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SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

NEARLY three years have now elapsed since the uniformity which pervades our School conversation, the absence of all serious discussion at Westminster, and the want of social intercourse in general, were criticised with somewhat undue severity in the columns of the *Elizabethan*. With all humility we venture to affirm that our worst enemy could not bring this charge against us at the present time. The near approach of Christmas, and the consequent plunge into a fresh year that awaits us, seems a fitting opportunity to notice the progress of the School from a social point of view. The favourite remark of all supporters of Public School education, repeated till it has become a mere truism, that we do not go to school merely to learn Greek and Latin, but to become gentlemen ready to play our part in the world, is not altogether without its meaning. Yet, in this laudable desire to avoid pedantry, too much interest is apt to be centred on tasks and wishes which belong properly to the professional and pot-

hunter. Great though the importance of athletics may be, yet their outward effects are seen but for a short time after leaving school. Somewhat thus ran the invective of our critic; and, unfounded as the accusation may have been, objectionable as such undue depreciation of games and athletics must unquestionably seem, it is with no small sense of relief that we have noticed of late years a new departure taken by the School with regard to outside events, and an utter absence of the stagnation of interests not intimately connected with the School which has called down the wrath of our critic. A glance at the different Societies which have from time to time been established and supported by energetic members of the School, will show what efforts have been made to overcome the total ignorance of expression of thought which has more than once been brought forward as the main cause of the comparatively poor show made by O.W.W. at the present time in the social and political world.

Imprimis, the Debating Society. During the years that have elapsed since it was re-

established, the Debating has flourished, whether, as our old enemy put it, 'merely through the collateral advantages of membership'—whatsoever these advantages may be—or whether from certain recognised merits of its own. Be this as it may, its members have supported it regularly and well. Few institutions in the world are faultless, and we have no intention of boasting our entire blamelessness in every respect, but venture to assert that our faults are no more numerous than those of similar institutions. What though the implacable obstructionist has no place among us, though we find but little of the misdirected energy which induces our neighbours to load the books with notices of motion and amendments which serve to demoralise rather than elevate the true spirit of debate? We have not far to go for the statistical speaker, who wearies his audience with facts and commonplaces which have no earthly connection with the subject in hand; the gentleman who rises and wishes to read the House a short quotation, and quotes and quotes till he is groaned down; the sparkling or would-be brilliant speaker, who trusts, as Sheridan has it, to his imagination for his facts and to his memory for his jokes; the orator who has nothing to say, and does not know how to say it. All these types have an undying existence in every Debating Society, and can surely be found in our own. Yet there have been Old Westminsterers of note, who have adorned the woosack or the judicial bench with their eloquence, who have risen by their powers of oratory to the highest positions England has to offer. Let us trust that the present generation, moulded under the influence of the Debating Society, may rise to no less eminent positions than its predecessors!

But a month before our disconsolate critic wrote the invective before referred to, a School Note appears in the *Elizabethan* affecting the proposals to start a Literary Society—a gloomy School Note, which, while admitting that such Societies exist and prosper at other Schools, yet doubts the possibility of doing so here, and warns its eager supporters to content themselves with furthering the excellence of the Society already existing. Oh! that the writer thereof had lived to see this day! Shakespeare has been read through, Sheridan, and most of Goldsmith; and two years of the Literary Society under the excellent guidance of Mr. Sloman has only served to increase its popularity.

Another institution calls for notice, the Bell-

ringing Society, which, through the kindness of Archdeacon Farrar, has flourished humbly and unpretentiously during the last few years. Nor should a movement of this kind be despised. Throughout the country, especially in the East of England, much good influence is won by Church bells which could not be obtained in any other way.

Last, but not least, an institution whose first appearance was celebrated but a month ago. We refer to the Glee Club. The want of a Society to give entertainments at short notice, such as exists at Charterhouse and most other Schools, has long been felt at Westminster; and it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the kindness of those who graced our first attempts by their presence and approval. We think there is no doubt of the Club's ultimate success, if only a fair amount of interest continue to be manifested in its proceedings by the School in general.

