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## STATION.

OF all Westminster institutions there is none which is regarded with such a variety of feelings by the different sections of the School as this. There are fellows who throughout their stay regard it as an unmitigated nuisance, and are heartily thankful when they get (or rather got, for things are changed) old enough or high enough up in the School to be off the station list. Now, by a very sensible rule, everybody except the Sixth and Seventh is on the station list, and even the illustrious members of the sixth are liable to be put on it if they take too much advantage of their privilege. Also much has been done to improve the games. Station begins at ten minutes to two, and so there is a greater chance of each side getting a fairly long innings, as even with fellows looking after the games it was difficult to get them started in any sort of time. It is the general

opinion that the revival of this system of supervision is one of the greatest improvements, and the masters cannot be too greatly thanked for their active support in this respect. It is rather hard on them, however, that they should have to take so much trouble, and yet those responsible for the School cricket team should care (to all appearances) so very little for their efforts. This is the only chance that the smaller fellows have of showing what they can do, as they never have the chance of being bowled to by a professional, although one was originally supposed to be for this purpose, unless by some unusual piece of luck. Another evil is the present poor state of fielding, as there is a decided tendency throughout the School to be lazy and slovenly, and the eleven, from neglect of this important branch of the game, do not always bear comparison with visiting teams. Again, there is no encouragement given to any rising bowler, if there be one with enough natural talent in him to attract notice; this must

be by his own unaided efforts, for in house games if he plays he has but a poor chance of being put on, as the captains of the sides usually bowl themselves as long as possible, and certainly longer than they ought to. At the most he may perhaps get three or four overs, and even if he gets a wicket it is regarded as luck or disregarded entirely. It will thus be seen that the inducements to playing up hard are very few, and the natural result is that station is not looked upon as the pleasure which it should be and could be to everybody. It has always been said that more energy is wanted, but no one seems to have any ideas as to how it can be gained, and undoubtedly it is a difficult question; but one thing is certain, that without encouragement it is impossible to expect any average person to be energetic. These disadvantages are shared by boarders and home boarders alike. Both have the same lack of encouragement, and although the boarder has more cricket than the half-boarder, yet he has only himself to thank for any progress he may make. Occasionally a great wave of energy comes over some one. He sees something rather good done, and immediately he blazes abroad with great vigour that 'So-and-so is the best bat in the School,' and so forth. On investigation this rumour turns out to be utterly wrong, and the result is that the originator is so laughed at, privately if not openly, that few think it worth their while to run the risk of the same ridicule by recommending anyone to notice, although a worthy object of attention. The fact of station not being such an object of aversion as it was some time ago, shows that cricket is being played now more through pure love of the game, and not that greater facilities for advancement are held out than there were formerly, and this shows that there is a feeling in the School which if it could only be encouraged would most certainly lead to a brilliant future. And why not encourage it?

## WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

### NO. 44.—SIR THOMAS HANMER, BART.

THERE have been two creations of the Hanmer Baronetcy; the one dating from Sir John Hanmer who was created a baronet in 1620, and the other from Walden Hanmer, created in 1774. The subject of our present sketch belonged to the earlier creation,

of which he was the fourth baronet, and with him the first baronetcy became extinct. The family name was territorial, as the original name 'de Hanmere' implies. The surname as at present spelt was assumed by an ancestor in the reign of Henry III., from which date to the death of Sir Thomas Hanmer in 1746 there was an unbroken succession in the male line. It is not necessary to allude to Sir Thomas's ancestry prior to the creation of the baronetcy beyond stating generally that several of them attained distinction. Of his more immediate ancestry his grandfather, Sir Thomas, the only son of the first baronet, was cup-bearer to Charles I.; his uncle, Sir John Hanmer, served under William III. at the Battle of the Boyne, and at the time of his death was a major-general in the army.

The future Speaker of the House of Commons was born on September 24, 1677, and was the son of William Hanmer, the eldest son of the second baronet by his second marriage. His mother was Peregrine, the daughter of Sir Henry North, Bart., of Mildenhall, county Suffolk. Born at Bettisfield Park, Flintshire, which was the seat of his grandfather, he received his education at Westminster School, and from there he passed on to Christ Church, Oxford. As appears to be the case with regard to most Old Westminsters, little seems to be known of the school and college days of Sir Thomas Hanmer. The extent of the available information is apparently limited to the two facts—that at the University he had as his tutor Dr. Robert Freind, another O.W., and that he left without taking a degree.

Before his succession to the baronetcy Hanmer had inherited the property of the Norths at Mildenhall in right of his mother. Consequent on the death of his father in the year 1695, he became heir to the baronetcy, and when his uncle, Sir John Hanmer, died in 1701 he succeeded as fourth baronet. In this same year we find him in Parliament, when at the General Election he was returned for the two boroughs of Flint and Thetford. There can be little doubt that this was owing to his local interests, as both boroughs are in the county which claimed his birth and his ancestral seat. He elected to sit for Thetford, but in the subsequent Parliament we find him returned for his native county instead. In his early parliamentary career Hanmer does not appear to have taken a very active part. The borough of Thetford again returned him as its member at the General Election of 1705, and he remained its representative until 1708, when he was returned for the county of Suffolk. This county he continued to represent as long as he remained in Parliament. His interest is, of course, traced to the territorial possessions of the North family, which came to the Hanmer family through his mother, and perhaps he thought that it would not be right to ignore the claims which this county had upon him.

For the purpose of the present sketch it is hardly necessary to go into the story of the numerous political wrangles and intrigues which constituted

the normal condition of politics in Queen Anne's reign. Treated as a whole, it must be admitted that the story is somewhat bewildering, but when dealt with disconnectedly its intelligibility is seriously threatened. Queen Anne, the last of the Stuarts, reserved to herself the right of constituting her Government as she chose, and of dismissing her ministers at pleasure; and through the instrumentality of the Duchess of Marlborough ('Mrs. Freeman'), and subsequently of her rival, Lady Masham, she was at all times open to the persuasions and intrigues of those ministers who used their favourites as the instruments for advancing their several claims. It was from one of these occasions that Sir Thomas Hanmer's prominence in Parliament may be dated. Through the machinations of Harley, afterwards Earl of Oxford, who sought to bring about the overthrow of the Ministry in 1710, and who brought every pressure to bear upon the Queen with this view, Godolphin was dismissed from his office, and the Treasury was put into commission. The position of one of the Commissioners was offered by the Duke of Shrewsbury to Sir Thomas Hanmer, but was declined. He was appointed, however, in 1712 Chairman of the Committee formed to report on the state of the nation, and in that capacity he drew up the report justifying the conduct of the Tories. In April 1712 he accompanied the Duke of Ormonde to Flanders, when the Duke was appointed Captain-General in the place of Marlborough; and he was subsequently sent on to Paris, 'where he was received by the King of France's orders like a prince. Never had a private man such honours paid him.'

