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THE ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1911.

OWING to the premature close of Lent Term, the Sports this year had to be postponed till the first Friday and Saturday of Election Term, May 5 and 6. From the weather point of view the change was most fortunate, but it considerably diminished the number of visitors, though on Saturday, at any rate, there were quite enough present to block the view of the school by refusing to be content with the enclosure provided for them. It is to be feared that for most of the competitors the holidays offered few opportunities for training. In the Senior events the standard was poor. Individually W. L. Selby was easily the best; the Half-Mile with Hurdles and the Quarter-Mile were his most successful performances, while C. J. Brooks did a good High Jump.

Among the Juniors M. A. Thompson stood out by himself. He won five of the six under fifteen events, his High Jump and his Throwing of the Cricket Ball being exceptionally good.

The Inter-House Challenge Cup was again won by Ashburnham, with thirty-six points. Home-Boarders were second, eight points behind, while K.S.S., Rigaud's and Grant's obtained twenty-four, nineteen and eight points respectively. It is worth mention that the Tug-of-War between K.S.S. and T.B.B. was won by the former for the first time since 1897. The Inter-House Tug was won by Home-Boarders.

At the close the prizes were presented by Lord Ritchie of Dundee. After the distribution the Headmaster thanked him for his kindness in a short speech and called for three cheers. Lord Ritchie in reply expressed his

pleasure at being able to be present, and recalled some of his personal experiences in athletics. After the remainder of the usual cheers had been given the proceedings terminated. Mr. L. A. M. Fevez once again acted as Judge, for which we owe him a deep debt of gratitude, as also to Mr. A. T. Willett for starting the races, and Messrs. C. Kent, R. T. Squire and A. K. Clarke-Kennedy for keeping the times and assisting in the judging. The Stewards were R. C. Cooke, A. C. Edgar, A. K. Gilmour, D. F. Jerrold, K. D. Murray, Hon. Secretary, and R. R. Rawson. We append a list of events with results filled in. In those for which points are given towards the Inter-House Cup, the winners' houses have been inserted after their names.

FRIDAY, MAY 5.

1.—300 YARDS HANDICAP. OVER 16.

Fursdon, 1; Tindal, 2. Time, 37 secs.

Only a very small field started for the race. Fursdon, with 2 yards start, worked steadily to the front and won comfortably.

2.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. UNDER 15.

Thompson (K.S.S.), 1; Vernham (R.), 2. Distance, 74 yds. 4 ins.

Only three competitors appeared out of an entry of 23. Thompson won easily with an excellent junior throw.

3.—HALF-MILE WITH HURDLES. OPEN.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Selby (A.H.), 1; Edgar (K.S.S.), 2; Hallward (H.B.B.), 3.
Time, 2 mins. 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

The time seems almost too good to be true. Selby was leading most of the way and eventually won by 20 yards; about two yards separated second and third.

4.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Hodges, 1; Plaskitt, E., 2. Time, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Waterson, 1; Vernham, 2. Time, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

5.—100 YARDS. OPEN. HEATS.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Cooke, 1; Fowler, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Lawrence, 1; Hallward, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

Heat 3.—Pink, 1; Miles, A. C., 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Heat 4.—Selby, 1; Walpole, 2. Time, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Lawrence, 1; Cooke, 2. Time, 11 secs.

Heat 2.—Selby, 1; Pink, 2. Time, 11 secs.

6.—HIGH JUMP. UNDER 15.

Thompson (K.S.S.), 1; Plaskitt, E. (A.H.), 2.
Height, 4 ft. 8 ins.

Both cleared 4 ft. 8 ins., but neither could go any further. When the bar was lowered again, Plaskitt failed to clear it, while Thompson had two or three inches to spare.

7.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. HEATS.

CHALLENGE CUP.

Heat 1.—Cozens, F. C., 1; Cooke, 2. Time, 20 secs.

Heat 2.—Hallward, 1; Hobson, 2. Time, 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Heat 3.—Selby, 1; Lawrence, 2. Time, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Cozens, F. C., 1; Hobson, 2. Time, 20 secs.

Heat 2.—Selby, 1; Lawrence, 2. Time, 20 secs.

8.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15. SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Hodges, 1; Kerpen, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Plaskitt, E. 1; Pulvertaft, 2. Time, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Heat 3.—Thompson, 1; Vernham, 2. Time, 12 secs

9.—THROWING THE HAMMER. OPEN.

CHALLENGE HAMMER.

Brooks (H.B.B.), 1; Cecil, J. (A.H.), 2. Distance, 62 ft.
A poor throw. Cecil was the most consistent thrower, but Brooks's third effort was too good for him.

10.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1.—Besson, 1; Dawson, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Heat 2.—Freston, 1; Ekin, 2. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Heat 3.—Leighton, A., 1; Vernham, 2. Time, 13 secs.

