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THE WAR.

SINCE the publication of the War List (III.), the following additional names have been sent to us for insertion. This brings the total number of Westminsters known to be serving up to 1,117. We should be glad of any further additions or corrections, which should be sent, as before, to the Compiler at 2 Little Dean's Yard, S.W.

ABRAHAM, A. C. L.	2nd Lieut., 5th (R.) Battalion, Coldstream Guards	G. 1911.
BAYNE, C. L.	Private, 5th Battalion (T.), The Lincolnshire Regiment	K.S. 1911.
BELL, E. V. A.	2nd Lieut. (from R.M.C., Sandhurst), 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment, attached R.F.C.	Ash. 1911.
BROCKMAN, P. V. DRAKE	Sergt., 28th Battalion, The London Regiment (Artists' Rifles)	R. 1912.
BROOKMAN, J.	R.M.C., Sandhurst	H.BB. 1912.
CAMPBELL, G. S. E.	Lance-Corporal, The Rifle Brigade	G. 1886.
CLARK, A. S.	Gunner, Artillery Coy., H.A.C.	G. 1908.
HEWINS, M. G.	Cadet, Officers' Cadet Unit	G. 1911.
HODGSON, G. H.	Lieut., 3rd (R.) Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment	H.BB. 1904.
HUGHES, J. W. C.	Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R. (Coding Duties)	R. 1907.
JACKSON, P. T. E.	R.M.C., Sandhurst	H.BB. 1912.
KENNEDY, W. T.	2nd Lieut. (from Inns of Court O.T.C.), 10th (S.) Battalion, The Rifle Brigade	Q.S. 1896.

LASBREY, J. A.	.. ..	R.M.C., Sandhurst	.. .. .	.. ..	H.BB. 1913.
LUTYENS, E. F.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., 5th (R.) Battalion, Coldstream Guards	.. ..	.. ..	K.S. 1912.
McCASKIE, H. B., M.D.	.. ..	Lieut., R.A.M.C.	.. .. .	.. ..	H.BB. 1889.
MEYNELL, E. C. L. (E. C. L. Wood at Westminster)	.. ..	Captain, 3rd N. Midland Brigade, R.F.A. (T.), D.A.Q.M.G.	.. .. .	.. ..	Ash. 1899.
MORRIS, H. S.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., 5th (R.) Battalion, Coldstream Guards	.. ..	.. ..	Ash. 1888.
OLIVER, F. R.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., 5th (R.) Battalion, Grenadier Guards	.. ..	.. ..	G. 1912.
RADFORD, M. C.	.. ..	Sub.-Lieut., R.N.V.R.	.. .. .	.. ..	G. 1911.
ROBERTSON, C. A. A.	.. ..	R.M.C., Sandhurst	.. .. .	.. ..	H.BB. 1911.
ROWLANDS, F. T. R.	.. ..	R.M.C., Sandhurst	.. .. .	.. ..	R. 1913.
SEVERN, H. S.	.. ..	Lieut., Army Ordnance Dept. (Temp. Inspector of Ord. Machinery)	.. .. .	.. ..	G. 1897.
SMITH, R.	.. ..	Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R. (Coding Duties, H.M.S. 'Patia')	.. .. .	.. ..	G. 1910.
STORRS, H. L.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., R.F.C.	.. .. .	.. ..	K.S. 1912.
THOMASON, A. D. F.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., Unattached List for Indian Army	.. .. .	.. ..	Ash. 1912.
THOMPSON, G. H.	.. ..	Cadet, Artillery Cadet School, Exeter	.. .. .	.. ..	H.BB. 1913.
TWISADAY, J. H. C.	.. ..	2nd Lieut., A.S.C. (<i>relinquished his Commission through ill-health, April 6, 1916</i>)	.. .. .	.. ..	G. 1901.
WILLIAMS, P. L. WATKIN, F.R.C.S., D.S.O.	Captain, R.A.M.C. (D.S.O. for service in the Field)	H.BB. 1882.

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WAR NUMBER III.

- P. 59, l. 3. The total number should be 1,089.
 P. 80, l. 1. The cross should be against the preceding name on p. 79.
 P. 82, l. 6. Should read 'Cadet Gunner (late Bulawayo Volunteers), R.G.A.,' etc.

PRO PATRIA.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM CLAUDIUS CASSON ASH, D.S.O., Middlesex Regiment; 2nd Lieutenant VICTOR ROUNDELL GEORGE BIDDULPH, The Rifle Brigade; Captain JAMES LESLIE BUCKMAN, East Surrey Regiment; 2nd Lieutenant HERBERT DAY, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment; Lieutenant JOHN HAMPSON DODGSHON, Surrey Yeomanry and Royal Flying Corps; Lieutenant ALEXANDER STEWART FORBES, Seaforth Highlanders; Lieutenant ROLAND GERARD GARVIN, South Lancashire Regiment; Captain ARCHIBALD KELTIE GILMOUR, King's Own Scottish Borderers; 2nd Lieutenant LEON DE BARR KELSEY, The London Regiment; 2nd Lieutenant GEORGE CLAUDE RIVERS, East Surrey Regiment; 2nd Lieutenant LAURENCE GRANT ROBERTSON, King's Own Scottish Borderers; Captain HAROLD HERBERT TANNER, M.B., R.A.M.C.; 2nd Lieutenant DALLAS GERARD LE DOUX-VEITCH, Royal Sussex Regiment; 2nd Lieutenant NOEL MARSHALL VERNHAM, East Surrey Regiment; Major EDWARD WHINNEY, Middlesex Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel ASH was the elder son of Mr. William Henry Ash, of Heathfield, Sussex, and was up Rigaud's (1883-1888). He entered the Army in 1892 and served through the South African War. He was wounded at Loos on September 25, 1915, and in October was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel. He commanded a Football Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, and for his services at the Front was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O. He died at Etaples on September 29 from wounds received in action on September 15.

Mr. BIDDULPH was the only son of Mr. George T. Biddulph, of Douglas House, Petersham, and the late Lady Wilfreda Biddulph, daughter of Roundell, 1st Earl of Selborne. He was up Grant's from 1911 to 1914. He was given a commission in the Rifle Brigade in August 1915 and was killed in action on September 16 last. His uncle, Col. Biddulph, was at Westminster in the 'fifties.

Captain BUCKMAN was the only child of

Mr. James Buckman, Borough Treasurer of Bermondsey, and was up Rigaud's (1907-1910). He was at Wadham College, Oxford, and a student of the Middle Temple when the War broke out, and obtained a commission in the Gloucestershire Regiment, subsequently transferring to the East Surreys. He was killed in action on September 15.

Mr. DAY was the second son of the Rev. B. W. Day, Rector of St. Peter's, Sandwich. He was admitted up Ashburnham in 1894, and was afterwards at Christ Church, where he took an Honours degree in Classics and History. He was killed while defending a trench on July 10, where his good example and leading was largely responsible for driving back a greatly superior force of the enemy. His younger brother, also a Westminster, was killed earlier in the War.

Mr. DODGSHON was the son of Mrs. Herbert Hooper, and was up H.B.B. and Rigaud's from 1905 to 1908. He served as a private in the H.A.C., and was a Lieutenant in the Surrey Yeomanry, attached as an Instructor to the Royal Flying Corps, when he was killed in an aeroplane accident at Eastbourne on October 1.

Mr. FORBES was the younger son of Mr. Patrick Forbes, of Hampstead, and was up H.B.B. (1909-1913). He shot for the School at Bisley. At the outbreak of the War he was in business in Russia, but came home and joined the Artists, from which Corps he received a commission in the Seaforth Highlanders. He was fatally wounded on August 16, and died the next day.

Mr. GARVIN was the only son of Mr. J. L. Garvin, Editor of the *Observer*, and was up H.B.B. (1908-1914). While at Westminster he won the Public Schools' Fencing Championship (Foil) at Aldershot in 1913. He was going up to Christ Church with a History Scholarship when the War broke out, and he joined the South Lancashire Regiment. He was killed in the Battle of the Somme on the night of July 22 during an intense bombardment, in which he gave a noble example of courage, resourcefulness, and coolness, and even after he was hit his one message was 'to carry on with the Company.' Although somewhat reserved, his personality made an unusual impression on those with whom he came in contact. By his death a life of literary promise is cut short.

Captain GILMOUR was the eldest son of Mr. T. L. Gilmour, of Hampstead, and a grandson of Dr. Scott Keltie, for many years Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society. He was

up Grant's (1906-1911) and was Head of the House in 1910-1911. He was afterwards at Balliol. He served first with the London Scottish, and then from the Inns of Court obtained a commission in the K.O.S.B. He was wounded at Loos and had only returned to the trenches a fortnight when he was killed by a shell on August 15. He was a godson of Lord Rosebery's and a student of the Middle Temple.

Mr. KELSEY was a son of Mr. Richard Kelsey, and was up H.B.B. (1898-1901). He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 23rd Battalion of the London Regiment.

Mr. RIVERS was the son of the late Mr. George C. Rivers, and was up Rigaud's (1899-1908). After leaving the School he went to Burma. He was Battalion Grenade Officer and was killed on August 21. He married Miss Elsie Margaret Pickthall in 1913 and leaves an infant daughter.

Mr. ROBERTSON was the youngest son of the late Mr. William Robertson, and was admitted up H.B.B. in 1891. He was a chartered accountant by profession and on the staff of the Local Government Board. After obtaining a commission in the Army Ordnance Department he did not consider that he was doing sufficiently active work, and transferred to the K.O.S.B. He was killed on July 30.

Captain TANNER was the son of Mr. Herbert Tanner, surgeon, and was up Home Boarders (1901-1903). After leaving Westminster he became a doctor, and was attached in June 1915 as a Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. to the Research Laboratory, No. 13 General Hospital at Boulogne.

