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THE themes which serve for leading articles in THE ELIZABETHAN are many and varied; their name is legion. A much hackneyed subject is the School Mission, which is served up periodically, disguised under more or less original headings, in the hope of escaping recognition by the subscribers. Another fruitful topic is 'Our Societies,' which turns up with charming regularity under slightly varied forms; sometimes it is headed 'Debating Society,' and sometimes it is dished up in the more vague and consequently more useful shape of a general article, comparing the societies of Westminster with those of other less enlightened schools and institutions. The comparison is invariably favourable to Westminster, even when the House

of Commons is weighed in the other side of the balance. Quite one of the most time-worn institutions is the periodical article on patriotism: this old friend is sometimes known as 'Station,' sometimes yclept 'Concerning Patriotism'; at times written above some such familiar and suggestive pseudonym as Gracchus, more often unsigned. But be the outward form of this article what it will, the substance of it never varies. In other school papers it takes slightly different forms; but in THE ELIZABETHAN, with commendable regularity, it involves curses—in somewhat bombastic terms—on such as are not to be seen Up-fields on Saturdays, or as have sufficient of the slug in their composition to induce them not to go in 'Green' at 12.45, or to prefer the chance of 'Sut.'s' or library to football or cricket (*limax scholastica* this breed has been dubbed elsewhere). Possibly this class

of article does a lot of good; it is probably meant to do so; certainly it affords the patriot a splendid opportunity for blowing off steam, or for getting his knife well into some particular friend, sheltered by the useful anonymity preserved by leader-writers. The cricket and football articles are hardy annuals, and as essential a part of THE ELIZABETHAN as the Editor himself; in them the past seasons are often reviewed well, and as often badly; the characters of the team sometimes strike one as drafted with the prejudiced pen of inter-house rivalry, and too often the whole is a woeful attempt to gloss an unsuccessful Charterhouse match. But after all, though it is easy to sneer, when the characters are fairly and skilfully sketched, and the season calmly and critically reviewed by an outsider, these articles show the captain and his team where they have failed, and what were their strong points, better than perhaps could be done in any other way. The next familiar type is the 'Editorial,' which so frequently commences a new year with aspirations and promises for the future, winds up an old year with expressions of satisfaction and with farewells from the Management to the subscribers, and which crops up about every third number throughout the year, to offer apologies or furnish 'copy.' Whenever anything new is heard of in or around Westminster, as the recent attack of the united vestries upon the Close of St. Peter, or the contemplated action of the Improvement Syndicate, a leading article is instantly forthcoming on the subject. This particular species almost invariably damns progress or innovation in the good old, true blue, Westminster Tory spirit, or colourlessly reviews the question, without hazarding an opinion either way. Again, every now and then some enterprising person, who has got hold of old ledgers, or a copy or two of 'Nugæ Westmonasterienses,' or 'College and T.B. Life,' is smitten with an overwhelming desire to elevate his more ignorant contemporaries to his own archæological level, and at once turns out a couple of quarterns on 'Racquets,' 'Ledgers,' or 'T.B.B. v. Q.S.S.' from 1806. This class of article perhaps does as much good as any, for it does teach many

people something which they did not know before about the School. Then there is the humorous article, generally from the editorial pen, which most often purports to be an extract from a diary or a fragment of an old play. And—but this list might be prolonged indefinitely, to suit the requirements of taste or the scarcity of 'copy'—so suffice it to say that there is one type of article of which this is a very fair specimen; it has no particular object and not much meaning, but rambles along aimlessly to its heart's content. It is called 'On Fagging,' 'How it strikes a Contemporary,' 'Old Westminster Football,' 'An Editor's Grievances,' or 'Sic itur ad duces,' and is the just reward of an Editor who walks up to one a few hours before THE ELIZABETHAN is to go to press and smilingly asks if one would mind knocking off 'School Notes' and a leader for him, besides the 'footer' report, &c., already in hand, as he is *rather busy*.

RED ETTIN.

School Notes.

THE Ireland Greek Verse has been won by S. A. Sydney-Turner.

R. K. Gaye has added to his lists of triumphs by winning the Porson Greek Verse.

The T.B.B. and Q.S.S. match on March 13 brought a successful football season to a close. We must congratulate Blaker and his team, and especially on their victory over Charterhouse, an account of which is given elsewhere.

The following School matches have been played since the last ELIZABETHAN :—

Sat.	Feb.	26	.	Old Brightonians.	(Won 5-0.)
"	Mar.	5	.	Charterhouse.	(Won 4-1.)
"	"	12	.	R. E. More's XI.	(Lost 0-6.)
"	"	19	.	O.W.W.	(Won 3-2.)

