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## WOODEN RACQUETS.

OF late years many people have been heard to deplore the waning popularity of Wooden Racquets. The building of a proper Racquets Court may have had much to do with this, but until lately there were many—chiefly, it is true, of the younger members of the School—who still kept alive the old game of 'Woodens.' Now even they have deserted it and the game seems practically to have ceased to exist. In the hope then that we may possibly revive some interest in it, we give a slight account of its early history, such as can be gathered from the Ledger.

The first entry relating to 'Woodens' is dated 1859, and states that three years previously a 'Wooden Racquets Cup' had been instituted as a floating prize tenable for one

year. This cup was intended to be for the 'Woodens' what the Silver Racquet, inaugurated in 1850, was for the 'Wires.' The next entry is under the year 1860. 'Although these pages were at first intended to be filled with the various accounts of the games for the Silver Racquet only, yet so much has the game of "Woodens" been taken up by all, and so much more hard-fought have the ties for the Prize Cup been than those for the Silver, (though with shame be it said) I think they would not be unworthy of record in this Ledger; and therefore let this, the fifth year of the institution of the prize, be the first of the analysis of the "Wooden Racquet."' The immediate and increasing popularity of 'Woodens' is proved by another quotation from the year 1862. 'This year there were not so many entries for the wire as one would have wished, but it was owing, I think, to the great excite-



ment manifested at the result of the Wooden Racket, and therefore it could not be expected that both should have large entries.'

For some years we find a steady growth of 'Woodens' at the expense of 'Wires.' In 1866 the high-water mark was reached as far as mere numbers go. In that year there were twenty-nine entries. However four years later the entries dropped to ten and in 1873 to eight. In a few years' time there was a slight increase again and in 1877 a new experiment was tried. This was a Handicap Competition which was received with great enthusiasm. There were no less than thirty-two entries. However the burst of energy seems to have been short-lived, for we meet with no further record of any Handicap. For the next ten years or so there seems to have been a sad decline in 'Woodens.' But in 1888, on the final abolition of 'Wires,' there appears to have been something of a revival. Unfortunately we have no details, as there is no further entry in the Ledger till 1898. Then an attempt is made to bridge the gap by giving the names of the actual winners in each year. It is indeed something to have these names recorded, but they give no idea of the number of entries or any other details. In 1898 there were fifteen competitors, but in 1899 only five. In that year the Games Committee took over the management of Racquets, together with Fives and Swimming, but they were apparently unable to do much to revive the game. In 1900 there were no Ties. For a few years more their existence was prolonged, but in 1905 we meet with the last entry in the Ledger. It speaks for itself. 'An endeavour was made to get up some School Ties but as no competitors offered themselves the matter fell through.'

Such is a short outline of the history of Wooden Racquets since 1856. It cannot be said that it is a very inspiring record. The writers almost invariably complain of the lack of support given to the Ties. Now that we have a proper Racquets Court, it would, we think, be useless to try to revive the Ties. But we would gladly see friendly games played more often by those to whom the new court offers no attraction. And although for the moment Wooden Racquets seems a thing of the past, yet we do not despair. A few years ago the game dropped entirely for a term or two. Then it reappeared as if nothing had happened. Why should not history repeat itself?

## Historical Notes.

WE publish the following reminiscences, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Mr. Arthur Southey.

When I was at Westminster, between 1847 and 1852, we sent on the river every evening from the stairs at the Houses of Parliament, a fleet consisting of the first and second eights, a six-oared boat, two town-boy heavy fours, and one Queen Scholar heavy four, and occasionally what was called a light four, besides several funnies and sculling boats, although at this time we had only about 130 boys at the School. We had besides especially strong evelens in those years. . . . The boats were bound to go as far up the river as they were ordered. This was necessary to prevent them from fooling about. For instance, I was in one of two town-boy fours one morning, and, having a good tide with us, we had time to spare. We suddenly took it into our heads to try a naval engagement after the manner of the ancients, and began charging at each other and trying to knock the rudders off. One boy in my boat, the *Swift*, caught a crab after a time, and the other boat, the *Ianthe*, caught us broadside on with such vigour that they nearly went right over us. When the collision took place the bow oars of the *Ianthe* tumbled off with great alacrity, and we managed to lift her bows and push the boat off. If a Citizen boat had passed just then we should have shipped a lot of water and possibly have been sunk. . . .

One evening the captain of the eleven asked me if he could come and steer us. As he was a great man in the School, I said we should be very pleased, and we started accordingly. It was a high tide, and with us. Half way between Westminster and Vauxhall I noticed that his face changed, and he hurriedly asked me what he should do. I looked round and saw a sailing barge tacking up the river and coming straight at us. There was not a moment to lose. We made one desperate stroke, the man at the helm brought his barge round, but it was so near that all the stroke side had to ship their oars, and I was afraid the bows of the barge would have taken our rudder off. . . .

