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WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

No. 55.—SIR EDMUND BERRIE GODFREY.

(Continued from p. 312 ante.)

'ON Thursday,' says Burnet, 'one came into a book-seller's shop after dinner and said he was found thrust through with a sword. That was presently brought as news to me, but the reporter of it was not known,' which was perhaps as well for him, since the possession of such very early and accurate information might have landed him in some difficulties, when that same evening Godfrey's body was discovered with his own sword thrust through him. It was in a ditch on the side of Primrose Hill, near Old St. Pancras Church. The end of his sword stuck 'two handfuls' out of his back, but there was no blood in the ditch or on the body. His stick and gloves lay on the bank-side; 'there was a great deal of gold and silver' in his pockets. His breast was black with bruises, and his 'neck was very weak, and one might turn his head from one shoulder to the other'—so far deponed the constable who found the body; Burnet adds, from personal observation, that

his shoes were clean and there were many drops of white wax-lights on his breeches. The coroner's jury—after an inquest which lasted two days—returned a verdict of 'Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown,' and the victim's funeral was attended by an enormous concourse of people. Seventy-two Protestant divines headed the procession; and when Dr. Lloyd preached the funeral sermon, Roger North saw 'two other thumping divines standing upright in the pulpit—one on each side of him—to guard him from being killed (while he was preaching) by the Papists.' 'And, indeed,' says Burnet, 'men's spirits were so sharpened, that we all looked upon it as a very great happiness that the people did not vent their fury upon the Papists about the town.'

A reward of £500 was offered for the discovery of the murderers, and those were not days when such a reward was likely to go long unclaimed. Soon a certain 'Captain' Bedloe—whose antecedents might have discredited the most plausible tale—gave himself up to the magistrates of Bristol as an accessory after the fact to Godfrey's murder. Being sent up to London, he affirmed that he had seen Godfrey's dead body in Somerset House—then the residence of the

Queen—where Le Fevre, a Jesuit, told him that he and some others had smothered the deceased between two pillows ; but, as this story was inconsistent with the appearance of the body when found, he afterwards substituted strangling with a linen cravat for the smothering—a discrepancy which might have been expected to deprive his evidence of all credit, but to which few were so discourteous as to allude. However, Le Fevre was not to be found, and there the matter stayed for some weeks.

At length Bedloe, going—apparently by accident—to Westminster, saw a prisoner in the hands of some officers, and denounced him as one of those he had seen about Godfrey's body. This prisoner was Prence, a goldsmith who worked for the Queen's chapel, and had actually been arrested on suspicion for this same murder. He had been absent from his house for two or three days in the week previous to Godfrey's disappearance, and, by a mistake in the dates, it was imagined that this absence coincided with the time when the deed was done. Thus doubly assured, Prence denied everything for some time, but at last made a categorical confession to the following effect : Two priests—Girald and Kelly—had engaged him and three others in it. The three others were Green, an attendant at the Queen's chapel ; Hill, Dr. Godden's servant ; and Berry, the porter at Somerset House. On the Saturday evening, Hill decoyed Godfrey into Somerset House by asking him to come as a magistrate and part two men who were quarrelling, 'and, when he came to the bottom of the rails, Green twisted his handkerchief and threw it about his neck and threw him behind the rails, and there throttled him and punched him . . . and then Green wrung his neck quite round.' The body was taken to Hill's room, where it was left till the Monday night, when it was removed to another room, which Prence could never identify. On the Tuesday night it was taken to a third room—also unspecified—and on the Wednesday night was carried in a sedan-chair to Soho Church, whence it was carried on horseback to the place where it was found.

On this evidence Hill, Berry, and Green were brought to trial on February 10 for the murder of Sir Edmund, before a Court over which Lord Chief Justice Scroggs presided with that brutal unfairness in which he yielded precedence to Jeffreys alone. Oates, Mr. Robinson and Prence, gave the evidence we have already quoted—Bedloe swore that he had been taken to view the body on the Monday night—though why the murderers should have done so, unless with the unselfish desire to enable him to give evidence against them, it is difficult to say. Godfrey's maid swore that Hill had come to her master's house on the morning of the murder ; and evidence was also given that the accused had been seen in company with Girald and Kelly, who had escaped, at various inns.

On the other hand, the niece of Hill's employer swore that Hill was never out of the house after eight o'clock (Prence fixed the time of the murder between eight and nine), and that it was impossible that the body could have lain in Hill's chamber without her

seeing it. Another witness swore to having been in Hill's company at the time the prosecution alleged he was at Godfrey's house. Green called some friends to prove an *alibi*, but only succeeded in completing the ruin of himself and his fellow-prisoners ; for, on cross-examination, it appeared that they were swearing to the events of October 19th, not the 12th—a not unnatural error after the lapse of four months. Berry dealt a more effectual blow against Prence's story by calling the sentinels on duty at Somerset House on the night of the 16th, who positively swore that no sedan-chair had gone out of the gates that evening. They were cross-examined by the Court with great severity, but one and all maintained their point.