The total number of goals scored for the School during the season is 75, against 56.

The following have received their pinks, upon which we congratulate them heartily :—A. C. Barnby, B. H. Willett, A. L. Foster, H. R. Lonsdale, and W. R. Jacob.

Some account appeared in the XIIIth part of the 'Encyclopædia of Sport' of the games played at Westminster. We cannot conscientiously congratulate the Editors upon the accuracy of this article, which by no means comes up to the usual standard of the Encyclopædia. For instance, it is instructive to learn that "wires" are still played, and that "sixes" are played in "Green," "pinks" being debarred from participation in them.

The football elevens have been filled up as follows :—

<i>Pinks</i>	<i>Pink and Whites</i>	<i>3rd XI's.</i>
R. N. R. Blaker*	H. McKenna	J. W. Lord
S. M. Anderson*	E. Æ. Cotterill	J. B. Wells
F. Young	H. S. Bompas	O. H. Williams
W. F. Corfield*	R. Wynter	E. C. Stevens
W. V. Rayner*	K. Anderson	H. R. Flack
W. C. Stevens	R. Truslove	R. B. Featherstone
L. Y. Barnby	H. Plaskitt	W. Rutherford
A. C. Barnby	G. H. Bernays	A. Scarisbrick
B. H. Willett	S. S. Harris	R. Pashley
A. L. Foster	H. G. Barnes	R. F. Traill
H. R. Lonsdale	H. W. Beveridge	P. F. Lock
W. R. Jacob	A. J. Blaxland	

* Will have left by next season.

The School has just received a magnificent present from R. Pashley, Esq., in the shape of two handsome challenge cups for the Charterhouse cricket match. One cup is to be awarded to the bowler who is most successful in this match, and the other to the most successful batsman. As the cups are to date from the victory of 1897, More and Blaker respectively will be the first holders. The School will have an early opportunity of judging of Mr. Pashley's munificence, as the cups will, we believe, be presented, for the first time, at the Sports.

The Fencing Competition was decided on Friday, March 25, and the badge was won by W. F. Corfield with comparative ease.

The Racquets Competition, which has been considerably delayed owing to the continual wet which has prevailed of late, has reached the semi-final stage, Blaker, Plaskitt, S. Anderson, and Flack being the survivors. We hope to print a full account in our next.

The last Mission Offertory of the term was collected on the Annunciation Day. Over £30 has been collected this term.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

THIS match was played Up-fields on Saturday, March 5, and resulted in a decisive victory for Westminster by 4 goals to 1. The weather, being fine, attracted a large crowd, which, including the rails, must have been a record one. The ground was in perfect condition, and had been most carefully prepared for the match. After so many years of disappointing defeat, the Westminster victory was welcome and popular, and provoked the greatest enthusiasm. The last victory over Charterhouse was A.D. (not B.C.) 1886.

The game began at 3 p.m., Charterhouse kicking off from the Church end, and the Westminster forwards at once rushed the ball towards their opponents' goal, Blaker and Anderson putting in some long shots, which the Charterhouse goal-keeper had no difficulty in clearing. Soon, however, the siege was raised, and Charterhouse attacked. Give-and-take play followed, and each goal was in turn visited. Then came a good run by Blaker and Corfield, the latter of whom nearly scored with a good shot. This seemed to wake the Charterhouse forwards up, and they made a most determined attack on the Westminster goal. Their outside left was especially noticeable, as mistakes by Foster and A. C. Barnby let him up time after time, and Rayner was called upon to use his hands more often than the Westminster supporters quite relished, but this was perhaps the only period of the game when Charterhouse looked like winning.

Thanks mainly to the efforts of Young, who was playing a grand game, the pressure was relieved and Jacob forced a corner, from which nothing resulted, and the play was transferred to the Westminster end, their centre forward scoring with a shot, which looked like a mis-kick (0-1). Westminster again got to work, L. Barnby being stopped just in time. Two corners then fell to Charterhouse, both of which were well placed, but Lonsdale cleared successfully. Blaker, Anderson, and Corfield gave the Charterhouse goal-keeper plenty of work to do soon after, and L. Barnby from a pass by Corfield had the goal at his mercy, but shot badly. Play then became very even, each side attacking in turn; two corners fell to Westminster, but Foster's kicks were both failures. After this Charterhouse pressed for some time, but the defence of Young and Lonsdale was very sound, and Rayner was perfectly safe. At last the Westminster forwards took the ball away, and Blaker from a pass by L. Barnby scored a beautiful goal (1-1); from a centre by Jacob, Blaker hit the post, and when half-time was called the forwards were as busy as bees in front of the Charterhouse goal.