Mr. LE DOUX-VEITCH was the only son of Mrs. Veitch, of 41 Tregunter Road, S.W., and the late Mr. Carl Le Doux, and stepson of the late Mr. John Gould Veitch, one of the best-known Old Westminster and Corinthian football players. He, like his stepfather, was up Grant's (1910-1914), and was for three years a cricket 'pink' and captain in 1914, and two years a football 'pink.' He was also captain of racquets and one of the best all-round athletes the School has produced of recent years. After leaving he entered a firm of chartered accountants, and in April 1915 was gazetted, with many of his Westminster contemporaries, to a battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment. He was killed in the early morning of August 4 whilst gallantly attacking a German bombing post. He was barely nineteen years of age.

Mr. VERNHAM was the only son of Mr. J. Marshall Vernham, of 10 Parkside Avenue,

Wimbledon Common, and was up Rigaud's from 1910 to 1914. He enlisted at first in the Public Schools Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, and subsequently obtained a commission in the East Surreys. He was killed on July 28.

Major WHINNEY was the sixth son of the late Mr. Frederick Whinney, and was up H.B.B. from 1884 to 1887. He was for over twenty years a member of the London Stock Exchange, and at one time played much cricket for the Old Westminsters, Hayward's Heath, and other clubs. He was for several years a Captain in the Middlesex Volunteers, and when War was declared rejoined his old regiment and saw service in Egypt against the Senussi and in France. He married Maude Clementine Louise, eldest daughter of Mr. John Cow, and leaves three sons and a daughter. He was killed on September 26.

LIEUTENANT W. H. V. NELSON.

By the kindness of Mrs. Nelson we have been able to see some letters referring to the death in action of her son, whom many of us remember at Westminster. He was Battalion Bombing Officer to the 10th Sherwood Foresters, and at the time he was hit on July 7 the Battalion were advancing to the attack and had to halt in a small valley running parallel to the firing line. 'It proved,' wrote the Brigade Bombing Officer, 'a hideous death trap; the Bosche put down a barrage as thick and heavy as he could, mostly 5.9 shells. . . . His bravery was something immense. Up to this action he had always been very casual in his regard for danger, but every one who saw him on July 2, 3, and 4, and again on the 7th, cannot speak highly enough of his absolute coolness. He certainly pulled his men together magnificently by his absolute disregard of shell fire. He was twice slightly wounded in a bombing attack on the night July 2nd-3rd, but refused to go back to hospital; and then on the 7th, almost at the same time as he was hit, his Sergeant was wounded very badly indeed in both legs. One stretcher came, and he absolutely insisted on the Sergeant going first as he had the worst wound; and that meant a further wait for him of more than an hour before he was moved.'

He adds: 'What can one say about such a man? It certainly leaves me speechless. Allow me, very sympathetically and tenderly, to congratulate you on the way your son behaved, please.'

Even when they reached the Dressing Station he refused to be attended until a

private who had been brought in before him had had his wounds dressed. It would seem that these acts of self-sacrifice cost him his own life. 'He said,' wrote the Sister-in-Charge to his Mother, 'we were to tell you he never regretted for a moment that he had enlisted, and that you were not to trouble for him, that he was quite content, and then he fell to sleep and did not wake again.'

2ND LIEUTENANT K. T. D. WILCOX.

The Chaplain-General, Bishop Taylor-Smith, recently dedicated and unveiled a memorial tablet erected at St. George's Church, Battersea Park Road, to the memory of 2nd Lieut. K. T. D. Wilcox, The Queen's Regiment, who was killed in action on November 8, 1915. The tablet bore the following inscription:— To the Glory of God and in Memory of Kenneth Theodore Dunbar Wilcox, 2nd Lieut. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, King's Scholar of Westminster School, Westminster Exhibitioner of Christ Church, Oxford, only son of Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., C.F., Vicar of this Parish, who was killed in action near Ypres, November 8th, 1915, and was laid to rest by his Father at Rheninghelst, Belgium. 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.'

At the same time the Bishop dedicated a mosaic pavement at the west end of the church and a brass tablet stating that it was also given in memory of this officer.

We reprint the following from the *Times*:—

LIEUTENANT R. G. GARVIN.

A correspondent writes:—Lieutenant Gerard Garvin, the only son of Mrs. J. L. Garvin and of the Editor of the *Observer*, whose death was announced in the *Times* of Thursday, was killed last Sunday. He was beloved by all who knew him, and with his fall at the age of twenty goes out a life of high promise.

He was educated at Westminster School, to which none of the Westminsters who have fallen was more devoted. He took the German medal among other things, and a History Scholarship at Christ Church. He won the Public Schools' Fencing Championship (Foil) at Aldershot in 1913. He was going up to Oxford when War broke out. In September 1914 he was posted as 2nd Lieutenant to the South Lancashire Regiment. In July 1915 he went to the Front, and had been there just over a year. Attached in June last to the Staff at Divisional Headquarters, he was not happy when the Battalion went into action without him, and his gallant chum, Captain

Stuart McClinton, of Belfast, was killed on July 4. When recalled, at short notice, to the 'old Battalion,' Lieutenant Garvin's letters recovered their old clear tone at once. He was specially recommended for a captaincy, though he fell just before he could be gazetted, and went into action leading two companies when many other officers had been knocked out. From the age of ten he seemed to know that when he grew up it would be to fight for Britain in a war of wars, and there was sometimes that about him which suggested that with all the grave, happy serenity which made him so lovable, he had a steady intuition of his end. He was worthy of the New Armies and of the cause. He would have desired no higher praise.

The following account of how Lieutenant Garvin died has been received from a 2nd Lieutenant who was with him in the action and is home wounded:—

'We had a terrible time of it before we went over the top. The Company was terribly depleted in numbers; the enemy was subjecting

us to an intense bombardment of gas shells and shrapnel. Yet during the whole time your son kept wonderfully cool and kept his officers and men cool. Although his orders came at the last minute and there were a thousand things to distract him, he concentrated all his energy in working out the plans of the attack. There were just three officers left in the Company. Your son had arranged to be with the reserve platoon, but during the advance he decided to come up to the front line. We were inclined to lose direction, and he walked from one end to the other straightening out the line. He was engaged in doing so when he was hit by a German bullet. Death was very quick. His one message was to his Second-in-Command to "carry on with the Company."

An appreciation of the late Captain G. O. Roos by a former Q.S. will be found under Correspondence, as will also a letter concerning the death in action of Mr. L. M. Vernham.

MY SCHOOL LIFE AT WESTMINSTER.

BY

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ALFRED TURNER, K.C.B.

IN 1854, being then twelve years old, I went to Westminster School, which was under the head-mastership of Dr. H. Liddell, D.D., afterwards for many years Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, a most lovable and learned gentleman in every sense of the word, whose departure from the School caused us the deepest and most genuine regret.

I cannot say the same about the under-master, who was the most cruel man I ever came across. A few centuries earlier he would have been a good second to Torquemada! One could always see him gloating when inflicting corporal punishment, into which he never failed to throw the full force of his brawny arms.

He invented two highly ingenious methods of torture, of both of which I have a lively and painful remembrance. The first was to make a boy place his hand, palm downwards, on his desk, and then to take up a strongly bound book, which he brought down with the hard edges on the back of the hand of his victim, till parallel crimson lines were visible on the boy's injured member. Another delight of this amiable Christian minister was to twine his fingers into the boy's hair and

to bring his head down to an inch or so of his desk, and then, with all his strength, to strike the desk with the chin of the sufferer. So hated was he that he was twice 'booked' by the Queen's Scholars, whom he had driven to exasperation by his petty cruelties and bullying. On entering the room, every one of the scholars threw a book at him; he was, of course, forced to fly, and as no notice whatever was taken of the flagrant mutiny, one can well conclude that the cause of it would not bear investigation. He was afterwards appointed to a presumably fat 'cure of souls,' which it is to be hoped he tended with more feeling than he showed to the bodies of his unfortunate *alumni*. Fagging was then in full swing, but was very rarely accompanied by bullying. The latter was vigorously suppressed by Dr. Liddell, a firm and humane man who would have none of it as the following incident shows:—

One morning, before early School, a few boys were already 'up School' in Westminster vernacular, or, in other words, in the great schoolroom, where all the classes were then held, for Ashburnham House was not acquired till some years later, while the Captain of the 'Queen's Scholars,' a very high personage—in fact, the highest in the School—was standing by the monitor's table with a rod in his hand. A boy, big and strong for his age, approached the table and stopped and stooped over it, on which the Captain twisted the twigs of the rod into his somewhat luxurious

hair, and commenced to give a succession of tugs, which naturally caused much pain. The boy stood it for a time till personal suffering got the better of his awe, and, turning round, he seized the rod, freed his locks—*horresco referens*—grappled with the exalted personage, and belaboured his sacred back. At that moment School began, and the masters as usual knelt one behind the other, while the short prayers in Latin were gabbled by a monitor. Needless to say, the event had stirred the seniors to 'pious grief and holy anger,' and, what made it worse, the delinquent was a home boarder or a boy who lived at home, and was neither a Queen's Scholar nor a boarder at Grant's, Rigaud's, or Scott's houses. These home boarders were regarded with dislike and contempt by the rest of the School as pariahs, and as belonging to a lower social position than that occupied by themselves. A short time before the assembly of the second School, a number of the seniors and third election youths assembled in Little Dean's Yard to 'tan Wheeler,' for such was the audacious youth, now a highlyesteemed County Court Judge and author.

He, however, did not appear, but in his place came to the head-master his father, Serjeant Wheeler, LL.D., who lived close by in Old College Street. His appearance must have caused some qualms to the vengeance-seeking group, for the interview with Dr. Liddell lasted long, and, at its termination, the Captain was sent for.

The end of it was that the former at once held an inquiry at his private house; one after another, all the boys who witnessed the occurrence, myself included, were examined, with the result that in the afternoon Wheeler reappeared, and was unmolested, while the faces of the Captain and seniors betrayed a chastened, if not a contrite expression for some time, and a decided check was thus put to bullying on the part of the seniors. Wheeler was long regarded by us small boys as a hero; I have looked upon him as such ever since. It was an act of no ordinary courage for a boy low down in the School to retaliate upon the traitor, or Captain, who was invested in those days almost with 'the attribute to awe and majesty, wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings.'