Hanmer was attached to the Hanoverian succession, and carried on a correspondence with the Electress Sophia. He was one of the Hanover Tories whom Lord Bolingbroke nicknamed 'The Whimsicals.' Attempts to enlist him on the side of the Pretender while in France proved ineffectual. On several occasions he was pressed to take office, though without success. About a year prior to his election to the chair, and not long after his return from abroad, Hanmer was described by Swift in one of his letters as 'the most considerable man in the House of Commons;' and it is not surprising, therefore, to hear of his being selected as Speaker on February 16, 1714, upon the promotion of William Bromley as one of the Secretaries of State. His cousin, Lord Harvey, subsequently Earl of Bristol, added his entreaties to those of his other friends, and we quote the following words from a letter written by him:

'The Chair of the House of Commons is the only public post I could at present congratulate you upon, since there I am sure you may maintain that noble figure my friendship wisheth and my great opinion of your virtue expects from you.\*'

Besides Charles Abbot, Lord Colchester, Hanmer was the only Old Westminster who presided over the

House of Commons as Speaker. From the fact that his election was without opposition we may fairly conclude that his fitness for the post was generally admitted, though at the present day no such admission unfortunately would have any influence on the voting capacity of the House of Commons.

Hanmer was only destined to preside over the House for a few months. While he was absent at his country seat, he received intelligence on August 1, 1714, of the serious illness of Queen Anne, and was recalled to London in case her illness should prove fatal. Hanmer at once obeyed the summons, but before he could reach London the Queen died. He continued to preside during the short session which terminated on August 25; but when the new Parliament met the following year, Spencer Compton, the nominee of the Whigs, was elected Speaker in his place. Although at one time Hanmer was a somewhat active member in the House, from the date of his vacation of the Chair his interest gradually became lessened, and in July 1727 he resigned his seat in Parliament and retired from the political world.

The greater part of the remainder of his life was devoted to the country, where he occupied himself with his garden and with literature. His connection with literature practically rests upon his edition of Shakespeare's works, which appeared 1743-4. It was in six volumes, with engravings and 'adorned with sculptures.' The copyright and manuscript was presented by him to Oxford University, and it was printed there. Various accounts as to the merits of the edition have been handed down, but these need not be discussed at this distance of time. Scholarly knowledge of Shakespeare has made rapid strides since 1744, and Hanmer's edition would now be a long way behind in the running. In outward appearance the edition would seem to have been suitable to the interest of the subject. According to Dibdin it was the first edition of Shakespeare which had 'appeared in splendid typographical form' William Collins, the poet, wrote some verses upon the edition.

Sir Thomas was twice married, but, as he had no issue by either marriage, the baronetcy, as has already been stated, became extinct on his death. His first marriage took place in October 1698, when he married Isabel, Dowager Duchess of Grafton, the widow of the first Duke, and the daughter of Henry Bennet, Earl of Arlington. He lost his wife in February 1723, and two years later he married, as his second wife, Elizabeth, only daughter of Thomas Folkes, of Barton, Suffolk, who afterwards eloped with the second son of the first Earl of Bristol.

In his sixty-eighth year Sir Thomas Hanmer died at Mildenhall; the exact date of his death being May 7, 1746. He was buried in the chancel of Hanmer Church, where a white marble monument, somewhat embellished, was erected to his memory, with a Latin inscription from the pen of Dr. Robert Freind. The chancel itself was rebuilt by Sir

\* Manning's 'Lives of the Speakers of the House of Commons,' p. 425.

Thomas in 1720. Below is appended a copy of the inscription, which has been sent to me by the courtesy of the Rev. Hugh Hanmer, the present Vicar, and I venture to think that it is worth reprinting here, as, owing to the practically total destruction of the church by fire on Sunday, February 10, 1889, the monument to Sir Thomas Hanmer was considerably damaged, if not completely destroyed, though there would appear to be some doubt upon this point.

Honorabilis admodum Thomas Hanmer Baronettus,  
Wilhelmi Hanmer armigeri e Peregrina Henrici North  
de Mildenhall in Com. Suffolciæ Baronetti sorore et  
hærede Filius,

Johannis Hanmer de Hanmer Baronetti

Hæres Patruelis,

Antiquo Gentis suæ et titulo et patrimonio successit.

Duas Uxores sortitus est,

Alteram Isabelam honore e patre derivato de

Arlington Comitissam,

Deinde celsissimi principis Ducis de Grafton viduam  
dotatam ;

Aleram Elizabetham Thomæ Folkes de Barton in

Com. Suff. Armigeri

Filiam et Hæredem.

Inter humanitatis studia feliciter enutritus,

Omnes liberalium artium disciplinas avide arripuit,  
quas morum suavitate haud leviter ornavit.

Postquam excessit ex ephebis,

continuo inter populos suos fama eminens,  
et Comitatus sui legatus ad Parliamentum missus  
ad ardua Regni negotia per Annos prope triginta  
se accinxit ;

Cumque apud illos amplissimorum virorum ordines  
soleret nihil temere effutire.

sed probe perpensa diserte expromere

Orator gravis et pressus

non minus integritatis quam eloquentiæ laude  
commendatus

æque omnium utcumque inter se a'isque dissidentium  
aures atque animos attraxit.

Annoque demum MDCCXIII regnante Anna

Felicissimæ florentissimæque memoria Regina

ad Prolocutoris cathedram

communi senatus universi voce designatus est,

Quod Munus

cum nullo tempore non difficile

tum illo certe negotiis

et variis et lubricis et implicatis difficillimum

cum dignitate sustinuit.

Honores alios et omnia quæ sibi in lucrum cederent

munera sedulo detraxit,

ut Rei totus inserviret Publicæ,

Justi Rectique Tenax

et fide in Patriam incorrupta notus.

Ubi omnibus quæ virum civemque bonum decent

officiis satisfecit,

paulatim se de publicis Consiliis in otium recipiens,  
inter literarum amenitates,

inter ante actæ vitæ haud insuaves ecorationes,

inter amicorum convictus est amplexus

honorifice consenuit,

et bonis omnibus quibus Charissimus vixit

Desideratissimus obiit.

A paraphrase of this inscription appeared in the 'Gentleman's Magazine' for the year 1747, and is generally attributed to Dr. Johnson. From this paraphrase we select the following lines, which set forth one of his chief characteristics :

Strict on the right he fix'd his steadfast eye,  
With temperate zeal and wise anxiety ;  
Nor e'er from virtue's paths was lur'd aside,  
To pluck the flowers of pleasure and of pride.

