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THE CHURCH HOUSE.

WE reprint this exceedingly interesting article from the *Globe* of August 1, 1908 :---

'The recent Pan-Anglican Congress has brought the Church House at Westminster prominently before the public, and for a week the Great Hall, built some ten years ago, was filled to its utmost capacity. But it is not with the modern Church House that we are concerned, but rather with the older building with which it is connected, the centre house on the terrace of Great Dean's Yard, and one wonders how many of the numbers who passed through it on their way to the newer building gave a thought to its former history. But nevertheless at one time it was well known to many, and it has been but slightly altered since little more than eighty years ago it was the largest and, perhaps, the most famous of the boarding-houses of Westminster School.

'Built in 1756 near the site of the old college brewhouse and dormitory by Dr. Markham, then headmaster, and afterwards Archbishop of York, it was first occupied by Mrs. Porten, the aunt of Gibbon the historian. She had formerly kept a boarding-house for the School in Great College Street, where Gibbon himself had boarded while at Westminster; but she found her house too small for her needs, and moved into the larger house on the Terrace, which was a home for Gibbon whenever he came to London. After Mrs. Porten had retired the house was called "Otly's," probably from a mistress of that name of whom nothing is known, and from her it passed to a Mrs. Farren. At this time at Westminster, as at Eton, and indeed, until well into the nineteenth century

the system of Dames-houses was in vogue. It was while Mrs. Farren was the "dame" of the centre house that Robert Southey was admitted a boarder there. Here he remained from 1788 until an unfortunate article in a school magazine on "Corporal Punishment," in which he ascribed the invention of the rod to the author of all evil, brought upon him the wrath of Dr. Vincent, the headmaster, and abruptly closed his school career in 1792.

"Westminster School," as Lord John Russell remarked, who was at the school some ten years later, "was a rough place," but it was probably no rougher than Eton or any other of the greater Public Schools. Southey speaks of being held by one leg out of a first-floor window over a stone area, and having water poured into his ears as he slept, while pokers and quart-pots were hurled at his head. He tells us that Lord Amherst, the future Governor-General of India, was head of the house. It was at this time that Mrs. Farren married her next-door neighbour, "Botch" Hayes, an usher, "whose heart," as Southey remarks in one of his letters, "was in the right place, which certainly his wig was not," and whose smaller boarding-house was merged in Mrs. Farren's. But not long afterwards he and his wife retired, and Mrs. Clough moved from Abingdon Street with a few boarders, and became the "Dame," while the Rev. James Dodd, the son of the actor, became the usher of the house, a post he held till his death in 1818. Mrs. Clough died in 1798, and was succeeded by her daughter, who had married the Rev. Richard Glover. She was succeeded by Mrs. Packharness, or "Mother Pack," as she was familiarly called, a stout, motherly person, "who was dressed in a splendid silk gown, with an elaborate head-dress, with some rather fanciful twisted curls," and incidentally a bleareve!

'Lord William Pitt Lennox, who with his five brothers boarded at "Mother Pack's" in the early part of the nineteenth century, has left some account of the house as he knew it. The dining-hall was a long room with a window at each end and a fire in the centre, a long table extended down the middle, while the walls were lined with cupboards. The forms and cupboards were covered with carved names, while for the purpose of marbles, holes had been made in the boards of the floor by the judicious use of a red-hot poker. The room was lit by two wax tapers, surreptitiously carried off from the pews of the boys in the Abbey, which were stuck in two holes at either end of the mantelpiece. There was the same lack of comfort in the dormitories, "ten turn-up beds, two or three rickety bureaux, half-a-dozen small cupboards, a few broken chairs sticky with blacking, and a maimed table, notched and seared." The floors were of an unspeakable hue, while spikes on the banisters to prevent sliding down them, and broken windows, added to the general discomfort. There is a story of Lady Mansfield coming down to visit her son, who was ill at " Mother Pack's." The only two chairs in the room her son was lying on, his friend was seated on the coalscuttle. When Lady Mansfield came in, his friend, "with perfectly natural politeness, offered the coalscuttle for her ladyship to sit down upon."

'But reform was in the air: fagging had reached undue proportions; the boys were virtually the slaves of their fag-masters, and a general feeling was making itself manifest that the great public schools needed reformation. Unfortunately, Westminster had at the time no Dr. Arnold to do what was being done at Rugby, and consequently the numbers steadily went down until the arrival of Dr. Liddell as headmaster in 1846. But in the meantime fewer boarding-houses were needed, and so, on the resignation of the Rev. J. Braine in 1834, who had succeeded the Rev. J. Preston as House Usher in 1826, "Stelfox's" (Mrs. Stelfox had succeeded "Mother Pack") was shut up, and the boys dispersed among the other houses. From that date it was first a private residence, and then used as offices, until in 1896 it was turned into the Church House.'

WESTMINSTER WORTHIES.

MABERLV, FREDERICK HERBERT, b. 1781, d. 1860. Politician.

MACDONALD, Sir ARCHIBALD, 1st Bart., b. 1747, K.S. 1760, left 1764, d. 1826. Judge ; Lord Chief Baron.

McDonnell, Sir Alexander, 1st Bart., b. 1794, adm. 1808, K.S. 1809, left 1813, d. 1875. Commissioner of National Education.

MACLEAY, Sir GEORGE, b. 1809, adm. 1822, d. 1891. Australian explorer and statesman.

MACLEAY, JAMES ROBERT, b. 1811, adm. 1822, K.S. 1825, d. 1892. Of the Foreign Office.

MACLEAY, WILLIAM SHARP, b. 1792, adm. 1806, left 1810, d. 1865. Zoologist and entomologist.

MADAN, MARTIN, b. 1726, d. 1790. Author of 'Thelyphthora.'

MADAN, SPENCER, b. 1729, K.S. 1742, left 1746, d. 1813. Bishop of Bristol and of Peterborough.

MADAN, SPENCER, b. 1758, adm. 1770, K.S. 1771, left 1776, d. 1836. Translator of Grotius.