11.—440 YARDS. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Selby (A.H.), 1; Smith, J. W. N. (A.H.), 2; Pink (R.), 3.
Time, 56 secs.

Smith went off at a great pace and was leading when he entered the straight. Selby, however, came in with a fine sprint and won pretty easily. Pink was not far behind Smith.

12.—150 YARDS. UNDER 14.

Kerpen (R.), 1; Julian (H.B.B.), 2. Time, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

A very close race. It was only in the last five yards that Kerpen managed to get ahead and win by a foot.

13.—HALF-MILE HANDICAP.

Freston, 1; Hodges, 2; Langton, 3. Time 2 mins. 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Hodges, who had 90 yards start, quickly took the lead and maintained it for most of the distance. Coming into the straight Freston rapidly closed up the gap and eventually won by 4 or 5 yards.

14.—SERVANTS' RACE.

Cream, 1; Brown, 2.

15.—INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR.

H.B.B. pulled over Ashburnham (2-0).

In the first pull, both sides showed an inclination to lie still and do nothing. The judges thereupon introduced a time-limit, which soon brought about a definite result.

SATURDAY, MAY 6.

16.—HIGH JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Brooks (H.B.B.), 1; Cozens, F. C. (A.H.), 2.
Height 5 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Four competitors failed to clear 4 ft. 9 ins., leaving Brooks and Cozens alone. The latter soon failed, and Brooks did the last two or three jumps by himself. If there had been anyone to press him, he might have gone higher.

17.—HURDLE RACE. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

Waterson (K.S.S.), 1; Hodges (K.S.S.), 2. Time 22 secs.

Waterson repeated his victory of last year, but could only knock $\frac{3}{4}$ sec. off the time. He won by 2 or 3 yards.

18.—100 YARDS. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

Lawrence (H.BB.), 1; Selby (A.H.), 2. Time 11½ secs.

A good race, though not fast. Lawrence was always an inch or two in front and increased his lead to a yard in the last ten yards.

19.—LONG JUMP. UNDER 15.

Thompson (K.SS.), 1; Kerpen (R.), 2. Distance 14 ft. 6 ins.

The jumping was not good. No one seemed to realise the necessity of jumping high. Kerpen's jump was ½ inch short of 13 feet.

20.—HURDLE RACE. OPEN. FINAL HEAT.

Cozens, F. C. (A.H.), 1; Selby (A.H.), 2. Time, 20 secs.

Cozens and Selby were practically level at the last hurdle, but the latter slipped in alighting and Cozens won by a couple of yards.

21.—100 YARDS. UNDER 16. FINAL HEAT.

Besson (R.), 1; Ekin (H.BB.), 2. Time, 12½ secs.

Besson won fairly easily, but there was a great struggle for the second place between Ekin and Freeston. The latter looked like finishing in front, but Ekin just managed to come up and beat him by inches.

22.—LONG JUMP. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Pink (R.), 1; Brooks (H.BB.), 2. Distance, 18 ft. 6½ ins.

As in the junior event the jumping was poor on the whole. In his third jump, Pink beat his previous efforts by about 18 inches, but could not do so well in his exhibition jump. Brooks was a foot behind him.

23.—100 YARDS. UNDER 15. FINAL HEAT.

Thompson (K.SS.), 1; Hodges (K.SS.), 2. Time, 12½ secs.

Thompson led all the way and won by 5 yards.

24.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Rawson (G.), 1; Forbes (H.BB.), 2.
Distance 87 yds. 1 ft. 7 ins.

In previous years Rawson had thrown further without getting a place. It was not till his third throw that he managed to beat Forbes, and then only by a few inches. In his exhibition throw he was five or six yards better.

25.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 16.

Freeston (R.), 1; Besson (R.), 2. Time, 61½ secs.

Besson was leading till fifty yards from the end, but Freeston judged his powers nicely and, overhauling him, won by 2 or 3 yards.

26.—ONE MILE FLAT RACE. OPEN. CHALLENGE CUP.

Selby (A.H.), 1; Rawson (G.), 2; Edgar (K.SS.), 3.

A large field started and were well spread out at the end of the first lap. In the second Selby came to the front, with Rawson a yard or two behind him. These two ran close to each other the whole way, but gradually drew out further and further from the rest of the field. Selby increased his lead a little on coming into the straight for the last time, and finally won by 7 or 8 yards. Edgar was about thirty yards behind Rawson.

27.—QUARTER-MILE. UNDER 15. CHALLENGE CUP.

Thompson (K.SS.), 1; Kitchen (H.BB.), 2. Time, 68 secs.
Thompson led all the way round and won easily.

28.—CONSOLATION RACE. (Winners excluded.)

Goodman, 1; John, J., 2. Time, 36 secs.

29.—O.WW. RACE.

Lawrence, 1; Geare, 2.