This paraphrastically explains the Speaker's motto, 'Gardez d'honneur.' To act up to this motto, politically, in the times in which it was his lot to live was no small merit, and it would certainly be advantageous from a public point of view if there were more at the present day who followed his example. Sir Thomas was a type of the old-fashioned country gentleman. The contemporary opinion of a man is often most to be relied upon when traced to a humble source. We do not think, therefore, that we can do better than conclude with the following picture of the baronet in his own county verbally portrayed to Sir Henry Bunbury by a yeoman at Mildenhall, whose father was one of the tenants on the estate. He was described as

A portly old gentleman, of a very stately carriage, accustomed to walk solemnly to church twice on every Sunday, followed by all his servants, and moving from his iron gates to the porch of the church between two ranks of his tenants and adherents, who stood, hat in hand, bowing reverently low, while the great man acknowledged their salutations by a few words and a dignified condescension. He was strict, but just, towards his tenants, and they respected him ; he was kind and liberal to the poor, and they loved him.

Some may smile at this description, but it is open to question whether the country is the better for the more or less disappearance of the old-fashioned country gentleman of the type of Sir Thomas Hanmer. Such a loss falls by no means the least upon the poorer classes in the country, though they may not yet appreciate it. It is not the intention of so-called reformers that they should awake to this fact.

It may be added that Sir Thomas Hanmer's portrait was twice painted by Kneller. One of these—a full-length portrait of him in his robes as Speaker—is at the family seat at Bettisfield.

URLAD.

### School Notes.

It was discovered that the late play annually given by the Busby Trustees had been overlooked, and the exeat was therefore lengthened, beginning at 1 P.M. on Thursday, June 13, instead of 4 P.M.

In the honours lists at Cambridge, Westminster has done exceedingly well. We beg to congratulate A. Y. G. Campbell on a first class in the second part of the Mathematical Tripos, and also on gaining the Tyson medal ; E. H. Marsh on a first class, with distinction in the second part of the Classical Tripos ; J. S. Shearme on a first class, third division, in the first part of the Classical Tripos ; and F. B. Sherring

\* Manning's 'Lives of the Speakers,' p. 429.

on being placed first in the Law Tripos and gaining the George Long prize.

We congratulate A. C. Nesbitt (O.W.) on winning the 1 mile and 10 mile bicycle races for Oxford University against London.

Orations were held Up School on Tuesday, June 11, at 1.30 P.M., the piece set being Swinburne's 'England.' None of the competitors were as good as usual, R. H. Phillimore being placed first, and G. F. Martin and H. R. Lonsdale equal second. Martin has secured the highest aggregate of marks in all the trials, and therefore receives the prize.

The following is the cricket card filled in up to date :

	WESTMINSTER	OPONENTS
May 4, Sat., v. Incogniti (lost by 62 runs)	60	122
" 11, " v. Blackheath (lost by 142 runs)	75-47	217 (6 wkts.)
" 18, " v. Kensington Park (lost by 177 runs)	98	(inn.decl.closed) 275
" 25, " v. Lords and Commons (lost by 8 runs and 4 wickets)	191	199 (6 wkts.)
June 1, " v. Upper Tooting (lost by 4 runs)	149	153-62 (5 wkts.)
" 7 & 8, Fri. & Sat., v. Charterhouse (lost by an innings and 66 runs)	173-130	369
" 22, Sat., v. Old Carthusians (won by 107 runs)	151	44-130 (6 wkts.)
" 26, Wed., v. West Kent (won by 12 runs)	112-129	100
" 29, Sat., v. Oxford University Athletics.		
July 6, " v. M.C.C.		
" 13, " v. Old Westminsters.		
" 29, Mon., Q.S.S. v. T.B.B.		

In the Union Societies at Oxford and Cambridge, J. S. Phillimore is President of the former, and D. Shearme Vice-President of the latter. R. Balfour was elected head on to the Committee of the latter.

The theses for Hall epigrams are :

Ab hoste doceri.  
Τὸ σπάνιον τίμιον.

Contributions to the book must be sent in to the Master of Q.S.S. before Saturday, July 6.

The theses for Up School epigrams are :

Οἶδα Σίμωνα καὶ Σίμων ἔμε.  
Noblesse oblige.

Epigrams should be sent in to the Head Master before 10 o'clock on Election Tuesday.

A. R. Severn has been playing for the House, and on one occasion scored 188.

Mr. Nall has resigned his presidency of the Games Committee. The Head Master has nominated Mr. Tanner in his place.

We beg to insert the following, though rather late :

December 21, 1894 (St. Thomas's Day), at Christ Church Cathedral, C. J. N. Page (O.W.) was ordained

deacon, and licensed to a curacy in the parish of St. Edbury, Bicester, Oxon.

We hope with our next number to publish a title-page and index to Vol. VII.

## THE CONCERT.

THE Concert of 1895 will certainly be long remembered by all who were present as the best that has been given 'Up School' for many years. The programme had been made as interesting as possible, and the audience also were as numerous and appreciative as they well could be. Of late years we have always had one element of the concert to find fault with, the trebles, but none who heard such excellent singing in the choruses this year on the part of the trebles could possibly speak of them with anything but praise ; this is all the more noticeable because 'Macbeth' is by no means easy, and contains some difficult treble leads, almost all of which were taken up with great precision. The School was as strong in basses this year as it has ever been, there being among them some very powerful voices ; they all did their share of the work, and did it well. Tenors of any kind were rare, as only four could be found in the School ; they were however, very ably supported by W. S. Rawson, Esq., and G. Howlett, Esq., while F. B. Ranalow, Esq., rendered most valuable assistance to the basses. The altos were very few, but thoroughly reliable, and did their work excellently.

The concert opened with 'The March of the Priests,' played by the orchestra. A very able rendering of 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' showed that the chorus were distinctly above the average ; this part song was the most difficult piece of work the chorus had to do, and its success augured well for the remainder of the programme. The next item was a French song, given with the highest finish by W. S. Rawson, Esq. ; the song suited Mr. Rawson's voice admirably. Later in the evening Mr. Rawson sang an old English song, with chorus, entitled 'The Crocodile,' which was greatly appreciated. The duet that followed, 'O wert thou in the cauld blast,' sung by B. C. Boulter and W. C. Mayne, must have been well known to most of the audience ; the two voices blended excellently together. The School is to be complimented on possessing such a pianist as E. Cooper ; he has a firm touch, and plays with a great deal of expression. His two solos were well selected. Once again Mr. Viner lent his valuable assistance ; his two songs were both very pleasingly rendered, and if we might mention one as being especially suited to him, we should select his second, 'The snowy-breasted Pearl.' It is some time since we have heard 'Up-School' such a soprano as M. W. Gloag ; his voice, especially in his high notes, is wonderfully sweet. Considering his years, the confidence with which he sang was remarkable ; his first song, 'Tis I,' was