MAITTAIRE, MICHAEL, b. 1668, K.S. 1682, d. 1747. Classical scholar and writer on typography.

MANSEL, CHARLES GRENVILLE, b. 1806, adm. 1820, K.S. 1821, d. 1886. Indian official.

MAPLET, JOHN, b. 1612 (?), left 1630, d. 1670. Physician.

MAPLETOFT, JOHN, b. 1631, left 1648, d. 1721, Physician and divine.

MARKHAM, FREDERICK, b. 1805, adm. 1814, K.S. 1820, d. 1855. Lieutenant-General.

MARKHAM, JOHN, b. 1761, adm. 1768, d. 1827. Admiral.

MARKHAM, WILLIAM, b. 1719, K.S. 1734, left

1738, d. 1807. Headmaster; Archbishop of York. MARSH, CHARLES, b. 1735, K.S. 1748, left 1753, d. 1812. Clerk in the War Office.

MARSHAM, Sir JOHN, 1st Bart., b. 1602, d. 1685. Writer on chronology.

MASHAM, SAMUEL, 2nd Baron Masham, b. 1712, d. 1776. Enemy of Swift.

MASKELYNE, NEVIL, b. 1732, left 1749, d. 1811. Astronomer Royal.

MATY, PAUL HENRY, b. 1745, K.S. 1758, left 1763, d. 1787. Assistant-librarian of the British Museum.

MAXEY, ANTHONY, left 1577, d. 1618. Dean of Windsor.

MAYHEW, HENRY, b. 1812, adm. 1822, d. 1887. Author and humourist.

MAYNE, JASPER, b. 1604, d. 1672. Archdeacon of Chichester; dramatist.

MAYO, THOMAS, b. 1790, d. 1871. President of the Royal College of Physicians.

Omitted from a former list :--

BRYDGES, JAMES, 1st Duke of Chandos, b. 1673, adm. , left , d. 1744. The 'Timon' of Pope's Satires.

'A RARE BEN JONSON.'

UNDER this heading the Pall Mall Gazette of December 18 recorded the purchase by Mr. Quaritch, at Sotheby's last book sale of the year, of 'the first collected edition of Ben Jonson's "Workes," published in 1616, a presentation copy from the author, with the autograph inscription on the title, "To his most worthy and learned friend, Mr. John Wilson, Ben Jonson's Guift and testimony of his love," the recipient being supposed to be Shakespeare's "Jack Wilson," who sang some of the lyrics in the plays.'

This is likely enough. But many who remember that Ben was a Westminster will remember too that the Headmaster of Westminster from 1610 to 1622 was 'Mr. John Wilson.' He 'had a faculty more than ordinary in instructing youth,' and was doubtless 'learned.' The epithet, however, by no means puts 'Jack Wilson' out of court : witness the 'learned sock' of Jonson himself.

Mr. Quaritch 'carried the bidding from $\pounds 25$ up to £300." -----

POETRY.

You bid me tell the colour of your eyes, And blame me that I cannot answer you? Nay, 'tis not thus my eloquence replies :

'Grey, brown, or blue.'

Nor with nice wit defines their mysteries, Comparing art with nature, false with true;

To me they are the colour of your eyes : All praise were less, to call them otherwise.

School Notes.

THERE are 12 new boys this term.

D. M. Low has been elected to an open Classical Scholarship at Oriel College, Oxford, and R. M. Barrington-Ward to a similar scholarship at Balliol College.

J. R. Wade also has been elected to the first Classical Scholarship at Queens' College, Cambridge.

J. S. Heaton-Ellis passed seventeenth into Woolwich in the recent examinations.

As the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul fell on a Monday there was no special Saint's day service. The Mission Offertory amounted to £3. 155. 9d.

We note with the greatest pleasure that Mr. Wootton is continuing his Popular Science Lectures this term.

The Elizabethan Club has presented the Racquets Club with the sum of \pounds_{10} .

The Phillimore Translation Prize has been awarded to J. R. Wade.

A list of Annual Records will appear in our next issue.

Looking back over 1908 we may say that Westminster has more than held her own. Recent successes at the University, chronicled in these pages and elsewhere, point to a steady progress in work; in games we have not been behindhand. The cricket season has already been sufficiently treated of, while last term's football leaves little to be complained of. Our defeats outnumber our wins by a small margin indeed, and we confidently hope to see even this difference reduced before long. We need not deal further with the Play; we will content ourselves by saying here that we have high authority for thinking that it is one to be long remembered.

The New Year has opened brightly. We are encouraged to repeat and, if possible, to surpass the successes of the past year.

We append the Football Card, filled in to date :--

1908.	
Sat. Oct. 3	v. Clapham Rovers. (Lost, 0-1.)
,, ,, IO	v. Old Westminsters. (Lost, 0-7.)
2nd XI.	v. Old Westminsters A. (Lost, 0-4.)
,, Oct. 17	v. Casuals. (Lost, 0-4.)
,, ,, 24	v. Woolwich. (Lost, 2-5.)
	v. King's College A. (Scratched.)
Wed. Oct. 28	v. Mr. F. N. Ashley's XI. (Lost, 0-1.)
Sat. Oct. 31	v. Old Brightonians. (Won, 4-1.)
Wed. Nov. 4	v. Outcasts. (Lost, 0-5.)
Sat. ,, 14	
Tues. ,, 17	v. C.O.WW. (Won, 10-1.)
Sat. ,, 21	
2nd XI.	
,, Nov. 28	v. Old Wykehamists. (Drew, 2-2.)
, Dec. 5	v. Old Berkhamstedians. (Drew, 3-3.)
	v. King's College A. (Won, 5-0.)
Wed. Dec. 9	
Sat 12	
1909.	
Sat. Jan. 16	v. Lancing Old Boys. (Drew, 1-1.)
	v. Exeter Coll., Oxon. (Won, 3-1.)
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WESTMINSTER IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY.