30.—TUG-OF-WAR.

K.SS. pulled over T.BB. (2—0).

The Town Boys were the heavier team, but the King's Scholars had had practice and pulled better together.

 OLD WESTMINSTER
 FREEMASONS.

A REGULAR meeting of the 'Old Westminster's Lodge,' No. 2233, was held at the Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street, on Thursday, March 16. The following members were present:—W. Bro. H. F. Manisty, K.C. (W.M.), W. Bro. Arthur Bevan, M.D. (I.P.M.), Bro. A. H. Woodbridge (S.W.), Bro. O. J. R. Howarth (J.W.), Bro. C. C. Sharpe (Chaplain), W. Bro. F. G. Hallett (P.M., Treasurer), W. Bro. Thos. Stirling Lee (P.M., Secretary), Bro. W. Cleveland Stevens (S.D.), Bro. J. E. Y. Radcliffe (I.G.), W. Bro. Col. H. E. Rawson (P.M., D.C.), Bro. W. E. Horne, M.P. (Steward), W. Bro. C. W. Grant Wilson (P.M.), Bro. H. F. Chatterton, and Bro. A. S. Gaye. The following guests were also present:—W. Bro. J. Scott Fox, K.C. (Northern Bar Lodge), W. Bro. A. W. Bainton (Northern Bar Lodge), and Bro. G. Beaumont (O.W., S. Michael's Barbadoir Lodge).

Mr. M. G. Baillie, having been regularly proposed, seconded, and duly elected, was admitted into Freemasonry by W. Bro. H. F. Manisty (W.M.).

A proposal that a piece of plate should be presented to W. Bro. Stirling Lee, in recognition of the great pains which he took and the great success which he achieved in organising the First Public Schools Festival at Westminster last December, was carried unanimously. The gratifying news was also announced that Grand Lodge had honoured W. Bro. Stirling Lee by electing him to the office of Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works.

Bro. John Sargeant was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge as a mark of appreciation of the address which he gave at the Public Schools Festival.

All the business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the usual banquet, at which they were joined by W. Bro. Walter Tomlinson, and a pleasant evening was spent.

The next regular meeting of the Lodge will be on Thursday, June 15.

Poetry.

LUCRETIUS.

OUT of the darkness, the night
 Of a world-wide, vast despair,
 Lit by the funeral glare
 Of Piety's dying light,
 Of Ignorant faith undone
 And Hope that withereth,
 The peal of a terrible voice
 Triumphant over the sun,
 Crying ' Rejoice !'
 For the great world victor Death !'

The fearless soul that burst
 From the throes of a great world's woe,
 Fired by pity divine
 With a burning, terrible thirst
 To seek, to explore, to know—
 That like an eagle soared
 Rising on wings unfurled
 And upwards bore till it passed
 The flaming walls of the world—
 Not as a lone wave curled
 In a terror of short-lived might,
 Not as a storm-drowned whisper,
 Not as a flash in the night.

Not as a flash in the night
 Wavers and sinks and is gone,
 Not as a lurid fire
 Sinking, dying alone,
 Blazed his pyre.
 Lone in a mirk of wrong,
 Died his deathless light,
 Sank his glorious song—
 But—as the weird, shrill cry
 Of a seabird wheeling low
 Over a brooding sea,
 Fades, but never can die :
 But the notes of uttermost woe
 Fainter and fainter flow
 To all eternity—
 Faltering higher and higher
 Where his agony bade him aspire,
 Over the sea and the shore
 Sunward for evermore.

J. W. N. S.

School Notes.

WE offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. Reed on his marriage, which took place on April 8.

Owing to an outbreak of measles, Lent Term came to an end on Friday, April 7, instead of on Wednesday, April 12.

There are eighteen new boys this term.

The installation of Dr. Ryle as Dean of Westminster took place in the Abbey on April 29.

For the Coronation the same three bays on each side of the Triforium have been allotted to the School as on the last occasion.

In the Public Schools Racquets Championship our pair, A. R. I. Mellor and G. B. F. Rudd, were drawn against Harrow. Unfortunately we had to scratch at the last minute owing to illness.

The Senior Vincent Prize has been won by F. C. Doherty, and the Junior Prize by T. R. Dawson.

The theses for School epigrams are (i) parvum parva decent ; (ii.) Wait and see.

There will be no Concert this term.

The Football Teams have been made up thus :—

PINKS.	PINK & WHITES.	THIRDS.
*R. C. Cooke.	*K. D. Murray.	G. P. Pick.
*A. C. Edgar.	K. Hill.	G. C. Cardew.
*R. R. Rawson.	*G. W. George.	*D. A. Harvey.
F. W. Pink.	F. R. C. Cobbold.	*K. W. Johnson.
G. B. F. Rudd.	R. E. D. Cargill.	J. C. Hobson.
*C. V. Miles.	J. C. Hansen.	*J. M. de Slubicki.
J. W. McCulloch		W. L. Selby.
*H. N. Hume.		*E. F. Lawrence.
*B. M. Hallward.		W. J. Lang.
R. F. Potter.		*L. Rice-Oxley.
F. E. Robinson.		W. B. W. Durrant.
		J. M. Troutbeck.
		K. T. D. Wilcox.