especially well sung, and was received with loud applause. H. V. Anthony, Esq., whose sympathetic playing we most of us remember, again showed by his careful rendering of Vieuxtemps' 'Rêverie' that none of his old skill had deserted him; he was deservedly encored. 'An Old Rat's Tale' was the next item on the programme. The singers were evidently quite at home with the music, the parts being promptly taken up. If any fault could be found, it was that the singers were hardly humorous enough. A cleverly written song, 'O my Luve's like a red red Rose,' by Coryton Mayne, was admirably rendered by his brother. The first part of the programme concluded with 'The Haven,' a part song which was very effective, owing to the amount of colouring introduced. After an interval of five minutes the chorus opened the second part with Eaton Fanning's part song, 'The Miller's Wooing,' Sullivan's charming song, 'O Mistress Mine,' was very well rendered by B. C. Boulter, though it was evident that he felt nervous. Perhaps the least successful item was Mendelssohn's 'May Song'; all the parts had a slight tendency to flatten. This was followed by two songs by F. B. Ranalow, Esq., who had come down at great personal inconvenience. Never have we heard Mr. Ranalow's voice to better effect. As was natural, he was most enthusiastically received, and sang as an encore, 'If thou wert blind.' The well-known selections from 'Macbeth' were next given. On this work the chorus must be heartily congratulated. They showed perfect confidence in their parts; and in some of the stirring choruses were undoubtedly heard at their best; the solos too throughout the work were very effectively given by F. B. Ranalow, Esq., W. S. Rawson, Esq., and M. W. Gloag. Any account of the concert would be incomplete without some acknowledgment of the trouble and pains which Mr. Ranalow has spent on the training of the voices. We can only say that any success which the concert has obtained is entirely due to his unselfish efforts and untiring energy. The concert arrangements were admirably carried out by the stewards. After the concert the Head Master and Mrs. Rutherford very kindly entertained all the singers at their house. We give the programme:

## PROGRAMME.

## PART I.

1. PART SONG 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' ... *Jackson.*
2. SONG ... 'Chanson d'Amour' ... *Chaminade.*  
W. S. RAWSON, Esq.
3. DUET 'O wert thou in the cauld blast' *Mendelssohn.*  
B. C. BOULTER and W. C. MAYNE.
4. PIANOFORTE SOLO { (a) 'Allegro Valse' } *E. Del Valle de Paz.*  
{ (b) 'Suite Italienne' }  
E. H. M. COOPER.
5. SONG ... 'Thy Sentinel am I' *Michael Watson.*  
G. H. VINER, Esq.
6. SONG ... 'Tis I' ... *Pinsuti.*  
M. W. GLOAG.
7. VIOLIN SOLO ... 'Rêverie' ... *Vieuxtemps.*  
H. V. ANTHONY.
8. HUMOROUS PART SONG 'An Old Rat's Tale' *J. F. Bridge.*

9. SONG 'O my Luve's like a red red Rose' *Coryton Mayne.*  
W. C. MAYNE.
10. PART SONG ... 'The Haven' ... *Barnby.*

## PART II.

1. PART SONG 'The Miller's Wooing' *Eaton Fanning.*
2. SONG (with chorus) 'The Crocodile' ... *Old English.*  
W. S. RAWSON, Esq.
3. SONG ... 'My pretty Fisher Maiden' ... *Meyerbeer.*  
M. W. GLOAG.
4. SONG ... 'O Mistress Mine' ... *Sullivan.*  
B. C. BOULTER.
5. SONG ... 'The snowy-breasted Pearl' *J. Robinson.*  
G. H. VINER, Esq.
6. PART SONG ... 'May Song' ... *Mendelssohn.*
7. SONGS ... { (a) 'Oh promise Me' ... *Reginald de Koren.*  
{ (b) 'The Double Loss' ... *Meyer Helmund.*  
F. B. RANALOW, Esq.
8. .. 'Selections from Macbeth' *Matthew Locke.*

## THE FIELDS.

## XI. v. NEXT XXII.

THIS match was played on Wednesday, May 8, and continued on Monday, May 13. The twenty-two batted first and were all out for 131, of which no less than 43 were byes. Hogarth played well for 15, but no one else did much with the exception of Maughan and Sheringham, who put on 37 for the twelfth wicket. Fox took 6 wickets for only 10 runs. When play ended on the Wednesday the Eleven had scored 62 for the loss of 4 wickets, Probyn being not out 31. On the Monday Probyn was quickly disposed of, but More increased his score to 42 before being bowled, and Whittow hit finely, he and Blaker adding 57 without being separated. Stumps were drawn with the score 183 for 7 wickets, Whittow being not out 66. None of the Twenty-two bowled particularly well, Kirkpatrick having the best analysis with 3 wickets for 30. Score:

## THE XXII.

C. F. Armstrong, b. Probyn	8
A. P. Day, run out	5
A. H. Hogarth, b. Whittow	15
A. Berens, l. b. w., b. Probyn	3
W. A. E. Stamp, b. Whittow	1
E. H. Waterfield, b. Probyn	1
H. J. Kirkpatrick, b. Probyn	0
H. B. Templer, b. Whittow	2
C. R. Beaven, b. Probyn	0
T. H. Corfield, b. Whittow	0
S. L. T. Taswell, b. Whittow	0
B. Maughan, st. Moon, b. Fox	23
H. T. Sheringham, run out	8
H. C. Lecky, c. Moon, b. Fox	0
K. R. Barnes, b. Murray	0
H. S. W. Haweis, c. Beasley, b. Fox	7
S. M. Anderson, c., & b. Fox	7
H. Y. Langhorne, b. Probyn	2
H. R. Flack, not out	1
E. Æ. Cotterell, b. Probyn	0
F. Young, b. Fox	0
W. V. Rayner, b. Fox	0
Byes 43, l. b. 2, wide 3	48
Total	131

THE XI.

L. J. Moon, b. Kirkpatrick .....	10
S. C. Probyn, c. Hogarth, b. Kirkpatrick .....	31
H. O. C. Beasley, c. Lecky, b. Berens .....	0
W. F. Fox, l.b.w., b. Berens .....	7
C. Van der Gucht, b. Kirkpatrick .....	0
R. E. More, b. Anderson .....	42
A. Whittow, not out .....	66
G. F. Martin, c. Langhorne, b. Corfield .....	2
R. N. R. Blaker, run out .....	9
R. E. Murray } did not bat.	
R. O. Barnett } .....	16

Byes 12, l.b. 2, wide 2..... 16

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE XXII.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More .....	4	0	18	0
S. C. Probyn .....	22	14	20	7
A. Whittow.....	15	5	25	5
R. E. Murray .....	4	1	10	2
W. F. Fox .....	74	10	10	6

THE XI.