It has been said that Westminster is the most conservative of all Public Schools, and far be it from us to dispute the statement. Yet we must admit that of late years a certain new impetus has been strikingly manifested throughout the School. Unlike our correspondents who urge that no movement can have a lasting influence unless it be backed by the tradition of at least two centuries, we strongly approve of any new field for the display of energy, any departure in a direction which may serve to bring increased glory to the School. '*Vera consuetis, scripta non scriptis, semper antehabitorum*' must ever be our motto, yet surely we should at the same time encourage with the utmost zeal any influx of patriotism which tends to quicken the vitality of Westminster in the outside world.

FOOTBALL REMINISCENCES.

Now that so many correspondents have asked us to reprint some accounts of old Football Matches with other Public Schools in the early part of this century, we have taken the opportunity afforded us by the comparative stagnation of all more exciting events (and stagnation natural enough if we consider the absence of the one object which usually absorbs the interest of everyone connected with the school during the play terms), and offer these accounts to stem the tide of correspondence which rages perpetually about the supposed absence of all such records. We trust no apology is needed for the classical levity with which our reporter seems to treat the whole affair, or the sarcastic inferences—by no means unfounded, be

it said—as to the state of the Charterhouse ground at that time.

WESTMINSTER *v.* HAILEYBURY.

This match was played on Tuesday, December 8th, 1858, Dr. Scott having kindly given the Eleven leave off school for that afternoon. The day was most unpropitious, as there was a dense fog, which got thicker every minute, until by the time some of the Haileybury Eleven arrived, and the game began, it was quite impossible to see a yard before one. It was thought that eight of their side were able to find the gate of Vincent Square and to join in the game, but the fact was disputed, as it was impossible to see all the players at once.

The ball was carried between one of the goals, but it was not known which it was, so the result of the match was most uncertain; the only other subject for remark was the misadventure of one Bentley, who was lost in Fields for two hours and three quarters, having rashly ventured out to take in the flags.

ETON *v.* WESTMINSTER.

One of the matches with our old opponents at Water, the 'light-blues,' was played Up-fields on December the 11th, 1863.

It was a most unfortunate day for us, as it was the day after the first play-night, so that our men were by no means up to their usual form; added to this, for the first part of the time we had to play against a very strong wind, which, upon ends being changed after a 'game' had been kicked, immediately dropped. Ultimately, however, we were only beaten by two games.

A good deal of confusion must have arisen, seeing that the two Elevens were accustomed to different codes of rules, and that none of them had any clear idea as to the rules this match was being played under.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

One of the first football matches we played with Charterhouse was on Wednesday, December 2nd, 1863. Our eleven had heard our opponents were a strong team, so they were by no means over confident of the issue, though, of course, like good Westminsters, 'made up their minds to thrash Charterhouse if possible.' Their forebodings were increased by the fact that fields usually so dry and hard (*quantum mutatus ab illo*) were in the normal state of the Charterhouse ground, very heavy and slippery. Though they lost the toss, and consequently had to play with wind and rain in their faces, our Eleven acted upon their resolve with such success that in twenty minutes' time Vidal kicked 'game' for Westminster. Though our opponents were, as one would say now, penned for most of the remaining part of the game, only one more goal was kicked for us, though Charterhouse must have had many narrow escapes; so that in the end Westminster won by two games to none.

School Notes.

THE half-yearly School Collection was held on St. Simon and St. Jude's Day in aid of the East London Hospital, to which, as some will doubtless remember, our offerings on a similar occasion were sent last year. The collection, which amounted to £17, has been augmented by the half-yearly interest on £100, generously placed by an OW. at the Head Master's disposal for charitable purposes. Thus £18. 10s. has been sent to the hospital, a sum which has not been raised in the School since the Irish Famine.

Sir Walter Charles James, of Langley Park, Berks, has been raised to the peerage with the title of Baron Northboure. The new peer was born in 1816, and succeeded to the baronetcy in 1829. He was elected at Westminster and Christ Church, where he took a Second Class in classics in 1836. From 1837 to 1847 he was M.P. for Hull, and his name is on the list of stewards of the Westminster School Anniversary in 1842.