* Will have left by next season.

The following is the Cricket Card filled in to date :—

May 13,	Sat.	v.	Eton Ramblers (lost, Westminster School, 109 and 49 (for 2 wks.); Eton Ramblers, 300).
„	20	Sat.	v. I Zingari.
„	27,	Sat.	v. Incogniti.
„	31,	Wed.	v. O. & C.O.WW.
June	3,	Sat.	v. The Household Brigade.
„	10,	Sat.	v. Sussex Martlets.
„	17,	Sat.	v. Oxford University Authentics.
„	30,	Fri.	} v. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).
July	1,	Sat.	
„	8,	Sat.	v. Free Foresters.
„	12,	Wed.	v. M.C.C. & G.
„	15,	Sat.	v. Old Wykehamists.
„	22,	Sat.	v. Christ Church Warrigals.
„	29,	Sat.	v. O.WW.
„	31,	Mon.	K.SS. v. T.BB.

THE FIELDS.

K.SS. v. T.BB.
(T.BB. won 1-0.)

THIS match was played up Fields on Saturday, March 25, under most adverse conditions, and resulted in a win for the Town Boys by the odd goal. A tremendous gale blew, and with snow at intervals prevented anything resembling football. K.SS. kicked off and their opponents immediately began to press, but it was impossible to control the ball and play became very uninteresting. After half-time, the Town Boys continued to press and Hume missed badly, though shortly afterwards he hit the cross bar, the rebound of which Hansen should have netted. K.SS. then took up the defensive and managed to keep their opponents out until a minute from time, when Hansen headed through a good centre from McCulloch. For K.SS. all played well, and they were unlucky to lose, while for the T.BB. all played poorly, especially the forwards.

K.SS.

N. E. Barraclough; M. A. Thompson, R. E. Cargill; J. M. Troutbeck, A. C. Edgar, K. D. Wilcox; R. S. Partridge, K. D. Murray, G. B. F. Rudd, S. F. Waterson, A. N. Charlton.

T.BB

B. M. Hallward; F. E. Robinson, R. F. Potter; F. W. Pink, G. W. George, R. R. Rawson; J. W. McCulloch, R. C. Cooke, J. C. Hansen, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles.

FINAL OF SENIORS.

RIGAUD'S v. GRANT'S.

THIS match was played up Fields on Tuesday, March 21, and resulted in a win for Grant's by 5 goals to love. Rigaud's were below strength, their goal-keeper being especially weak. They won the toss and Grant's kicked off, the opening exchanges being even. Grant's, however, soon got going, and, after several shots from their forwards,

Smith opened their score with a lucky shot, Burford being at fault. Langton then missed an easy chance, but Hume added a second through a mistake by Slubicki. Rigaud's attacked intermittently and Hurst Brown put in a fine shot which just went wide. C. V. Miles added two more for Grant's before half time, thus bringing their total to 4. In the second period Rigaud's played more on the defensive and Grant's only scored once more through C. V. Miles from a centre by Thacker. The Grantite defence was more than a match for the slow Rigaudite line, which, however, on one or two occasions came very near scoring. C. V. Miles, Rawson and Potter were good for Grant's, while Pink played well for Rigaud's.

RIGAUD'S.

F. R. Burford; F. R. Cobbold, J. M. de Slubicki; L. W. Cutler, F. W. Pink, A. Marchetti; F. M. Lassetter, R. C. Cooke, C. Hurst Brown, O. Derry, N. M. Vernham.

GRANT'S.

J. John; R. R. Rawson, R. F. Potter; B. Smith, J. C. Hobson, Kellie; A. C. Miles, Langton, H. N. Hume, C. V. Miles, H. Thacker.

O.T.C.

THE House Drill Competition took place on Tuesday, March 28, and was won by College. The number of extra drills allowed for this competition was reduced to four, but the standard of the work was as high as in past years.

College well deserved their victory; they were accurate in their close order work and smart in extended order. The way in which they obeyed an extraordinary order to unfix bayonets, when they were 'at the slope,' was most impressive. But it was rather disappointing to notice that all the squads were slow in marching. The same fault was observed last year, and ought to have been remedied.

Home Boarders were a good second. Their close order drill was not as accurate as that of the winners, and they failed unexpectedly at one part of the extended order work.

Rigaud's were most disappointing; they started badly and gradually got worse. The occasion seemed to be too much for their commander.