I rowed up the river one afternoon in a light four with outriggered bow and stroke. As we had plenty of time to spare, we lay off Cremorne Gardens in order to listen to the band. Our cox was little Minto Farquhar, and he carelessly let one of his rudder strings drop overboard. In trying to pick it up he bent over the rudder, and just at that moment a steamer passing, the swell took us, and poor cox went a header into the river. I was rowing bow, and saw a pair of little boots just above the rudder. He went in so straight that his chimney-pot hat never came off; and there he was swimming for his life. We backed, and very soon picked up the poor shivering little



fellow. This Minto Farquhar was up Grant's, and a very curious experience happened to him there. He had been out of school and had gone to bed early. While Mr. Marshall was reading prayers at 9 o'clock in the Hall, the door suddenly opened and in walked Farquhar in his nightshirt and with bare feet, and knelt up in his place, the other boys making room for him. He must have heard the bell ring for prayers and got up in his sleep and walked down from the second floor and across the yard to the Hall, which is some yards from the house. He awoke during prayers, and I, who was close to him, watched his face of astonishment at finding himself in his night attire at prayers. It was a wet night, and I wondered that the cold, wet stones under his feet had not awoke him before. After prayers were over, Mr. Marshall carried the little fellow up to bed.

School Notes.

THE Mission Offertory on St. Luke's Day amounted to £4 5s. 6d.

The Mure Scholarship is awarded to D. F. Jerrold.

Half the Ireland Prize for Latin Verse has been won by K. D. Murray.

The Gumbleton Prize is not awarded.

There will be no Play this year.

Commemoration will be held on November 17. During the service there will be a collection on behalf of the School Mission.

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

1910.

Sat.	Oct. 1	v.	Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-1).
	2nd XI.	v.	O. WW. A. (Lost, 1-3).
Wed.	Oct. 5	v.	Old Bradfield Boys. (Lost 0-1).
Sat.	" 8	v.	Old Wykehamists. (Drawn, 1-1).
"	" 15	v.	Casuals. (Drawn, 1-1.)
"	2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Won, 4-2).
"	Oct. 22	v.	Old Brightonians. (Lost, 2-4)
"	" 29	v.	Old Foresters.
"	2nd XI.	v.	O. WW. A.
Wed.	Nov. 2	v.	Outcasts.
Sat.	" 12	v.	Kenley.
"	" 19	v.	Old Westminsters.
"	2nd XI.	v.	King's College A.
"	Nov. 26	v.	Lancing Old Boys.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters A.
Sat.	Dec. 3	v.	Old Berkhamstedians.
"	" 10	v.	R.M.A. Woolwich.
"	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.
Wed.	Dec. 14	v.	Royal Engineers.
Sat.	" 17	v.	Emeriti.

1911.

Sat.	Jan. 21	v.	Old Aldenhamians.
	2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers 2nd XI.
Wed.	Jan. 25	v.	Old Westminsters.
Sat.	" 28	v.	Beckenham.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.
"	Feb. 4	v.	Old Etonians.
Wed.	" 8	v.	Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.
Sat.	" 11	v.	Casuals.
	2nd XI.	v.	O. WW. A.
"	Feb. 18	v.	Old Felstedians.
"	2nd XI.	v.	King's College A.
"	Feb. 25	v.	Charterhouse (at Godalming).
Tues.	" 28	v.	Christchurch.
Sat.	Mar. 4	v.	Winchester (at Vincent Square).
"	" 11	v.	An Eton Eleven (at Vincent Square).
"	" 18	v.	Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Wed.	" 22	v.	K. SS. v. T. BB.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

(Lost, 0-1.)

THIS, the first match of the season, was played up Fields on Saturday, October 1. Formilli won the toss and chose to defend the Church end. The School at once attacked, Cooke, Rudd, Hume, and Miles all shooting, and Miles coming within an ace of scoring. Two corners came in quick succession, neither of which was turned to any account. Then came a brief spell of attack on the part of the visitors, and Hallward did very well to save a shot from their outside right. The visitors kept up the pressure, and their inside right, outpacing Gray, scored what proved to be the only goal of the match. After half-time the School pressed hotly, but the shooting was poor; though Rudd put in one or two good ones. Cooke, taking a good pass from Rudd, had no one but the goalkeeper to beat, but he lost control of the ball and missed a certain goal. Just after this Rudd put in an excellent cross shot which was only just saved. From the rebound Hume should have scored easily, but failed. For the School Pink played a splendid game at right-half, and Hallward was good in goal. The backs were weak and the outside forwards poor.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward; G. C. Formilli, E. H. Gray; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, D. MacManus; K. D. Murray, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

A. E. Begg; L. R. Morriss, E. T. Bolton; H. J. Hall, H. J. Ost, K. V. Coutts; R. P. Loughton, A. L. Gray, N. Hammill, L. D. Looker, F. B. Swallow.



WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD  
BRADFIELD BOYS.

(*Lost, 0-1.*)

THIS match was played up Fields on Wednesday, October 5. The School won the toss and defended the Hospital end. The first incident of note was a good long shot by Pink. Then two fine pieces of work by Rudd were spoiled by Hume's bad shooting. After this the visitors began to press, and their centre-forward should have scored, but kept the ball too long. Several good shots followed, but Hallward managed to save them all. When half-time came there was no score. Early in the second half both sides forced three corners, none of which came to anything. The visitors' outside-left got the ball and, beating Formilli, made no mistake about his shot. After the restart Rudd got away and put in a good shot that was saved. The ball was then brought into our half, when their centre-forward scored a goal, but was ruled off-side. After Hume had missed an open goal, the whistle blew with the score 0-1. The School forwards were weak, Rudd being the only one to show any form. The halves were again good, but the backs poor.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward ; G. C. Formilli, E. H. Gray ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson ; K. D. Murray, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, D. MacManus.

OLD BRADFIELD BOYS.

C. K. Robinson ; G. P. Blake, A. L. Lucas, H. T. Crichton, G. M. Park, J. Russell ; J. W. McCulloch (sub), J. Stewart, A. L. Irvine, A. R. Wather, J. P. Head.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD  
WYKEHAMISTS.

(*Drawn, 1-1.*)

THE result of this match, played up Fields on Saturday, October 8, was scarcely satisfactory, as the School had much the best of the game ; but once more the forwards failed to make use of their opportunities. The visitors lost the toss and kicked off from the Church end. Soon after the start Edgar put in a good shot, which was saved at the expense of a corner which proved fruitless. Rudd gave the insides several opportunities of scoring, but the shooting of the latter was very poor. Just before half-time the visitors' forwards got going, and the inside-right scored with a long ground shot which Hallward might have saved. Directly after the restart the School forced a corner, which was well placed by Rudd, and for a few moments the visitors' goal was in danger. Edgar and Rudd then both put in good shots, and

with one of these the former scored an excellent goal. After this the School pressed continually, but were unable to score. The School forwards, though good in mid-field, were, with the exception of Rudd, very poor in front of goal. The halves were again good, and the backs, though not over-worked, were good also.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward ; G. C. Formilli, E. H. Gray ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson ; K. D. Murray, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

M. Gray ; H. D. McArthur, P. Ashton ; T. de C. Croft, E. L. Wright, R. D. Cargill (sub) ; J. S. Tatham, R. J. Hunter, R. M. Brydone, S. Low, E. F. Lawrence (sub).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* THE CASUALS.

(*Drawn, 1-1.*)

THIS match was played, at Vincent Square on Saturday, October 15, and resulted in an even draw. The School lost the toss and kicked off from the Hospital end, and soon after the start Rudd scored with a very good long shot. For some little time after this the visitors had a good deal the better of the game, and the School was rather lucky to keep them out. Twice they came especially near to scoring. Before the interval, however, the ball was again taken into the visitors' half, and the School nearly scored again, shots of Cooke and Rudd being especially praiseworthy. On the resumption the School had the better of the exchanges, and McCulloch, getting away on the right, centred very well indeed, but Rudd put the ball over. After a fruitless corner to the School, the visitors attacked, and from a good centre by Dixon, the inside-right scored the equaliser. For the rest of the time the game was fairly evenly contested, both sides having chances of scoring, but these were not put to account, chiefly because of the weakness of each line of forwards. Towards the end the School put in two excellent shots, one by Cooke and another by McCulloch, but neither scored. Hallward in goal was not very good. The backs were the best part of the side, Formilli being excellent ; while Gray, except for an occasional miskick, was quite good. The halves were fair, though on the whole not as good as usual. McCulloch made quite a promising first appearance, but taken altogether the forwards, especially the left wing, were rather weak.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

B. M. Hallward ; G. C. Formilli, E. H. Gray ; F. W. Pink, A. C. Edgar, R. R. Rawson ; J. W. McCulloch, R. C. Cooke, G. B. F. Rudd, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.



WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

v. O.WW. A.

(Lost, 1-3.)

This game was played up Fields on Saturday, October 1. After a few minutes' play Lawrence with a fine shot opened the score for the School. This lead was maintained until half-time. After the restart the School side seemed to tire considerably. O.WW. also made excellent use of their superior weight. Coleby was the first to score for them. Towards the end of the game Bristowe added a second goal, while the third was scored by Wyatt.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER 2nd. XI.