The second half saw a great change in the game, as Westminster did all the pressing and scoring, the ball being but rarely out of the Charterhouse lines. On the restart, Rayner was immediately penalised for

carrying the ball, and a *mêlée* took place in front of the Westminster goal, but Willett cleared, and the ball travelled to the other end, Anderson putting in a hot shot, which was well saved; then from a corner L. Barnby found the net (2-1), and almost immediately afterwards from a pretty piece of combination between Jacob, Blaker, and Corfield the latter with a fine shot beat the Carthusian (3-1). Then a corner to Charterhouse followed, but Blaker got possession, rushed down the field, and shot over. Anderson was now conspicuous, but found Leatham, whose play throughout the second half was admirable, very hard to circumvent. However, Westminster was not to be denied, and from a good centre from Corfield, Blaker scored a neat goal (4-1). From now to the end the bombardment of the Charterhouse goal was continuous, in spite of Blaker being useless in the last ten minutes, owing to cramp, and Anderson injured.

The result (4-1) fairly represents the difference between the two teams, but the score might have been increased had all opportunities been taken advantage of. Yet 'twas a glorious victory,' and Blaker and the team generally are to be heartily congratulated thereon.

It is doubtless necessary to say a few words on individual play. Blaker played quite up to his reputation; he seemed to roam at will through the Charterhouse defence, and led his team admirably. Anderson has been seen to greater advantage; he was always tricky, but rather selfish at times. Corfield was the fastest forward on the field, and played well throughout. Jacob, though slow, was useful. Of the half-backs, Young played a perfect game; in the first half especially, he was here, there and everywhere. Willett was steady, and Foster poor. Of the backs, Lonsdale was very good and plucky, and did his work, and at times that of his fellow-back, in the most praiseworthy manner. A. C. Barnby was practically useless in the first half, but improved in the second. Some of his methods are rather questionable, and he was far too fond of poaching on the right-half. Rayner was very safe, stopped some very awkward shots, and cleared well.

Of Charterhouse it may be said that they all worked hard, but their forwards lacked combination; their half-backs were a capable lot, and their backs good; the goal-keeper was very plucky, and did an immense amount of effective work.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, and B. H. Willett (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

CHARTERHOUSE.

T. W. Thomson (goal), R. B. Timmis and B. H. Leatham (backs), C. H. Wild, H. Musker, and G. H. Fox (halves), G. N. Clarke, G. Crossdale, W. L. H. Moss, R. A. B. Trower, and R. W. E. Evans (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. R. E. MORE'S XI.

This match was played Up-fields on Saturday, March 12. University College, with whom a fixture had been originally arranged for this date, having scratched owing to Schools, R. E. More kindly filled the breach, and brought down a strong eleven, consisting chiefly of Oxford men, eight of which team had played for their 'Varsity. Westminster lost the toss, and kicked off from the Church end at five minutes past 3. The visitors at once pressed, and Hollins getting right through scored with a hot shot (0-1). Almost from the kick-off Harmsworth outpaced the backs and easily beat Rayner (0-2). The visitors continued to press, and Barnby and Willett cleared in quick succession. Westminster then attacked and forced a corner off Fox, which, however, proved fruitless. Anderson and Corfield got away and looked dangerous, but were stopped by Fevez. Play then was chiefly in the School half, and Harmsworth put in a good shot, which struck the bar, and from the rebound Allen shot over, a performance which was imitated by Barnett almost immediately. Westminster again ran down, and the goal-keeper conceded a corner from a shot from Anderson. The game continued fast, each side getting down in turn and shooting. Rayner next had to use his hands to a hot shot from Allen, after which Westminster attacked strongly, but Cotter saved a fine shot from Blaker. Anderson shortly after failed to take advantage of a good pass from Blaker. The game then returned to the School end, and from a good pass by Rowe, Moon shot over. After a shot from Blaker, which Cotter dealt with successfully, Anderson and Corfield ran down together, but Corfield shot behind. Barnett then shot behind for the visitors, after which Blaker ran down and forced an unproductive corner. Jacob then forced another corner for the School after a run down and pass by Barnby. Westminster continuing on the offensive, Blaker shot, but without success. Rayner then had to run out to save from Hollins, but was immediately after beaten by a good shot (0-3). Barnby then gave a corner, which was converted by Moon (0-4). After an unsuccessful attempt by Hollins, Barnett put in a magnificent shot, which it was impossible for Rayner to save (0-5). Half-time arrived soon after without any further addition to the score. The scratch team at once pressed from the restart, but Young cleared a shot from Hollins, and Blaker at once ran down and put in a good shot, which just went wide. Probyn then tried a shot, but it went behind. Jacob and Anderson both shot, but without success. The School still pressed, but Blaker shot over from a pass by Anderson. The visitors again attacked, but Barnett, taking a centre from the left, shot behind. After Corfield had put in a wild shot, Blaker and Anderson got through, but Fox saved at the expense of a corner. After an unproductive corner against the School, Moon scored the visitors' last goal. Westminster still seemed to have their share of the game, and made several attempts at the