Doubtless his bold act saved the hide of many a small boy from being tanned.

I have already mentioned that the home boarders were few in numbers, and were regarded by the rest of the School *de haut en bas*.

It is a curious psychological feature that the impressions formed in childhood, however silly and narrow they may be, are not to be eradicated by education, experience of the world, and mature age.

I was a year or two ago seated at the Annual Election Dinner beside a contemporary of mine at the School. He is an eminent Divine and holds a high position at one of the Universities. In the course of conversation he referred in the most superior and contemptuous tones to 'home boarders and that sort of persons.' As I had been a home boarder myself, I was greatly amused, and struck with this one more instance of the priggish pride, not to call it snobbery, and the narrow views, which characterised a large number of those who are looked upon as the spiritual pastors and masters of those who profess the tenets of the Church of England.

The revival of the School was due to Dean Samuel Wilberforce, afterwards Bishop of Oxford, who, when he went to Westminster in 1845, was horrified at the state of the School and the boys. He wrote that 'the School is in a dreadful state, and very much, I feel sure, from the need of the greater comforts, cleanliness, and attendance, which we ought to supply; if you treat boys as savages, they will be savages.'

To Dr. Liddell, who was appointed head-master in 1846, belongs the credit of carrying out the reforms which infused new life into what appeared to be almost a moribund body.

I remained at Westminster till 1856, and one day that year, from the bottom of College Street, I saw the Emperor and the Empress of the French driving towards Buckingham Palace on their visit to England at the close of the Crimean War; she appeared to us boys to be very beautiful, and her kindly response to our schoolboy salutation filled us with delight. We were not, I remember, equally impressed with Napoleon's appearance.

On the whole, I received an excellent education of the type of those days. I acquired a good knowledge of Latin and Greek; of modern languages not at all.

There was a French master, but very little attention was paid to him, and any proficiency in the language was looked upon as equivalent to unpatriotism and effeminacy; one boy who had been brought up in France and spoke French well was known as 'Froggy,' and was subject to much chaff and occasional bullying.

The standard of mathematics was extremely low, as may be gathered from the fact that, in a term's School report on the proficiency of the School, it was stated, with pardonable pride, that two of the boys, the head town boy and another, had given proofs of some knowledge of the higher subjects of algebra and of the elements of trigonometry.

But I never look back but with pleasure to my days there in 1854-6, and I know that the sense of discipline acquired then has lasted the rest of my life.

O.T.C.

CAMP at Tidworth Pennings proved a complete success. We had the opportunity of studying branches of warfare, of the practical knowledge of which most of us knew very little. This is the first camp we have been taught trench warfare, and have witnessed practice with machine-guns, trench mortars, and the blowing up of a land mine. We had also short lectures on three types of aeroplanes, after which a flying demonstration took place. General Sir William Robertson was present at the Church Parade on Sunday.

The Corps this term has adopted a new system of parades. It is divided into four platoons, Nos. 1 and 2 containing the most efficient in the Corps, and parade Mondays and Fridays, doing alternately platoon drill under Capt. Willett and squad drill under Mr. Rudwick. The second half of the Corps is divided into twelve squads, commanded by an N.C.O. and senior cadet for Junior Instructor, and are taken separately by their instructors in recruit drill (working on the syllabus in 'Rapid Training for Recruits'). There is no separate squad for recruits, but the latter are split up among the squads. The sections in Nos. 1 and 2 platoons and the squads in Nos. 3 and 4 are arranged as far as possible of equal football strength. On the days they are not parading, these squads (called A1-A9 in Nos. 1 and 2 platoons, B1-B12 in Nos. 3 and 4) play against each other on a League system, each instructor playing with his own squad. There being only three grounds available 'Up-Fields,' not all the squads can play at once, so those not playing or parading do physical drill under C.S.-M. Satchell, Grenadier Guards. It has been found that this system permits of the greatest amount of parades and football.

A field day took place on October 19 at Blackheath, near Chilworth, Surrey.

According to instructions received from the War Office, all Cadets over eighteen years of age have to do a minimum of ten hours a week military work. The arrangement of the hours is as follows: Signalling: Tuesday and Thursday, 8.45 A.M.—9.15 A.M. Musketry: Tuesday and Thursday, 3rd hour. Tactics: Monday, 3rd hour. Drawing: Wednesday, 3rd hour. Drill: Friday, 3rd hour. Field Telephone: Saturday, 3rd hour. Home Work: one hour; also two lectures a week in the evening.

Evening Lectures this term are:—Monday: A. Certificate Lectures (continued from last term). Tuesday: Elementary Musketry. Thursday: Elementary Tactics. Friday: Map-reading and Field and Panorama Sketching.

Signalling this term is on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.45 A.M.—9.15 A.M. Miss Everett-Green is again taking Buzzing on Mondays and

Fridays at 5.15 P.M., and has also kindly arranged to take the eighteen-year-old class in the Field Telephone on Saturdays.

The Band is more numerous and efficient than ever before at the beginning of a Play Term. Sergeant Fleming is Band Sergeant, and Drum-Major Fenwick, of the Grenadier Guards, still instructs.

School Notes.

THE Mure Scholarship has been divided between T. I. Ellis and G. Turberville.

The Ireland Prize for Latin Verse has been divided between D. C. Simpson and F. J. Warburg, and the Gumbleton Prize for English Verse has been won by H. A. Meyer, whose poem we print in this number.

The Dean admitted the Minor Candidates 'up School' on Tuesday, October 10, and delivered a short address afterwards.

The Mission Offertory on Election Sunday amounted to £25 13s. 4d.

The Mission Offertory on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels amounted to £5 3s. 5d.

Poetry.

GUMBLETON ENGLISH VERSE.

REIMS CATHEDRAL.

I.

Do you remember in the days gone by,
 When all was peace that now is steeped in war
 And slaughter's swift red flood, how you and I
 Passed through a sunny countryside afar
 Where vineyards smiled on the slow-rising hills,
 Where villages slept, clustered in the gray
 Of shady hollows, and the tinkling rills
 Murmur'd their slumber-song the livelong day?
 White in the summer dust, before us lay
 The road's straight ribbon, cleaving through
 the green
 Of fields and copses; both sides of the way
 A line of sturdy poplars. Now was seen
 Some distant village, now no single sign
 That the great silent world through which we
 passed
 Was any other's—only yours and mine—
 Until we topped the low incline at last.

Amazed we stood ; before our eyes a plain
 Stretched far away into the setting sun,
 Blue-gray and dim in distance, yet again
 Near us 'twas green and golden, but all one,
 And, in the midst, a city. Every street
 And building mirror'd back the dying light
 Of Nature's last faint majesty, to greet
 The swift-approaching harbingers of Night.

But over all, the splendour of the shrine
 Tower'd tremendous ; every pinnacle
 A point that pierced into the glowing line
 Of background sky, the while an evening bell
 Sounded across the silent fields between.
 Twin towers it had, that soared into the sky,
 Sublime, to tell of courage that has been
 And Faith and Love and God's Eternity.

And so we stood in silence, overcome
 By the great truth that stood before us there,
 Dark, wonderful and firm ; that earthly home
 Of prayer and praise.—And through the evening
 air
 The bell came still, as if some glorious voice
 Were hymning Love and Hope in one great song
 Of heavenly melody, crying ' Rejoice ! '—
 And still the bell pealed ever, soft and long.

Such was the scene before our eyes, and such
 The wondrous hour, so peaceful and so fair
 That thoughts turned Heavenward, losing Earth's
 cold touch,
 Borne on the bell's note through the evening air—
 And so we spoke not, being very far
 From our own selves that evening—you and I ;
 For all was peace that now is steeped in war.
 Do you remember—in the days gone by ?

II.

I came again unto that wondrous place
 And stood before those portals once again ;
 Changed is the city, changed the smiling face
 Of that fair countryside, and wrung with pain.
 Where there were woods are barren stumps that
 stand
 Scarred and afraid ; now strips of blackened
 wall
 Mark where the villages, that starred the land
 In other days, stood once.—Gone are they all.

Where children played across the village street
 Great holes gape now, and piles of rubble lie
 Heaped where a house once stood ; no small bare
 feet
 Tread here. Not far away men groan and die.
 And where the peasant took the summer suns
 Of his last years in peace, beside his door,
 The everlasting thunder of the guns
 Tolls for the brave that fought and are no more.

And that great shrine, how changed, how desolate !
 The mighty arching buttresses that leap
 From those gray flanks no longer bear the weight
 Of stuated niche and storied carving deep,
 Of soaring roof and pinnacle ; where then
 The magic of the morning sun stole down
 Through coloured glories from the hands of men
 Long dead, but ever living in renown,

And kissed the golden vessels haltingly,
 As if ashamed to pierce the dim gray light
 Within, the roof and walls now show the sky
 Through gaping wounds, and all within is bright.
 Scarred are the columns, pierced the ribs of stone
 That hold the vaulting ; here a piece of wall
 And here a strip of roof that stood is gone—
 And oft I hear some precious fragment fall.

The floor is heaped with wreckage ; now the head
 Of some torn statue, now the shatter'd glass
 Of some world-priceless window, now mere lead
 Blown from the roof—these lie there as I pass.
 It stands, the ghost of its own former glory,
 Hammer'd by hands as merciless as strong,
 Gaunt, but alive to tell the world the story
 Of how God's right must triumph over wrong.

For in those two great towers that soar on high
 Tho' there be rifts and rents, yet unafraid
 They stand and point unconquered to the sky
 To tell the truth that cannot be betrayed.
 Tho' now the dust and smoke curl slow away
 About the corners, marking some new scar,
 The time will come when at the close of day
 The bell shall sing again unchecked by war.

Once more the silver voice shall sound at eve
 Across still fields, where peace shall reign
 supreme,
 A healing voice to hearten them that grieve,
 A voice of certainty to them that dream
 Of distant meetings with dead ones they love,
 A voice to cry aloud that they who die
 Giving their all, shall find their peace above
 With Him, who holds the world's far destiny.