K. W. Hill ; F. E. Robinson, W. L. Selby ; G. F. George, R. F. Potter, R. E. D. Cargill ; E. F. Lawrence, J. Hansen, G. P. Pick, J. W. McCulloch, G. Hodgson.

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
A	—		W 3-0	D 0-0							= 3 points
B		—		D 1-1			W 3-0				= 3 points
C	L 0-3		—		L 1-7	L 0-3					= 0 points
D	D 0-0	D 1-1		—	W 5-0						= 4 points
E			W 7-1	L 0-5	—						= 2 points
F			W 3-0			—		D 1-1			= 3 points
G		L 0-3					—	W 1-0			= 2 points
H						D 1-1	L 0-1	—			= 1 point
I									—	L 0-5	= 0 points
J										W 5-0	= 2 points

Captains :—

A	A. K. Gilmour.	F	R. H. Walpole.
B	M. Holroyd.	G	C. J. Brooks.
C	J. M. de Slubicki.	H	J. C. Hobson.
D	R. S. Partridge.	I	C. A. M. Faure.
E	J. M. Troutbeck.	J	W. T. R. Rawson.

O.T.C. CAMP.

Two camps were formed for the Junior Division, Officers' Training Corps, one on Farnborough Common and the other on Salisbury Plain (Tidworth Pennings). The latter was for schools in the Eastern and Western Commands and in the London District.

Camp started on July 28, so that we had two days to spare after the end of term. These were spent in camp in Lord Radnor's Park at Longford, near Salisbury.

The first day was occupied with marching to Longford, unpacking stores and pitching camp. Most of us were quite ready for bed when all was done. On the second day we had field operations in the park, and also practised outpost duty. Lady Radnor visited our camp in the afternoon and invited us to the Castle. We had several opportunities of bathing and got plenty of amusement from games and a sing-song in the evening.

Most of us will remember July 28 as a day of very hard work. Camp had to be struck and all the equipment loaded into waggons. We had to march four miles in an hour under a blazing sun, and then had to march to camp from Tidworth Station, and afterwards draw our stores and make our lines respectable. We have not space enough for a detailed account of the camp at Tidworth. We had a very enjoyable time there and were not overworked. The weather was very good, and all ranks benefited by the fresh air and regular drills.

Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught inspected the Brigade during his visit to Tidworth, and also watched our work in the field.

The earlier days of camp were devoted to battalion work in close order, in the attack and on outpost duty. Then we had a field day against another battalion, and later on there were two Brigade field days. The most instructive day was Thursday, August 4, when we took part in field operations with a regular division (of all arms) and with the London Mounted Brigade. The Cadets showed their appreciation of this honour by even greater keenness than usual in trying to get to grips with the enemy. We were not in the front line, and so we had a good opportunity of seeing many thousands of men advancing into action. When we got up to the front we had the satisfaction of helping to put the Mounted Brigade out of action and of enfilading a battery of artillery as they were unlimbering their guns.

When the field operations were ended, all the troops marched past the Duke of Connaught. Our energies were not exhausted by this work, so we went out again for a night attack. Public School Cadets take care to 'play the game' on these occasions, and move with very little noise, though there are usually many amusing incidents. Our



attack was successful, for we got quite close to the enemy's position without being noticed, he having exhausted his forces by vigorously repelling the 'attack' of four scouts.

The general impression was that the time spent in camp had been very pleasant and remarkably free from trouble of any sort. All ranks showed plenty of spirit and great keenness for their work.

We had too many cases of sore feet, but even here there was some improvement on last year.

We were very lucky in being allowed to form a company by ourselves. Our numbers (seventy-two) were hardly large enough to warrant this; but we hope that we made up in quality what we lacked in quantity.

The swagger canes for the best tent were won by Sergeant Brooks's tent; the cane for best Cadet by Newson.

An account of camp would be incomplete without some expression of gratitude to Lord Radnor and his agent for the help they gave us at Longford, and to Mr. Willett for his hard work in providing us with food for those two days.

## SCHOOL FIVES TIES.

THE first round resulted thus:—

G. C. Formilli and H. N. Hume	} beat (2-0)	{ K. D. Murray and E. H. Gray
G. B. F. Rudd and J. G. B. Ward	} beat (2-0)	{ L. Rice-Oxley and F. C. Cozens
A. K. Gilmour and J. M. Troutbeck	} beat (2-0)	{ D. A. Harvey and F. E. Robinson

Byes were drawn by:—C. A. M. Faure and J. C. Hobson; A. C. Edgar and R. H. Walpole; R. R. Rawson and D. F. Jerold; R. S. Partridge and B. M. Hallward; R. C. Cooke and A. R. I. Mellor.