A. Berens .....	16	4	39	2
C. R. Beaven .....	8	3	12	0
H. J. Kirkpatrick .....	9	1	30	3
H. B. Templer .....	2	0	6	0
H. T. Sheringham .....	3	0	8	0
T. H. Corfield .....	7	1	15	1
S. M. Anderson .....	4	0	19	1
H. R. Flack .....	4	1	12	0
B. Maughan.....	2	0	14	0
S. L. T. Taswell.....	2	0	12	0

WESTMINSTER v. KENSINGTON PARK.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Saturday, May 18, in cheerless weather, Fisher being still away. Whittow again proved successful in winning the toss, but decided to put the visitors in, a step which was not justified by results. Nicholas and Lee were the first pair, Probyn and Whittow bowling. Eighteen runs were scored, when Whittow clean bowled Nicholas for 6. Scott now joined Lee, and some lively cricket was witnessed. The new-comer hit Probyn finely for 6, while Lee scored a couple of 4's from each bowler. By this means the total reached 52, when Lee was bowled for 28; and 2 runs only had been added when Scott called Holt for an impossible run, and the latter was easily run out. Immediately afterwards Campbell was secured at slip, 4 wickets being now down for 55. Abney came in, and the score was raised to 74, when Scott was bowled by Probyn, just as he seemed set. At 80 Abney fell to a fine running catch at mid-on by Blaker. Blake and Seaton were now associated, and an excellent stand was made. At 99 More went on for Whittow, but Seaton hit each bowler for 5, and the total was quickly taken to 121, when the adjournment for lunch took place. On resuming More and Probyn were still the bowlers, both meeting with severe treatment at the hands of Seaton, who twice hit More for 5, bringing on Kirkpatrick at 157; this,

however, did not diminish the rate of scoring, and all hopes of getting them out for under 200 speedily disappeared. At 218 a double change was tried, Fox and Murray going on. At last, when 167 runs had been added for the wicket, Fox with a good ball bowled Blake for a well-played 46. Fox was now bowling well, and for six overs in succession no run was scored off him. At 268 Seaton's long innings was brought to a close, Moon stumping him off Fox's bowling. The retiring batsman had scored 117 in just over two hours by sterling cricket: his chief hits were five 5's, nine 4's, and seven 3's. The ninth wicket fell at 275, and the innings now closed, as Wade failed to turn up. Of the bowlers tried, Fox was much the most successful, his 3 wickets costing just 6 runs apiece. Moon and Probyn, as usual, opened our innings, Abney and Thompson being the bowlers. The start was ominous, as only four runs had been scored when Probyn was unfortunately run out through a misunderstanding. Beasley left at 18, but Fox rendered Moon valuable assistance; the latter made several good hits, including a 7 off Abney. At 47, however, he lost Fox, and at 52 Whittow, after making 4, was caught at the wicket. With the score unaltered Moon was caught and bowled for a useful 28. The remainder of the innings calls for little description, no one except Van der Gucht offering any resistance to the bowling. The venture closed for 99, Van der Gucht being last out for a well-played 20. Abney and Thompson bowled unchanged, the former having the best analysis with 5 wickets for 42. The School thus suffered an overwhelming defeat by 176 runs. Score:

KENSINGTON PARK.

M. A. Nicholas, b. Whittow .....	6
D. C. Lee, b. Probyn .....	28
W. J. Scott, b. Probyn.....	25
A. Holt, run out .....	0
G. H. Campbell, c. Whittow, b. Probyn .....	0
L. E. G. Abney, c. Blaker, b. Whittow .....	14
C. H. Blake, b. Fox.....	46
E. H. Seaton, st. Moon, b. Fox.....	117
C. F. Wade, absent .....	0
H. D. Nicholas, c. Van der Gucht, b. Fox .....	6
Graham Thompson, not out.....	3
Byes 28, leg-byes 2 .....	30
Total .....	275

WESTMINSTER.

L. J. Moon, c. and b. Abney .....	28
S. C. Probyn, run out .....	1
H. O. C. Beasley, b. Graham Thompson .....	6
W. F. Fox, b. Abney .....	12
A. Whittow, c. M. Nicholas, b. Thompson .....	4
C. Van der Gucht, b. Abney .....	20
R. E. More, b. Graham Thompson .....	5
R. E. Murray, b. Abney .....	4
G. F. Martin, b. Abney .....	0
H. J. Kirkpatrick, b. Graham-Thompson .....	0
R. N. Blaker, not out .....	6
Byes .....	13
Total .....	99

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## KENSINGTON PARK.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
S. C. Probyn.....	23	6	69	3
A. Whittow .....	21	6	57	2
R. E. More .....	12	2	43	0
H. J. Kirkpatrick .....	5	0	31	0
W. F. Fox.....	13.4	7	18	3
R. E. Murray .....	9	1	25	0

## WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
L. E. G. Abney.....	19.4	8	42	5
Graham Thompson .....	19	5	44	4

## WESTMINSTER v. LORDS AND COMMONS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on May 25, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 runs, with 4 wickets to spare. Fisher, who now reappeared in the team, won the toss and took first innings, sending in Moon and Probyn to face the bowling of Titchmarsh and Forster. The latter's first over was sensational, no less than seven wides coming from it. Titchmarsh then, after being hit for 11 in one over by Moon, got rid of Probyn. Fisher failed to score, but a useful stand was made by Moon and Van der Gucht. The total quickly reached 55, when Forster handed the ball to Viscount Chelsea, off whose first ball Moon, who was doing most of the scoring, made a magnificent hit to leg for 7; but at 93, when the partnership had yielded 70 runs, he was bowled by Titchmarsh; he had played a faultless innings of 66, in which were one 7, one 5, and five 4's. Beasley came in and at once made matters lively, hitting Poynder to leg for 6, bringing up the hundred. At lunch time the total was 121 for 3 wickets. Almost immediately afterwards Van der Gucht left for a careful 17. Fox helped Beasley to take the score to 148 and then obstructed his wicket. Beasley did not stay much longer, being caught for a lucky innings of 34. No one else did much, though Murray and Martin added 14 for the last wicket, the venture closing for 191. Titchmarsh bowled throughout the innings, his 7 wickets costing 64 runs. Forster and Pease opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Fisher and Probyn. In his third over Fisher got rid of Pease for 2, the total being 16, and at 42 Viscount Chelsea was bowled by Probyn. Lord Willoughby d'Eresby and Forster then made a prolonged stand, bringing on More and Whittow. Forster was missed by Van der Gucht when his score was 55, but at 110 Lord Willoughby was bowled by Fisher. Poynder did not stay long, and at 134 Forster was run out. His 73, which was not free from faults, included seven 4's and seven 3's. With Leese in, Titchmarsh gave a lot of trouble, though Fox should have caught him when he had made 16. At 187 Murray went on and succeeded in bowling Leese at 191. Stumps were drawn with the score 199 for 6 wickets, Titchmarsh, who had a good deal of luck, being not out 49. No one bowled particularly well, though Murray secured one wicket for no runs; the fielding left

much to be desired, several catches being dropped. Score :