On Saturday, November 29th, we had an early play in honour of the appointment of Admiral Phillimore as commander-in-chief at Devonport.

The Games Committee have had some thirty feet of boarding laid down Up-fields for the benefit of spectators at football matches. The number of these are rapidly increasing, and already put to shame the miserable attendance from the School itself.

The Glee Club, whose proceedings and institution we have noticed in another column, have received the following subscriptions:—Rev. A. Sloman, 10s.; College, 10s.; Grant's, 7s.; Rigaud's, 3s.; Home Boarders, 12s. 6d.

By the kindness of Archdeacon Farrar, the Bell Ringing Society have been enabled to hold their usual meetings during the past month, and have recently attempted some intricate changes on eight bells.

The Literary Society have devoted their energy during the past month to reading Shakespeare's *King Lear*, and certainly their efforts have been crowned with success. Mr. Blackmore's rendering of *King Lear*, ably supported as it was by R. H. Bellairs, *Fool*, F. H. Coiler, *Earl of Kent*, H. P. Lowe, *Edgar*, E. F. Allan, *Edmund*, L. James, *Cordelia*, and P. M. Francke, *Goneril*, met with unqualified approval.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD ETONIANS.

This match, which was played on Wednesday, October 29th, resulted in favour of the School by 3 goals to 0. Kinnaird having won the toss for Old Etonians, and having chosen the hospital end, Hurst commenced operations for the School, and the forwards following up well made a strong attack upon their opponent's ground, but were speedily driven back by the good defence of Kinnaird and Hoare, who were well supported in their efforts by the other backs. The School goal was for a short time in danger, but Cave missed his shot, kicking the ball above the bar. On Moon's restarting the ball, the School forwards resumed the attack, Page and Pryce being conspicuous for their neat passing, and the former, middling the ball, gave Petrocochino an easy chance, and the first goal was scored. When half-time was called the score was unchanged, though some very animated play had been exhibited. After the change of ends, the School continued to have considerably the best of the game, and Hurst obtained a goal but was ruled off-side; Barwell, however, soon made up for this disappointment by a splendid shot, Gibson heading the ball through the posts. After some more good play between Page and Pryce, the last-named afforded Hurst another chance, which he was not slow to avail himself of, thus scoring the final point. The sides were as follows:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain) and R. H. Bellairs (backs); H. Harrison, C. S. W. Barwell, and E. Man (half-backs); C. Gibson and S. Petrocochino (right wing); C. Page and J. R. Pryce (left wing); A. R. Hurst (centre) (forwards).

OLD ETONIANS.

J. F. P. Rawlinson (goal); W. P. Gordon and R. Hoare (backs); Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (captain); P. C. Morris and G. E. Preston (half-backs); G. F. Bickley and A. S. Cave (right wing); F. S. Maud and P. Laurence (left wing); A. F. Darbishire (centre) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* BRENTWOOD.

The School Eleven, by this time in excellent form, met this well-known team on Wednesday, November 5th, and in spite of the determined efforts of such renowned players as Nickisson, Vincent, and Evelyn were left victors by 2 goals to 0. The game was very even throughout; in fact, for the first part of the time the Brentwood forwards were penning their opponents; however, Fevez got the ball well away at last, and the forwards, making a fine rush, carried the ball down the ground, and Gibson succeeded in scoring. The play of both sides was now very brilliant, and the game became very fast; but Fevez was indefatigable and rendered all the efforts of his opponents useless. After a fine run by Page, the ball was passed to the centre, and Hurst taking it on, scored again for the School. The School backs all showed to great advantage in the course of the

match, and of the forwards, Page and Hurst were perhaps most conspicuous. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain) and R. H. Bellairs (backs); H. Harrison, C. S. W. Barwell, and E. Man (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right wing); C. Page and J. R. Pryce (left wing); A. R. Hurst (centre) (forwards).

BRENTWOOD.