goal, which were all but successful. Jacob centred well, and Anderson headed over. Blaker then dribbled down cleverly and passed to Corfield, who shot behind. Anderson was again unsuccessful with a high centre from Jacob, which he headed over. Both sides then got away in turn, but Barnby and Hollins were each ruled off-side. Moon then looked like scoring, but was well stopped by Lonsdale. Anderson next passed cleverly to Corfield, who was unfortunately off-side. Moon again tested Rayner, who proved equal to the occasion. Another corner was given against the School shortly after this, but Fox shot behind. Two more corners fell in rapid succession to the School and to the visitors, but both were unproductive, and time was called shortly after, leaving the visitors victorious by 0-6. They were undoubtedly a strong team, but the score did not represent the state of the game or the relative merits of the teams. The School were most unfortunate, as their shots hit the posts or went just outside—in fact, did anything but go through.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, and B. H. Willett (halves), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

R. E. MORE'S XI.

R. H. Cotter (goal), R. E. More and A. L. Fevez (backs), S. C. Probyn, R. O. Barnett, and W. F. Fox (halves), C. T. Allen, F. H. Hollins, C. St. J. Harmsworth, L. J. Moon, and G. H. Rowe (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

This match was played Up-fields on March 19, and we ended up the season with a win (3-2). The start was not till a quarter past 3, and the whole of the second period was spoilt by a violent storm of rain and wind. O.W.W. kicked off, but, after Woodbridge had kicked over, the School brought the ball well down, and Blaker, taking a centre from Jacob, opened our account after about four minutes' play (1-0). Immediately after this Corfield ran down and getting past Whittow gave L. Barnby a good opportunity, which was not accepted. However, after an ineffectual attempt by Winckworth, Jacob increased the lead with a long ground shot (2-0). The visitors now got better together, and, as a result of some good combination on the right, J. A. Willett beat Rayner with a high shot (2-1). And it seemed as though the scores would be made equal, but Rayner brought off a good save from Van der Gucht. After this the School pressed again and forced several corners, but the shots sent in went either within H. R. Blaker's reach or wide of the mark, which was perhaps due to the wind blowing strongly across the ground. More and Whittow also defended well. Thus half-time arrived with the score unaltered. Early in the second stage the

rain made the ground so slippery that the difficulty of shooting accurately was increased. Berens nevertheless put in some good work, and it was due chiefly to Lonsdale that he did not score. As it was, the ball seldom got past the backs, More, on the visitors' side, being most conspicuous, though Johnston was very erratic, and gave Anderson and Corfield openings which they were unable to utilise. About ten minutes before the end, Berens evaded our backs and passed on to J. A. Willett, who equalised without difficulty (2-2). But a minute or two later Blaker responded with a good run and a splendid shot that his brother was powerless to save, and gave us a well-deserved victory of 3 goals to 2.

The teams were :

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), A. L. Foster, F. Young, and B. H. Willett (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

H. R. Blaker (goal), R. E. More and A. Whittow (backs), S. C. Probyn, R. O. Barnett, and C. E. L. Johnston (half-backs), D. P. Winckworth, E. Berens, J. A. Willett, A. H. Woodbridge, and C. Van der Gucht (forwards).

T.BB. *v.* Q.SS.

This annual fixture and closing match of the season was decided Up-fields on March 23, and resulted in a victory for T.BB. by the wide margin of 12-0.

Winning the toss, Q.SS. elected to defend the Hospital end, playing with a strong wind in their favour. Punctually at 2.45 p.m. Blaker kicked off for T.BB., who immediately pressed, but Lonsdale cleared well, and Bernays quickly took the ball to the T.BB. end. A. C. Barnby conceded a corner. Flack put in an excellent corner kick, but T.BB.'s weight stood them in good stead, and they cleared well; but Q.SS., with the help of the wind, continued to press hard for about ten minutes, when from a corner Blaker, from a pass by Anderson, got clean away, and notched the first point for T.BB. (1-0). Give-and-take play ensued, till Blaker again broke away, and scored with a splendid shot (2-0). T.BB. kept up the pressure and forced a corner, Blaker scoring for the third time from a scrimmage in front of goal (3-0). This seemed to set Q.SS. going again, and after some neat work on the right Rayner was called upon to save, but proved equal to the occasion, and the ball getting among the T.BB. forwards again Bompas scored with an excellent low shot (4-0). Bernays was next conspicuous for a good run, but was badly fouled by A. C. Barnby. The resulting free-kick went behind. T.BB. getting together again scored once more through Blaker, and half-time arrived with the score (5-0) in favour of T.BB. From the restart, T.BB., playing with the wind, quickly assumed the aggressive, but the Q.SS. defence played up well and resisted all attacks for some time, till