TUESDAY a half schoolday and a late play, so school ends at 11.30. The same as on Monday till 2 P.M., when the boarders are locked up till 5, and go

through a process called correcting. For this purpose they assemble in the dining-hall and make Latin verses under the supervision of the usher of the house. The Sixth and Shell are exempt from attendance. The remainder of the day the same as Monday, when I should have said they are locked up at 8.30. Wednesday a whole schoolday, the same as Monday. Thursday the same as Tuesday, only school ends at 12 instead of 11.30. Friday the same as Wednesday, and Saturday as Thursday, but many boys have leave out, and can visit their friends from 12 on Saturday till first school on Monday. Those who do not have leave out attend afternoon service in the Abbey at 3 P.M. Sunday, morning and afternoon service at the Abbey under the supervision of an usher. The seats are in the choir, close to the entrance. There are no lock hours on Sunday before 8.30 P.M.

In 1832 the masters were Richard Williamson, Head-Master; George Preston, Under-Master; the ushers, William Church Tolton, Upper Shell; Hugh Hodgson, Under Shell; John Braine, Fifth; John Bentall, Fourth; and Edward Arthur Smedley, forms in the under school as directed by the undermaster. These are all clergymen. The two masters appear in school in gown and cassock. They wear shoes with silver buckles. The ushers have only caps and gowns, no cassocks, no buckles.

We break up for the Bartlemytide holidays, usually between six and seven weeks, about the 12th of August. As there are no railways, boys who live at a distance get travelling time. For instance, I am allowed to start two days before we break up to go to Durham. The same allowance is made in returning. Thus ends the Summer Half. After the holidays we go into school at 8 A.M. instead of 7.30, and in the afternoon at 2 instead of 2.30, and come out at 4.30, and often, when the days are very short, at 4, for there are no lights in the school, and no attempt is made to heat it. Boys brought candles into school in the olden time, but my father said that they were abolished while he was at Westminster (1776) because of the tricks that were played with them. No cricket or water this half, and hockey is the order of the day. Footballs are brought into the green, but no attempt is made to play the game. Hockey is played in the green in Great Dean's Yard and in the Cloisters. The King's Scholars having had possession of the green from 12 till 12.45, make their way to the Cloisters and change places with the Town Boys. K.SS. and T.BB. never play together at hockey or at cricket, except in matches against outsiders.

The Great Cloisters in which they play enclose a grass plat: this is called the Fighting Green. If two boys quarrel, and neither will take a licking from the other, they arrange to fight, and after cutting hands there is no drawing back. As the challenge is usually given in School, it is soon pretty generally known that there is to be a fight. At 12, then, there is a rush to the Fighting Green. Each combatant chooses a backer, a ring is formed, and they soon set to work.

If unevenly matched the fight is soon over, otherwise many rounds are fought, and the boys are so disfigured that they are obliged to get leave out of school. Fighting, though not encouraged, is recognised by the authorities, and a face disfigured in a pugilistic encounter is a valid excuse for being put on the sick list. My brother William, who went to Westminster in 1825, has told me that at that time the Green in Great Dean's Yard was enclosed by a low wooden fence, and that not unfrequently a pedestrian was tempted to make a short cut from one archway to the other, and cross the Green diagonally, but this could not be allowed without a struggle. After dinner it was the custom for boys to stand about on the terrace in front of Stelfox's, and it now and then happened at the time that a man might be seen attempting the short cut. A boy was selected to turn him back and, if necessary, to fight him. He soon met the intruder, and told him civilly that there was no right of way, and that he must return by the way by which he came. As the trespasser would seldom consent to this, the boy would tell him that if he will not go back, he must fight. He would then take off his coat, which was a signal to those on the terrace to come and form a ring. There was a fair fight, and as the Westminsters of those days were good boxers, the intruder was probably worsted, and had to turn back, but if victorious he was allowed to pass unmolested.

During this half the boys are locked up at 6 P.M. They then retire to their bedrooms to prepare their lessons, after they have had tea. There is a fire in the room, so they boil the kettle, and cook such things as sausages, herrings, &c. This is called Tuck, and it is the business of one boy from each room to go out between five and six, and buy such things as are needful. This Tuck is provided by pocket-money. At nine o'clock the bell rings, and supper of cold meat is on the table in the hall, but hardly anyone takes advantage of it. At ten o'clock to bed. This balf comes to an end a little before Christmas, the day after the third Play, of which I shall have a few words to say when I speak of College and the King's Scholars. After the holidays of four weeks, things go on as before. If there is sufficient frost there is skating on the Duck at the Fields. As the season advances the Water comes into vogue, and there are frequent races between four-oared boats. The boats are sent over from Roberts on the Lambeth side of the river, and the boys embark at the stairs in Abingdon Street, upon which the Houses of Parliament now stand.

On March I, a little before nine, Monos announces the arrival of Sir Watkin Wynn. Williamson meets him at the bottom of School and shakes hands. Sir Watkin asks for an early Play, which is granted. He kneels near the masters, prayers are said, and school is over. All Welsh boys receive a tip of a sovereign from the kind baronet. After breakfast comes Ditch-leaping. Boys of all sizes array themselves in the worst clothes they can lay hands on, and proceed by the Horseferry Road to a spot nearly opposite the Red House, where they embark in sundry boats and are ferried across. They now arrive in Battersea fields. This region is intersected by ditches varying much in width, some so wide that none but the best jumpers have a chance of clearing them; but *all must* try, and the result can easily be imagined—boys floundering in muddy water as black as ink, and 'Spanking Sam' as well as his lesser brethren emits an odour not soon forgotten. This amusement lasts for a couple of hours, then the return march home, and hot water.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Lord Bingham, representing his father, Lord Lucan, goes through the same form as Sir Watkin, and begs an early Play. Easter soon comes, but not Easter holidays. There is no school on Good Friday or Easter Monday or Tuesday, and the boys who go out of London are excused Saturday school. After Easter the water is the order of the day, both morning and evening, but there is no cricket. Then come the Whitsuntide holidays, and my first year at Westminster as a Town Boy comes to an end.