Prence's story was circumstantial enough to hang an army ; but he had already retracted it before the Council, though, according to the Court, as he had not retracted it upon oath, that circumstance ought not to be allowed to vitiate his credit. Hill's *alibi* was overruled as being proved by Papists—not without a cowardly and brutal insult to one of his female witnesses. If the soldiers on guard swore to the truth, and were not in a conspiracy to conceal their own neglect of duty, Prence, who swore that he had carried a sedan-chair through the gates, must have perjured himself. Scroggs, in summing-up, laid great stress on the agreement between the evidence of Bedloe and that of Prence—which certainly do not contradict each other in any vital particulars—but, as Scroggs must have known, Bedloe's deposition before the Council, a deposition prudently suppressed by the prosecution, declared that the murder had been done by different hands and with a different implement. However, the Chief Justice expressed his admiration at the strength of the case for the prosecution ; declared it incredible that any of the witnesses for the defence could have recollected any of the facts to which they had sworn ; impressed upon the jury that Green's *alibi* had broken down, and dilated upon the wickedness of Roman Catholics in general and the plotters in particular. The jury found all the prisoners guilty, and they suffered the extreme penalty of the law. All three protested their innocence to the last. In the case of Green and Hill this was regarded as the natural perfidy of Papists, but as Berry was found to be a Protestant, who had only dissembled his religion to retain his situation, his dying words were not to be so lightly disregarded. Good Protestants, therefore, came to the conclusion that, though Prence's story was true in the main, he had made an unfortunate mistake in identifying Berry as one of the criminals. Prence, however, some years later disavowed the whole story—as he had already once done.

Even without that retraction it would seem pretty certain that Green, Berry, and Hill were judicially murdered ; nor is that certainty much improved by the curious coincidences that Primrose Hill, near which the body was found, was once called Greenberry Hill—a name which it now resumed for a few years—and that Sir Edmund Bury Godfrey's name, if so spelt, contains the same letters as the sentence 'I find murdered by rogues.' It is easier, however

to say who did not commit the murder than to point out the real culprits. There are, however, four hypotheses to account for the murder, none of which the information at our disposal warrants us in absolutely rejecting.

The first and least tenable of these is that there was no murder at all—that Godfrey hanged himself, and that his relatives, to save his property from forfeiture, thrust the sword through his body and carried it to where it was found. This theory was mentioned by the prosecuting counsel at the trial as a reason for putting certain questions to the medical witnesses; but forensic medicine was then in so crude a form that we cannot implicitly accept the medical testimony that death was due to strangulation and not to hanging.

Secondly, the murder might have been committed by personal enemies. We know that Godfrey was a zealous magistrate, and in one account of his life we read of a murderous attack upon him, for which the assailant suffered death, although he did not succeed in effecting his purpose. There is no insuperable objection to be urged against this theory, but, as the murder must have been the work of more than one person, it might be expected that, if private malice was the motive, the less guilty accomplices would have betrayed their principal, unless we are to imagine a conspiracy of persons all equally incensed against Godfrey on different grounds.

The third theory, to which the writer of Godfrey's life in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' seems to incline, is that the murder was a device of the ultra-Protestant party, to secure credit for Oates and his imitators. Assuredly men who sent dozens of innocent men to the scaffold to gain a political end, or, worse still, from motives of sordid lucre, would not be deterred by respect for human life from any expedient crime. Still, so curious are the workings of conscience, that it does not follow that because a man is prepared to swear away men's lives, he is ready to shed blood with as little compunction. There is also the much more vital objection that if the murder had been committed with a view to fixing it on the Catholics, the murderers would have presented a rather better story. Bedloe, when he first came forward to give evidence, clearly had no idea of how Godfrey came to his end. Prence was himself a Catholic; he was frightened, and probably tortured into his story, and only swore away the lives of Green, Berry, and Hill, not because he wished three innocent men to suffer, but because he was above all things anxious that one innocent man should escape.

Fourthly, it is quite possible that, as all true Protestants believed at the time, the death of Godfrey was the work of 'Papists.' If so, it was an act of mad folly; but it was scarcely more irrational than Sand's murder of Kotzebue, than Booth's murder of Lincoln, than Charlotte Corday's murder of Marat. The English Catholics saw their lives and properties menaced by the revelations of Oates—and it may well have been that some of the more hot-headed and

ignorant of their number struck a blow of vengeance at random. That a Jesuit offered Bedloe £4,000 to slay Godfrey is incredible, for the Jesuits were not fools, even if we grant they were knaves. Godfrey had perhaps betrayed his trust as a magistrate, or, at least, had gone very near to doing so, in order to save Coleman, as the Catholics who directed the policy and funds of the party must have been aware; and for them to set assassins on his track would have been equally ungrateful and impolitic. But some humbler professors of the religion may have done the deed, knowing Godfrey only as a man who was connected with the revelations of Oates. It is now scarcely likely that the mystery will be solved, or that any fresh evidence can be adduced, and we can only leave our readers to choose the solution they prefer. No theory, however, offers even a plausible explanation of the interval between Godfrey's disappearance and the discovery of the body; for, though the ways of criminals are peculiar and mysterious, it is hard to believe that any murderers would gratuitously increase their chance of detection by retaining the victim's body to play hide-and-seek with, in the fashion described by Prence and Bedloe.

Space would fail us if we went on to discuss the unsuccessful attempt to charge the murder on the Duke of York through Pepys and his clerk Atkins—the latter was tried and acquitted as an accessory—or to describe the voluminous literature to which the murder gave rise. Of Godfrey's personal character we have already said enough—for his personality is of very much less interest than his fate.

FLOREAT.

School Notes.

WE congratulate More most heartily on the success of the XI. against Charterhouse, the first for seven years, and trust that he has now broken the long spell of bad luck that has pursued the Westminster elevens. After the football match it was only right that success should attend us in the cricket fixture, and we most sincerely hope Blaker next year will add the football match also to the credit of the school.

Cards with the score were printed on the two days of the Charterhouse match, and seemed much appreciated. We hope next time they will be able to be brought right up to date all through the match.

Blaker still maintains his position at the head of the school averages, and has every chance of finishing up above fifty, a performance which to the best of our knowledge is unequalled in the annals of Westminster cricket. More holds a corresponding place in the bowling averages, and a glance will show how absolutely invaluable has been his work in this department. He has taken more wickets than any one else, and his average, considering the fast grounds he has had to bowl on, is startling to a degree.