## WESTMINSTER.

L. J. Moon, b. Titchmarsh .....	66
S. C. Probyn, b. Titchmarsh .....	2
C. D. Fisher, b. Titchmarsh .....	0
C. Van der Gucht, b. Titchmarsh .....	17
H. O. C. Beasley, c. Pease, b. Titchmarsh .....	34
W. F. Fox, l.b.w., b. Forster .....	8
R. N. Blaker, c. Titchmarsh, b. Forster .....	0
A. Whittow, c. and b. Forster.....	9
R. E. More, c. and b. Titchmarsh .....	8
R. E. Murray, not out .....	10
G. F. Martin, b. Titchmarsh .....	9
Byes 13, leg-byes 5, wides 8, no balls 2 ...	28

Total ..... 191

## LORDS AND COMMONS.

H. W. Forster, run out .....	73
G. A. Pease, b. Fisher .....	2
Viscount Chelsea, b. Probyn .....	9
Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, b. Fisher.....	24
Sir G. D. Poynder, b. Probyn.....	10
Titchmarsh, not out .....	49
Sir G. F. Leese, b. Murray .....	9
A. E. Hutton, not out .....	0
E. Hulse,	} did not bat.
R. K. Causton,	
W. H. Long	
Byes 20, leg-byes 2 .....	22

Total (6 wickets) ..... 199

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Titchmarsh .....	32.4	6	64	7
H. W. Forster .....	35	6	58	3
Viscount Chelsea.....	3	0	20	0
Sir G. D. Poynder.....	6	0	21	0

## LORDS AND COMMONS

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
C. D. Fisher .....	13	2	61	2
S. C. Probyn .....	15	5	36	2
R. E. More .....	12	2	43	0
R. E. Murray .....	2	2	0	1
A. Whittow.....	7	0	30	0
W. F. Fox .....	2	0	7	0

## WESTMINSTER v. UPPER TOOTING.

On June 1, Upper Tooting with the aid of their umpire managed to beat us by the small margin of 4 runs. The visitors, no less than seven of whom were Old Westminsters, won the toss, and Probyn and Fisher bowled to Thorne and Harvey. At 24 Fisher bowled Thorne for 8, and Allen came in. The total reached 43 when More took the ball from Probyn, and with his first delivery clean bowled Allen. Bartley and Harvey were now associated, and the score was taken to 76, when Harvey was bowled for a useful 35. Bartley was apparently stumped before he had scored, but the umpire took a different view. No one else did anything, though Titcomb was in a long time for 5. The innings closed for 153, Bartley carrying out his bat for 61; he never seemed comfortable and was missed more than once. More was the most successful bowler, his 4 wickets costing 6½



runs apiece. Moon and Probyn as usual opened our innings, and Lindsay and Bartley bowled. Moon began well, hitting Bartley for 5, but in his next over that bowler dismissed Probyn for 2. Van der Gucht came in and seemed to be in good form, but just as he appeared set he was run out, a fate which befell Fisher six runs later, three wickets being down for 41. Moon and Beasley improved matters somewhat, although both had escapes at the hands of Titcomb. At 81 Harvey bowled Moon for a well-played innings of 42. Beasley left at 98 and Whittow at 104, and though Fox played steadily, eight wickets were down for 108 and all seemed over. However, Blaker and Murray offered an unexpected resistance and looked as if they would knock off the runs, but at 149 Murray skied one into the hands of slip. This was the last ball of the over, but their umpire now gave Harvey a sixth ball with which he bowled Martin, and the innings closed for 149. The fielding of the visitors was far from good; of the bowlers, Bartley was best, with 3 wickets for 38 runs.

UPPER TOOTING.

F. G. Thorne, b. Fisher .....	8
R. M. Harvey, b. More .....	35
A. A. Allen, b. More .....	15
D. C. Bartley, not out .....	61
J. A. Willett, run out .....	3
J. G. Veitch, b. More .....	0
J. H. Lindsay, b. Probyn.....	9
H. B. Willett, st. Moon, b. Probyn .....	2
J. A. Titcomb, b. Probyn .....	5
F. C. Ryde, c. and b. Fisher .....	3
G. P. Allen, b. More .....	4
Byes 6, leg-byes 2.....	8
Total.....	153

WESTMINSTER.

L. J. Moon, b. Harvey .....	42
S. C. Probyn, b. Bartley .....	2
C. Van der Gucht, run out .....	11
C. D. Fisher, run out .....	4
H. O. C. Beasley, b. Bartley .....	24
A. Whittow, b. Bartley.....	1
W. F. Fox, c. Bartley, b. Lindsay.....	11
R. E. More, b. Lindsay .....	2
R. N. Baker, not out .....	29
R. E. Murray, c. Lindsay, b. Harvey .....	10
G. F. Martin, b. Harvey .....	0
Byes 10, leg-byes 3 .....	13
Total.....	149

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

UPPER TOOTING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
S. C. Probyn .....	18	4	39	3
C. D. Fisher .....	16	2	50	2
R. E. More .....	11 3	4	26	4
A. Whittow .....	4	0	19	0
W. F. Fox .....	3	0	11	0

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
J. H. Lindsay .....	21	7	45	2
D. C. Bartley .....	18	4	38	3
R. M. Harvey.....	12	0	41	3
J. H. Titcomb.....	4	1	12	0

JUNIOR RIGAUDS v. JUNIOR H.B.B.

H.B.B. won the toss, and sent in McCaskie and Maughan to the bowling of Cunningham and Barnes. A sensational start was made, Cunningham clean bowling McCaskie and Anderson with the first two balls of the match. Maughan and Corfield were then associated, and took the score to 94 before Corfield was dismissed for a vigorous 32. Jones stayed some time, but was got rid of at 129. Howarth was bowled by Willett's first ball for 0. Hudson and F. Corfield gave some assistance, but the rest of the side were quickly dismissed for a total of 202, to which Maughan, who carried his bat right through the innings, contributed a hard-hit 131, which was, however, marred by half a dozen chances. Rigauds failed completely in their first innings, Willett alone getting double figures with 16, making more than half the whole score of 31. It is only fair to say that owing to ill health Rigauds were without four of their team in the first innings. In the second innings they did much better, thanks to Barnes (64) and Armstrong, while Lord stayed a long time for 8. Scores: H.B.B., 202. Rigauds, 1st, 31; 2nd, 131.

House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—We were rather badly beaten in the Juniors by Grants, none of our fellows appearing quite at home with the bowling of Templer and Taswell. We are drawn against Rigauds for the Seniors, and our prospects are not very bright, although we hope to have Holland's help.