J. F. P. Rawlinson (goal); J. Vincent and G. E. Preston (backs); J. L. Nickisson (captain); and W. S. Jobson (half-backs); G. S. Sherrington and W. S. Morice (right wing); E. C. Evelyn and E. Crosskey (centres); F. H. Stevens and L. S. Sprigge (left wing) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD FORESTERS.

This match came off on Saturday, November 8th. Old Foresters were hardly so well represented as they might have been, since they were playing another match the same day against Cambridge University; still they were a very fair team, and played a good uphill game. The exertions of J. Guy and Sargeant at backs, however, were of little avail against the excellent passing of the School forwards, who within the first quarter of an hour scored twice, Gibson and Phillimore gaining the two points, the latter with a very well-placed shot. Not long afterwards the same player placed a third goal to our credit. The visitors, stimulated by these reverses, now 'wired up' hard, and succeeded in preventing any further addition to the score for a considerable time; but at length Hurst was enabled to get the ball through the posts, and the game thus ended in our favour by 4 goals to 0. Phillimore, Lowe, Fevez, and Barnwell were chiefly instrumental in our success; and but for Charrington, Sargeant, and the two Guys, the score must have been considerably larger than it was. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain), and R. H. Bellairs (backs); C. S. W. Barwell and E. Man (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right wing); A. R. Hurst and J. R. Pryce (centre); C. Page and G. G. Phillimore (left wing) (forwards).

OLD FORESTERS.

C. Evans (goal); G. Horner and E. Charrington (backs); J. W. M. Guy (capt.), C. J. Fox and S. N. Sargeant (half-backs); B. Guy and A. Robertson (right wing); T. V. Woolcombe (centre); M. C. Church and R. Dodgson (left wing) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CLAPHAM ROVERS.

Played at Vincent Square on Saturday, November 15th. After an even game, the match ended in a win for the School by 3 goals to 2; this being the fifth consecutive victory of our eleven. Directly the ball was started our forwards assumed the offensive, and compelled the Rovers to fall back upon their goal; after some skillful passing Pryce made his shot, but the ball passed outside the post and went behind. When Roller put the ball again into play, the School backs had to work hard to resist the attacks of the

visitors, and a corner ensued, which was kicked by Foley; but Moon kept his charge intact, and the School forwards, by a well-concerted attack, got the ball away from their own goal in front of their adversaries; and Pryce receiving the ball from Hurst put it through the posts, a performance which he not long after repeated. A third goal was added to the score by Hurst; but here our successes ceased. Up to this time the Rovers had failed to score; now, however, a scrimmage took place before our goal, and they were enabled to gain a point; while just before time Keeley raised their score to 2. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain), and R. H. Bellairs (backs); J. W. Aris, C. S. W. Barwell, and E. Man. (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right wing); A. R. Hurst (centre); C. Page and J. R. Pryce (left wing) (forwards).

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

G. Roller (goal); E. J. Diver and S. Taunton (backs); J. Barber and C. W. Foley (half-backs); S. Poulton and E. J. Humphery (right wing); S. R. Bastard and D. O. Westropp (centres); C. A. Lloyd-Jones and E. P. Keeley (left wing) (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD WESTMINSTERS.

Old Westminsters came down to Vincent Square on November 15th with a fairly strong team, but having only ten men they were obliged to receive a substitute. The School Eleven seemed somewhat out of form, and did not work so well together as usual; and when half-time was called the O.W.W. had had considerably the best of the game and were accredited with one goal shot by C. W. Heath. Nor did matters look brighter for the School after ends had been changed, but rather the reverse, as when a quarter of an hour had elapsed, the O.W.W. had raised their score to 4, and still had nothing scored against them. But the School Eleven did not lose heart, and now, too, their superior condition began to tell. Hurst was especially brilliant, and before long succeeded in scoring the first goal for the School. Thus encouraged they continued their efforts, and before time Hurst added three more goals to our score, thus bringing the game to a very unexpected conclusion. For the School Hurst and Pryce forward, and Fevez and Harrison behind were most conspicuous; while for the O.W.W. Bird, Oldham, and the two Heaths distinguished themselves most. Sides:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. L. Fevez (captain) and R. H. Bellairs (backs); H. Harrison and E. Mann (half-backs); H. P. Lowe and C. Gibson (right); C. Page and G. G. Phillimore (left); A. R. Hurst and J. R. Pryce (centres).