A morning paper lately stated that 'Sir John Mowbray is the only man in the House of Commons who was present at the Coronation of William III.' Famous as Westminsters are for longevity, it is not a fact that Sir John is in his third century. It is true that as a town boy he was present at the Coronation of William IV.

The new flagstaff is now standing in all the glory of its new paint, and the flag has been hauled up. We have to thank Lady Seager Hunt for her kindness in coming down to perform the ceremony upon her husband's munificent gift.

C. F. Watherston has obtained a first in mathematical 'greats,' and C. R. Beaven a first in mathematical 'moderations,' while E. T. Garrett has obtained a first in geology. Beaven came down on July 13 to ask for a late play in honour of his success.

Rigauds is almost complete, and its appearance has considerably improved. The bars at the lower windows give it a singular prison-like look. Inside it is all that can be desired, and we envy future Rigaudites their new home.

F. Waterfield has been awarded the Phillimore Essay Prize. The subject was 'Principles of National Independence.'

The result of the challenge was as follows:—

*T. Mayrogordato.	G. N. Ford.
L. T. S. Charles.	P. F. Lock.
F. I. Harrison.	F. W. Hubback.
*W. E. Carsley.	P. H. Ormiston.
H. D. G. Law.	
* Non-residential.	

The account of the House matches is unavoidably postponed till the next number.

We congratulate most heartily Mr. Michell on his marriage, and take this opportunity of giving Mrs. Michell a hearty welcome to Westminster.

With this number the present Elizabethan Committee makes its bow to its readers. The pink cover remains as its memorial, and no better epitaph can be inscribed above it than an old Hall Epigram hitherto unpublished in these pages, and written by an *alumnus alumnorum*—a Westminster of Westminsters in recent years.

Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret.

Heu, moras anni nimium fugaces
 His parum longas tribuunt alumnis.
 Haec enim tristes loca deserunt
 Non redituri.
 Attamen, quamvis procul hinc vagemur
 In novas sedes aliasque terras
 Pectori numquam patrios penates
 Eximet aevum.
 Ut casam fidæ repetunt columbae
 Sic, malis longe licet acta fatis
 Mens tamen sedes memor ad vetustas
 Usque recurret.

We must apologise for the late appearance of this number. Examinations, &c., have caused the delay.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

THIS match was played on June 26, and, after a most exciting finish, resulted in favour of the School by one run only. Old Carthusians won the toss, and after losing Anderson, Pocklington, and Wreford-Brown for very few, Peers and Buzzard made a long stand and carried the score to 164. Both men played good, free cricket, and treated all the bowling alike, and it looked as if Peers would reach his century when he played on from More and retired with a capital 80 to his credit, including seven 4's and a 5. Buzzard continued to hit well, but could get no one to stay with him and was eighth out for 61, being caught at cover off More. Lonsdale was run out without scoring, and More soon disposed of the last two men, the total being 213. There were 21 byes, a rather large proportion. More bowled very steadily, and his analysis (7 for 78) would have been still better but for catches missed. The School began with Young and Blaker. The former soon left, but More and Blaker hit hard, Blaker starting with his usual 6, while More followed suit soon after. At length, when the score stood at 115, Blaker was caught for a brilliant innings of 71, which completely eclipsed his performance the week before. Rarely has he played so well, as his hits, eight 4's, two 5's, and a 6, amply testify. More did not long survive him, being out for 33, an admirable innings, though of course rather overshadowed by Blaker's, but considering all the bowling he had got through, praiseworthy in the highest degree. Cotterill played well for 39, including a large proportion of boundary hits. Flack and Stevens failed, but Willett and Johnston played steady cricket, the latter especially quite forsaking his usual methods and watching the ball most carefully. He had the hard luck to be run out, hitting a ball very hard and not seeing that it had been fielded behind the bowler. He was in a long time for his 20. The score now stood at 203, and it seemed doubtful if we should pull the match off. Clay came in, but started very shakily and was caught at the wicket for 5. Nine wickets were down for 212, one being wanted to tie and two to win when Gwatkin came in. He played at the first ball and was missed at the wicket, but off the next with a characteristic pull he scored a two, and experienced the (to him) novel feeling of having won a match off his own bat. Great cheering greeted the stroke, and Willett being caught at slip next ball the match was won by a single run almost before we had realised it. Willett's 24 was invaluable and his patience seemed inexhaustible. This was the second close finish this season, but happily it was in the School's favour. Score:—

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

C. A. Anderson, b. Stevens.....	13
Capt. Pocklington, c. Flack, b. More.....	9
F. J. Peers, b. More.....	80
O. E. Wreford-Brown, c. More, b. Stevens	0
G. A. Gardiner, b. More	5
A. D. Buzzard, c. Cotterill, b. More	61
C. Wreford-Brown, not out	12
R. W. Ellett, l.b.w., b. More	7
A. N. Brand, b. More	0
H. R. Lonsdale (sub.), run out	0
G. S. Richardson, b. More	0
Extras	26

Total..... 213

WESTMINSTER.