COLLEGE.—As usual, in the middle of term, College events have been few and unexciting. We must, however, begin by heartily congratulating Van der Gucht on getting head pinks, which we may venture to say were well deserved. We must also congratulate Langhorne on obtaining a Tancred Scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge. College games have been plentiful of late, and have shown a good deal of rising talent, especially among the Juniors; and though we have, so far, but three fellows playing for the School, we ought to make a fairly good fight of it against T.B.B. R. Balfour again played Bob Acres at Cambridge this term in the representation of 'The Rivals.' According to accounts he was better than ever. J. S. Phillimore has added to his many distinctions by being elected President of the Union at Oxford. At Cambridge, D. Shearme, Vice-President, and Balfour are on the Committee of the Union. There will be vacancies for eight minor candidates at the Challenge this year. We congratulate Martin on obtaining the Orations Prize.

GRANTS.—It is a long time since we won the 'Juniors,' but this year we have succeeded in doing

so, winning both matches in an innings. The batting of our opponents has not by any means been strong, and it is, therefore, not surprising that Templer and Taswell, who bowled unchanged through both matches, come out with the remarkable record of 21 wickets for 83, and 15 for 48 respectively. Against Ashburnham, Templer played nicely for 55. We hope Grantites will show up well in the forthcoming Swimming Competition.

H.BB.—In the Junior House matches we were successful against Rigauds, beating them by an innings and 40 runs. Our innings, after beginning badly, reached a total of 203, B. Maughan being responsible for a splendid innings of 131 not out, which was marred only by two chances. T. H. Corfield hit up 32, the third wicket putting on 93. And the same player's bowling played havoc with the Rigaud wickets in their first innings, when he did the 'hat trick' and took 7 wickets for 7. Rigauds got out for 31, but in the second innings they did better, making 130, to which K. R. Barnes subscribed a stylish 64. Against Grants we showed by no means such good form, and were beaten by an innings and 14 runs. With one or two exceptions, none of us seemed able to play a straight ball, and Taswell and Templer were deadly, dismissing us for 44 first, and 28 second innings, while Grants made 86. Jones made top scores (21 not out, and 11) for us, besides taking two wickets, and received his House colours. We missed Maughan, who left after the Rigaud match, very much. We are drawn against Grants in the Seniors, so our outlook is hardly cheerful.

RIGAUDS.—In our last notes we omitted to mention our great successes in the Sports. H.BB. claim that they did better than any other house, but at any rate in the more important events we easily surpassed them, as we won the 300 yards, quarter-mile, half-mile, cricket ball, long jump, quarter under 16, and 100 under 16, besides several minor events. We also won the house tug-of-war. We were principally indebted to Whittow, Beasley, Cunningham, More, McKenna, Jewesbury, Simonds, and last, but not least, G. Norman. Five members of our house played for the School against Charterhouse, More, Beasley, and Whittow greatly distinguishing themselves. More in particular accomplished a wonderful bowling feat, taking 6 wickets for 26 runs out of a total of 369. Our junior team has played Junior H.BB., and been badly beaten, H.BB. scoring 202 to our 31 and 131. Barnes played a capital innings of 64 for us in the second innings, and Willett made 16 in good style in the first innings, being the only batsman to offer any resistance to the bowling of Corfield. Barnes bowled best for us, taking 4 wickets for 49; Cunningham took 4 for 72, and Willett 2 for 65. We must congratulate Barnes on getting his House colours.

## OLD WESTMINSTER FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR meeting of the Old Westminster's Lodge, No. 2233, was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Friday, May 3. The following members were present: W. Hicks, W.M., C. W. Stephenson, J.W., W. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M., Thomas Wakley, jun., P.M., Charles M. Barker, P.M., Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G., Chaplain, Rev. E. M. M. Tomlinson, T. Tomlinson, Walter Tomlinson, H. E. Rawson, Secretary, S. H. West, W. Ashton Ellis, J. B. Liberty, W. E. Horne, and C. E. Gwilt. The visitors were: Bros. F. S. Morrell and P. Clifford Probyn (O.W.), both members of the Apollo (University of Oxford) Lodge.

There was little regular business before the Lodge, but it should be recorded that a vote of sympathy was passed with W. Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, P.M., and the other relatives, on the death of R. W. Bro. Hyde Clarke, P.G.M., U.S. of Columbia, who was an honorary member of the Lodge, and who occupied the Senior Warden's chair when the Lodge was consecrated on January 20, 1888.

In the course of the speeches after the banquet it was noted with satisfaction that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge a distinguished member of the Old Westminsters' Lodge, Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., had been appointed to the office of Deputy Grand Registrar. Nor was the fact lost sight of that another Old Westminster Freemason (though unfortunately not a member of the Lodge), Bro. Herbert T. Steward, had also received Grand office.

In replying for the toast of the visitors, Bro. Clifford Probyn as treasurer of the recently formed Old Westminsters' Cricket Club, eloquently advocated that body's cause, and succeeded in enrolling a good many members of the Lodge in its ranks.

Bro. Probyn's remarks elicited the expression of the hope on the part of Bro. Wakley that if any of the members of the O.W. Cricket Club were already Masons, or were thinking of joining Masonry, they would not forget that there was an Old Westminsters' Lodge. Bro. Wakley pointed out that they naturally looked to such bodies as the Old Westminsters' Football Club and the Old Westminsters' Cricket Club as likely sources from which fresh blood might be poured into the Lodge. As usual, a very pleasant evening was spent, and when the last song had been sung the brethren separated until their next meeting in October.

## POETRY.

### WITH APOLOGIES TO THE SHADE OF CHARLES LAMB.

I have had pipes and I have had tobacco  
often and frequent in my joyful school-days—  
all, all is gone, the old familiar smoking.

I have been smoking cigarettes and segars,  
drinking late, smoking late, with my pipes around me—  
all, all is gone, the old familiar smoking.

I had a pipe once fairest among meerschaums ;  
closed is its case on me, I must not use it—  
all, all is gone, the old familiar smoking.

I had a clay pipe, a better pipe has no man ;  
like an idiot I smashed my pipe abruptly—  
all, all is gone, the old familiar smoking.

Ghost-like I pace round the haunts of my pipe racks—  
earth seems a desert I have got to traverse—  
craving still for the old familiar smoking.

Pipe of my bosom, O thou more than brother !  
why art thou forbid by my doctor's orders ?  
else we might join in the old familiar smoking.

Some pipes are broken, and some they have left me,  
some are taken from me, all are departed—  
all, all is gone, the old familiar smoking.

ODYSSEUS.

FRIENDLY CONTRIBUTOR MEETING NEEDY EDITOR  
(*loquitur*).

F. C.—Needy Editor, whither are you going ?  
Sad is your look, and anxious are your glances.  
Have you lost something ? Can I lend assistance ?  
Pray let me do so.