So far no mention has been made of the King's Scholars except when they are necessarily mixed up with the Town Boys, and before giving a slight sketch of their doings I must say something of the intermediate state, of the performances of those boys who are standing out for College, and are designated Minor Candidates. Certain Town Boys know some months beforehand that they are to stand out for College. Knowing this a boy looks out for a Help-in Undergraduate language, a Coach. The Help is always a K.S., either a Senior or Third Election. He begins by instructing his pupil in the Greek and Latin grammar, giving particular attention to Greek, as it is of most consequence in the Challenges. Some time after Christmas those who intend to offer themselves as Minor Candidates send in their names to the Head-Master, and before Ash Wednesday he makes out a list, arranging the names according to the position the boys hold in their respective Forms. On the afternoon of Ash Wednesday the Challenges begin. The Head-Master sits at his table. Facing him stand the two Minor Candidates whose names are at the bottom of the list. Beside them on each side of the table are the Helps. On the table lies Williamson's watch. Being the afternoon of a whole school day there is a Latin Challenge. About fifty lines of Ovid's 'Metamorphoses' have been set. Williamson selects eight lines, which he orders the head boy of the two to read; the other boy decides what he is to construe, which must be either the first four lines or the last four. When the reading and construing are over he may ask five rules, as occasion requires, out of the Latin grammar that have some reference to the passage he has construed. If the top boy (No. 1) makes a mistake in reading or construing and No. 2 corrects him, he turns him, and they change places. No. 1 now challenges upon No. 2, and if he is at the bottom when he has exhausted all his rules he loses his place (No. 2 has taken him), and he leaves the table. If otherwise, he keeps his place and the next best man appears upon the scene, and the fight is renewed as before. Thus the competition goes on for several weeks, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, till the last Challenge. There are not more than four or five Challenges in an afternoon.

(To be continued.)

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. KENLEY.

GOODALL kicked off for the School from the Church end at 2.43, and the visitors at once started to press, but failed to achieve anything, and Feasey relieved pressure with a good run. Kenley continued to do most of the attacking, but never looked really dangerous, the School defence playing well together. After about half-an-hour's play Heaton-Ellis got down the wing and centred well, and a clever piece of work by Marriott enabled Goodall to open the score (1-0). We continued to press till half-time, and Circuitt was unlucky not to score. The School played better after the interval, and, but for the excellent work of Fletcher in goal, would doubtless have scored several times, Circuitt, Gow, and Marriott all putting in good shots. The visitors then livened up and Densham got away, but Cowie ran out and brought off a good save. About ten minutes before the end Feasey got away and put in a good centre, which Marriott just caught and headed into the net (2-0). Formilli made a welcome reappearance and played a good game. The forwards were much better and the halves sound.

Teams :---

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); G. C. Formilli, M. Hammond (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, T. F. H. Marriott, J. Goodall, C. M. L. Circuitt, G. G. Feasey (forwards).

KENLEY.

G. W. Fletcher (goal); G. Henderson, A. Lochie (backs); L. D. Griffiths, E. H. Onslow, A. E. Sandell (halves); E. D. Densham, R. J. Cummings, — Air, S. C. Bennett, J. E. Sawyer (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. O.WW. A.

The visitors kicked off and immediately began to press, but Miles relieved and centred to Cooke, who failed to score. The School continued to press, but Vernon got away and, beating the entire defence, scored with a good shot (o-1). Shortly afterwards, however, Miles made a good run and enabled Cooke to equalise (1-1), but the same player failed to make use of a good opening shortly afterwards, and the visitors further added to their score with a good shot from Macpherson (1-2), and immediately afterwards Coleby added another (1-3). In the second half the game was more even, and Lamb added to the School score from a good centre from Miles (2-3), but Vernon again got through and added another goal for the O.WW. (2-4). Cooke, however, added to the School score with a good shot (3-4). There was no further score. For the School, Miles, Cooke, and Lutyens were the best, while Lamb and Purves put in some good work.

Teams :--

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

H. F. Rawson (goal); A. G. Leck, E. H. Gray (backs); E. S. Pinker, W. F. Lutyens, W. D. Purves (halves); W. D. Geare, W. E. Young, A. Lamb, C. V. Miles (forwards).

O.WW. A.

C. K. Covington (goal); A. Whittow, R. Winter (backs); H. F. Chatterton, R. O. Barnett, H. L. Geare (halves); H. C. Macpherson, S. F. Johnson, J. C. Vernon, E. Coleby, D. L. Summerhays (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

This was a rather disappointing match, as, although we were leading 2-0 until about ten minutes from time, the visitors managed to make a draw of it. The start was somewhat sensational, for, after a rush by the Wykehamists, who kicked off from the Hospital end, Heaton-Ellis made a brilliant run down and beat the goal-keeper with a fine shot (1-0). This was the only goal in the first half, but the play wns fast and interesting throughout. The Wykehamists played with great dash and determination, but the School and their own shooting prevented them from scoring. Half-time, 1-0. Shortly after the restart the School added another goal, after pressing for a considerable time (2-0). The visitors now made strenuous efforts to get past our defence, but were unsuccessful for a long time. However, they kept up the pressure, and our forwards were well held by Crommelin-Brown at centre half and Macarthur at right back. About ten minutes before time Hunter scored from a scrum in the goal mouth (2-1). Play now became very fast, and the ball was carried from end to end of the field without either side having any advantage. In the last minute of the game a remarkable display by the School defence ended in Pidcock equalising. This player got away, but over-dribbled the ball. Gow took the man, leaving the ball to Formilli, who missed his kick ; the ball went to Clarke, who did likewise, and Pidcock, running round, put the ball into the net, giving Cowie no chance (2-2).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (gcal); G. C. Formilli, M. Hammond (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (halves); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, T. F. C. Marriott, C. M. L. Circuitt, G. G. Feasey (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD BERKHAMSTEDIANS.