Grant's were placed fourth, but they suffered in marks through drawing first place. It is always difficult for a stranger to mark the first squad which he sees, as he has no previous knowledge of the standard of drill attained at the school.

The Ashburnham squad was not up to the required strength, otherwise the order would have been different. Considering their lack of experience, they did well.

There were two Field Days last term—one at Aldershot on Thursday, March 23, and another in Richmond Park on Wednesday, March 29.

The former was attended by many schools. We were on the defensive, together with Charterhouse, Winchester and Lancing, and fought a rear guard action against Eton, Harrow, Radley and Wellington. Both sides had the assistance of regular cavalry and artillery. Westminster had to defend Eelmoor Bridge, over the Basingstoke Canal. We made a good fight, but eventually had to retire across the Long Valley. The ground was very wet and the going very heavy, but the energy and determination of cadets were admirable.

The other Field Day was against Whitgift. We entered the park at Sheen Gate and attempted to capture a convoy at Robin Hood Gate. Our 'feint' attack succeeded in drawing the enemy's forces, so that our flank attack was able to reach a commanding position without much difficulty. We were very few in numbers, on account of illness.

On both these Field Days the scouts and cyclists did excellent work. The band played us out and home in very good style. During last term, and also at the end of the holidays, we arranged 'Regimental' tours for N.C.O.s. Two of these were held in Richmond Park and one on Epsom Downs. The object has been to show cadets how small bodies of troops would act in the field.

Efforts have been made to improve the instruction in musketry. The results of the class firing have proved that these efforts were not in vain.

We have a busy term before us. The Examination for Certificate A will be held at the end of this month; the King is to review us at Windsor on July 3, and the Annual Inspection will take place in the following week. Camp begins on July 31; it is hoped that the Westminster contingent will be larger than before. Last year we were lucky to be allowed to drill as a company, without having another school attached to us. It is hardly to the credit of a school like Westminster that it cannot raise a full company for camp.

Our numbers have increased slightly; but it is obvious that many boys will leave at the end of this term. We need many recruits, and it is much better that boys should join at once. A band has been provided and has done excellent work, but it has withdrawn a number of cadets from the 'fighting strength.' The Corps ought to be at least 170 strong; there would then be a good sized company for manoeuvres after withdrawing the band and allowing for illness. We are very well supported in the Boarding Houses, but not amongst the Day Boys. The early morning drills, which were an objection in the past, have now been abolished. Even for the House Competition there were very few drills in the morning. It is much to be regretted that so many eligible boys do not avail themselves of the opportunities which the Corps offers of a sound training. Whatever may be its military value, this training is certainly very good for boys.

GYMNASIUM.

THE Inter-House and Senior Competitions were held on Monday, March 27.

College won the House Competition and Cecil the Senior Competition.

The College pair, Meyer and Holroyd, were good. Meyer showed excellent form, except on the horse, and Holroyd did well as a second string. The Grant's pair, A. Miles and Hobson, were fair; but they could not equal Meyer in any of the exercises. Cecil (Ashburnham) gave a very good exhibition of gymnastics, but he had little support from his second string. Davis did fairly well for Home Boarders. Rigaud's were unable to compete, owing to illness.

The Fencing Competition was held on Thursday, March 30. There were six competitors. Many of the fights were very good, Ruegg, Gilmour and Hobson being the most successful. Ruegg won all his fights and so secured the cup. Both he and Gilmour are above the average of schoolboy fencers. We are much indebted to L. V. Fiddes, Esq., C. D. Plowden, Esq., and E. D. Adrian, Esq. (O.W.), for acting as judges.

The Public Schools Competition was held at Aldershot on Friday, April 7. Our pair in the Gymnastic Competition were most disappointing. They suffered very much from 'stage fright,' and failed at the most ordinary exercises. One can understand such failures; but there cannot be any excuse for not making an effort in an exercise after a mistake has been made.

In the Fencing, Ruegg had hard luck. He was drawn in the second round against the boy who eventually won the competition. The fight was keen, and both showed good form. The judges disagreed over a hit, which would have given Ruegg the victory, and the next point went against him.

FIVES.

IN the semi-final round of the School Ties for Lent Term:—

A. C. Edgar and R. R. Rawson	} beat 2—0	{ J. C. Hobson and F. E. Robinson
R. S. Partridge and C. A. M. Faure	} w.o.	{ R. C. Cooke and A. R. I. Mellor

In the final:—

A. C. Edgar and R. R. Rawson	} beat 2—0	{ R. S. Partridge and C. A. M. Faure
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RACQUETS.

THE Inter-House matches, played on March 24, 27, and April 4, resulted in an easy win for K.SS. H.B.B. were unable to raise a pair owing to illness.