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, October 6, 1910, the House met to debate the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House no man is worthy of condemnation on Circumstantial Evidence alone.'

The Proposer (J. M. DE SLUBICKI) regarded the motion from a very narrow point of view, and only quoted the Crippen case as an example. He sympathised with the accused, but said little strictly relevant to the motion.

The Opposer (H. A. G. PHILLIMORE), in a maiden speech, like the proposer, spoke only of the Crippen case, where circumstantial evidence seemed to be supported by other facts. His remarks were short and not very illuminating.

The Seconder (R. C. COOKE) dealt shortly with the Opposer's remarks, and went on to quote other cases where he maintained that subsequent events had seemed to cast some doubt on the justice of a decision on circumstantial evidence. 'Better that a guilty man escape than that an innocent be hanged,' he said.

The Secretary said that particular evidence was not always obtainable, and that circumstantial evidence where strong could not always be pleaded to be mere coincidence.

J. W. N. SMITH, in a would-be humorous speech, pitied the murdered more than the murderer, and thought the circumstantial evidence in the case mentioned by the proposer damning.

D. F. JERROLD found fault with many of the Secretary's remarks, and W. L. SELBY, in a good maiden speech, pointed out the state of affairs that would result if circumstantial evidence were to be ignored. The stolidity of British juries was a safeguard against a misuse of such evidence, the rejection of which would tend to increase the number of murder cases.

The question was then put to the House and lost by acclamation.

The House met on October 13 to debate the motion 'That in the opinion of this House a system of International Spying is justifiable.'

The Proposer (B. H. LUNN) tried to read his speech from manuscript, and on being requested to discontinue this, almost broke down. Spying, he said, was an essential of war which is necessary, therefore spying is justified. His remarks were very short and showed little sign of preparation.

The Opposer (O. I. BURGESS) was also very feeble, merely saying that spying was an underhand trick and promoted international feelings of hostility, and should therefore be abolished.

The Seconder (C. V. MILES), in a speech worthy of the two preceding ones, said that war demanded a knowledge of the enemy's plans, and that 'all was fair in love and war.'

M. HOLROYD in a rather laboured speech said that the immense waste of money on *Dreadnoughts* was indirectly due to spying. Arbitration would be an admirable solution of both the problems of war and spying.

A. K. GILMOUR in a ruggedly pathetic style demanded that a practice so deleterious to national morals should be discontinued.

The SECRETARY remarked that while some people ignored the danger of spying, others were inclined to exaggerate it. Its continuance might jeopardise the public peace, as it had done already.

W. L. SELBY thought that the results of spying hardly justified its disadvantages; it was a foul means of fighting. As a speaker he should do well when he has acquired rather greater fluency.



The PRESIDENT pointed out that the wording of the motion might be taken in different ways, and that public opinion, the only available standard of judgment, had condoned international spying.

After a few further remarks the question was put, and as the votes were equal the President gave his casting vote to the Ayes.

The House met on October 20 to discuss the motion 'That this House approves of Lieut. Sutor's recent protest against the Army System.'

The Proposer (the SECRETARY) admitted the illegality of the publication, but contended that the rotten state of the Army justified such a step. He proceeded to quote various instances from Lieut. Sutor's pamphlet which showed, he said, how essential some kind of reform was. His speech was careful without being brilliant.

The Opposer (the PRESIDENT) refused to consider the internal condition of the Army, but contended that under no circumstances could the publication of the pamphlet be justified. It was a gross breach of discipline, and as such set a bad example to the rank and file of the Army. If Lieut. Sutor felt it incumbent on him to utter some protest, he should have resigned his commission first.

The Seconder (E. L. HAWKE) said that the evidence was all in favour of the truth of Lieut. Sutor's assertions. He then quoted from a 'leading journal' some remarks by Lieut. Sutor explaining his recent resignation. Finally he drew attention to some previous examples of insubordination—Julius Caesar and Nelson. This speaker was somewhat shaky at first, but improved as he went on.

R. R. RAWSON next delivered an excellent maiden speech. He urged that implicit obedience was one of the first principles of the Army, and quoted the example of the Light Brigade. He then dealt with many of the Proposer's remarks. His sentences were not always grammatical, but they were forcible and in many cases convincing.

J. W. N. SMITH, eloquent as ever, attacked the Opposer's speech in general, and pointed out the loyalty of Lieut. Sutor's brother-officers to him.

A. K. GILMOUR was of opinion that the House had to choose between ornamentation and efficiency. His remarks were brief but pointed.

E. H. GRAY drew attention to the different standing of Julius Caesar and Nelson on the one hand and Lieut. Sutor on the other.

After a few more remarks by the Proposer the motion was put to the House and carried by acclamation. The debate showed a very welcome improvement on its predecessors, both in number of speakers and the quality of speaking.