Played Up-fields on December 5, and, after a hard-fought game, resulted in a draw of 3 goals each. The School kicked off at 2.40 P.M. from the Church end. After a number of exchanges, our visitors' centre-forward scored with a good shot. Immediately after the restart, Cooke equalised from a centre by Heaton-Ellis. The visitors replied from their inside right, who ran down and again gave his side the lead. Soon after Heaton-Ellis ran down and scored a well deserved shot (2-2). After half-time, from a corner forced by Heaton-Ellis, Feasey scored the third goal for the School. For the second time in succession, however, victory was snatched away from us by their inside left scoring (3-3).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); G. C. Formilli, M. Hammond (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, T. F. H. Marriott, C. M. L. Circuitt, G. G. Feasey (forwards).

OLD BERKHAMSTEDIANS.

M. MacDonnell (goal); W. E. Kingwell, G. D. Thomas (backs); W. Scott, J. N. Fletcher, C. G. Janion (half-backs); C. M. Croll, S. E. L. West, P. S. Harrison, J. S. Morgan, F. W. Smith (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. KING'S COLLEGE A.

Played Up-fields on Saturday, December 5, and resulted in an easy win for the School by 7 goals to love. The visitors turned up with only ten men, and the School provided a substitute for goal. The visitors seemed fairly good individually, but their combination left something to desire. The School pressed to start with, and soon scored through E. Wood with a good shot. The visitors replied with a rush which, however, Covington cleared, and after a few more minutes' play Wood again beat the goal-keeper. In a short time Goodall scored again after a scrimmage in front of goal. Till half-time the play was more equal, several dangerous rushes on both sides being just stopped. Half-time, 3-0.

After some pretty passing the School got through and further increased their lead through Wood. The visitors were roused by this further advantage, and Covington was several times called on to clear. The School then got through twice in close succession, and Goodall and Young both scored. Just before time Goodall added a third goal to his score. In a good game where all played well, Wood, Lutyens, and Goodall were perhaps the best, though the halves and backs did some very useful work.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

C. K. Covington (goal); W. D. L. Purves, E. H. Gray (backs); R. R. Rawson, A. C. Edgar, W. F. Lutyens (halves); C. V. Miles, W. E. Young, J. Goodall, E. S. Wood, W. D. Geare (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. R. E. NOTT-BOWER, ESQ.'S XI.

This game, which was much curtailed owing to Play rehearsals, did not produce any good football, owing to the state of the ground. Mr. Nott-Bower had collected quite a good side, containing seven O.WW. The School opened the score soon after the start and pressed continuously for most of the first half, Nott-Bower saving several good shots in fine style. Our forwards showed a gratifying inclination to shoot whenever they passed the half-way line, a trait not common in Westminster forwards. Clarke also had several shots, but was too much inclined to favour the half-volley. This was rather injudicious considering the state of the ground. The School defence were kept employed notwithstanding, for Burrows and S. C. Edgar combined very nicely and made several excursions into our half. Half-time, 1-0.

Our opponents equalised shortly afterwards by a remarkable shot from Burrows, who, after dribbling to the goal-line, about midway between the goal and corner flag, hooked back a shot, which Cowie turned into the net (1-1). We added another goal shortly afterwards, however (2-1), and a little later a pretty piece of combination between Heaton-Ellis and Cooke enabled the latter to score in the corner of the net (3-1). Among the visitors S. D. Graham played a dashing game, but for the School no one played up to form.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie (goal); G. C. Formilli, M. Hammond (backs); E. C. K. Clarke, J. C. Gow, T. G. May (half-backs); J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, T. F. C. Marriott, C. M. L. Circuitt, G. G. Feasey (forwards).

MR. NOTT-BOWER'S XI.

R. E. Nott-Bower (goal); P. C. Smythe, G. Hepburn (backs); A. C. Edgar, R. O. Barnett, G. M. Rambau, (half-backs); P. P. Stuart, L. R. Burrows, S. C. Edgart, S. D. Graham, H. H. Dalrymple (forwards).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. EMERITI.

This match was played Up-fields on Saturday, December 12, 1908. In the absence of Gow, Clarke captained the School. Losing the toss, the School kicked off from the Church end against a strong head wind. The visitors immediately pressed and forced two corners, the ball being headed into the net from the second one. Heaton-Ellis, together with Circuitt and Marriott, then took down the ball, but it went behind. More even play followed, and there was no addition up to half-time (o-1).

With the wind in their favour the School pressed hard, and Circuitt was conspicuous. Then Heaton-Ellis took down the ball and passed back to Clarke, who hit the crossbar with a splendid shot. After even play for some time the opponents' inside right scored a second goal from a good run down by his outside. There was no further score, and so the visitors won (2-0). For the School, May at half, Hammond at back, and Circuitt of the forwards were all good.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

A. Cowie; G. C. Formilli, M. Hammond; C. B. Bonner, E. C. K. Clarke, T. G. May; J. S. Heaton-Ellis, R. C. Cooke, T. F. C. Marriott, C. M. L. Circuitt, G. G. Feasey.

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL COLTS v. O.WW. 'B.'

Won (4-2).

This match was played on January 16 and resulted in a win for the Colts. The losers, however, had just as much of the game as the winners, but missed chances when in front of goal. Johnson won the toss, and Chappelow kicked off from 'Elson's' end. Play was very irregular at the start, but improved as time went on. The Colts scored twice in quick succession just on half-time, the visitors replying once. Half-time, 2-1. Pink, Rawson, and Rudd were seen to great advantage. It is unfortunate that the forwards contented themselves with so much 'gallery' play in mid field, for it cost them many chances. The visitors' defence was good. Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL COLTS.

B. Hallward (goal); W. D. C. L. Purves, E. H. Gray (backs); K. B. Johnson, R. R. Rawson, E. Pink (halfbacks); K. D. Murray, G. B. F. Rudd, E. J. Tyson, E. Johnson-Watson, W. S. Gray (forwards).

O.WW. 'B.'