The vision passes—gray smoke drifts again ;
 The glory that was Reims stands gray above ;
 But even in the midst of mortal pain
 Those soaring towers tell the tale of Love.
 And in them we may read the promise-word,
 For they shall be when wars for ever cease.
 Yet from our lips the great cry breaks, ' Oh Lord,
 Soon, be it soon ! For Thou canst give us
 peace ! '

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CHARTERHOUSE.

IN this, the return match, Charterhouse again proved victorious, but it was only after a very close struggle in a hard-fought match. Cawston won the toss but put Westminster in on a slow wicket. Oliver and Croome opened the innings to the bowling of Hollowell and Cawston, and at 6, the latter, after making a beautiful four off Hollowell, was lbw to Cawston. Greig then joined Oliver and the score was carried to 35 before Greig, who had made 27 by free hitting, was caught at extra cover. Broadway now replaced Cawston, and proved somewhat difficult to play, both Farquharson and Andrews being dismissed cheaply, and with Oliver, who, as at Godalming, had played very steadily, being well taken at third man, half the side were out for 64. However, Pakenham-Walsh and Salwey made a useful stand, and then the latter and Ker took the score to 122, when Salwey was caught off Hollowell for a well-played 22. Stones was taken in the slips off the second ball he received, but Gerrish aided Ker in another valuable stand, the total being 159 before Ker was easily caught at cover-point for an excellent 43; though somewhat lucky at first, afterwards he hit with great power and freedom, and to considerable effect. The innings finally closed for 162. Hollowell, bowling steadily but not nearly so fast as in the previous match, took four wickets for 46, and Broadway three for 36. Beck and Broadway were the Charterhouse first pair, and they were opposed to the bowling of Oliver and Greig. The bowlers soon met with success, Broadway being lbw to Oliver at 11, and a few runs later Wooldridge was easily caught at mid-on off Greig. Butcher then joined Beck, and though slow they brought about a double change, Oliver taking himself off in favour of Stones, and Watkins replacing Greig. This soon had effect, as, though Butcher was missed at point, in the next over Watkins caught and bowled Beck, and with Oliver coming on again instead of Stones, Westminster met with further successes. Watkins bowled Stern, who had been playing steadily, while Oliver got rid of Cawston and Beeching with consecutive balls, six wickets now being down for 56. Reiss then joined Butcher, and by smart running between the wickets they added 40 before Oliver caught and bowled Butcher, who had played a good innings for 27. Another stand was forthcoming between Reiss and Brownhill, the score being 141 before Greig, coming on in place of Oliver, dismissed Reiss. He had played an extremely plucky innings, and his hitting was very clean—altogether a most valuable contribution; 22 runs were now needed with two wickets to go, and Hollowell was very fortunate

as, when he had only made 2, he was to all appearances caught at point off Oliver, but was given not out, and he was also nearly bowled on several occasions; however, together with Brownhill, who was playing very well, the Westminster total was passed without further loss, and the score taken to 191 before Andrews bowled Hollowell, and with Vinteent being quickly dismissed, the innings closed for 196. Brownhill made 35 not out, and Oliver, who bowled very steadily, took five wickets for 74.

The fielding was smart on both sides, Greig and Oliver being best for Westminster, and Brownhill and Reiss for Charterhouse, while both wicket-keepers, Vinteent and Gerrish, were good, the latter only letting through one bye.

The Pashley Cups, which were decided on both matches added together, were both won by Oliver.

Score and analysis :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

F. R. Oliver, c Stern, b Wooldridge.....	22
V. Croome, lbw, b Cawston	4
G. G. F. Greig, c Brownhill, b Hollowell	27
M. G. Farquharson, c Beck, b Broadway.....	4
N. P. Andrews, b Broadway	2
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, lbw, b Cawston	8
H. J. Salwey, c Beeching, b Hollowell	22
T. M. Ker, c Reiss, b Hollowell	43
C. E. Stones, c Broadway, b Hollowell	0
W. E. Gerrish, c Brownhill, b Broadway.....	12
H. W. Watkins, not out.....	1
Extras, byes 14, leg-bye 1, no balls 2	17
Total	162

CHARTERHOUSE.

P. R. Broadway, lbw, b Oliver	7
J. B. Beck, c & b Watkins.....	12
J. W. T. Wooldridge, c Pakenham-Walsh, b Greig	7
A. H. G. Butcher, c & b Oliver	27
A. M. Stern, b Watkins	15
G. Cawston, c Ker, b Oliver	1
T. H. P. Beeching, lbw, b Oliver	0
V. Reiss, b Greig.....	59
C. N. Brownhill, not out	35
P. W. C. Hollowell, b Andrews	24
H. N. Vinteent, b Oliver	4
Extras, bye 1, leg-bye 1, no balls 3	5
Total	196

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
P. W. C. Hollowell	22	46	7	4
G. Cawston.....	15	48	4	2
P. R. Broadway	13	36	2	3
J. B. Beck	2	7	0	0
J. W. T. Wooldridge	4	8	2	1

Cawston bowled 2 no balls.

CHARTERHOUSE.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
F. R. Oliver	21·2	2	74	5
G. G. F. Greig	15	0	46	2
H. W. Watkins	13	1	40	2
C. E. Stones	4	0	22	0
N. P. Andrews	1	0	9	1

Greig bowled 3 no balls.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

M. G. Farquarson, b Newcombe.....	15
V. Croome, b Newcombe	13
N. P. Andrews, not out	42
G. G. F. Greig, b Newcombe.....	4
H. J. Salwey, b Newcombe	0
D. A. Radermacher, b Newcombe.....	2
F. R. Oliver, b Newcombe.....	0
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, lbw, b Newcombe	3
C. E. Stones, b Sir E. Birch	0
W. E. Gerrish, c Anderson, b Newcombe.....	2
H. W. Watkins, b Newcombe	0
Extras, byes 30, leg-byes 4, wide 1	35

Total 116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CAPT. WEIGALL'S XI.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
F. R. Oliver	26	2	102	4
G. G. F. Greig	24·2	3	81	3
C. E. Stones	3	0	21	0
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh	2	1	7	0
H. W. Watkins	4	0	27	1
N. P. Andrews	4	0	25	0

Oliver, Greig, and Stones each bowled 1 no ball.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
H. Newcombe.....	15	4	45	9
Major Sarel	7	1	24	0
S. Knowles	5	2	11	0
Sir E. Birch	2	1	1	1

Sir E. Birch bowled 1 wide.

WESTMINSTER v. O.WW.

We were very glad to have an O.WW. match again this year. They proved a formidable side, though it should be said that two of the most prominent of our opponents, Howell-Jones and Bannister, were not O.WW., but were secured by Mr. Fevez to fill up his side.

Howell-Jones and Howell quickly put on 56 for the first wicket, and runs continued to come freely, despite some steady bowling. Five wickets, however, were down for 150, but then Moon joined Howell-Jones, and a big stand was made, both hitting with great power, and it was not till 104 had been added that Moon was bowled by Oliver. Howell-Jones and F. G. Oliver added 34 more, but then wickets fell fast, and the whole side were out for 307. Howell-Jones hit with tremendous power, and his fine innings included sixteen fours. When the School went in, Farquarson was bowled in the first over. Croome batted extremely well for his 40, while Andrews and Greig both made some good strokes; nevertheless, 6 wickets were down for 111, mainly as a result of Bannister's good bowling, when Oliver joined Salwey. This pair both played confidently, and the score was taken to 159 before Salwey was caught at the wicket off Clarke, who had bowled with very

WESTMINSTER v. CAPT. G. J. V.
WEIGALL'S XI.

Owing to the late arrival of several players on both sides, that of our opponents being due chiefly to military exigencies, and our own to examinations, the start was considerably delayed, early lunch being taken before commencing. Capt. Weigall won the toss, and Knowles and Brigg made a good stand, but then both were dismissed at the same total, while with only 9 runs added Sarel was easily taken at square leg. Four wickets were down for 111, but then Weigall and Bosanquet, who was playing under the name of 'Thompson,' made a big stand, the former being very steady, while the latter played the most brilliant cricket, hitting with tremendous power and obtaining his 73 out of 99. Further useful stands were made despite some steady bowling, which enabled Weigall to reach his hundred, for which he had played very good cricket, and without giving a chance, the innings being closed at 299 for 9. Farquarson and Croome put on 30 for the first wicket, both playing well, and it looked as if we might put up a good fight, but no one else with the exception of Andrews, who himself was very fortunate but nevertheless played a plucky innings, could cope with the attack at all, the whole side being out for 116. The School batted poorly, but it must be said that Newcombe bowled remarkably well. Bowling very fast, he kept a fine length and brought the ball across very sharply from the off, and came out with the splendid analysis of nine wickets for 45.

Score and analysis :—

CAPT. WEIGALL'S XI.

S. Knowles, b Greig	27
Capt. C. J. Brigg, b Oliver	14
A. Anderson, b Watkins.....	22
Major W. M. Sarel, c Farquarson, b Greig ...	5
Capt. G. J. V. Weigall, not out	101
B. J. T. Bosanquet, b Oliver.....	73
H. Newcombe, c Andrews, b Oliver	4
Sir E. Birch, st Gerrish, b Oliver	6
A. E. Rice-Oxley, run out.....	8
H. C. D. Davies, b Greig	0
H. A. Meyer, not out.....	3
Extras, byes 30, leg-byes 3, no balls 3.....	36
Total	299*

* For 9 wickets, declared.

bad luck. Gerrish, however, helped Oliver to play out time successfully, and 37 runs were added. Both played well, Oliver being not out 30, and Gerrish 19, and our last match of the season ended in a most creditable draw.

Score and analysis :—

O.WW.

