681. Dr. Johnson included him among the 'Poets'; but in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' he is described (perhaps with greater accuracy) as a 'miscellaneous writer.' The last-named authority states that this Dr. William King is 'constantly confused' with Archbishop King. He died in 1712, and is buried in the North Cloister.

Ackermann is not the only person who has conferred the title of O.W. on people who do not appear to have been at the School. For instance, it would be interesting to know what evidence there is to show that Robert Spencer, and Earl of Sunderland, Charles Townshend, and Viscount Townshend, or Sir Arthur Haselrig were Old Westminsters. Yet the arms of all of them as such have been painted up-School. Is it not desirable to have a revision of the arms up-School and their accompanying inscriptions? One or two glaring errors have been amended; but dates in many cases still seem to need correction. Again, the arms of the 4th Marquis of Lansdowne have been put up apparently by mistake for those of his father, the 3rd Marquis, the well-known statesman, whose action saved the Play when Dean Buckland tried to abolish it; while those of the 1st Baron Wrottesley are found where one would have expected to find the arms of his son, the 2nd Baron, the celebrated astronomer, who was some time President of the Royal Society. In each of the last-named instances, however, there can be no doubt that both father and son were O.WW.

It seems clear, too, that (as suggested by a correspondent in your June number) Sir William Hamilton, the archæologist, was an O.W. He was the only Knight of the Bath of that name at the date when his name appears as that of a K.B. in the list of stewards of the Old Westminster Dinner.

Yours truly, W. A. PECK.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the following: - Haverfordian, Rossalian, Haileyburian, Our Boys' Magasine, Elon College Chronicle (4), Working Men's College Journal, Carthusian, Cliftonian, Radleian, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Meteor, Felstedian, Blundellian, Wykehamist, Cheltonian, Malvernian, Pretoria Polytechnic Magazine, Wycombe Abbey Gazette (2), Penn Charter Magazine, Portcullis, Wellingtonian, Bradfield College Chronicle, Lancing College Magazine, Salopian, Harrovian, Trinity University Review, Tonbridgian, Fettesian, Marlburian (2).

-00-ERRATUM.

Vol. XII., No. 18, p. 251, l. 37, for Cott-Williams read Colt-Williams.

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Floreat.

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