Blaker, whose single handed runs were quite irresistible, scored three times in quick succession (8-0). Q.SS. then tried hard to score, and Williams made a good run on the right and centred to Jacob, who had the goal at his mercy, but missed his kick badly, and the backs cleared, passing to Blaker, who sent across to Anderson, who scored with a nice cross-shot (9-0). From the kick-off, L. Y. Barnby ran down and put in a long centre, which the Q.SS. custodian missed badly, the ball dropping into the far corner of the net (10-0). Q.SS. still played up pluckily, at times making splendid combined rushes up the field, from one of which Kennedy should have scored, but headed behind. T.BB. again pressed, and would have scored but for the vigorous and untiring energy of Young. A mis-kick by Lonsdale let Blaker in again (11-0), and within a few minutes Blaker again got away and scored with a brilliant shot (12-0). Q.SS. got together and went away in good style, but Kennedy was ruled off-side. The whistle signalled time, and the victory—a record by the way—rested, as already stated, with T.BB.

For T.BB., Blaker was conspicuous throughout; he scored no less than nine times. W. V. Rayner had only two shots to deal with; on each occasion he saved well. A. C. Barnby played a poor and foul game. Truslove at centre-half was very disappointing, and Foster was rather off-colour. The left defence was very safe.

For Q.SS. Gaye (in goal) was not good. Lonsdale and Wernham were poor. Young worked very hard at centre-half, and received useful help from Flack. Lock was outpaced by L. Y. Barnby. Of the forwards, Bernays, Wells, and Williams were the pick.

The following were the teams:—

T.BB.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. C. Barnby and B. H. Willett (backs), A. L. Foster, R. Truslove, and H. Plaskitt (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, H. S. Bompas, and L. Y. Barnby (forwards).

Q.SS.

A. S. Gaye (goal), H. Wernham and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), P. F. Lock, F. Young, and H. R. Flack (half-backs), O. H. M. Williams, S. D. Kennedy, W. R. Jacob, J. B. Wells, and G. H. Bernays (forwards).

Referee, R. E. More (O.WW.); linesmen, H. McKenna (T.BB.) and F. Waterfield (Q.SS.).

HOUSE MATCHES.

RIGAUDS *v.* GRANTS.

Wednesday, March 9.

Rigauds kicked off against the wind. At first play was even, but gradually Rigauds asserted their superiority and scored first through Blaker (1-0). Then Blaker scored again (2-0), and Pashley (1), Anderson (2) scoring again. The half-time score was 5-0 in Rigauds' favour. The play in the second half needs very little description, as Rigauds were in Grants' half the whole time. Blaker adding 5 more, the final score was 11-0.

For Rigauds, Anderson (in goal) had nothing to do. Willett was good. A. C. Barnby was very off-colour. Lord, of the halves, and all the forwards were good. For Grants, Stevens (in goal) had a lot to do; sometimes he saved well, but held the ball too long, and also left his goal too much. E. C. Stevens and Rawlings were good, and Bompas worked hard forward, but got little help from the others.

Teams:—

RIGAUDS.

K. Anderson (goal), A. C. Barnby and B. H. Willett (backs), R. Whitlow, J. W. Lord, and G. C. Myers (halves), R. Pashley, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, and A. T. Willett (forwards).

GRANTS.

W. C. Stevens (goal), E. C. Stevens and R. P. Rawlings (backs), M. G. Baillie, H. G. H. Barnes, and G. H. Newton (halves), D. Whitmore, H. Sheppard, H. S. Bompas, S. D. Jolly, and W. P. Daniel (forwards).

H.BB. *v.* ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played on the 2nd Game Ground on Wednesday, March 9. Soon after the kick-off, the H.BB. forwards got away, and Traill scored (1-0). Almost immediately after a second goal was scored, this time by Foster, who put in an extremely good shot. The play now grew rather slack, until suddenly Ashburnham seemed to wake up, and scored 3 goals in quick succession, Featherstone shooting the first, Walker the second, and Harris the third (2-3). After half-time, the ball was continually near the Ashburnham goal, but H.BB. failed to score, though Rutherford would have scored once had not the referee ruled it behind before it had been centred. At length Corfield managed to equalise (3-3), and a little later Truslove scored the winning goal (4-3). Rayner was absent from the H.BB. team, and Wynter from the Ashburnham.