The following were the matches :—

RIGAUD's (J. M. de Slubicki and F. R. C. Cobbold)	beat	ASHBURNHAM (D. F. Jerrold and J. W. N. Smith)
17		16
15		12
15		2
15		8
—		—
62	aces to	38

K.SS. (A. C. Edgar and G. B. F. Rudd)	beat	GRANT's (A. K. Gilmour and C. V. Miles)
15		4
15		3
15		4
15		1
—		—
60	aces to	12

K.SS.	beat	RIGAUD's
15		9
15		9
18		16
13		15
15		7
—		—
76	aces to	56

The final match alone provided a good game, and an injury to Rudd in the fourth game looked like giving Rigaud's the victory, but K.SS. just managed to pull through.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society met on Thursday, March 30, to debate the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this House the State payment of Members of Parliament would be desirable.'

The Proposer (J. G. BARRINGTON-WARD) briefly outlined a scheme by which every M.P. should receive a salary of £500 a year if he wished to claim it. The expense would not be extraordinary and the principle was at present followed in the case of Cabinet Ministers. What was wanted in politics was a wider selection of candidates, and this State payment would achieve. His remarks were commonplace and showed signs of hasty preparation, but they defined the advantages of the scheme in a fair, general way.

The Opposer (D. F. JERROLD) objected to the theory in abstract as enabling men still inexperienced to get into Parliament. In reality £500 would be no manner of use to a poor man, since

an M.P.'s yearly expenditure must average at least £2,500. A clever speech, which, however, did nothing more than touch upon the surface of the subject.

The Seconder (R. S. PARTRIDGE) urged that £500 would at least do something for the man with limited means. For instance, it would cover perhaps the necessary expense of living in London, and by encouraging the men of the upper middle class would do much to add to the efficiency and energy of Parliament. His speech was too diffuse and he seemed to think that repetition is the same as emphasis.

A. K. GILMOUR, in a rather trivial speech, pointed to the vast and pining masses with £2,000 a year already who were simply dying of ambition because they could not serve their country in Parliament without £500 more.

The SECRETARY suggested that as many M.P.s would not condescend to accept payment an undesirable state of class hatred would be promoted. After A. K. Gilmour's follies had been exposed and his fallacies exploded by D. F. Jerrold and L. Rice Oxley, the Motion was put to the House and lost by eight votes to nine.

The following is the card of the Debating Society for Lent Term, filled in to date :—

Jan. 26.—Impromptu Debates.

Feb. 2.—'That this House would approve of Universal Military Service.' Proposer, D. M. Morriss; Seconder, C. A. Munro-Faure; Opposer, O. I. Burgess. (Ayes, 10; Noes, 15.)

Feb. 9.—'That this House would welcome the restriction of alien immigration into these islands.' Proposer, A. R. I. Mellor; Seconder, J. B. Calkin; Opposer, D. F. Jerrold. (Ayes, 12; Noes, 9.)

Feb. 16.—'That this House deplores Capital Punishment.' Proposer, E. L. Hawke; Seconder, A. K. Gilmour; Opposer, G. C. Lowry. (Ayes, 7; Noes, 14.)

Feb. 23.—'That this House has lost all confidence in the present Government.' Proposer, J. W. N. Smith; Seconder, B. M. Hallward; Opposer, A. K. Gilmour. (Ayes, 10; Noes, 9.)

Mar. 2.—'That in the opinion of this House the work of the Post Impressionist School is not Art.' Proposer, M. Holroyd; Seconder, J. C. Hobson; Opposer, R. R. Rawson. (Ayes, 6; Noes, 10.)

Mar. 16.—'That this House would not welcome the introduction of the Referendum.' Proposer, J. M. Troutbeck; Seconder, J. G. Barrington-Ward; Opposer, K. D. Murray. (Ayes, 5; Noes, 8.)

Mar. 30.—'That in the opinion of this House the State payment of Members of Parliament would be desirable.' Proposer, J. G. Barrington-Ward; Seconder, R. S. Partridge; Opposer, D. F. Jerrold. (Ayes, 8; Noes, 9.)

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

C. A. MUNRO-FAURE read a paper before the Society on March 8 on 'Rooks and their habits.' After a verbose apology, he gave a short description of the appearance of the rook and its principal food supplies, remarking that it was in the interests of the farmer to preserve the rooks, as they did great service by destroying grubs, insects, etc., and many of the depredations committed by the carrion crow and other birds were attributed wrongly to the unfortunate rook. He then gave a detailed and interesting account of the apparent legal constitution of a rookery, illustrating his remarks with numerous quotations from the most qualified authorities. Finally, he exhorted the members of the Society to observe the habits of the rook, the only bird that really adequately repaid close attention.

On March 15, W. J. Pycraft, Esq., F.Z.S., read an extremely able and instructive paper on 'Adaptation in Birds.' Unfortunately, as no notes of his paper were taken, a detailed account cannot be given, but suffice it to say that his paper was most lucid and interesting, as his experience in Ornithology is unique. It is hoped that he will again favour the Society with another paper. It must be added that Mr. Wootton's kindness in manipulating the magic lantern contributed greatly to the success of the lecture.