R. N. R. Blaker, c. Ellett, b. Peers	71
F. Young, b. C. Wreford-Brown.....	8
R. E. More, c. Ellett, b. Gardiner.....	33
E. E. Cotterill, b. C. Wreford-Brown.....	39
H. R. Flack, b. Gardiner.....	0
W. C. Stevens, c. Richardson, b. Peers	0
B. H. Willett, c. Buzzard, b. Wreford-Brown ...	24
J. B. Wells, run out	0
C. E. L. Johnston, run out	20
W. H. C. Clay, c. Richardson, b. Peers	5
F. A. S. Gwatkin, not out	2
Extras	12

Total

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

WESTMINSTER.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More.....	33'3	6	78	7
W. C. Stevens	19	4	70	2
H. R. Flack	14	2	39	—

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
F. J. Peers	35	11	91	3
C. Wreford-Brown ...	29'3	10	55	3
A. D. Buzzard	4	—	26	—
G. A. Gardiner.....	8	—	30	2

WESTMINSTER v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

Our opponents brought down a very strong team to avenge their defeats of the last three years, and succeeded in winning after a small-scoring match by 8 wickets. The School won the toss, and Blaker and Young, as usual, were the first pair. Blaker after hitting two 4's was caught in the slips off Quinton, who was bowling very fast with a number of men fielding behind the wicket. At 26 Young was caught at the wicket after a lucky innings of 15, for he was missed more than once. More played well and hit hard, and after surviving Cotterill and Willett was bowled for a more than useful 28, including a 6, two 4's, and a 5. Of the rest Lonsdale alone showed form; he scored 24, but was at length taken in the slips. The innings closed for 117, a poor total on such a good wicket. The fast bowling of Quinton and Bosanquet was too much for most of the eleven, and they seemed to lose heart after Blaker had been dismissed for the first time this year under double figures. When the Authentics went to bat they

failed even more ignominiously before the bowling of More and Stevens. Hine-Haycock was bowled in jumping out to Stevens while Brain was well caught by Lonsdale at mid-on. Bathurst was l.b.w. to More, and Hill finely taken at the wicket. Meantime Mordaunt was hitting brilliantly and seemed particularly partial to Stevens, whom he got away for several fours on the on-side. He and Berens took the score to 102 before he was brilliantly caught at the wicket off More. He had scored 52 by beautiful cricket, while his hitting was always hard and well-timed. Flack had taken Stevens's place, but runs came in singles till Britten-Holmes was given out l.b.w., a more than dubious decision, and the more to be regretted as it is improbable that he would have survived another over from More, with whom he was always in difficulties. The total was 110, or 7 behind our score. The School went in to bat again at 3.45, but gave a very poor exhibition, being all out for 84. The innings needs no comment, Flack and Stevens being the only batsmen to show anything like form. Blaker was again caught at deep slip, and disaster followed disaster. Flack made 18, a good effort, and Stevens a rather lucky 16, but no one else could withstand Bosanquet, who took 6 wickets for 29. The Authentics were left with 92 to win and fifty minutes to make them in. Hill and Mordaunt opened the innings and at once began to hit. This seemed to flurry the School bowlers, who kept a very bad length. The score mounted rapidly, Mordaunt again playing magnificent cricket. At 78, however, he was well taken in the deep off Stevens, who had just gone on. His 48 was a grand exhibition of hitting made without a chance. At 81 Hill was also out to a remarkably good catch, also in the deep field, by Rayner, who judged the ball well. Page and Brain soon knocked off the runs, and the Authentics won by 8 wickets with ten minutes to spare. Perhaps if the School field had been placed a little deeper, the fours would not have been so numerous and a win might have resulted, but the visitors gave such a fine display that no one grudged them their victory. More's analysis in the first innings and Mordaunt's fielding for the Authentics must also be noticed.

WESTMINSTER.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
R. N. R. Blaker, c. Hill, b. Quinton	8	c. Mordaunt, b. Bosanquet ...	7
F. Young, c. Brain, b. Quinton	15	b. Bosanquet...	6
R. E. More, b. Bathurst.....	28	c. Brain, b. Bosanquet ...	3
E. Æ. Cotterill, b. Quinton	5	b. Bosanquet... 0	0
B. H. Willett, b. Hill.....	1	b. Bosanquet... 10	10
W. C. Stevens, c. Brain, b. Quinton... 10	10	l.b.w., b. Bosanquet 16	16
H. R. Lonsdale, c. Hill, b. Bosanquet	24	b. Bathurst ...	13
J. B. Wells, st. Brain, b Hill.....	4	c. Mordaunt, b. Bathurst ...	6
W. V. Rayner, c. Brain, b. Bosanquet	6	b. Bathurst ...	8
F. A. S. Gwatkin, not out	3	not out	0
Byes, 2, leg-byes, 7	9	Byes, 1, leg-byes, 4, no-balls, 2	7
Totals	117	84

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
Rev. T. R. Hine-Haycock, b. Stevens	2		
W. H. Brain, c. Lonsdale, b. Stevens	5	not out	5
L. C. V. Bathurst, l.b.w., b. More	1		
V. T. Hill, c. Gwatkin, b. More	10	c. Rayner, b. Stevens	29
G. J. Mordaunt, c. Gwatkin, b. More	52	c. More, b. Stevens	48
C. D. Fisher, b. More	0		
B. J. T. Bosanquet, b. More	9		
A. Page, l.b.w., b. Stevens	19	not out	13
G. M. Quinton, c. and b. More	0		
C. Berens, not out	11		
E. Britten-Holmes, l.b.w., b. More	1		
Extras	0	Byes	5
Totals	110		100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Runs per wkt.
V. T. Hill	12	2	39	2	19.50
G. M. Quinton	15	6	41	4	10.25
L. C. V. Bathurst	8	3	10	1	10.00
B. J. T. Bosanquet	5	2	18	3	6.00
<i>Second Innings.</i>					
G. M. Quinton	12	6	18	—	—
B. G. T. Bosanquet	22	13	29	6	4.83
L. C. V. Bathurst	10.2	3	30	4	9.50

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

<i>First Innings.</i>					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Runs per wkt.
R. E. More	19	4	55	7	7.85
W. C. Stevens	15	1	49	3	16.33
H. R. Flack	13	1	6	—	—
<i>Second Innings.</i>					
R. E. More	6	—	44	—	—
R. N. R. Blaker	4	—	24	—	—
H. R. Flack	4	1	10	—	—
W. B. Stevens	3	—	17	2	8.50

WESTMINSTER v. CHARTERHOUSE.