H. G. Howell-Jones, b Pakenham-Walsh	163
G. H. Howell, c Croome, b Watkins	22
E. C. K. Clarke, c & b Oliver	2
F. L. Rawson, c Greig, b Stones	23
H. M. Bannister, lbw, b Stones.....	2
C. Powers, c Watkins, b Greig	9
W. R. Moon, b Oliver	48
F. G. Oliver, not out	14
C. H. Gregory, b Pakenham-Walsh ..	0
J. E. L. Circuit, c Farquharson, b Oliver	1
L. A. M. Fevez, b Oliver	11
Extras, byes 5, leg-byes 5, no balls 2	12
Total	307

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

M. G. Farquharson, b Bannister	0
V. Croome, b Bannister	40
N. P. Andrews, b Bannister	17
G. G. F. Greig, b Bannister	16
T. M. Ker, b Powers	13
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, b Bannister	6
H. J. Salwey, c Moon, b Clarke	24
F. R. Oliver, not out	30
W. E. Gerrish, not out	19
C. E. Stones, } did not bat	
H. W. Watkins, }	
Extras, byes 26, leg-byes 5	31

Total (for 7 wickets) 196

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.WW.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
F. R. Oliver	26	1	105	4
G. G. F. Greig	14	0	56	1
C. E. Stones	12	1	66	2
H. W. Watkins	8	0	42	1
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh	5	1	26	2

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
H. M. Bannister ...	16	1	52	5
E. C. K. Clarke ...	11	0	57	1
C. Powers	8	2	30	1
J. E. L. Circuit ..	4	0	26	0

K.S.S. v. T.BB.

This match, after a most exciting finish, ended in a victory for K.S.S. by 13 runs. It was the turn of K.S.S. to bat first, and Meyer and Clegg opened slowly to the bowling of Oliver and Stones. Two wickets fell for 21, then a useful stand was made between Greig and Farquharson, but Rudge coming on at 47 dismissed both in his first over, Greig being well caught at cover by Oliver, and Farquharson clean bowled. Davies and Gorman, however, both played very well, and 53 runs

were added, but after the former was bowled for a well-played 26, wickets fell quickly, and the whole side were out for 141, Gorman being not out for a most promising 20. T.BB. bowling was very good, Oliver, as last year, being very effective, and taking 6 for 45. Croome and Gerrish opened confidently and scored freely, and it was 47 before Gerrish mistimed one from Greig. Two wickets were down for 50, but then a most astonishing collapse occurred, and 6 were out for 73. Brookman then joined Oliver, and a very plucky stand was made which realised 35 runs, when Brookman was bowled, and though Oliver continued to bat well, he could find no one to stay with him, and T.BB. were all out for 128. For K.S.S., who thus brought off a most creditable win, Pakenham-Walsh and Greig bowled unchanged. The former bowled very finely and took 6 for 48.

Score and analysis :—

K.S.S.

H. A. Meyer, b Oliver	6
H. A. Clegg, b Oliver	2
G. G. F. Greig, c Oliver, b Rudge	27
M. G. Farquharson, b Rudge	12
H. C. D. Davies, b Stones	26
H. F. Gorman, not out	20
D. A. Radermacher, b Oliver	10
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh, b Oliver	2
R. S. Cahn, b Stones	3
E. J. C. Neep, lbw, b Oliver.....	0
F. L. Crane, c Andrews, b Oliver	0
Extras, byes 27, leg-byes 5, wide 1	33

Total 141

T.BB.

W. E. Gerrish, c Gorman, b Greig	30
V. Croome, c Radermacher, b Pakenham-Walsh ..	32
N. P. Andrews, c Radermacher, b Pakenham-Walsh	5
H. J. Salwey, b Greig.....	0
T. M. Ker, b Pakenham-Walsh	7
F. R. Oliver, not out	24
L. H. H. Lowe, lbw, b Greig	1
J. Brookman, b Pakenham-Walsh	23
C. E. Stones, b Pakenham-Walsh	1
H. N. Rudge, b Greig	5
H. W. Watkins, b Pakenham-Walsh.....	3
Extras, byes 5, leg-bye 1, no ball 1.....	7

Total 128

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

K.S.S.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
F. R. Oliver.....	24	8	45	6
C. E. Stones.....	15	6	28	2
H. W. Watkins	4	0	17	0
J. Brookman	1	0	7	0
H. N. Rudge ...	4	0	10	2
N. P. Andrews ..	1	0	1	0

Andrews bowled 1 wide.

	T.B.B.			
	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
G. G. F. Greig...	15	0	74	4
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh.....	14.5	3	47	6

Greig bowled 1 no ball.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
N. P. Andrews.....	13	316	71	1	26.33
F. R. Oliver	13	244	80	2	22.18
G. G. F. Greig.....	13	260	72	0	20.00
V. Croome.....	6	97	40	1	19.40
H. J. Salwey.....	12	215	56	0	17.91
T. M. Ker.....	10	179	43	0	17.90
M. G. Farquharson	13	212	63	0	16.30
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh	13	169	48	2	15.36
W. E. Gerrish	10	51	19*	4	8.50
C. E. Stones	11	81	36	0	7.36
H. W. Watkins.....	7	22	9	1	3.66

The following also batted:—

H. N. Rudge	2	11	11*	1	11.00
D. A. Radermacher	8	68	19	1	9.71
L. H. H. Lowe.....	5	10	7*	2	3.33
H. C. D. Davies ...	2	5	5	0	2.50

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
F. R. Oliver.....	226.3	19	859	43	19.97
C. E. Stones	93	11	390	16	24.37
G. G. F. Greig ...	148	19	587	22	26.68
H. W. Watkins ...	56	3	252	9	28.00
G. P. Pakenham-Walsh	37	3	177	6	29.50
N. P. Andrews ...	9	0	71	2	35.50

Also bowled.

H. N. Rudge	7	1	25	0	—
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FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. 3RD BATTALION HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

(Drawn, 1-1.)

Defending the Barracks End, we pressed our opponents from the start. Though several shots were put in, it was not until some time later that Croome put the ball through after a scrimmage in front of goal. Play was fairly uneventful until just before half-time, when one of the opposing forwards put in a very good shot, which just tipped the bar. Half-time: Westminster, 1; H.A.C. 0.

Play in the second half was very uninteresting, and our opponents had most of the game. Though the School defence was very sound, the forwards seemed too tired to do much, and the game con-

tinued in our half for some time. Pakenham-Walsh, who was acting as a substitute for the H.A.C., now made a really good run down the left wing and centred well to his centre-forward, who eluded the backs and scored with a very fine shot into the corner of the net. The match ended soon after with the score: Westminster, 1; H.A.C., 1.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. G. A. Jenkins; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; D. A. Radermacher, M. G. Farquharson (capt.), and G. W. Proger; H. A. Meyer, B. G. Scholefield, T. M. Ker, V. Croome, and N. P. Andrews.

H.A.C.

R. H. Smith, W. H. Tucker, W. F. M. Boardman, A. P. Hale, S. A. Thompson, H. A. Clist, G. Timms, J. D. Taylor, C. E. Willmott, G. P. Pakenham-Walsh (sub.), and G. Jackson (sub.).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. A. T. WILLETT ESQ.'S XI.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

(Won, 4-1.)

The School kicked off from the Barracks End. Play was fairly even for the first ten minutes or so, when the School forwards got together and began to press. The Visitors, nevertheless, managed to make a few good rushes and one corner afforded us many anxious moments till the ball was put over the cross-bar. A good run by our forwards followed, as a result of which Croome scored our first goal. Graham scored from a corner soon after, and half-time came with the score 2-0 in our favour.

In the second half, the ball was mostly in the Visitor's half, and our forwards pressed nearly all the time. Graham scored after a good combined rush, and Pakenham-Walsh soon after with an excellent cross-shot. Shortly afterwards, the opposing forwards forced a corner and the ball, kicked by a back trying to clear, ricocheted off one of our own men into the goal. For the rest of the game, we had decidedly the best of it, many good shots being put in, notably one from Farquharson, which hit the upright. The match ended with a win (4-1) for the School.

The School defence was very sound, and the forwards played more together than in the match a week before.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

J. G. A. Jenkins; H. J. Salwey and C. E. Stones; A. M. Dobbie, M. G. Farquharson (Capt.), and G. W. Proger; G. Pakenham-Walsh, C. J. Graham, T. M. Ker, V. Croome, and N. P. Andrews.

A. T. WILLETT ESQ.'S XI.

A. C. Feasey; Capt. Willis and E. Veysey; A. M. Bennett, M. G. Hewins, and E. F. Lutyens; M. A. Robinson, J. Brookman, K. Brodie, C. A. A. Robertson, and F. R. Oliver.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI. v.
ARTISTS' RIFLES.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

(Lost, 1-3.)

The Visitors pressed for some time after the start and shot twice with no effect, the ball in each case going high, and although our forwards took the play into their half, once or twice it almost immediately returned to ours. At last a determined rush by the right wing took the ball to the Visitors' goal, but the shot went wide. Moss unfortunately hurt his knee early on in the game and had to leave the field.

Play continued very even, the Visitors gaining a fruitless corner and the School shooting twice without effect. After a time, however, their forwards secured the ball from a fine clearance by their goalkeeper, and the centre-forward scored with a stinging shot. Half-time was called after a fruitless rush by our forwards (0-1).

Shortly after the resumption, their inside left headed a clever goal (0-2), and not long afterwards he dribbled through again and scored after Dyson had saved a good shot from the inside right (0-3).

Our forwards got together a little better after this, and several fine openings were missed right in front of goal before Horton dribbled through and scored with a low shot that beat the goalkeeper (1-3). We continued to press, but again were unable to finish off our efforts to any purpose. Play then returned to our half and the whistle put an end to the game with the score unchanged.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL 2ND XI.

F. P. Dyson; H. C. Harcourt-Smith and W. F. Dutton; P. H. Leslie, H. H. Munro, G. F. Young; T. I. Bate, G. Jackson, J. C. Horton, F. L. Moss, H. A. Meyer.

ARTISTS' RIFLES.

Cdt. Hyam; Cdt. Heaton, Sgt. Dayton; Cdt. Crowe, Wilkinson, Gilvray; Cdt. Dolbear, Q. M. S. Bluhm, Cdt. Harper, Sgt. Place, Cdt. Hargist.

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1916.