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

O. Borrodale (goal); S. A. Bird and J. H. Janson (backs); H. A. Heath and E. C. Frere (half-backs); C. W. R. Heath (captain), and G. H. Viner (right); C. B. Crews and R. R. Sandilands (left); T. S. Oldham and W. W. Bury (centres).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CASUALS.

On Wednesday, November 19th, the School Eleven met the Casuals, and suffered the first defeat they had experienced for six matches. The ground was not in very good condition, but, nevertheless, proved no obstacle to a very spirited game, and the display of some fine football. The game began very evenly, and gave promise of an interesting finish. Lowe soon got well away down the right, and concluded a fine run with a brilliant shot, which was however unsuccessful. In return a good run by Janson for the Casuals, ended more successfully for them; as Bickley getting hold of the ball soon scored a goal. Page and Pryce, by a good combined attack, brought the ball in front of their opponent's goal, and the School forwards tried hard to equalise the score, but without success. Almost immediately after half-time, Morrison scored again for the visitors, and matters looked rather bad for the School. But the School Eleven, who had hitherto hardly been showing to advantage, now pulled themselves together and played with the utmost pluck and determination; so much so, that before long, Page, who had been specially distinguishing himself, middled the ball, and Probyn, following up well, was able to score. Only a quarter of an hour now remained till 'time,' and during this the Casuals were pressed very hard. A shot of Hurst's seemed on the point of making matters even, when one of the backs deliberately handed the ball, and 'added insult to injury' by kicking the ball to the other end of the field. The School failing to claim a goal, to which they were legally entitled, the ball was restarted, and a fierce scrimmage ensued in front of goals, from which Pryce was at last able to kick the ball through the posts. Unluckily the umpire had just called 'time' so the School lost, after a hard fight, by 2 goals to 1. The following were the teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. R. Moon (goal); A. Fevez (captain), and R. H. Bellairs (backs); H. Harrison, J. W. Aris and E. Mann (half-backs); A. R. Hurst (centre); H. P. Lowe and P. Probyn (right); C. Page and Pryce (left) (forwards).

CASUALS.

E. Charrington (goal); F. W. Sewell and H. Nicholls (backs); C. H. Last and H. Wetton (half-backs); W. C. Morrison and R. S. Ibbs (centres); F. Bickley (captain), and E. C. Evelyn (right); F. W. Janson and J. Paul (left wing) (forwards).

NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERY.

Δυσέπωρ. Could you, or one of your correspondents, inform me whether there is any record kept of our old matches with Eton and other Public Schools?

NOTE.

INQUIRER. The earliest paper at Westminster that can now be purchased is the second volume of

the 'Tatler,' a small book, costing about half-a-crown. The most important paper published during this century is 'College and T. B. Life at Westminster. Occasional Paper during the years 1845, 1846, 1847. Published for St. Peter's College, by G. W. Ginger.'—Ed.

Δυσέρως. As more than one correspondent has asked us the same question, we have resolved to publish one or two more or less amusing extracts from the earliest Football Ledger, which may be found in another column.

THE GLEE CLUB.

THE first public performance given by the New Society took place Up-School on Wednesday, November 5th, 1884, as it had been found impossible to use any of the new rooms for the purpose, as had been suggested; but this was rather an advantage, as it gave more room for visitors, a goodly number of whom kindly came. The upper end of the room was enlivened by extra lights, and in the centre space were set chairs, which were mostly occupied by the lady visitors. The School was strongly represented in the side benches, so there was no reason to complain of the audience.

The first piece was Steven's Glee, 'Blow, blow, thou winter wind,' sung by all the voices. The excellent rendering of this enhanced the richness and grace for which this composer's work is justly celebrated. F. H. Coller followed with 'The Storm,' by Hullah, which he gave with much pathos and power. The literary part of the entertainment was supplied by E. F. Allan, who read with great success the account of 'Mr. Bob Sawyer's Little Party,' from the inexhaustible 'Pickwick'; the excellent impersonation of the infuriate Mrs. Raddle was, perhaps, the most vivid feature of a very vivid reading, the hearty applause which followed showing how the audience appreciated the new mask put upon the face of an old friend.