Played at Vincent Square (July 9 and 10), and resulted, for the first time for seven years, in a well-deserved victory for Westminster. It is only a 'Varsity Blue who can move the hard hearts of the Civil Service Commissioners, and consequently Rayner took the place of Johnston, who was up for his Sandhurst examination. The victory was mainly due to the fine cricket of Blaker, who scored in the match 126 runs for once out, and to More's bowling and generalship. Charterhouse won the toss, and Heaton and Ryder opened the batting. Ryder was soon bowled by a good ball from Stevens, and More disposed of Heaton (2 for 6). Wingfield and Doll made a useful stand, but the former was magnificently thrown out by Blaker from the long field, while at 59 More bowled Doll, whose 27 was the result of steady cricket. With the exception of Hole the next few men did little, and when 8 were down for 83 it looked as if Charterhouse might be out for under the century. At this point, however, Moss and Crosdale became

associated and defied all efforts to dislodge them. It will be remembered that Moss turned the tide of last year's match in favour of Charterhouse, scoring a brilliant 50 at a critical time. He again showed his partiality for Westminster bowling, and started with three 4's and a 6. Nor was Crosdale idle, and the pair put on runs at a great pace. Moss's driving was the best feature of his play, and he was particularly hard on More, whose fast deliveries seemed greatly to his liking. At length Young was put on with his lobs, which were treated with great respect by both batsmen. In four overs only 6 runs were hit off him, but in the fifth Crosdale was tempted to hit out a pitched-up ball and was well taken at deep mid-off by More, who secured the ball so near the ground that the batsman appealed, but the umpire gave it against him. The total was 174. Too much credit cannot be given to the last couple, who made the Carthusian score look quite respectable. Moss's not-out innings of 57 could not have been bettered, though he seemed rather at a loss with the lobs. We understand it is his best performance for Charterhouse, and we feel sure it is only luck which has been against him, as he is undoubtedly a really good cricketer. More took 6 for 65 and bowled finely throughout, and Blaker's fielding was excellent.

Westminster went in at four o'clock, and Young and Blaker began the innings. Runs came slowly, both batsmen exhibiting great caution, while Harmsworth and Hole kept a good length. Blaker got a good many runs by beautiful strokes in the slips, but the fielding was very close and few chances were thrown away. Ryder changed his bowling repeatedly, but to no effect; the batsmen went steadily on, and Blaker reached his 50 amid great cheers. Young had by this time scored 31, but he stayed at this figure for some overs. Soon after, Blaker, who seemed to grow tired, gave a sharp chance c. and b., and another almost directly after in the slips. He was not playing so cautiously now, and hit a couple of fours and a five off Moss and Kinloch, till Moss went on with lobs and got him finely caught at short leg off a ball which he would ordinarily have hit for 6. His brilliant innings of 78 contained 8 fours and a five. It was remarkable chiefly for very fine and delicate off-play, some of his late cuts being marvels of placing and timing. His success was all the more gratifying after his failure the week before. More, who now came in, seemed too anxious to hit, and paid the penalty, being well taken in the deep by Doll when he had made 14. Cotterill made a like number, and was then bowled by a slow yorker, always, apparently, a deadly ball with him. Young was the next to leave, being bowled by Harmsworth in trying to place a ball to leg. His patient innings of 58 had occupied him two-and-a-half hours, and was absolutely invaluable, wearing down, as it did, the Carthusian attack. He only hit 5 fours, the rest being mostly twos and threes. Flack survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket, and he and Stevens were still in at close of play. On Saturday morning

Stevens hit up 46 very quickly before falling a victim to Harmsworth, and Willett and Lonsdale contributed useful little scores. Anderson was rather badly run out by Flack, and Rayner was stumped off one of Moss's lobs, while Gwatkin returned a ball into the bowler's hands. The innings eventually closed for 286, Flack being not out 25, composed mostly of singles, but of great service to his side. Moss followed up his batting success by taking 6 wickets for 83 runs. He varied between overhand and lobs, of which the latter did not deserve, perhaps, to get so many wickets. Harmsworth (left-hand) struck us as the best bowler, as he kept a good length and got on a good bit of work. He bowled, however, with not much luck. Charterhouse did better at their second attempt, and most of their eleven made runs. Ryder showed good form for his 26, and Wingfield played really excellently for 40 before his dismissal by a good catch at mid-off. Moss, who went in higher up, again proved a thorn in the side of the Westminster bowlers, scoring 42 in dashing style before being run out. Asprey and Harmsworth put on 30 for the last wicket, the total amounting to 209. Young was the most successful bowler, taking 4 for 54, but More, who bowled 35 overs, did a great deal of work, and it is a pity his analysis did not work out better. He was evidently tired with the previous day's exertions. Gwatkin's wicket-keeping could scarcely have been improved, a remark which applies also to Crosdale in the Westminster innings.

Westminster were left with 98 to get to win, and started well enough. Young was out, caught at the wicket, at 26, but Cotterill and Blaker took the score to 70 by sterling cricket, when the former was out for a well-played 19. Then came a startling collapse, which reminded one of Charterhouse matches of late years. Whether the batsmen were nervous or the bowling was too good for them, we cannot say, but six more wickets fell for only 12 runs. Stevens and More were bowled by Moss; Lonsdale, after one good hit, was l.b.w.; Flack was run out, and Willett was caught at slip; Anderson played the right game, and hit out, but failing to properly get hold of a ball, was caught at mid-off for 9. When Rayner came in there was still 4 wanting, and it seemed that Charterhouse might even yet win. Rayner made a single, which brought Blaker to the bowling end. He quickly finished the game off with a 2 and a single to leg, and won the game by a couple of wickets, amid a scene of wild excitement. He was cheered again and again for his magnificent innings, which was beyond praise. The nerve and pluck which he exhibited at such a crisis, with wickets falling almost every ball, was as good as anything that has ever been seen in Vincent Square.