W. J. N. Little on March 18 read a paper before a scanty attendance on 'Zoology in the eighteenth century.' He produced a standard work on natural history published in 1713, and pointed out the numerous mistakes that the writer had made, and remarked that a proof of the backward state of learning in those days was seen in the fact that such fabulous animals as gryphons and dragons were mentioned as existent in Europe.

After the usual vote of thanks had been proposed and carried the meeting closed.

The Society is very greatly indebted to Mr. H. St. J. B. Philby, who has presented to the school part of his collection of *Lepidoptera*, consisting of butterflies and geometers; also a collection of birds' eggs.

House Notes.

K.SS. — Our first thoughts must hark back to the end of Lent Term. In accordance with our expectations we secured the Gym. Cup for the first time since its institution—in passing we must mention that our first string, E. A. Meyer, was one of the School pair at Aldershot—and on the next day surprised everybody—including ourselves—by winning the Drill Cup. Moreover, in the final of the Inter-House Racquets Competition we beat Rigaud's by four games to one. The Town Boy match, though we just suffered defeat, was almost as great a triumph. In connection with it we must congratulate R. E. D. Cargill on Pink and Whites, W. B. W. Durrant, J. M. Troutbeck and K. T. D. Wilcox on Thirds, and R. S. Partridge, N. E. Barraclough, M. A. Thompson and A. N. Charlton on College Caps. Afterwards we had our fair share of measles, but we trust that by now everyone has fully recovered.

In the sports M. A. Thompson covered himself with glory, winning no less than five junior events. Unfortunately a dearth of talent in open events prevented us getting the Cup. But we managed to win the Tug for the first time since 1897. Cricket is now in full swing, but we have not yet seen enough to justify any predictions.

Last, but not least, we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. G. G. Williams on a First in 'Mods.'—the more noticeable in that he was the only representative of Christ Church to achieve this feat.

ASHBURNHAM.—Our first duty is as usual that of congratulation—in the first place to Cardew, Johnson, Oxley and Selby on 3rd XI. colours and to Carless on his House colours; in the second place to all who won points in the Sports, thereby enabling us to hold the Cup for the second year in succession. In this connection particular mention must be made of Selby's performance in winning three open events, not to mention two 'seconds.'

It is with the greatest pleasure that we notice Mr. G. W. Hamel's brilliant performance in flying from Brooklands to Brighton and back; we hope that this will be the prelude to many other successes in the future.

Mention must also be made of J. A. G. Cecil, who upheld the sporting tradition of the House by winning the Senior Gymnastic Competition. He was also one of the School pair at Aldershot. The Cricket season has opened without any great hopes on our part, though we have no doubt that our juniors, as usual, will give a good account of themselves. G. George and Dodds have left out

of the Middle ; they will be badly missed in the football season.

Rowing is being prosecuted with rather intermittent energy by some members of the House, and a number of people seem to be abandoning cricket for other fields of exercise and adventure. To turn to other and more important topics, we must congratulate Mr. D. M. Low on a First in 'Mods.'

GRANT'S.—We have to chronicle the departure of Fisher, S. and May, to whom wishes of future success are heartily tendered. Three new boys—all boarders—have come to fill their places. They are Radford, Wilson and Spence.

In the Sports we failed to achieve great distinction, and, with the notable exception of Rawson, who won the Cricket Ball and was second in the Mile, Grant's was seldom to the fore. Were it not premature to do so, we might venture a prophecy upon the ultimate resting-place of this year's Cricket Shield that would not be far wrong.

As for our Juniors, they appear a promising lot at present, and with practice should become a useful side.

Sir Theodore Morison and several other old Grantites came down last term and presented the House with a Cup in memory of A. M. T. Jackson, who was Head of Grant's in 1884 and was recently assassinated in India. The Cup is a facsimile of the Warren Hastings Cup.

H.BB.—This month we must begin by dealing with the events of the latter part of last term. Our defeat in Seniors, owing to a weak forward line, was the result of a somewhat unsatisfactory game, after which Bratt and Mansel-Howe received House colours. Our congratulations are also due to Hansen on Pink and Whites and his Town Boy cap, and to Lawrence and Lang on Thirds.

In the drill competition we were a very good second, being only just beaten by College, a somewhat unexpected verdict. The finals of the fives ties had to be postponed until the beginning of this term. Undoubtedly, the event of last term was Walpole's success in gaining a History Exhibition at Magdalene College, Cambridge: we offer him our heartiest congratulations on his well-earned honours. At the end of the term F. C. Doherty won the Vincent Prize. In the Sports, although we were disappointed in our hopes of the Cup, we put up an exceedingly creditable performance, the victories of Brooks and Lawrence being especially noteworthy; among other prize-winners were Forbes, Hallward, Ekin, Tindal, Kitchin and Julian. H.BB. also won the Inter-House Tug-of-War with comparative ease. We must condole with Mellor on being prevented from appearing at Queen's owing to an untimely attack of measles. Our cricket juniors should

do well, and we have hopes of retaining the shooting and swimming Cups: in fact, we look forward to a very satisfactory term.