Have you been deluged with abusive letters,  
Sent by aggrieved and merciless subscribers,  
Who pitch on you because they have not got their  
Elizabethans ?

Or has the leader-writer of last number  
Sent you a lengthy column of *errata*,  
Which was the natural result of his il-  
legible writing ?

Or have you copy copious, excessive,  
More than you ever could get in twelve pages ?  
Or have the recent deaths to be recorded  
Beaten the record ?

N. E.—Copy ? God bless you, I have none at all, sir ;  
Only last night, sir, I received a letter  
That all our leader-writers, correspondents  
Had gone on strike, sir !  
And this month's number's overdue a fortnight,  
So if you *would* write any little something—  
Leader perhaps—which would fill up a column,  
I'd take it kindly.

F. C.—I write a leader ! I will see you '*blowed*' first.  
What next, I wonder ? You have your Committee !  
If you want copy to fill up your paper,  
Write it yourself, sir !

(*Exit in a fervour of patriotic enthusiasm.*)

H.

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

CLAVIS.—'Clavis abest, quaeso !' was some ten or twelve years ago the cry of 'Tenner,' not of 'Watch'—not before Lockers, but when the door was unlocked for the Q.SS. to go to Hall. The duties of 'Watch' ceased when those of 'Tenner' began.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

*Memor.*—Your suggestion will be considered by the Committee.

NOTE.—CUSTOS.—Charles Dryden, son of the poet, 'got into a scrape at Westminster in connection with a custom said to have existed in those days, whereby the second boy of the second election kept order in College Hall by saying, 'Tu es custos,' and passing a pledge to any under election who spoke, unless he spoke in Latin. The boy who held this pledge at the close of dinner received an imposition. The fact of the existence of this custom was asserted to Mr. Malone 'by a very respectable gentleman.' (*Alumni*.) The two passages which follow are rather interesting as bearing upon an obscure Westminster custom of which the case of Charles Dryden is perhaps the sole record. The first, from Richard Hawkins' 'Voyage to the South Sea,' is given by Mr. Froude in 'England's Forgotten Worthies':—

With a general consent of all our company, it was ordained that there should be a palmer or ferula which should be in the keeping of him who was taken with an oath ; and that he who had the palmer should give to every one that he took swearing, a palmada with it and the ferula ; and whosoever at the time of evening or morning prayer was found to have the palmer, should have three blows given him by the captain or the master ; and that he should still be bound to free himself by taking another, or else to run in danger of continuing the penalty, which being executed a few days, reformed the vice, so that in three days together was not one oath heard to be sworn.

The other illustration is in Charles Kingsley's 'Westward Ho !' near the end of the second chapter :—

A whole storm of raillery fell upon the hapless pedagogue.

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Out of the way, Old Custis !

March on, Don Palmado !

These allusions to the usual instrument of torture in West Country schools made the old gentleman wince.

For other allusions to Westminster penalties for speaking English, see 'Lusus Alteri Westmonasteriensis,' vol. ii. p. 331, and 'Alumni Westmonasteriensis,' p. 218.

Might not the 'leaders' of our own time, who set lines for swearing, claim descent from 'custos' on the strength of the foregoing passages ? Their origin is, I believe, 'wropt in mistry.' It was surely never necessary to create a special police expressly to deal with this offence apart from *all other* breaches of decorum. But if 'custos' had general orders to enforce propriety of speech and behaviour, we can quite understand how a remnant of his powers might

survive after speaking in Latin—no doubt the rule which most required his vigilance—ceased to be enforced. The abolition of the 'pledge'—a natural consequence—would sufficiently account for the change of a name which had lost its meaning—the keeper.'

B. M. G.

## Correspondence.

### THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—May I, as a frequent and keen spectator of school matches, be allowed to make a few remarks on the article which appeared under this heading in your last issue, as I consider it very misleading to any one who did not see the matches, and calculated to convey an entirely wrong impression of the doings of the past football season?

I think, in the first place, that the results of the matches are very badly recorded; and the writer (who, I understand, is the present captain of the eleven) seems simply to be trying to find as many different ways as possible to express defeat, and gives us no idea of the matches themselves. We do not want a detailed account, but I think there should be some mention of what took place, beyond the fact that 'so and so' took 'somebody else's' place.

Then again, I think it extremely bad form for one captain to criticise the doings of his predecessor, especially as in this case, judging from all I have heard, his predecessor was generally considered one of the best captains the school eleven has had in recent years, and had certainly had a long experience as a pink.

The writer complains of the lack of change in the team during the first term. May I point out to him that the matches are not the place to try new men, until they have shown sufficient good form in the games during the week, in which there is ample opportunity to see how they combine with the existing members of the team? It was admitted on all hands that there was no one who merited a trial and did not get one, promising players being more than usually scarce last year; and even during the second term no changes were made that had not been tried in the first term, with the exception of Beasley going forward and Barnett half-back (a by no means successful move), which was only necessitated by More leaving.

If the writer could have suggested any new changes, surely it would have been much better taste for him to have done so in his capacity as a pink, and to have given the team the benefit of his opinion, rather than to keep his ideas to himself, in order to run down his predecessor afterwards.

I really do think that the writer of the 'Characters of the Football Eleven' should be some disinterested person, as the article is nowhere more misleading than in these. I fear I am trespassing too largely on your space, and will only take one of these characters as an example, viz., that of Moon: 'A good centre and kept his forwards well together;' this is exactly what he was not, and did not do; the failure of the team was very largely due to the want of a good centre who would keep his forwards well together, and it is remarkable that in the two matches in which Moon was absent from the team the combination was better than it had ever been before. I do not wish to run down Moon's play especially, but it really is too much to call him 'very unelfish!!' when it was solely

his selfishness that lost the school so many goals and was the feature of his play.

I write this criticism in no hostile spirit, but think that more care should be taken in recording the doings of the eleven.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

PATRIOTIC PINK.

### NET PRACTICE.

*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—Could you tell me who is responsible for the state of the balls 'Up Fields' this year? The other day when I asked for a ball to bowl at the nets I was told that there were not any, and that we could not have any new ones. I found that each House-net only had one ball piece allowed it. Consequently the batsmen had a most enjoyable innings.

Yours &c.,

HOUSE-COLOUR.

### ERRATA.

Vol. viii. No. 3. At the end of the report of the Charter-house match, for panegyrists read panegyrics.

P. 38, col. 1, ll. 24-5, read 'high feelings; instincts and scruples'; l. 27, read 'over-civilisation'; ll. 31-48, 'Far from understanding . . . Bashi-Bazouks'—read as a quotation, within inverted commas; l. 7 from bottom, omit 'it is said'; col. 2, l. 4, read 'unsuccessful. Our'; l. 9 from bottom, read 'odious. As a result.'

P. 39, col. 2, l. 4, for 'prudence' read 'precedence.'

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