C. Powers (goal), F. S. Fleuret, S. J. Thompson (backs); A. W. K. Peacock, A. K. Clark-Kennedy, C. M. Alport (half-backs); F. A. Vernon, A. Shearman, A. Chappelow, E. S. Bristow, D. H. Collins (forwards).

FIVES.

THE Play Term ties have resulted as follows :---

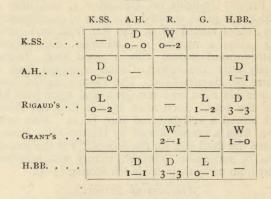
Semi-Final-

J. C. Gow and C. M. L. Circuitt	$\left.\begin{array}{c} beat \\ (2-0) \end{array}\right\}$	A. C. Edgar and C. B. Bonner.
G. L. Troutbeck	and G. C	. Formilli drew byes.

Final-

J. C. Gow	beat	G. L. Troutbeck
J. C. Gow and C. M. L. Circuitt	<pre> (2−0)]</pre>	G. C. Formilli.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.



WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	H.
A	-	W 7-0				W 2—0	W 1—0	
в	L 0-7	-	L 0-6				L 0-2	L 1-3
С	2	W 6—0	-	W 3—1			W 2-0	
D		W 4—1	L 1-3	-		W 2—1		L 3-5
Е	L 1-2				1		W 4—1	
F	L 0-2			L 1-2		-		
G		W 2—0			L 1-4		-	
н				W 5-3				-

Captains :--

EW. F. Lutyens.
FF. G. Hobson.
GG. L. Troutbeck.
HW. S. Gray.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE House met on Thursday, October 15, to discuss the motion: 'That this House approves of the Licensing Bill.'

The PROPOSER (P. S. Ham), in a lengthy maiden

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speech, defended the Bill from possible objections and denied that the Bill was in any way unfair. The OPPOSER (J. L. Benvenisti), who opposed in the absence of the President, said that if the Bill came into force it would be similar to the present system in America, where drunkenness was on the increase. He supported this by various extracts from American papers. The SECONDER (E. W. Williamson) argued that the fewer the public-houses the less the temptation to drink. After some further remarks by the OPPOSER the discussion was carried on by the SECRETARY, who pointed out some of the main provisions of the Bill, and W. S. GRAY. The motion was then put and lost by acclamation.

The Debate arranged for Thursday, October 22, 'That this House deplores the present state of Naval Administration,' was unavoidably postponed.

The House met on Thursday, October 29, for 'Impromptu Debates.' The level maintained was higher in these Debates than last Session, and some good discussions resulted.

The House met on Thursday, November 5, to discuss the motion 'That this House would deplore the re-introduction of "Water" at Westminster.'

The PROPOSER (W. S. Gray) based his arguments on the question of time and expense, and considered that the time that could be spent would not be sufficient to obtain good results. The OPPOSER (W. F. Lutyens) considered that the re-introduction would send up the numbers of the School and that it would be quite feasible to have both an Eight and a Cricket XI. at the same time. The SECONDER (H. G. Hill) also devoted himself to the question of time and considered that with the present arrangement of school hours it would be impossible to get down to Richmond, which was the nearest place at which the School could row. The SECRETARY, in a long speech, also supported the motion on the ground that, unless it was possible to revive 'Water' actually at Westminster, any revival, say at Putney, would be worse than useless. It had been thoroughly tried and was a complete failure. He also made a strong protest against quoting the statistics of the Eton Race in support of our supposed inferiority as most misleading, without mentioning the important fact that the reason Eton appeared to have won so many more was because she won five races running when the race was revived 1860-65, and after Westminster rowing, owing to increased traffic and other reasons, was far inferior to what it had once been. E. C. K. Clarke, C. G. Usher, and C. B. Bonner continued the discussion. The TREASURER suggested that by starting scratch fours we might at least teach people the rudiments of rowing ; and the PRESIDENT having made a few remarks in favour of this last suggestion the question was put to the House and lost by 16 to 7.

The two debates arranged for November 12 and November 19 were unavoidably postponed, but in place of the latter debate the House discussed the motion 'That in the opinion of this House the relations between England and Germany are satisfactory.' The debate, with the exception of a very lengthy speech by the PROPOSER (D. M. Low), was not very interesting, and, the OPPOSER (C. B. Bonner) not having had time to gather much material, the rest of the debate fell rather flat.

The House met on Thursday, November 26, to discuss the motion 'That this House deplores the prevalence of Motor Racing.'

The PROPOSER (G. L. Troutbeck) protested against motor racing owing to the risk of life entailed. He considered it as a dangerous and unreasonable amusement, fulfilling no end but the satisfying of a craze for excessive speed. The OPPOSER (W. S. Gray) considered that it was a contest of skill and denied that any excessive loss of life was caused by racing. The SECONDER (F. G. Hobson) said that it was merely a question of the best make of car winning, and the dust caused was a serious objection. A. C. Edgar, P. S. Ham and others continued the discussion. The VICE-PRESI-DENT did not think the mere control of a mechanical engine could be compared to horse-racing; he considered the excitement to be of an unhealthy and harmful kind. After further discussion the PROPOSER wound up/the debate and considered that his opponents had failed to establish their case. The question was then put, and, the votes being equal, the VICE-PRESIDENT (who was in the Chair) gave his casting vote in favour of the motion (9-8).

The House met on December 3 for 'Impromptu Debates.' This was the last meeting of the term.

SHAKESPEARIAN SOCIETY.

DURING the course of Play Term the Society read the following plays: 'Henry V.,' 'Much Ado about Nothing,' and 'Richard II.' On October 27 the President read the Society a paper by Mr. W. B. Nichols (O.W.) on 'Beaumont and Fletcher.' On December 8, after finishing the last Act of 'Richard II.,' the Society read the last part of Sheridan's 'The Critic' (Act II. to end). Mr. R. E. C. Gordon (O.W.) kindly took the part of 'Tilburina' and the reading was a great success.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

ON Saturday, November 28, the SECRETARY read a paper on 'Animal Arts and Crafts.' He gave an account of the various devices by which animals outwit their foes, especially mentioning the trap-door spider's nest, and concluded with a very interesting description of the hunting ruses of foxes and wolves.