Teams:—

H.BB.

Lefroy (goal), A. J. Blaxland and J. P. Robinson (backs), A. L. Foster, R. Truslove, and H. Plaskitt (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, W. Rutherford, R. F. Traill, H. Reyner, and R. S. Summerhayes (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

H. Barber (goal), R. Scarisbrick and H. W. Beveridge (backs), Day, Lewis, and H. G. Addison (half-backs), R. B. Featherstone, Walker, S. S. Harris, H. Kirby, and E. F. Colville (forwards).

Referee, W. R. Jacob (Q.SS.).

FINAL.

RIGAUDS *v.* HOME-BOARDERS.

Wednesday, March 16.

The ground was in fine condition, and a fast and interesting game was witnessed, Rigauds winning by 3 goals to none, thus gaining the Shield the ninth year in succession. Rigauds won the toss, and kicked off with the wind in their favour. The opening exchanges were very even, the defence on both

sides being very safe. Rayner saved several shots well, and at the other end H.B.B. nearly scored, but Myers just kicked out in time. Then a few minutes later Corfield had only the goal-keeper to deal with, but shot outside. Pashley, on Rigauds' right, was making some good centres, but they were safely got away. At last, within about two minutes of half-time, Blaker put the ball through with a very fine cross-shot (1-0), so that at half-time Rigauds led (1-0). With the wind behind them, H.B.B. ought to have scored, but Willett was playing a fine game at back, stopping their forwards repeatedly. About ten minutes after the restart, from a bully in front of the H.B.B. goal, Anderson shot hard, and the ball, hitting Truslove, went through in the far corner (2-0), Rayner having no chance of saving. Rigauds were now bucking-up like demons, and H.B.B. defence was severely tried. Anderson put in a fine shot in the corner, which Rayner only saved by conceding a corner, which was kicked behind. Then Pashley had another fine shot, which Rayner just managed to clear. At last, however, Anderson scored with a good shot (3-0). Corfield and Rutherford were making strenuous efforts to get through, and their efforts were nearly crowned with success, but Willett nipped across in the nick of time and averted the danger. After this even play followed till the whistle went, with the score (3-0) in favour of Rigauds.

For Rigauds, Willett was splendid, and A. C. Barnby was good. Lord worked very hard at centre-half, and all the forwards were good. For H.B.B., Rayner (in goal) was excellent, and both the backs, all the halves, and Corfield and Summerhayes and Rutherford of the forwards were good.

Teams :—

RIGAUDS.

K. Anderson (goal), A. C. Barnby and B. H. Willett (backs), G. C. Myers, J. W. Lord, and R. Whittow (halves), R. Pashley and S. M. Anderson (right), R. N. R. Blaker (centre), L. Y. Barnby and A. T. Willett (left) (forwards).

HOME-BOARDERS.

W. V. Rayner (goal), A. J. Blaxland and J. P. Robinson (back-), A. L. Foster, R. Truslove, and H. Plaskitt (halves), W. Rutherford and W. F. Corfield (right), R. F. Traill (centre), H. Rayner and R. Summerhayes (left) (forwards).
Referee, F. Young (Q.SS.).

House Notes.

ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—In the House Matches we were beaten by H.B.B. (4-3) after leading till the last quarter of an hour. After the match Addison and Walker received house-colours, upon which we congratulate them. The following Wednesday we played Grants a pointless draw. We do not expect to do much in the Sports, but hope to give our opponents a hard tug. Wynter, Harris, and Beveridge received 2nd XI's, and Featherstone and Scarisbrick 3rd XI's, and we give them all our heartiest congratulations.

COLLEGE.—The result of the Town-boy Match was very disappointing, since it constitutes a record against us. Still, we venture to think, we were a little better than the score indicates, and our forwards should have scored at least twice. As in this match, so in the Sports, the loss of Cotterill will be heavily felt. We congratulate Bernays on his pink-and-whites, and Flack and Lock on their 3rd XI's. We have poor prospects for the Sports. Seniors' Room have managed to lose to Second Election Room after a slack game, and the latter room, in consequence, have still an opportunity of winning the competition. The Literary Society is doing nicely, and the Chess Club are arranging a match with Grants.

GRANTS.—In the Shield Matches we were beaten by Rigauds (11-love), and drew with Ashburnham, R. P. Rawlings and W. P. Daniel have received their house-colours. The Literary Society have been reading the 'Good-Natured Man' and scenes from the 'Rivals.' Our prospects for the Sports are not very great, but our team of the tug-of-war has been materially diminished by the absence of W. R. Stevens and S. H. King, who has hurt his hand badly.