After a violin solo from W. R. Davies, came what was expected to be the best item of the evening, Doherty's song, in which we must confess to have been greatly disappointed. Not so in the singer, however, for his voice has lost none of the charm with which he so delighted us at the last concert; yet there is no doubt he would have scored a greater success had he sung something better than 'Oh, how delightful!' a by no means bright example of the ephemeral and trivial compositions which are nowadays so prevalent.

A successful performance was brought to a close by an old favourite, 'The joy of the hunter,' the taking chorus from Weber's 'Der Freischütz.'

We must not omit to mention the great debt owed to Mr. Blackburn for the untiring assiduity he has displayed in the irksome task of getting up the choruses, and to C. Erskine for the patience and zeal which he has shown as an accompanist. The whole performance was an undoubted success, and augurs well for the future.

The second entertainment was given on Wednes-

day, November the 19th, in School as before, but was hardly so successful as the first, chiefly owing to the almost entire change of the programme that had to be made but very few hours before the performance, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the two best trebles, one of whom, R. E. Olivier, was to have sung 'Where the bee sucks.'

A piano duet, the overture to Rossini's 'Tancredi,' well played by R. H. Bellairs and C. Erskine, opened the proceedings; following which Pearsall's 'Oh! who will o'er the down so free?' was well and sweetly sung, though the diminished number of the singers somewhat impaired the effect they would have made had they been stronger.

This somewhat unfavourable impression was fully wiped out by F. M. Yglesias' song, 'The Bailiff's Daughter,' the hearty reception of which proved that ballads were by no means unpopular at Westminster. P. M. Francke in 'Hans Breitmann's Party,' fairly took the audience by storm; the excellent German accent he assumed, as well as the humour of the ballad, were thoroughly appreciated, notwithstanding the somewhat complex nature of the language.

Perhaps the sextett 'Glorious Apollo,' by Webbe, which followed, was the most successful musical item of the programme: it was sung smoothly and accurately, and the light and shade were well marked.

A word of praise is due to Armitage for the energy he displayed in his cornet solo; after which, and a reading from Jervis, F. H. Coller sang with much feeling the quaint old ballad, 'Barbara Allen,' though it is but fair to say that he took it up literally at a moment's notice. A similar apology is more needed for the last piece, Sullivan's 'Oh, hush thee my babie!' sung as a quintett, for it, too, had to be sung without any proper practice, instead of the Soldiers' Chorus from 'Faust,' which appeared on the programme, and which had to be given up for the reason mentioned above.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Thursday, October 30th, F. M. Yglesias brought forward a motion:

That the action of the Government touching the Nisero question is a disgrace.

The honourable proposer made a very able speech on the subject, but he might have shown a still greater power of eloquence had he not been almost entirely dependent on the brains and words of the writer of an article in the *Saturday Review*. He blamed the action of the Dutch, and endeavoured to vindicate the conduct of the Rajah of Tenon, and showed the House how cruelly the prisoners had been treated after the treachery of Mr. Woodhouse.

E. F. Allen, in seconding the motion, gave a most graphic and vivid account of the miseries which the captives had been suffering, owing to the utter neglect of the present Government.

O. Roos, in opposition, pointed out to the House how fearful the consequences of a breach of diplo-

matic etiquette would be, and then tried to prove the irresponsibility of the Government in the present case.

F. H. Collier asked the House to oppose the motion on the plea that Mr. Woodhouse, and not the British Government, was to blame; but the gross act of treachery on the part of Mr. Woodhouse, of which the honourable President gave the minutest details, did not prevent the House from showing that they held the Government culpable, by carrying the motion almost unanimously.

At the next meeting of the Society E. F. Allen proposed:

That the enfranchisement of women is a delusion and a snare.