The following is the list of Debates for Play Term, 1910:—

*Sept. 29.*—Impromptu Debates.

*Oct. 6.*—'That in the opinion of this House no man is worthy of condemnation on Circumstantial Evidence alone.' Proposer, J. M. de Slubicki; Seconder, R. C. Cooke; Opposer, H. A. G. Phillimore. Lost by acclamation.

*Oct. 13.*—'That in the opinion of this House a system of International Spying is justifiable.' Proposer, B. H. Lunn; Seconder, C. V. Miles; Opposer, O. I. Burgess. Ayes, 12; Noes, 11.

*Oct. 20.*—'That this House approves of Lieut. Allan Sutor's recent protest against the Army System.' Proposer, A. C. Edgar; Seconder, E. L. Hawke; Opposer, K. D. Murray. Carried by acclamation.

*Oct. 27.*—'That this House would welcome the abolition of Boy Scouts.' Proposer, G. C. Formilli; Seconder, R. H. Walpole; Opposer, R. R. Rawson.

*Nov. 3.*—'That this House deplores the spirit of Mr. Roosevelt's European Speeches.' Proposer, R. S. Partidge; Seconder, G. C. Lowry; Opposer, G. P. Antrobus.

*Nov. 10.*—'That in the opinion of this House the theory of the Divine Right of Rulers is antiquated.' Proposer A. R. I. Mellor; Seconder, D. M. Morriss; Opposer, L. Rice-Oxley.

*Nov. 17.*—'That this House would welcome a reform in the School Dress.' Proposer, J. B. Calkin; Seconder, C. A. M. Faure; Opposer, J. M. Troutbeck.

*Nov. 24.*—'That this House deplores the modern tendency to speed.' Proposer, F. C. Doherty; Seconder, E. A. Meyer; Opposer, E. H. Gray.

*Dec. 1.*—'That in the opinion of this House the French Revolution has not been justified by its results.' Proposer, J. W. N. Smith; Seconder, D. F. Jerrold; Opposer, A. K. Gilmour.

*Dec. 8.*—'That this House would welcome the Nationalisation of Railways.' Proposer, M. Holroyd; Seconder, W. L. Selby; Opposer, J. G. Barrington-Ward.

*Dec. 15.*—Impromptu Debates.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, October 8, B. H. Lunn read a paper on 'Psychology and its Relation to Religion.' He pointed out briefly that the materialism of forty years ago had been killed by the recent discoveries of the new science of Psychology, especially the discovery of the subliminal consciousness to which such phenomena as telepathy must be assigned. He quoted frequently from several eminent modern thinkers, as Sir Oliver Lodge, William James, and Sir William Hamilton, to support his views. He then went on to show that though during the middle of the nineteenth century scientists sought to throw scorn on prayer or any communication between this world and a purely hypothetical one, few would be so dogmatic now; and concluded by demonstrating how the recent increase of mental healing and suggestion—especially the miracles at Lourdes—supported the miracles of the New Testament.



### House Notes.

K.SS.—We owe our congratulations to Mr. S. C. Edgar on playing for Oxford University, to Mr. J. C. Gow on appearing in the Seniors' Match at Oxford, and to Mr. M. Hammondon his performance in the Freshmen's match. A. C. Edgar and G. B. F. Rudd are playing regularly for the School, while K. D. Murray has made a first appearance. We must also congratulate R. E. D. Cargill on playing for the 2nd XI., and S. F. Waterson for the Colts. Our Juniors so far have not had a chance to distinguish themselves, but, as always, we live in hopes of their doing well when the time comes. Fives ties keep well under weigh, while Chess ties are positively bewildering in their rapidity. We rejoice that Seniors' Room is at last pronounced sound, and—for the present at any rate—we are its undisputed owners.

The Literary Society has finished 'She Stoops to Conquer.' For the first reading of the year the standard was distinctly high. It is now engaged on 'Julius Caesar.'

ASHBURNHAM.—Our first duty is to extend our belated congratulations to Hake, Ham and Openshaw on their various successes at Election; and we offer them all due apologies for our delay in doing so. Congratulations also to McCulloch on his *debut* for the School against the Casuals after which game he received his House colours. Selby, Pick, McCulloch and George have played regularly for the 2nd XI. To turn to other spheres, we must congratulate Jerrold on winning the Mure, also on playing off two fives ties. Our Juniors, captained by Cardew, should stand an excellent chance of keeping the Cup. Rumour says that we have drawn against Rigaud's; we hope, however, that the game will produce a more satisfactory result. We must not omit to congratulate Mr. D. J. Jardine on his appointment to a post under the Chief Secretary for Cyprus. We are glad to see that the acting of Mr. C. C. Treatt in 'As you like it' at the Court Theatre is highly praised in the *Morning Post*.