On Saturday, December 5, C. G. USHER read a paper on 'Bacteria.' He described the various forms of bacteria and showed in a most lucid manner their connection with disease. He also gave a most instructive account of the discovery of the properties of lymph.

On Saturday, December 12, Mr. SARGEAUNT gave an admirable lecture on 'The Distribution of our Flora.' This lecture was of exceptional interest, for the lecturer spoke almost entirely from personal experience. He described very clearly the various means of fertilisation of plants, and also pointed out how plants became adapted to their situation. Altogether it was a most enjoyable lecture.

On Saturday, January 16, W. B. HARRIS, Esq., had promised to read a paper, but he was unfortunately unable to be present.

On Saturday, January 23, the VICE-PRESIDENT read an excellent paper on 'The Divining Rod.' He described at some length the various superstitions connected with the rod from time immemorial. He remarked that 'dowsers,' as water-finders are called, are often totally at variance with the most fundamental laws of geology and often common sense. He also pointed out that Moses was in all probability making use of the divining rod when he discovered water for the Israelites. During the lecture a divining rod was exhibited to the Society.

The Society desires to record a grateful vote of thanks to Mr. T. Fox, who has promised to present it with his fine collection of English birds, numbering some three hundred.

The exhibition will be held February 17-20.

House Notes.

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K.SS.—We have suffered a great loss by the success of J. S. Heaton-Ellis. Amid our regrets we extend to him our congratulations, which are none the less sincere. We have other honours on our list. J. R. Wade has distinguished himself by obtaining the first Classical Scholarship at Queens' College, Cambridge, on which we congratulate him most warmly, and R. M. Barrington-Ward was also fortunate at Oxford, while success in other fields has attended M. Hammond, who has won—and deserved—his Pink-and-Whites. The Phillimore Translation Prize has fallen to J. R. Wade.

The Literary Society concluded Play Term with a most enjoyable reading of the 'Critic," and is now engaged on 'Much Ado about Nothing.'

ASHBURNHAM.—First we must offer our tardy but none the less hearty congratulations to Lieut. H. G. de Watteville on his distinctions gained at Woolwich. Congratulations also to D. M. Low on his success at Oxford, and to G. C. Formilli on regaining his Pinks after the match against Mr. R. S. Nott-Bower's XI. The loss of E. S. Pinker, F. R. H. Fuller, and R. M. Hummell will be long felt in the House. C. M.Goodall has been a monitor since the middle of last term. L. Rice-Oxley has come into the Upper Room, and there are two new boys. Our Juniors did not quite come up to our expectations last term, but we hope they will do better this term.

GRANT'S.—G. E. Tunnicliffe left at the end of last term, to our great regret ; we wish him every success in the future. Mr. R. E. Tanner (O.W.) has arrived with his regiment in India, and Mr. J. Blane (O.W.) has started on an engineering expedition to the Gold Coast; we wish them both success. The many friends of Mr. J. E. Y. Radcliffe (O.W.) will be interested to hear that his portrait has appeared both in the *Tatler* and the *Daily Graphic* recently.

The Play Supper was held as usual after the second Play Night, and was a great success. We were glad to see many old Grantites, while there was an excellent selection of songs afterwards. We must congratulate F. G. Hobson and R. H. Yolland on having successfully passed 'Smalls' and 'Little-go' respectively. In Juniors we have been again victorious, defeating H.B.B. after an even game by 1–0. This makes our chances for the cup considerably more hopeful. Yards and Fives Ties have been started again this term. By the time this appears in print the Literary Society will have begun 'Julius Cæsar.' The boards with the names of the Heads of the House have been placed in Hall, where they have an imposing effect.

H.BB.—To rake over the ashes of last term and last year, the Junior XI. drew with Rigaud's (3-3). By all report they should have won, since they had gained the advantage in the first half. The best work for us was performed by Hume. To carry on their adventures to the new year their ingenuity culminated in a defeat from Grant's (1-0), despite the efforts of Foxlee and Daniels. To return to the old year, Circuitt we must congratulate on Pink and Whites. E. H. Gray, Purves, and Young played for the second eleven, so that in the last match we had four representatives. The fives ties were won by Purves and Young, who, in the semi-finals, defeated Mellor and Gray, and, in the finals, Circuitt and Geare. This year Hill has returned to football and appeared for the School v. Lancing Old Boys.

The intense and varied energy of the House deserves praise. There are enthusiastic votaries, not only of football, but of racquets, orations, fives, fencing, boxing, and gymnastics, and not a School society but contains a member of H.BB. We hope our seven new boys are of the sort that will do honour to the House and keep up its sublime reputation.

It gave us great pleasure to see so many old H.BB. at the Play. Remark was made on the 'pots and pans' at present adorning the Upper. We hope to add to them before the term is out.

RIGAUD'S.—Our first duty is to mourn the loss of M. D. Methven and two others, who left us last term. In their stead we have two new boys, Pink and Brand. We are sorry also to hear that Brown will not be with us this term, and Lambe will be absent for the first half of the term, owing to a broken leg.

We were pleased to see several O.WW. at the Play Supper, which went off with its customary success, and for which we must thank Mr. and Mrs. Fox.

On last year's performance our chances for the sports cup are good.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to Gray and Goodall on passing the first part of their 'Little-go,' the former obtaining a first class and the latter a second. We hope they will do as well in the second part which they are taking this term.

Bell has been made a monitor this term, and as Lamb is now a boarder, all our monitors are boarders.

Old Westminsters.

WE omitted to record in its proper month the knighthood conferred upon the Hon. G. H. Sutherland, who has lately returned from India. Sir George Sutherland has been President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, twice Sheriff of Calcutta, and twice a Member of the Bengal Legislative Council.

The Rev. Philip Armitage has been preferred to the Vicarage of Nettlebed.