After objecting to Women's Suffrage, because he thought it unscriptural, the proposer proceeded to point out that it would cause dissension in families if women were allowed to vote; and although women were by nature strong willed, they did not, in his opinion, possess strong enough minds.

E. M. Sharpe quoted a passage condemnatory of the sentimental notions of the model wife.

F. M. Yglesias opposed the motion, on the ground that all British subjects who take an interest in the fate of the nation should have a voice therein.

E. M. Sharpe then rose to move an amendment, that the word 'married' be inserted between the words 'of' and 'women,' but it was not agreed to. On dividing upon the original motion, the result was that the majority of the House agreed with the opinion of the honourable proposer.

November 13th.—Business began by the President moving a vote of condolence with the relations and friends of Professor Fawcett, whose untimely death had deprived the country of a wise minister, and the people of a dear and kind friend.

The Vice-President seconded the motion, which it is needless to state was carried unanimously.

A. S. Waterfield then proposed:

That in view to the placing of our Reserve Forces upon a proper footing and to give them a national character, it is necessary for civilians and employers of labour to co-operate with the army in arranging an organisation of a national character to provide employment in civil life for Reserve soldiers. This is the legitimate method of avoiding the necessity for conscription, and of creating an army worthy of the greatness of England.

The honourable proposer quoted several extracts from various papers to show the present inefficient state of the army; and, after reading to the House a letter which had been sent to him from a distinguished military gentleman in India, requesting that this motion might be debated upon, gave place to his seconder, W. Buchanan, who did all in his power to convince the House of the deplorable condition of some of our Reserve soldiers.

The opposer, F. M. Yglesias, delivered an energetic attack on the arguments of the proposer and seconder; and after J. Watt had spoken for the motion, and O. Roos and E. F. Allen against it, the House divided with the following result: Ayes, 18; Noes, 15.

Thursday, November 20th.—The motion before the House was:

That, looking at the state of the navy and army, there is not the slightest fear of England being effaced from the list of European Powers.

The proposer, H. P. Lowe, in a lengthy speech criticised the system of Free Trade, which he thought had made England too dependent on her exports. After touching on the financial state of the country, which he said was in a very prosperous condition, the honourable proposer stated that, according to Lord Northbrooke, we are increasing the force of our navy twice as fast as any other nation. Moreover, as regards the number of ironclads, that did not much matter; it was the quality of our warships, not the quantity, which was of importance. He then gave a few statistics concerning the strength of our standing army, and showed how very much superior it was to that of France.

J. E. Phillimore seconded the motion.

L. James, as opposer, began by objecting to the short service system in the army. There were now no veteran troops, as of old; and the standing army was very small, and the militia and volunteers were not famed for any extraordinary martial valour. With regard to the navy, the men-of-war which the English possessed were decidedly far inferior both in number and quality to those of the French navy. The present Government boasted of their little expenditure, but was it desirable economy when it resulted in the utter neglect of our naval force?

W. Buchanan related how H.M.S. *Briton* had her guns mounted in a similar manner to those on board the *Victory* at Trafalgar, in order to gratify the curiosity of the general public.

F. H. Collier complained of the inefficient state of the troops in India and of the Reserve. He suggested that the taxes should be raised for the improvement of the army and navy. A. S. Waterfield and O. Roos offered a few more remarks, and then the House divided with the following result: Ayes, 8; Noes, 19.

November 27th.—The President moved:

That the Colonial policy of the Government, characterised as it is by weakness and hesitation, is strongly deserving of censure.

After remarking on the fewness of our colonies, as compared with the many we used to have before the American war, he went on to say how important those were which we still possessed, and how necessary it was to appoint men more capable of taking care of them than John Dunn. He then pointed out the expense which the Government were incurring in Egypt, and how they were asking for volunteers for South Africa. Indeed, he knew of several Old Westminsters who had volunteered for this service, and had already sailed for the seat of war.

E. F. Allen, in seconding the motion, admitted that the colonies were most indispensable, and ought not to be neglected in the slightest degree.

O. Roos rose to oppose the motion, which, he thought, ought not to refer to the present, but the