GRANT'S.—Grant's are as usual to the fore. Sir Charles Montagu Lush has been made one of his Majesty's Judges of the High Court, on which we tender him our heartiest congratulations. It is worthy of note that Grant's have supplied his Majesty with three of his present judges. They are Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, Mr. Justice Phillimore, and lastly Mr. Justice Lush.

To turn from old Grantites to present ones, we omitted in our last notes to congratulate R. Rawson on becoming captain and Gilmour vice-captain of the Cricket Eleven for the ensuing year. Congratulations also to Smith, W. Rawson, and C. Miles on gaining their cricket thirds.

C. Miles and R. Rawson have passed Little-go. Yard ties are now in full swing, and there is a rumour of Fives ties to come. Our juniors were handled somewhat roughly by H.BB., but as most of them are young and will be available next year we are not disheartened.

H.BB.—Our heartiest congratulations are due to Mr. R. Truslove (O.H.B.) on being elected to a Fellowship at Worcester College, Oxford. Also to our Juniors who administered a sound drubbing to Grant's Juniors, to the tune of five love. The team shows promise, but its heaviest members seem afraid to go hard towards the opposing goal and into their opponents. Robinson, Lang and Forbes were all quite good. With a little improvement in the defence we should go far. We are glad to see Gray and Hallward as regular representatives of the School defence. Lawrence, Hansen and Robinson have also been prominent for the 2nd XI. The Fives ties are at a standstill owing to the lamented incapacitation of F. C. Doherty. E. F. Lawrence and R. H. Walpole have been made Monitors. There is a deplorable lack of recruits this term in Home-Boarders; considering our numbers, the total of Cadets up the house is a standing disgrace. It is to be hoped that this slackness will be speedily shaken off.

RIGAUD'S.—It is so soon again that the rapacious Editor craves for news that we find it difficult to supply any. Congratulations are due to Mr. A. Harmsworth (O.R.) on passing 'Smalls,' and to Pink and MacManus on playing for the first—especially to the former, who has been playing excellently. We are glad to see that the Debating Society has been revived and has had its first meeting; it is a fortnightly affair, and we hope it will have a long life. Condolences go to Cobbold on a badly sprained wrist, but we hope he is to be allowed to play soon again, as our chances without him in Juniors are very shallow.

### Old Westminsters.

WE are somewhat late in recording the fact that Mr. C. W. Adams has joined the staff at Haileybury.

Mr. P. M. Bartlett has been ordained and licensed to the curacy of St. Frideswide's, Poplar.

Mr. G. M. Rambaut has become a master at Shrewsbury.



At Oxford Mr. S. C. Edgar played in the Seniors' Match, and Mr. M. Hammond in the Freshmen's. The former has since represented his Varsity.

At Cambridge Mr. H. F. R. Rawson appeared in the Freshmen's Match and in the University Trial Match.

### Obituary.

We have to regret the death of Francis John Steward, whose father and grandfather were Westminster Masters, the former teaching Mathematics for nearly half a century. Mr. Steward was in his seventy-sixth year.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Christ Church, Oxford.

October 16, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—I am afraid that I shall only be able to give you a most meagre account of the doings of O.W.W. here as the term is yet very young. E. N. R. Trentham has gone down in a blaze of glory, and A. G. R. Henderson has also departed; he sails for India very shortly. Of the old brigade O. H. Walters, now in his sixth year, is still up, and J. E. Y. Radcliffe spends his time between Oxford and the Law Courts. Of the younger O.W.W., A. S. R. Macklin is at present much in the public eye, having, I am sorry to say, suffered a severe accident during the summer while climbing in Cornwall—an accident which happily only resulted in the loss of a thumb, though at one time it was feared his right arm would have to be amputated to save his life. He is now, however, on the high road to complete recovery.

G. K. A. Bell has returned to the House as a Don, and the O.W.W. Freshmen appear to have settled in comfortably. Great things are expected of W. F. Lutyens in the Freshmen's Sports in about three weeks' time. Williams, Gow, Benvenisti, and Troutbeck at the House, Low at Oriol, and Barrington-Ward at Balliol are all busy with Honour Mods., and Waterfield, Edgar and Lethbridge with Greats, in which examinations we wish them success. G. M. Rambaut has gone as a Master to Shrewsbury.

In the Games department, S. C. Edgar is captain of the House soccer and cricket, and with Gow, Covington and Hammond we should be well represented.

We shall all miss the pleasant réunion at the Play this year, but hope that it will in some measure be atoned for by Commemoration.

With every wish, Sir, for a most successful year, I will now close this dull and lengthy epistle, remaining

Yours obediently,

EX AEDE CHRISTI.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

Trinity College, Cambridge.