Mr. A. L. Crossman has passed into the Ceylon Civil Service, and is at present attached to the office of the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. C. C. Sharpe has been ordained a Deacon by the Bishop of Winchester.

Mr. J. S. Heaton-Ellis, who left at Christmas, and Mr. S. D. Graham, who left at election, have passed into the R.M.A., Woolwich. Mr. A. C. Whitehead has paid a life composition to THE ELIZABETHAN.

Births.

ON December 2, the wife of Lewis Herbert Winckworth of a son.

On November 17, the wife of Edward A. Gates, M.D., of a son.

On December 4, the wife of Harold S. Barwell, M.B., F.R.C.S., of a son.

On January 17, the wife of Wadham B. Winckworth of a son.

Marriages.

TAYLOR-TASWELL—SIMKINS.—On October 20, at Cape Town, Stephen L. Taylor-Taswell to Helen, elder daughter of W. Simkins, of Woodville, Rondebosch.

PHILLIMORE — CAMPION. — On December 8, Charles Augustus Phillimore to Alice, daughter of W. H. Campion, of Danny Park, Sussex.

ROGERS—MILLER-HALLETT.—On January 10, Arthur G. L. Rogers to Emily Norah, elder daughter of Alexander Miller-Hallett, of Goddington, Chelsfield.

BRITTON—BREITHAUPT.—On December 9, John A. H. Britton, Lieut., I.A., to Emily Beryl, elder daughter of E. M. Breithaupt, of Pollibatta, India.

RANALOW—OATES.—On January 21, Frederick Baring Ranalow to Lilian Mary, elder daughter of the late William E. Oates, of Gestingthorpe Hall, Essex.

MEESON—JOY.—On December 28,1908, Engineer-Lieutenant Edward T. Meeson, R.N., to Gladys May, elder daughter of George Robert Gordon Joy, Esq., of Dunollie, Gloucester Road, Kingston Hill.

KNOLLVS—GOODEVE.—On January 20, Colonel Sir Henry Knollys, K.C.V.O., to Flora, daughter of the late Louis Arthur Goodeve, of Collingham Road.

Obitnary.

WE have to regret the death of WILLIAM HENRY BENTHALL, a son of John Benthall, who preceded Dr. Rigaud in the House which bears his successor's name. The son was born in 1837, and admitted in 1844. He went to Clare College, and three times played in the Cambridge Eleven. He also played several times for the Gentlemen against the Players. He was for some time a clerk in the India Office. Of late years he had lived in retirement at Eastbourne, where he died on January 4.

We have also to regret the death of EDWARD MURRAY TOMLINSON, one of five brothers who were at the School in the fifties and sixties, and are now represented here in the next generation. He was born in 1842 and admitted in 1854. After graduating for Trinity College, Cambridge, he took orders and served in several curacies. In 1874 he was instituted to the rectory of Hope Mansell, preferred in 1877 to the vicarage of Holy Trinity in the Minories, and in 1889 to the vicarage of East Meon, which he resigned a few years since. Of his second parish he wrote an interesting history. Of late he resided at Petersfield, and was given to many good works. He died suddenly in London on November 26. He will be much missed at all our anniversary gatherings. (See the Guardian of December 2.)

We have further to regret the death of REGINALD JAMES MURE, the eldest son of James Mure, in whose memory was founded the Scholarship which bears his name. The son was born in 1842 and admitted in 1856, becoming a Q.S. in the following year. He was elected to Christ Church in 1861, and called to the Bar in 1869, practising as an equity draftsman and conveyancer. He married in 1878 Anne Charlotte, daughter of Sheffield Neave. Mr. Mure inherited his father's taste for Latin verse, and was a frequent contributor to the Budget of Hall Epigrams. He was also one of the editors of the third part of 'Lusus Alteri.' He also will be much missed at the Play and at Election Dinner. He died on December 23.

A young Westminster has passed away in HENRY ALFRED BEESLEY, who was born iu 1874, admitted in 1887, and elected to Christ Church in 1893. He was much devoted to music, but his health was never good, and he succumbed to an attack of influenza on November 28.

We have also to regret the death of BERNARD NATHANIEL THOMS, who was born in 1843, and was at the School from 1855 to 1862. He held several appointments in the Post Office, and was at one time Honorary Secretary of the Elizabethan Club.

We have to regret, in the death of CHARLES HORACE STENNING, the loss of one of a family that has had many representatives in the School. Born in 1848, he was admitted in 1860, and became a Queen's Scholar in 1863. He was afterwards a banker at Rye. His son, who was at the School in the nineties, is now in the Royal Artillery.

Correspondence.

Winchester College, December 2, 1908.

DEAR SIR, —In reply to your correspondent 'Inquisitor,' I may say that in the Prayer-books used in Winchester College Chapel there is quoted the Acts of Uniformity of 1662 (XIV. Caroli II.) In it the words 'The Colleges of Westminster, Winchester, and Eton ' are used three times, while the phrase 'The Colleges of Eton and Winchester 'occurs once. Perhaps it was this Act which the Old Harrovian mentioned by your correspondent had in mind. The Prayer-book of which I am speaking was published since the accession of the present king.

I am, Sir, Yours truly, 'WYKEHAMIST.'

To the Editor of ' The Elizabethan.'

S_{IR},—In the interesting article on Westminster School which appeared in *The World* of December 15, there is a reference to 'a visit "Up Saignes," as the sanatorium is called in memory of the days when the boys generally went there in order to be bled.'

Is there any authority for such etymology? The expression certainly did not exist in the greater part of the eighteenth century; and, indeed, I even doubt whether, in the days of bleeding, College had any sanatorium, as the King's scholars were affiliated to one or other of the boarding-houses.

It seems to me much more likely that 'Mother Goulding's,' as it was called in my time, grew with the march of medical science into a sanatorium, which the boys promptly abbreviated into *sames*, much as they have turned football into footer, and have substituted socker for Association rules.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY WATERFIELD.

Our Contemporaries.

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