RIGAUD'S.—Congratulations for football colours are due to F. R. C. Cobbold and K. Hill (Pink and Whites), to D. A. Harvey and J. M. de Slubicki (Thirds), and to C. Hurst-Brown (House Colours). We, unfortunately, succumbed to Grant's in Seniors, our team not being at full strength. Measles of both kinds attacked us unmercifully towards the close of last term but we hope that all those who were weak enough to get them, will make up for their misdeeds this term. In the Sports we did not do ourselves justice, although some good form was shown by the Juniors, especially Freeston, Kerpen and Besson, while F. W. Pink must not be forgotten in securing the open Long Jump.

This term our numbers are 56—three new boys taking the places of Bailey and D. Derry, who left us at Easter. Bremner and Bovey have become half-boarders, and St. John is now a boarder. Of our prospects it is too early to begin to talk, but we hope for the best.

Old Westminsters.

At Oxford the list in Classical Moderations gives us two first-classes, Mr. D. M. Low and Mr. G. G. Williams, and three second classes, Mr. R. M. Barrington-Ward, Mr. J. C. Gow, and Mr. G. L. Troutbeck.

Mr. Bertram Cox, C.B., has been appointed Solicitor to the Board of Inland Revenue.

Mr. A. H. Pearson has been appointed to a Mathematical Mastership at St. Paul's School, and Mr. R. Phillips has been ordained to the curacy of Whitkirk, near Leeds.

Mr. E. E. S. B. Atherley-Jones has been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple.

In the Cambridge Freshmen's Match, Mr. H. F. R. Rawson scored 18 and 63.

Mr. G. W. Hamel won the first actual aeroplane race from Brooklands to Brighton.

Mr. Hartley Withers, on relinquishing his position as City editor of the *Morning Post*, was entertained at a complimentary dinner by a number of City editors of London and provincial papers.

Births.

ON March 15, the wife of Edgar A. Everington, of a daughter.

On April 14, the wife of Douglas Clapham, Captain R.G.A., of a son.

On April 27, the wife of Wadham B. Winckworth, of a daughter.

Marriages.

PERRY—HUTCHESON.—On February 18, William Eric Perry, Lieutenant R.E., to Constance, third daughter of Col. Hutcheson, R.A.M.C.

LOGAN—HEMINGWAY.—On April 27, Hugh Logan to Phyllis, third daughter of Charles R. Hemingway, of The Park, Nottingham.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the 'Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Your request for a letter comes most inopportune, just at the time when so many of us have terrible exams. impending, and are only able to keep ourselves going by Sanatogen (advt.) and other tonics. Is there not a proverb about a camel's back? Surely it is applicable in this case.

No doubt the columns of the sporting papers have informed you of H. Rawson's success in the Freshmen's Match. He was most unlucky in being well caught off a full-pitch to leg when he was playing most confidently in the second innings. He has since got his 'Crusaders.' J. F. Goodall seems to be doing good all-round work for the Emmanuel cricket team. H. G. Hill, who won a fine victory in the golf match *v.* Oxford a few weeks ago, and F. G. Turner are too much taken up with the prospect of 'Mays' and a Tripos respectively to think of playing such a frivolous game as cricket, but they hope to make up for lost time at Vincent Square on May 31st.

M. D. Methven is doing great things at rowing for Caius. He nearly won the Pairs at the end of last term, and Caius, represented by him and another man, are said to have a good chance for the Magdalene Pairs in a few days. M. Thoresby-Jones and F. R. J. Tomlinson too have been doing well in the rowing line, and we expect to see the former, if not both, in the Third Trinity May Boat.

E. D. Adrian is preparing to break more records in another Tripos; you will soon have him down again to ask for a 'Play,' you may be sure. His chances of Fencing for the 'Varsity last term were unfortunately spoilt by a badly sprained ankle (caused by a fall down some stairs in the early hours of the morning!).

G. B. Wilson is still with us, and now amuses himself by learning the banjo; he is already quite good at 'Poor Old Joe.'

M. T. Maxwell is working hard for I.C.S., and has started the peculiar hobby of losing things; he finds it no less expensive than most other hobbies, and is not sure whether it is worth while keeping it up.

Sincere apologies for the lack of any more thrilling news. The writer would send you some if he could; but instead he must content himself with saying—'May you all acquit yourselves nobly at the Coronation!'

Yours, etc.,
Trin. Coll., Camb.

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