In conclusion, the Carthusians could not have played an up-hill game better, and to no one of them does this apply more than to Moss, who scored in the match 99 runs and took a dozen wickets for 130. To be on the losing side after such a performance is hard indeed, but he can at least console himself with the thought that he did nothing towards the defeat.

We hope that this match is the forerunner of more even games between the two schools than have been seen of late. It cannot fail to do the cricket at both schools an immense amount of good.

Appended is the score:—

CHARTERHOUSE.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
S. Heaton, l.b.w., b More	6	c. Lonsdale, b Young	6
C. F. Ryder (capt.), b Stevens	0	l.b.w., b Young	26
M. F. R. Wingfield, run out	9	c. Flack, b. Young	40
C. T. C. Doll, b. More	27	b. More	21
H. N. Hole, b. More	24	run out	8
G. Kinloch, b. Flack	5	l.b.w., b. More	4
G. S. Smith, b. More	3	c. Rayner, b. Blaker	9
W. L. Moss, not out	57	run out	42
G. K. Asprey, b. More	0	not out	16
V. G. Harmsworth, b. More	5	b. More	18
G. Crosdale, c. More, b. Young	32	c. Gwatkin, b. Young	10
Extras	6	Extras	9
Total	174	Total	209

WESTMINSTER.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
R. N. R. Blaker, c. Hole, b. Moss ...	78	not out	48
F. Young, b. Harmsworth	58	c. Crosdale, b. Moss	7
R. E. More (capt.), c. Doll, b. Moss...	14	c. Wingfield, b. Moss	19
E. E. Cotterill, b. Harmsworth	14	b. Moss	2
W. C. Stevens, b. Harmsworth	46	b. Moss	1
H. R. Flack, not out	25	run out	0
B. H. Willett, st. Crosdale, b. Moss	12	c. Moss, b. Hole	0
H. R. Lonsdale, b. Moss	15	l.b.w., b. Moss	5
S. M. Anderson, run out	0	c. Ryder, b. Moss	9
W. V. Rayner, st. Crosdale, b. Moss...	4	not out	1
F. A. S. Gwatkin, c. & b. Moss	0	did not bat ...	0
Extras	20	Extras	6
Total	296	Total (8 wks.)	98

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHARTERHOUSE.

<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	27	5	65	6
W. C. Stevens	13	3	48	1
H. R. Flack	9	1	49	1
F. Young	4.2	1	6	1
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	35.3	14	80	3
W. C. Stevens	15	3	32	0
F. Young	25	4	54	4
H. R. Flack	3	0	11	0
R. N. R. Blaker	8	2	23	1

WESTMINSTER.				
<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
V. G. Harmsworth ...	44	13	74	3
H. N. Hole	21	7	51	0
G. K. Asprey	9	1	26	0
W. L. Moss	30.2	6	83	6
G. Kinloch	12	7	9	0
C. F. Ryder	6	0	23	0
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
V. G. Harmsworth ...	8	1	22	0
N. L. Moss	19	5	48	6
H. N. Hole	12	3	22	1

WESTMINSTER v. M.C.C.

This match, played on July 19, resulted in a melancholy defeat for the School by no less than 229 runs. Such a crushing reverse, coming as it did after the success of the week before, is hardly to be explained. The good bowling opposed to us no doubt had something to do with it, but the dismissal of the whole side for 54 is discreditable, to say the least. Geeson and West started the bowling to Blaker and Flack, Young being detained owing to examinations. Flack, after hitting a four off West, was bowled by Geeson. More followed with the score still at 6, but Cotterill improved matters, and, profiting by an escape at slip, hit well. Blaker was out at 31, after being in thirty minutes without scoring, a very unusual thing with him. Lonsdale made 11, but no one else seemed to think of playing Geeson, who took 7 for 17. Cotterill alone played with any confidence, and his 24 was a plucky display. M.C.C. began with H. C. Blaker and Arbuthnot, and runs came fast till Blaker was bowled for 26. West, Major Rawson, and Holton all gave Arbuthnot assistance, who hit very hard for 101, though he should have been run out very early, and gave other chances. Johnston bowled well and took three wickets for 32. It is a pity he has not developed his talents sooner. M.C.C. were all out for 278, 33 of which were byes. It should be noted that the School were without Gwatkin, who had rather badly injured his leg the week before, and his absence made a great deal of difference, as the School does not seem to possess a good reserve to take his place. The School had half-an-hour's batting, and were only redeemed from a second ignominious display by a very good 37 not out from Blaker, which we wish he could have made in the first innings. Thus ended a melancholy match.