The above sports took place on Monday, July 10, and Monday, July 17, at the St. George's Baths which were opened upon a guarantee that a hundred people would be present on each occasion. Unfortunately we were only able to have the small bath as no others were available for sports this year.

Though fewer people entered this year, the times of all the races were considerably better than usual.

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, JULY 10.

EVENT I.—TEAM RELAY RACE.

First Heat.—Grant's, Rigaud's, Home Boarders.

Result.—Rigaud's won by 3 yds. from Home Boarders in 1 min. 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Teams.—Rigaud's: Moss, Howell, Rowlands, Cass; Home Boarders: Brookman, Macfarlane, Jackson (G.), Sanders (C.); Grant's: Kohnstamm, Croome, Salwey, Mackintosh.

Total distance 152 yds. It was a close race all through, and there was only a yard between second and third.

Second Heat.—King's Scholars, Ashburnham.

Result.—Ashburnham won by 2 yds. in 1 min. 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Teams.—King's Scholars: Lutyens, Meyer, Crane, Hame; Ashburnham: Tudsbery, Dobbie, Horton, Buhler.

EVENT II.—FANCY DIVING. HEATS.

Moss, Berryman (F. D.), Croome, Buhler, Cass and Newman were left in for the final. There was one dive from the side and one from each of the two boards. One point was given for position at the start, two for position in mid-air, and three for position at striking.

EVENT III.—JUNIOR RACE. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Crane, 1; Berryman (F. D.), 2. Won by a touch in 1 min. 3 secs.

Heat 2.—Hame, 1; Culhane } 2. Won by 5 yds. in 1 min.
Greig (R.) } 10 secs.

Heat 3.—Mackintosh, 1; Newman, 2. Won by 8 yds. in 1 min. 16 secs.

Heat 4.—Jackson (G.), 1; Pickering, 2. Won by 4 yds. in 1 min. 9 secs.

EVENT IV.—OPEN RACE. 38 YDS. HEATS.

Heat 1.—Howell, 1; Cass, 2. Won by 3 yds. in 26 secs.

Heat 2.—Moss, 1; Rowlands, 2. Won by 6 yds. in 25 secs.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, JULY 17.

EVENT I.—TEAM RACE. FINAL. CHALLENGE CUP.

Ashburnham (holders) v. Rigaud's.

Result.—Rigaud's won by 4 yds. in 1 min. 44 secs.

EVENT II.—JUNIOR RACE. FINAL. 76 YDS.

Result.—Crane (K.S.), 1; Mackintosh (G.), 2. Time, 1 min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. Won by 6 yds.; 3 yds. between second and third—Hame (K.S.).

EVENT III.—OPEN RACE. FINAL.

Result.—Moss (R.), 1; Howell (R.), 2; Rowlands (R.), 3. Time, 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Won by 3 yds.; 2 yds. between second and third. Won for the second year in succession.

EVENT IV.—FANCY DIVING. FINAL.

Moss and Berryman dead-heated for first place, Croome and Buhler for second. With one more dive Moss won and Croome came third. The standard of diving was very good.

EVENT V.—SENIOR RACE. 76 YDS.

Result.—Moss (R.), 1; Rowlands (R.), 2; Cass (R.), 3. Time, 53 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Moss won easily by 14 yds., for the third year in succession. A short yard between second and third.

EVENT VI.—PLATE DIVING. 15 PLATES.

Tudsbery (A.H.) was first with 12 plates and Moss and Cass tied for second place with 10 plates each.

LIBRARY REPORT.

I.—THE SCOTT LIBRARY.

<i>Play Term, 1915:—</i>	
Volumes purchased	39
Volumes presented	6
<i>Lent Term, 1916:—</i>	
Volumes purchased	23
Volumes presented	17
<i>Election Term, 1916:—</i>	
Volumes purchased	11
Volumes presented	2
Total	98
Number of Volumes at Election 1915	9,509
	9,607
Less Volumes lost and not replaced, or removed	45
Total at Election 1916	9,562

*Volumes Presented:—*Inge, Charles, *The Eternal Whisper*, presented by The Author (O.W.); Bradby, G. F., *The Lanchester Tradition*, presented by C. Chitty, Esq. (O.W.); Williams, A., *The Romance of Modern Invention*; Wright, I., *The Romance of the World's Fisheries*; Turner, C. C., *The Romance of Aeronautics*; Gilliat, E., *The Romance of Modern Sieges*; Selous, E., *The Romance of Insect Life*; Hyrst, H. W. G., *Stories of Red Indian Adventure and Stories of Polar Adventure*; Sanderson, E., *Stories of Great Pioneers*; Gilliat, E., *Stories of Indian Heroes, Stories of Elizabethan Heroes, The King's Reeve*; Whitham, G. I., *The Last of the White Coats*; Currey, E. H., *Ian Hardy, Senior Midshipman*; Williams, A., *The Wonders of the Modern Railway*; Gibson, C. R., *The Wonders of Modern Manufacture*, presented by the Publishers, Messrs. Seeley, Service & Co.; *The World at Westminster, and The Trifler*, in one vol., 1816-17; *College and T. B. Life at Westminster, 1845-7*; *Westminster School Epigrams, 1846*, presented by the Rev. F. Willett (O.W.); *Life of Augustus M. Toplady* (O.W.), by T. Wright, presented by Basil Holmes, Esq.; *M. V. Martialis Epigrammata in Usum Schol.*, West., 1668, presented by S. Edwards, Esq.; *Bourne, H. E., The Revolutionary Period in Europe*, presented by A. C. Liddell, Esq.; *Liberty*, Stephen, *The Political Relations of Christ's Ministry*, presented by the Author (O.W.); *Webb, C. C. J., Group Theories of Religion and the Individual*, presented by the Author (O.W.).

II.—THE SCIENCE LIBRARY.

No. of Vols. at Election 1915	249
Presented	2
No. of Vols. at Election 1916	251

*Volumes Presented.—*The Romance of Modern Photography, presented by the Publishers, Messrs. Seeley, Service & Co.; *Poynton and Thomson, Text Book of Physics, Vol. 4*, presented by A. M. Bennett, Esq. (O.W.).

III.—SCOTT LIBRARY ATTENDANCES
1915-16.

Election 1915 to Election 1916.	Play Term, 1915		Lent Term, 1916		Election Term, 1916
	Midday	Evening	Midday	Evening	Midday
Number of times Library was open	54	62	52	56	51
Total number of attend- ances	3,073	2,678	2,073	2,354	1,953
Greatest number present	148	72	163	64	154
Least number present	16	22	4	2	1
Average number present	57	43	40	42	38

THE GLEE SOCIETY.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	THE REV. THE HEADMASTER.
<i>Vice-President</i>	J. G. RANALOW, ESQ.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	J. R. BRANDON-THOMAS.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	H. A. MEYER.
<i>Assist. Secretary</i>	P. R. REA.

The Second Concert given by the Society since its revival last term, took place on Tuesday, July 11, 1916, at 4 P.M., the Headmaster having kindly shortened afternoon school by an hour. The Programme was as follows:—

CHORUS	'Our Island Home'	Eaton Fanning
	GLEE SOCIETY.	
DUET	'The Maybells and the Flowers'	Mendelssohn
	H. L. RODD and H. W. LILLIE.	
SONG	'The Veteran's Song'	Stephen Adams
	M. G. HEWINS.	
CHORUS	'The Emperor's Cooks'	(from 'Little Hans Anderson')
	GLEE SOCIETY.	Walter Slaughter
VIOLIN DUET	Slow Movement: Concerto in D minor.	Bach
	1st Violin—A. G. MORRIS.	
	2nd Violin—H. A. MEYER.	
RECITATION	'Ike'	Barry Pain
	J. R. BRANDON-THOMAS.	
PART SONG	'Glorious Apollo'	S. Webbe
	GLEE SOCIETY.	
SONG	'Glorious Devon'	Edward German
	N. P. ANDREWS.	
DUET	'Willow, willow, waly'	(from 'Patience')
	R. H. BLUNDELL and P. R. REA.	A. Sullivan
SONG	'The Temple Bells are Ringing'	Amy Woodford
	S. M. POTTER.	Finden
PART SONG	'Hail, Smiling Morn'	R. Spofforth
	GLEE SOCIETY.	

'GOD SAVE THE KING.'

This, the second concert given by the Society since its revival, was a great success, and the slight roughness shown in the singing in the first concert was absent on the 11th. The chorus, on this occasion, seemed to enter thoroughly into

the spirit of the songs and carry them along with a swing which earned them hearty applause.

As usually happens, one or two items attracted special notice; one was 'The Emperor's Cooks,' a very pretty and catchy tune with words of a 'House that Jack Built' type. Especially must we mention Shaw, who sang 'The Buttons' with a spirit and clearness that brought roars of laughter. This is the first time this chorus has been sung by the Society, but we hope to hear it again some day. The two comic recitations, especially the latter in dumb show, given by Brandon-Thomas were very well received. The well-known 'Willow, willow, waly' duet was sung with great charm by R. H. Blundell and P. R. Rea. Space does not permit us to mention every item; Andrews is, of course, an ever-welcome old friend by now, Potter again delighted us with his singing, and H. A. Meyer and A. G. Morris gave us great pleasure with their violin duet.

We were not able last term, owing to lack of space, to give due credit to Mr. Ranalow, to whom, of course, we are indebted for the arrangement of the concerts. We indeed thank him warmly for his ceaseless energy in their organisation and his genius, if we may say so, for getting the best out of everybody concerned.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held on September 21, the following were elected officers of the Society:—

<i>President</i>	..	J. R. BRANDON-THOMAS
<i>Vice-President</i>	..	H. A. MEYER
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	..	R. HARROD
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	..	R. T. SHARPE

The above, together with the following, form the Committee: P. C. A. Usher and D. C. Simpson (elected by the Society) and G. Turberville (co-opted by the Committee).

The following were elected members of the Society: D. V. Fletcher, J. C. Friedberger, G. L. S. Kohnstamm, A. le B. G. Morris, H. J. Salwey, and R. S. Stanley.

The House met on Thursday, September 28, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House a policy for crushing Germany's trade after the war would be detrimental to England.'