H.B.B.—In the Senior House Matches we beat Ashburnham (4-3) after a most interesting game, but were in turn beaten in the Finals by Rigauds (3-0). We had five representatives for T.B.B. v. Q.SS. We had two representatives in the Fencing Competition, in which we congratulate Corfield on coming off victorious. We heartily congratulate Foster on getting his pinks; Truslove, Plaskitt, and Blaxland on the pink-and-whites; and Rutherford and Traill on their 3rd XI's; also Summerhayes on his house-colours.

RIGAUDS.—During the past month we have sustained a great loss in the sudden death of our matron. Although Mrs. Hayes had been with us but a short time, she was universally liked and respected.—The Football Shield is ours again, for the ninth year in succession. We were drawn against Grants in the first round of the House Matches, and defeated them (11-0)—Blaker 7, Anderson 3, and Pashley 1. We proved victorious over H.B.B. in the final by 3-0 (Blaker 1, Anderson 2) after an excellent game. Our team all played well, B. H. Willett being especially good, while for them Rayner in goal was magnificent. As in the trials, we were without H. McKenna in both matches, as his ankle still renders football impossible. Our record of goals for the season is 28 to 1. Hearty congratulations to A. C. Barnby and B. H. Willett on their pinks; K. B. Anderson on his pink-and-whites; Pashley on his 3rd XI's; and Whittow, A. Willett, and Myers on their house-colours. Blaker and Cunningham are also to be congratulated upon matriculating at Jesus and Caius, Camb., respectively.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on March 3 to discuss the following motion:—'That all schemes for the improvement of the poorer districts of Westminster deserve every consideration.' Proposer, H. R. LONSDALE; Seconder, H. G. QUIN; Opposer, G. H. BERNAYS.

The PROPOSER attacked the question on the ground that the district in question is unhealthy and overpopulated. He said that he would also like to see a more dignified approach to the Houses of Parliament and the Abbey.

The OPPOSER said that three schemes had already been produced; the scheme now in progress, however, is a syndicate headed by Sir John Lubbock to buy up and rebuild Westminster. What will the poor do? They cannot rent the new buildings, and will be turned out on the streets. It becomes a means of making money for the capitalists in the syndicate, and for those who hold the ground-rents. The Dean and Chapter have voted against it. What would Westminster be without its slums? Broad streets are no doubt desirable, but not in the historic slums of Westminster. The scheme has lost sight of its original object, which was to benefit the poor. No other scheme has yet been propounded except that of the London County Council, which is not very extensive and has no particular object in view.

H. G. QUIN, to aid him in seconding, brought in a very large map of London, but he could only succeed in giving the House a geographical lecture on the district of Westminster, and a poor one at that.

A. C. BARNBY said that there are two districts in Westminster, the Houses of Parliament and the slums. The latter should certainly be changed, but the former and its precincts (Palace Yard) should remain untouched.

H. MCKENNA said that the promoters of these schemes propose to do too much. There is no need to demolish Great College Street or Cowley Street. He considered the Dean and Chapter too conservative.

A. MCKENNA complained that all the schemes proposed are badly managed. Money is evidently the object, not the improvement of the districts. He considered that the first slums to come down should be those behind the Aquarium and Queen Anne's Mansions.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The House then adjourned.

The House met on March 10 to discuss the following motion:—'That the rights of primogeniture should be abolished.' Proposer, A. MCKENNA; Seconder, F. WATERFIELD; Opposer, H. R. FLACK.

A. MCKENNA, as a younger son himself, should have been able to bring forward some more convincing facts in support of the motion than his sole

argument, which was, that younger sons are invariably superior to, and turn out better than, their elder brothers.

The OPPOSER said that if the present rights were abolished we should immediately have younger sons assuming the titles of their elder brothers, and many other such complications would arise. Why should such old and long-standing customs be abolished now?

The SECONDER said that the present law regulating the rights of primogeniture gives no justice. A younger son should not be turned out into the world having nothing, while his elder brother rolls in wealth.

A. C. BARNBY pointed out to F. Waterfield that a father has the power of disinheriting the eldest son.

H. MCKENNA criticised the preceding speeches in turn.

A. MCKENNA made a second brief speech, calling upon all younger sons in the House to vote for the motion.

The motion was carried by 7-6.

The House then adjourned.

The House met again on March 17 to discuss the following motion:—'That our societies compare very favourably with those of other schools.' Proposer, L. Y. BARNBY; Seconder, S. M. ANDERSON; Opposer, A. S. GAYE.

The PROPOSER apologised for not preparing a better speech, but pointed out the impossibility of finding out anything about other schools' societies. He mentioned the three chief school societies, namely, Debating, Photographic, and Glee Societies, and bracketed them together as 'excellent.' But what about the Literary Society? Why should not Town-boys be represented (hear, hear)?