WESTMINSTER.				
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>		
R. N. R. Blaker, l.b.w., b. West	0	not out	37	
H. R. Flack, b. Geeson	4	b. Geeson	0	
R. E. More, b. Geeson	0			
E. E. Cotterill, b. Geeson	24	b. Geeson	10	
W. C. Stevens, b. Geeson	0	b. Geeson	6	
H. R. Lonsdale, b. West	11	b. Geeson	0	
B. H. Willett, b. Geeson	0			
S. M. Anderson, st. Rawson, b. Geeson ..	0			
C. E. L. Johnston, not out	1			
W. V. Rayner, run out	0			
H. W. Beveridge, b. Geeson	0			
Extras	14	Extras	0	
Total	54	Total	53	

M.C.C.	
L. Arbuthnot, b. More	101
H. C. Blaker, b. More	26
J. E. West, c. Beveridge, b. More	23
Major Rawson, b. Johnston	17
F. W. Holton, run out	12
Geeson, c. Rayner, b. Stevens	15
Major Pochin, b. Johnston	10
P. J. More, not out	17
W. A. J. West, b. Johnston	0
W. C. C. Ash, run out	12
W. F. Fox, b. Blaker	5
Extras	49
Total	278

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER.				
<i>First Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
West	13	6	23	2
Geeson	12.3	5	17	7
<i>Second Innings.</i>				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Geeson	8.2	3	21	4
F. W. Hulton	8	—	32	—
M.C.C.				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. E. More	31	11	70	3
W. C. Stevens	13	2	58	1
H. R. Flack	9	2	30	—
H. W. Beveridge	3	—	14	—
R. N. R. Blaker	6.2	1	32	1
C. E. L. Johnston	9	1	32	3

LATER.—The School drew with Harrow Blues, Young scoring 50 not out, More 40, Flack 38.—Rigauds beat Grants by an innings and over 200 runs: More 141, Blaker 78, Willett 68 not out, Anderson 34 not out.—T.BB. beat Q.SS. T.BB. 133 (More 33, Blaker 36, Anderson 14); Q.SS. 86 (Clay 18, Gwyer 11, Cotterill 10). Flack took 6 wkts. for 27.

THE AVERAGES

(Up to and including the M.C.C. Match).

BATTING.					
	No. of Innings	Total	Highest Score	Not out	Average
R. N. R. Blaker ...	14	603	85	2	50.25
R. E. More	12	298	96	—	24.83
E. E. Cotterill	14	220	50	—	15.71
F. Young	12	176	58	—	14.66
C. E. L. Johnston	8	69	31	3	13.8
W. H. C. Clay	3	41	24	—	13.65
H. R. Flack	14	163	36	2	13.58
H. R. Lonsdale	12	136	55	1	12.36
W. C. Stevens	13	133	46	—	10.23
B. H. Willett	11	70	24	1	7.00
S. M. Anderson	8	39	23	2	6.50
W. V. Rayner	5	19	8	1	4.75
J. B. Wells	3	10	6	0	3.33
F. A. S. Gwatkin	9	16	5	4	3.00
H. W. Beveridge	4	6	4	2	3.00

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. E. More	277·1	90	678	60	11·3
C. E. L. Johnston...	12	2	43	3	14·33
F. Young	40·2	5	113	6	18·83
H. W. Beveridge ...	38	5	150	6	25·00
W. C. Stevens	121·4	19	399	19	25·26
R. N. R. Blaker	41·2	5	126	2	63·00
H. R. Flack	104	16	367	3	122·33
S. M. Anderson ...	5	1	12	0	—

DIVING COMPETITION.

THE diving competition was held at the St. George's Baths on July 16. The attendance in the gallery was fair, and considerable interest was displayed. Newton headed the list with a total of twenty-nine.

1. G. Newton, 10-8-11 . . . 29 plates.
2. { A. McKenna, 8-9-8 }
 { F. C. Jonas, 7-8-10 } . . . 25 "
- { H. Roose, 6-10-9 }

The account of the swimming races has been mislaid, but shall appear in our next issue. H. C. Jonas was victorious in Senior *v.* Junior.

THE ELIZABETHAN CLUB.

THE Annual Dinner for 1897 was held at the Monico, Shaftesbury Avenue, on Thursday, July 15.

In the absence of the President, the chair was taken by Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., and among the members who attended were Mr. R. H. Davies, the Rev. E. R. Ellis, the Rev. C. Erskine, Mr. Stanley Fisher, Mr. Gordon, Mr. C. W. Grant-Wilson, Mr. Wemyss Grant-Wilson, Mr. M. Hallett, Mr. C. R. W. Heath, Mr. P. B. Henderson, Mr. A. B. Horne, Mr. W. E. Horne, Mr. C. G. R. Lee, Mr. T. Stirling Lee, Mr. Liberty, Mr. Little, Mr. Newton-Robinson, Mr. Paul, Mr. Scott, Mr. A. H. Stenning, Mr. C. W. Stephenson, Mr. E. G. Thorne, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Wakley, and the hon. secretary.

After the usual toasts of 'The Queen' and 'Floreat,' the Annual General Meeting of the Club took place, Mr. Tomlinson in the chair.

The Report of the Committee for 1897 was adopted. Alluding to the death of Mr. Wickham, M.P., referred to in the Report, the CHAIRMAN stated that the vacancy thereby created among the Busby Trustees had been filled by the appointment of a well-known member of the Club—Mr. Germain Lavie. He also referred to the intention of certain members of the House of Commons to present a clock 'up-Fields.'

The CHAIRMAN proposed the re-election of Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore as President of the Club. This was seconded by Mr. NEWTON-ROBINSON, and carried *nem. con.*

On the motion of Mr. WAKLEY, seconded by Mr. W. E. HORNE, Lord Stalbridge and Mr. James Lowther, M.P., were re-elected as Vice-Presidents.

Mr. T. STIRLING LEE proposed, and Mr. E. G. THORNE seconded, the re-election of Mr. T. S. Oldham as Hon. Treasurer, and of Mr. W. A. Peck as Hon. Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee:—Mr. C. M. Barker, the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Mr. C. L. Eastlake, Mr. C. D. Fisher, Mr. Robert Hurst, Mr. H. F. Manisty, Mr. R. J. Mure, Mr. H. T. Sheringham, Mr. A. H. Stenning, Mr. H. Warrington Smyth, Mr. H. B. Tritton, and Mr. Tomlinson, M.P.

Some suggested alterations in the rules of the Club were then discussed by the meeting.