The Proposer (Mr. J. B. HERBERT) stated that, though it was admitted on all hands that the Germans were villains, they ought to be allowed to start afresh after they were beaten. Germany's trade could only be crushed by tariffs, which were impossible, or by blockade, which would be a continuation of the war. To crush Germany's

trade after the war would be to cut our own throats. Indemnities could only be paid by a nation's foreign trade; hence we should lose our indemnities.

The Opposer (Mr. P. C. A. USHER) said that the Proposer had brought forward no facts for him to attack. No one, he said, any longer seriously maintained the position of *laissez-faire*; and it was no good saying the whole thing was settled by the law of supply and demand without bringing forward any proof. He then produced figures with regard to Germany's pre-war trade, alluding to the large supplies now hoarded in Germany. His speech was to the point and well delivered.

The Seconder (the TREASURER) said that the crushing of Germany's trade would be as disadvantageous to us as to Germany. It would be absurd to harm oneself for merely sentimental reasons. Trade was conducive to peace, and only failed to prevent this war through the Government of Germany.

Mr. W. E. GERRISH asked how the Germans are to start their trade again if we maintain the policy suggested in the motion.

Mr. N. P. ANDREWS described the Seconder's speech as being inspired by the Dove of Peace.

The VICE-PRESIDENT resented the Opposer's statement that Germany's cheap goods did not last.

Mr. F. G. MAUNSELL referred to the support given to its merchants by the German Government, laying special stress on their subsidising of chemists.

The debate then resolved itself into a quarrel between the Opposer and the Seconder, in which the Society took no interest.

When put to the vote, the motion was carried by 13 votes to 11.

R. T. S.

The House met on Thursday, October 5, to discuss the motion: 'That this House would welcome the introduction of total prohibition of drink for the period of the war.'

The Proposer (Mr. T. I. ELLIS) thought that the prohibition of drink would make the Army and the Navy more efficient. Since the war began £300,000,000 had been spent on drink; this would have paid 25 per cent. of the cost of the war. The idea of prohibition was not impracticable—compare the prohibition of vodka in Russia and absinthe in France. The King had given up alcohol; why did not the House of Commons? The Government could take away a man's only son, but not his beer.

The Opposer (Mr. N. P. ANDREWS) said that the prohibition of drink would throw half a million men out of work. A great deal had already been done in England in the direction of prohibition,

and to do more was impossible, as it would cause riots, besides casting a bad name on the English people as being incapable of trust. He concluded by pointing out the necessity of stimulants.

The Seconder (Mr. G. TURBERVILLE) maintained that drink was the cause of poverty and crime. In spite of the present system of control, people got drunk. He said that it would be a shame to think that Englishmen, who had not rioted when they lost their liberty, would do so when they lost their beer. The reaction after stimulants was worse than the good they did.

Mr. P. C. A. USHER asked what people who went on walking tours would do if they could not get drink. Dr. Johnson said that a tavern was the place where people enjoyed themselves most; the inn was the sole place of meeting for the village peasants. The majority of people took drink in moderation—that did no harm.

The PRESIDENT said prohibition was necessary because of man's natural craving for stimulants.

Mr. D. C. SIMPSON asked why the half-million men should not do war work.

The TREASURER said that continual moderate drinking did more harm than occasional excess. Admiral Jellicoe had said that after their ration of rum the sailors' shooting was 50 per cent. worse.

Mr. F. J. WARBURG maintained that, as control had been successful, prohibition would be still more so.

The motion was carried by 10 votes to 7.

R. F. H.

The House met on Thursday, October 12, to discuss the motion: 'That in the opinion of this House, the expense and loss of life entailed by polar exploration do not justify the results obtained.'

The Proposer (Mr. W. E. GERRISH) said that the object of a polar expedition was to reach a certain spot. Though these expeditions go well equipped with every modern convenience, no good results are obtained. They merely showed a triumph of organisation. The two main objections to such expeditions are the cost and the loss of life. Each expedition costs £300,000. The latter objection had not so much weight as formerly. Even if minerals were discovered there, the cost of mining and freightage would make them prohibitive.

The Opposer (the PRESIDENT) asked how we knew there were no minerals there if we had not been to see. We did not want the spirit in England of going through life without taking any risks in experiments in the cause of science. The Proposer had said that these expeditions showed good organisation alone; he would like to see a polar explorer run a bank.

The Seconder (Mr. V. CROOME), in a maiden

speech, said that the object of polar explorations was not courageous feats but scientific objective. All they discover is ice and snow, which they already knew were there.

Mr. F. G. MAUNSELL frankly admitted that there was no use in discovering the Poles themselves, but many scientific results accrued to us, chief amongst which was the discovery of the magnetic Pole.

Mr. W. M. BINNEY, in a maiden speech, remarked upon the extraordinary tenacity with which the late Capt. Scott's companions clung to their Arctic specimens as being unobtainable elsewhere.

Mr. M. G. HEWINS regretted that the speeches had been somewhat beside the point.

Mr. R. SMITH said that we could never explore the polar regions, as the climate would always be against us.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

R. T. S.

House Notes.

K.SS.—We finished up last term most satisfactorily by winning the Singing Cup under the able guidance of Storrs, and beating T.BB. at cricket after a most exciting game which at one time looked distinctly unfavourable. We must congratulate Davies on Pink and Whites, and Gorman on Thirds.

At water we unfortunately lost to T.BB. by three lengths after a well-fought race, but the crew must be congratulated on its wonderful performance none the less, for to do so well against the School boat after a comparatively short period of training was indeed a creditable effort. Much was again due to Storrs, who stroked with excellent judgment and was untiring in his encouragement of the crew.

Farquharson has been made a Sergeant in the Corps, and under the new system we have a fair share of capable instructors among the junior squads. Aitken is to be congratulated on becoming a Corporal, and Bonney and Radermacher on their 'stripes.'

At football we have rosy prospects for juniors when they come, and at present supply three to the First and two to the Second Eleven.

The Literary Society has read 'The Merchant of Venice,' and is about to start on 'She Stoops to Conquer.'

We congratulate Meyer on winning the Gumbleton English Verse.

A.HH.—There is plenty of news this month to fill our House Notes. We have won both Cricket Seniors and Juniors, a feat never performed before. The Seniors' Match against

Grant's was undoubtedly the most exciting that has been seen for many years, as we tied in the first match; on the re-play, when the score was level, two catches were missed, off the second of which we got a run. In the final we had an easy victory against Home Boarders. In Juniors, after two interesting games, in which the play of the team gave us good hope for the future, we proved successful. As a result of our victories, we congratulate Rudge and Dickson on well-deserved Pink and Whites, Hobson and Graham on Thirds; Holford, Ellis, Dobbie, and Horton were given their House Colours.

In T.B.B. we had three representatives, and Dickson twelfth Man.

In the Shooting Competition we only lost by 3 points.

In the Corps, Horton has been made a Lance-Corporal. The Fives Ties were won by Randolph and Chisholm.

We have lost this term, among others, Tudsbury, Faulkner, and Dickson, but have thirteen new boys to make up our numbers.

GRANT'S.—Since our last House Notes, we have lost three prominent members of the House: M. G. Hewins, F. R. Oliver, and A. C. L. Abrahams. We congratulate Hewins on his exhibition to Christ Church, Oliver on his Head Election to Trinity, and Abrahams on his election to Christ Church, and we wish them all success in their present military activities.

We have six new boys this term: Glendinning (from Home Boarders), Peacock, Rea, Samuel, Stevens, and Swann. This brings our numbers up to fifty-four.

Our congratulations are due to J. R. Brandon-Thomas on becoming Captain of the School and Company-Sergeant-Major, and to N. P. Andrews on being Captain of Cricket; also to F. J. Warburg on dividing the Ireland Latin Verse prize, and C. M. Cahn on getting into the Seventh. Nor must we forget to congratulate V. Croome and N. P. Andrews on regaining their Pinks.

It is rather early to talk about 'prospects,' but we hope to do well in Seniors.

Owing to the energy of Andrews, Fives, a fast-declining game up Grant's, has been revived, and ties are in full swing.

Our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. F. G. Hobson, who has won the D.S.O., and to 2nd Lieut. O. A. Tunnicliffe, who has won the Military Cross and been promoted to Captain.

Finally, it is our sad duty to record the death of three more old Grantites, who have been killed in action: Capt. A. K. Gilmour, 2nd Lieut. D. G. le Doux-Veitch, and 2nd Lieut. V. R. G. Biddulph. We feel their loss all the more, as most of the present Grantites were in the School with at least two of them.

HOME BOARDERS.—Thirteen new boys bring our numbers up to the large total of eighty-two. C. E. Stones has been made a House Monitor. In the Corps A. R. C. Fleming succeeds C. A. H. Kitchin as Band Sergeant, and D. C. Simpson has been promoted from the ranks.

We were unfortunate in losing both the Shooting Cup and the Singing Cup last term. We have now only one Cup in the Upper, and we therefore hope that every one will make a special effort to regain those that are gone. Much greater keenness might be shown, especially among the senior members of the House. In the Final of Cricket Seniors we were defeated by Ashburnham. G. Jackson, G. Turberville, E. M. Cazeaux, and I. H. C. Balfour were awarded House Colours. G. Turberville is to be heartily congratulated on his first innings, which was decidedly the best of the side. In the second innings, H. E. Macfarlane, as usual in a crisis, had extraordinary luck, more than doubling the score of the rest of the side. 'Thirds' were given to G. Jackson and H. E. Macfarlane.

Thanks to the present system of football leagues, we have discovered several promising juniors, most of whom are enjoying for the first time properly organised games, and our Football Captain expects great things.

It is with regret that we record the death in action of R. G. Garvin, who was up Home Boarders from 1908 to 1914. He was killed in France at the end of July. We were also grieved to see on the Roll of Honour the name of A. S. Forbes, who was Head of the House in 1912. Finally, we wish God-speed to all who have left us. Two of these are at Sandhurst, one in the Marines, and two, we believe, in the Air Service.