The OPPOSER (A. S. Gaye) said that our societies are inferior to those of other schools, both in number and quality. Country schools have their advantages, but so have we, and we do not use them. What a situation Westminster would be for an Architectural Society, yet we have never had one. The Literary Society, as L. Y. Barnby had said, consisted only of Q.SS.; this is certainly a wrong state of affairs for a Society called a School Society. The Glee Society also is not what it used to be; there are now no weekly Wednesday afternoon performances. The Debating Society is handicapped by time, and the motions might be better chosen.

The SECONDER commenced with an attack on the Literary Society. Why should a School Society be only represented by one section of the School, and that being only about one-sixth of the School. But he did not think it worth while trashing the matter out then, as there were only two Q.SS. present, and he knew that all T.BB. must hold the same opinions as himself.

L. Y. BARNBY said that he was not aware till that moment that other School papers and magazines could be read 'Up Library.'

A. MCKENNA suggested a Pastoral Play Society, which might meet in 'Green' on summer mornings, and strongly upheld the Debating Society against the criticisms he had heard that evening.

H. MCKENNA mentioned the Rigaudite Debating Society which fell through, as also the School Bell-ringing and Chess Clubs. He pointed out to A. S. Gaye that meetings of the Debating Society may be carried on from meeting to meeting, so that time is no hindrance.

The motion was carried unanimously.
The House then adjourned.

Birth.

On March 26, at Rosewell, Court Yard, Eltham, the wife of F. G. OLIVER, E-q., of a son.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Can any of your correspondents furnish me with the date when first *full* blues were given at the 'Varsities for Sports? I should also be much obliged if anyone could supply a list of those O.W.W. who have obtained Sports blues, with their year.

Yours, &c.,
MAELDUIN.

Little Dean's Yard: March 25, 1898.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—In answer to 'A Cantab O.W.,' to the best of my belief—I may be misinformed—Shotton's was at 15 Barton Street.

Yours, &c.,
TEMP. MUT.

Little Dean's Yard: March 14, 1898.

Obituary.

THE death, at Brussels, of Colonel DANVERS HENRY OSBORN has removed another figure from the fast-diminishing band of officers who were engaged in the suppression of the Sepoy revolt of forty-one years ago. Colonel Osborn—who was the youngest son of Sir John Osborn, sixth baronet, of Chicksands Priory, Bedfordshire—entered the Indian Army in December 1845, and was attached to the 54th Regiment of Native Infantry, of which he quickly rose to be adjutant. In 1856 he officiated as major of brigade at Lahore, and in the following year found himself with his corps at Delhi. On the fatal May 11 he was one of the number of white people, officers, and ladies who spent so many hours in the main-guard, in weary expectation of the relief from Meerut which never came. Being at last exposed to volleys from the 38th Native Infantry, under which three of the officers fell, the survivors aided the ladies to escape, and followed them over the precipitous parapet of the Cashmere-gate. While the others were effecting their escape, Osborn—who was among the party of fugitives, and had been severely wounded—was seen to bind up his wounded thigh and then drop from the embrasure into the ditch and scale the opposite counterscarp in the wake of Lieutenant Willoughby and two or three other officers. It seems that this party started at once across country, and, after succeeding in fording the Jumna, took the Meerut road, accompanied by other fugitives, in the hope of reaching Meerut; but after accompanying them about twelve miles, Osborn, finding

himself incapable of proceeding further on account of his wound, was left in a ravine by his companions, who continued on their flight, promising to send back help as soon as they reached their destination. Lieutenant Willoughby and his companions were all killed a few miles from this spot in a desperate encounter with some villagers who attempted to rob them; but Osborn, although stripped of all his clothing, with the exception of his pith helmet, by the Goojurs, was taken pity on by a native woman, who fed him for three days. After enduring incredible sufferings, he was eventually carried into Meerut on a charpoy, more dead than alive, by some villagers. In spite of the injuries and exposure that he had undergone, he was able to take the field after a stay in hospital, and accompanied Colonel (afterwards Sir T.) Seaton's column, which undertook the pacification of the Upper Duab in the cold weather. With this force Osborn shared in the actions at Ganguri, Patiala, and Mainpuri, and he received the Mutiny medal. After taking two years' sick furlough, he returned to India, and obtained the post of officiating Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General at Raniganj, but, being soon compelled by the state of his health to retire from active employment, took service in the Bengal police. He left India in 1864, and finally settled in Belgium, where he lived for many years, dying in his 71st year on the 5th inst. Colonel Osborn married the daughter of Mr. T. W. Wilson, of Calcutta, and has left two sons and two daughters.—*Times*, February 28, 1898.

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