DEAR SIR,—Your request for a letter comes before we have been back a week at Cambridge; so you must admit there is some excuse if my news is but scanty. We have already had time to miss many old friends, amongst whom may be mentioned Jardine, Birchall, Pinks and Davidson. But there seem to be the usual number of Freshmen to take the places of those gone down; of these H. Rawson, who played in the Freshmen's soccer match, Shaw, Hake, Tomlinson and Scott are at Trinity, J. Goodall at Emmanuel, Gray at Pembroke, Brown at Jesus, Malden at the Hall, Ham at Downing, and Fletcher at Clare (what a wrench it must have been for Scott and Fletcher to go to different colleges!); apologies if these are not all. Most of them appear to be taking up rowing, which is cheering for the O.W.B.C.; perhaps it is the effects of that club.

The annual meeting of C.O.W.W. has not yet taken place, wherefore I cannot name the officials for the coming year; but it seems more than probable that both the President and Secretary will come from Pembroke. Tradition, where art thou?

Wilson is up again after his I.C.S. success, and is now learning tongues never before heard of in preparation for his banishment to remote regions of India. It is to be hoped that Hill will not find the claims of work so great as he did last year, for if he can only give time to the game he will stand an excellent chance of getting a place in the 'Varsity golf side; he has been a 'scratch' player for some time now. At present I am afraid there is nothing more to chronicle.

This year I suppose there is no Play to which to send good wishes, but C.O.W.W. send them for everything else. May this year be entirely successful!

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

TRIN. COLL., CAMB.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The following extract from a letter which has recently come into my possession, dated December 8, 1788, and written by an Eton boy, concerning the rivalry between the Westminster *Trifler* and the Eton *Microcosm*, may interest your readers.

It will be noticed that the version of the famous epigram given by the writer of the letter differs slightly from that given in the late Mr. Forshall's book. I give the extract with the original spelling.

'I suppose you have heard of the vain endeavours of the Westminster boys to equal the *Microcosm*, they did indeed publish a paper on the same Plan under the name of the *Trifler*, but scince, the 2 or 3 first Nos. which were almost too *Trifling* to be read, I have not taken them in, nor do I believe a single Etonian has, which much affronts them, as there were nearly as many Nos. of the *Microcosm* sold to the Westminster boys as the Etonians themselves. Well, to rescue these puerile lucubrations from utter oblivion & let down the *Microcosm* they stuck a print in all the Print shops about Town of Justice holding a pair of scales, in one of which were placed 4 Westminster and *Trifler*, was writ on the outside, in the other as many Etonians & his Majesty with 50 guineas in his hand very indignant at the Westminster Scale præponderating, on this was writ *Microcosm* & the Queen placed at the bottom tryed in vain to pull down the Etonians by a rope tyed to their scale, by this foolish print they endeavoured to eternalize the memory of the *Trifler*, but like Samson have pulled down a house on their own heads, & what is better rather exalted than crushed their



antagonists, for Canning immediately as he saw it wrote the following verses on it and I believe they are now annexed to the Print—

What prove ye by this Print so rare  
Ye wits of Eton jealous  
But that your rivals soar in air  
And ye are heavy fellows ?'

I remain, Sir,  
Yours, &c.,  
J. BEACH WHITMORE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

St. Clare,  
Walmer, Kent.

October 7, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—While on a bicycle ride a few days ago in this neighbourhood I went into the parish church at Eythorne and saw there the following epitaph, which may be of interest :—

'Here lies  
Edward son of Capt. Edy Romsey of Crickhowel in  
Brecknockshire by Elizabeth his wife Daugh<sup>r</sup> of Maj<sup>r</sup> Harvey  
late of this parish.

His exemplary Piety, numerous Virtues, lively Parts,  
& close Application made his Parents hope he would prove  
an ornament to his Country as well as Family. But to  
their unspeakable loss He died at Westminster School.  
Mar 6 1731. Aged 18.'

I am,  
Yours truly,  
JOHN ASTON.

To the Editor of the 'Elizabethan.'

The Union Society,  
Cambridge.

October 8, 1910.

SIR,—It is not, we believe, widely known at Westminster that there are other close exhibitions to Cambridge besides those for which Major Candidates compete. At Corpus Christi College there are two Archbishop Parker exhibitions, of the value of £30 each with rooms rent free, awarded annually to scholars from Westminster School or from Canterbury; and at St. John's College there is one Marquis of Salisbury exhibition of £10 a year, tenable till B.A. standing, awarded annually to a scholar nominated by the Marquis of Salisbury from Westminster School or from Hoddesden School. Many members of the School would surely be glad to know of the existence of these exhibitions; would it not be possible to bring them into more prominent notice?

We remain, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
TWO CAMBRIDGE OLD WESTMINSTERS.

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*Floreat.*