Our late Head, after getting elected to Trinity, is struggling with the War Office. In C. A. A. Robertson we have lost a very useful member in almost every branch of House affairs, and in J. Brookman a painstaking Captain of House football.

RIGAUD'S.—This time we start our House Notes with great satisfaction. Three Cups have come home to the proper place since last we wrote—namely, the Shooting Cup, the Swimming Cup, and the Town Boy Rudder.

The successful shooting four, to whom all congratulations are due, were Duttson, Scholefield, Leslie, and Proger, G.

Moss, Howell, Rowlands, and Cass were responsible for winning the Swimming Cup, while we owe the Town Boy Rudder to the energies of Howell, Young, Scholefield, and Fletcher, nor must we omit Greig, the cox.

In Seniors we succumbed to Home Boarders, but we must congratulate Duttson, Leslie, Scholefield, and Berryman on well-deserved House Colours. In Juniors we reached the final, but

there we were unfortunately beaten by Ashburnham. Before turning from cricket news, we must congratulate H. W. Watkins on his Pinks, and Leslie and Duttson on their Thirds.

As regards other matters, we must congratulate Scholefield on becoming a School Monitor, and Watkins on his promotion to C.Q.M.S. Proger, G., and Young have come into Under. Rowlands, Robinson, and Thomson have left us, but as we have nine new boys and Armitz has come back, our numbers have gone up to fifty-nine.

Again it is our sad duty to mourn the loss of Old Rigaudites who have given their lives for their country—namely, 2nd Lieut. N. H. Vernham, 2nd Lieut. G. C. Rivers, and Capt. J. L. Buckman.

Old Westminsters.

COL. SIR HENRY KNOLLYS, G.C.V.O., Sir Charles Fortescue Brickdale, and Professor J. S. Phillimore have been elected Busby Trustees, in the place of Sir Clements Markham, deceased, Canon Nigel Madan, deceased, and Dr. C. L. Shadwell, retired.

The other Trustees are, in order of appointment:—The Right Hon. Lord Justice Phillimore, Bart. (1885); Sir R. U. Penrose Fitzgerald, Bart. (1889); the Right Hon. Sir Roland Vaughan Williams (1890); V. A. Williamson, Esq., C.M.G. (1890); A. W. Williams Wynn, Esq. (1892); the Right Rev. The Bishop of Bangor, D.D. (1902); H. F. Manisty, Esq., K.C. (1909); Col. H. E. Rawson, C.B., R.E. (1910); Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Turner, K.C.B., R.A. (1913); Clement C. P. Webb, Esq., M.A. (1914).

The Rev. C. C. Sharp has been appointed Vicar of South Petherton, Somerset.

Births.

ON July 16, the wife of Capt. Harold C. Pember-ton, 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, of a son.

On August 17, the wife of Major A. C. Barnby, R.M.L.I., Squadron Commander, R.N., of a daughter.

On August 29, the wife of Capt. A. R. Hadden, London Regiment, of a son.

On September 21, the wife of Murray Gladwin Baillie, Lieut., R.A. and Intelligence Corps, of a son.

On September 23, the wife of Lieut. E. J. Tyson, R.F.C., M.C., of a son.

Marriages.

DEARMER—KNOWLES.—On July 19, the Rev. Percy Dearmer, D.D., to Nancy, only daughter of Arthur Knowles, late of Heaton Grange, Bolton, Lancs.

FLEURET—MORGAN.—On October 5, Frank Stuart Fleuret, Lieutenant in The Buffs, to Katherine Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Col. Charles Edward Morgan, 67th Foot.

Obituary.

WE have to regret the death of ERIC MILTON PONDER, whose health had forbidden him to serve with the Forces. He was the eldest son of the late Frank Milton Ponder, of Shortlands, Kent, and died on September 21, in his thirtieth year.

We record with deep regret the death of RICHARD BENYON BERENS, of Kevington, St. Mary Cray. He was the elder son of Richard Beauvoir Berens, admitted 1816, by Catherine, daughter of John Edmund Dowdeswell, admitted 1779, who was a son of William Dowdeswell, Rockingham's Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted about 1730. Mr. Berens, admitted 1848, was a worthy inheritor of this long Westminster stock and was one of the best known of Kentish squires. He died on October 28, at the age of 82. The record of his sons at the School covered a period of eighteen years, the eldest being admitted in June 1878 and the youngest leaving at Election 1896.

Correspondence.

THE LATE CAPT. G. O. ROOS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—In the long list of O.W.W. whose lives are being given, the name of Captain Roos claims more than a passing notice. Known affectionately as 'K. Y.' to all his generation, he was one of the very few of whom it can be said with strict truth that he never made an enemy, and that all the world were his friends. Chaucer might have had him for his 'verray parfit gentil knight.' Full of a humorous, kindly and tender consideration for others, he was himself invulnerable. It was impossible to ruffle him; no one ever saw him angry. This was no weakness, as it might have been in some men, but perfect strength, balance and control. He was, indeed, when his mind was made up—as it usually was—adamant. You could not provoke him—but he could, and often did, exasperate you; for you simply could not move him from any position, whether in argument or practical conduct, he thought it right to take up. Yet exasperating as at such times he often was, he was all the while humorous, gentle and lovable. He was a kind of personified 'Common Sense.' The word 'why,' so often on his lips, summed up his simple philosophy of life. If there seemed to him good and sufficient reason for doing—or wearing—anything, he did it—or wore it; if there seemed good reason against, he forbore; and unless you could show him a better, nothing would make him budge either way.

I remember that shortly before the Jubilee Day (1887), it struck some one—I think Roos himself—that the

Crimean Monument, standing just opposite the great West doors of the Abbey by which the Queen was to enter, ought to be decorated with flags. By this time flags were at a premium; but we got some stuff and set to work, and on the eve of the great day got our lines of bunting fixed. The gay colours up aloft gave a bare appearance to the base; but darkness was coming on, and to most of us it seemed too late to remedy the defect. When we got up next morning, we met K. Y. coming down Victoria Street with a large hand-cart loaded with flower-pots—where he got them, no one ever knew, but the decoration of the Monument was completed worthily of the prominent part it had to play on that historic day.

In the autumn of that year, Roos went up to Balliol, and in 1891 took a First in Law. At the end of the year he stood for the All Souls' Fellowship. The candidates are usually invited to dine with the Warden and Fellows. Roos either did not know or had forgotten this, and had no evening dress. His friends contributed the necessary garments—my share, I remember, was trousers—a rather queer assortment, but the best we could do. We believed at the time—and have piously held ever since—that the defects of his dress clothes lost Roos the Fellowship. If so, it was characteristic.

He served his Articles as a Solicitor in London, and started practising with a London firm. In the summer of 1899, when things in South Africa already looked threatening, Roos disappeared. When war broke out, he was there, in the first of the fighting, a Trooper in Thorneycroft's Horse. He was twice wounded, the second time on Spion Kop while doing an act which would have won him the Victoria Cross if there had been any one to report it. In the withdrawal he had to be left, and lay out untended for twenty-four hours; he told me, with the quick twinkle in his eye, that this 'saved his life.' When he recovered from his wound, he was appointed Provost Marshal to one of the 'sweeping-up' columns, and had droll stories to tell of the Boer farmers' wives whom he had to pacify and remove. After the war he was in England for a few months, but returned to South Africa and set up in practice in Johannesburg. There he stayed till the call of the war brought him to England last summer, bent on finding a place in the New Army in spite of his beard and his bald head and his forty-seven years. He saw that with his African experience he could be most useful as an officer, but he was ready to give his service anyhow and in any rank. The beard proved an obstacle, and it soon went. He was gazetted to a Commission in September, and in December he went out to France, where he remained till the end came. Q. S.

By the kindness of Mr. Vernham we are able to publish the following letter concerning his son's death in action:—

SIR,—With reference to the death of 2nd Lieut. Vernham, I wish to describe what I saw of it. At 4 a.m. on the morning of July 28 the regiment proceeded into action at Longueval. Mr. Vernham was then commanding No. 14 Platoon, No. 4 Company. This platoon was immediately in front of me in a communication trench, which was being very badly knocked about, owing to the very severe shelling which was prevailing at the time.

Mr. Vernham, however, highly indifferent and utterly regardless of all danger, stood and walked about on top of the trench, organising and generally looking after his men. He stood on top that he might more easily do this, fully aware that every second his life was in danger, as there was no pause whatever between one shell and

another. However, he was not the least disturbed, but added greatly to the safety of his platoon by moving them every moment to places of safety (such places as existed); of these, there were very, very few. About 5.30 a.m. to 6 o'clock he was killed by a very powerful shrapnel shell which burst above his head, a piece striking him on top of the head. Death was instantaneous. Owing to his bravery and zeal and continued thought of the welfare of his men, his platoon looked to him as their chief protector and thought the very world of him. It was chiefly owing to his zealousness and great care for his men that he met his death in this way. I can assure you, his loss was felt very acutely by his company, more especially by the platoon he commanded, and they offer their deepest sympathy to you in the loss of such a gallant son.

His body was buried at Longueval.

Yours obediently,

E. HAYES, C.S.M.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following: *Reptonian* (2), *Stonyhurst Magazine*, *Covian*, *Melburnian*, *Laurentian*, *E. C. C.* (6), *Forest School Magazine*, *Malvernian*, *Marlburian*, *Bradfield College Chronicle* (2), *R.M.A. Magazine*, *Raddeian*, *Fettesian*, *Cheltonian* (2), *Felstedian*, *Newtonian*, *Tonbridgian*, *S. Edward's School Chronicle* (2), *Meteor*, *The Brigade* (2), *Beaumont Review* (2), *Harrovian*, *Blundellian*, *Alleynian*, *Lancing College Chronicle*, *Our Boys' Magazine* (2), *The Johnian*, *The Blue*, *Education*, *Haileyburian*, *King's College School Magazine*, *Wykehamist*, *Salopian* (2), *Carthusian*, *Cliftonian*, *The Navy* (2).

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Old Westminsters who wish to join the Club should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, L. E. TANNER, Esq., 2 Little Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.

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