A short debate also took place as to the present condition of cricket at the School, in the course of which Mr. C. W. Grant-Wilson made a statement to the Club as to the improved condition of the wickets up-Fields, which he attributed to the good work done by the present ground-man.

The meeting afterwards terminated.

[It must be remembered that Elson has now the assistance of two other men up-Fields, with whose help a great deal more work is got through than was formerly the case.—ED.]

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—By the time this number is out the Q.SS. *v.* T.BB. will be over. We hope for the best, and τὸ δ' εἶναι νικᾶτω. We congratulate Young, Flack, Cotterill, Lonsdale, and Gwatkin on playing against Charterhouse, and Young on his conspicuous success therein. Exams. have cast a gloom over all for the last few weeks. Congratulations to Johnston, Gwatkin, and Lonsdale on their pinks.

RIGAUDS.—Hearty congratulations to Blaker on his success against Charterhouse. The Carthusians will remember him, and they may meet again next year. More, Blaker, Willett, and Anderson were Rigauds' representatives in the match. The two latter have received their pinks. R. C. Jewesbury has electrified the House by passing 'Smalls.' Jonas won the Senior *v.* Junior swimming races—an unusual performance. M. S. Thompson, H. McKenna, and K. B. Anderson have been given their House colours.

GRANTS.—We have been rather badly beaten by Rigauds in the House matches, after winning a close game with Ashburnham. Heard and Bompas have received their House colours, on which we congratulate them.

H.BB.—The only news is that we enabled Rigauds to create a new School record in the House matches, which has now been beaten in the Granite match. Plaskitt and Corfield have received their House colours.

ASHBURNHAM.—After an exciting game, we were beaten by Grants. Colville and Wynter have been given well-deserved House colours. Harris played a fine innings of 49 not out for us.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of GERALD STEPHENSON, which took place on Ascension Day. Mr. Stephenson was born in 1863, admitted to the School in 1876, became a Q.S. in 1879, left in 1881, and was admitted a solicitor in 1887. Four of his brothers were at the School, the youngest having left in 1891.

We have to regret the death of the Hon. WILLIAM ASHBURNHAM, which also took place on Ascension Day. Mr. Ashburnham, who was the third son of the fourth Earl of Ashburnham (O.W.), was born in 1847 and admitted to the School in 1868. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and a barrister of the Inner Temple.

It will be remembered that an O.W. went down in the 'Drummond Castle.' We have now to regret the death of Mr. Eustace Carden, senior officer of the ill-fated 'Aden.' Mr. Carden was the third son of Charles Carden, Esq., of Brixworth, Northants, late captain 35th Regiment, by Jane, daughter of Edw. B. King, Esq., M.P. He was born December 29, 1863; admitted September 24, 1875; and left in August, 1877.

Colonel JAMES GALLOWAY, a distinguished officer of the Bombay Staff Corps, died last week at Wembdon, Bridgwater, at the age of 62. Son of the late Rev. James Galloway, he was born in 1835, was educated at Westminster and Addiscombe, and entered the Bombay army in 1853, receiving his lieutenant's commission in 1856. He took part in the Indian Mutiny campaign, and was present at the assault and capture of Kotah and with the column in pursuit of the Gwalior rebels under Tantia Toppe and others in the summer of 1858. He also took part in the action at Sanganeer and the battle of the Bunass, and accompanied Brigadier Parke's pursuing column in 1858-9, for which he had the medal with clasp. Captain in 1865 and Major in 1873, he served with the 29th Bombay Native Infantry in the Afghan War in 1879-80, accompanying Sir Frederick Roberts in the march to Candahar, for which he received the medal with clasp, the brevet of Major, and the bronze decoration. In the Egyptian War of 1882 he commanded the 2nd Belooch Regiment, was present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, for which he obtained mention in despatches, and received the Companionship of the Bath, the Medal with Clasp, the Third Clasp of the Medjidie, and the Khedive's Star. He became Colonel in 1883, and in 1891 was placed on the Unemployed Supernumerary List.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The following is from the 'Observer' of July 18:—

SIR,—Mr. Monk reminds you that the Westminster boys were present at the Coronation. Among the surviving Queen's scholars of the period are the following: The Rev. Edmund Edward Allen, Rector of Porthkerry; Major-General Holled Wallace Henry Coxe; Henry Richard Farrer, sometime Fellow of Merton; the Rev. James Ambrose Ogle, Rector of Southmere; the Rev. Thomas Lockyer Williams; the Rev. Richard Gregory Chalk, Rector of Wilden; Walter Carew Cocks, sometime Auditor of the India Office; the Rev. John Primatt Maud, sometime Vicar of Ancaster; Lieutenant-General Charles Wilson Randolph; the Rev. Thomas Jones Prout, sometime Tutor and Censor of Christ Church; and the Rev. John Hervey Simpson, Vicar of Bexhill. There are doubtless other survivors. The town boys witnessed the Coronation from the triforium. Of these there are not a few survivors. One of them who was present is the Rev. James Grenville Smyth, Vicar of Elkington and Prebendary of Lincoln. As some may have been accidentally absent it would not be safe, in the lack of certainty, to give the names of others.

Your obedient servant,

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Our Contemporaries.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the following: *Wykehamist, Doverian (2), Carthusian, Tonbridgian, Pauline, Newtonian (2), Marlburian, Meteor, Cliftonian, King's College Magazine, Lawrenceville Literary Magazine, Fetterian, Our Boys', Blue, Reptonian, Alleynian, Oakham School Magazine, Edinburgh Academy Magazine, Cheltonian, Rossalian, Quernmorian, Malvernian, Ulula, Felstedian, Lancing College Magazine, Barnet Elizabethan, Salopian, Haileyburian.*

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