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THE HOUSE OF DOLBEN

WESTMINSTER cannot pass without regretful notice the death of Miss Dolben, the last to bear the name of that distinguished family, whose sons have always been Westminsters since the days of Queen Elizabeth. By male descent, it is true, she inherited another name, being the only daughter of William Mackworth, who was admitted to the School in 1818, and assumed the name of Dolben on his marriage with the daughter and sole heir of William Somerset Dolben, who was admitted in 1792. The first William Dolben must have been admitted about the year 1598, and was elected to Christ Church in 1603. He is said to have been nominated in 1631 for the Bishopric of Bangor, but died before he could be elected. His eldest son, John, was elected to Christ Church in 1640. Promoted in 1662 to the

Deanery of Westminster, he united to it in 1666 the Bishopric of Rochester, and died Archbishop of York in 1686. In his early days he had served in the King's army and been severely wounded at Marston Moor, and again in the defence of York. To the School he was endeared by many services, and above all, by his return to military discipline, when he led the boys to the Fire of London and by their labour saved the Church of St. Dunstan's from the flames. Dryden described him when he was our Dean as

'Him of the western Dome, whose weighty sense
Flows in fit Words and heavenly Eloquence.'

His Toryism was sadly shaken by the illegal doings of James II., and his death was by some ascribed to grief at the sad case of the Church of England. As he was suffering from the small-pox this explanation seems superfluous. His sons took a Whig bias. The elder, Gilbert, elected to Oxford in 1674, married the heiress

of Finedon, in Northamptonshire, which has ever since been the family seat. As Member for Peterborough he upheld with much learning and force the thesis that the King's quitting the realm was legally an abdication. He became a puisne judge in 1701, and was created a baronet in 1704. The younger son, John, was M.P. for Liskeard, and took a leading part in the impeachment of Sacheverel. His exertions broke his health, and to the joy of the Tories he died on the first day of the trial, 'by which death,' wrote one of them, 'the hangman was saved a labour.' Others wrote sarcastic epitaphs, one of which said :

'Reader, tread softly, I beseech ye,
For if he wakes he'll straight impeach ye.'

The wit was as feeble as its object was honest. Sir Gilbert's only son, John, was admitted to College in 1700 and became a Canoneer Student of Christ Church. Sir John was a pluralist, holding several livings and a golden Canonry of Durham. Under the influence of Atterbury he turned towards Toryism, but it is to his credit that he paid an annuity to the exiled and impecunious Bishop. His only surviving son, William, was elected to Christ Church in 1744. Sir William was M.P. for the University of Oxford in 1768, and again from 1780 to 1806. He is best known to fame as a zealous advocate of the abolition of the slave trade. He died in 1814 at the age of eighty-eight, having for some years past been recognised as the Father of Westminsters. His successor, Sir John English, had been elected to Christ Church in 1768. His initials may be read on that touching monument at the north end of the west cloister on which he carved the record of his unhappy school friend, Edward Wortley Montagu. The only son of Sir John English was William Somerset, who was admitted a Town Boy in 1792, his father and grandfather bringing him and attending prayers Up School. He died in 1817. Sir John English survived until 1837, when the skull took the place of the crest in the hatchment on Finedon Hall.

Miss Dolben has bequeathed to the School a portrait of Sir William, which will perhaps be hung in Hall.

Poetry.

TO THE FOUNTAIN IN LITTLE CLOISTERS.

THE poet from Venusia
With lyric rapture thrills
To see the bright Bandusia
Leap from the limestone hills.

He lauds the sweet loquacity
Wherewith its waters fall
In bubblesome vivacity
To bicker by his hall.

To incarnadine he promises
The crystal of its flood ;
To shed, the morn to come, is his
A luckless victim's blood.

But you, eh ? can we offer you
A porker, lamb, or kid ?
We own no beast to proffer you,
Nor 'ld slay one if we did :

For to the gaze Canonical,
An omen that might be
Of passions pandemoniacal,
And war upon the sea.

Yet somehow we must gratify
The whisper of your wave,
That modern use may ratify
The gift that Horace gave.

Remember in your splashing, that
In Busby's day 'twas you
Gave all the little washing that
Our predecessors knew.

So, since not ours in mystery
Of ritual to grope,
Accept—it marks your history—
This cake of yellow soap.

THE COMING OF SPRING.

ON a chill morning, when icicles hung
Thick on the wall,
Pan went down through the snowy fields to the river
To mould a flute.
All the world was silent. The birds among
The trees were all
Droop'd with cold, and even the mortals did shiver
In anguish mute.
Pan came back through the meadows, piping soft
On a new cut reed,
Paus'd on a barren knoll, and then blew forth
To the frozen air
Little trills of music, that flew aloft
Like young thoughts freed
From the dark brain. Palm it was to the wrath
Of a world of care.

Birds awoke, streams murmur'd from sleep to song,
 And on the hills
 Flowers broke out from the earth, and painted gay
 Down-rushing rills.
 Sweeter the piping came, until along
 Warm breezes ran
 The full-voic'd, perfect song of the spring, the lay
 Of the piper Pan.

J. C. H.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

NOTES.

THE following extracts from 'The Life and Times of Mrs. Sherwood,' the author of 'The Fairchild Family,' may be of interest :—

'My father [George Butt] was taken by Bishop Newton to London, and through his patronage was elected on the Royal Foundation at Westminster, in which he continued till he became Captain of the School, during which time he walked in the procession at the Funeral of George II. and at the Coronation of George III.' (p. 3).

'My father was distinguished at Westminster for his poetical compositions and his public speaking, and in acting Demea, in the *Adelphi* of Terence, he bore the prize of public approbation, and was, as he declared, for the only time in his life, overflowing with money forced upon him by the liberality of his audience' (p. 4).

George Butt, b. 1741. K.S. 1756-61. Rector of Stanford, Notts, 1771. D.D. 1793. Chaplain to the King 1783. Died Nov. 30, 1795. L. E. T.

QUERIES.

CAN any of the readers of *The Elizabethan* tell me whether Waterloo was not really won on the playing-fields of *Westminster*; and whether it is true that it was *Dr. Busby*, and not *Dr. Keate*, who boasted of having 'birched' all the Bishops and Judges of the land? If I am right in my ideas, our Etonian cousins must be guilty of gross plagiarism. A. W.

Among the Sheridan MSS. in the British Museum I came across the following undated note :

'The King's Scholars present their most respectful compliments to Mr. Sheridan, and will esteem it a particular favour if he will allow them the Use of his Wardrobe for the Westminster Play.' (Add. MSS. 35, 118 f. 218.)

This last is curious, and it would be interesting to know if it was the common custom.

L. E. T.

School Notes.

THE offertory for the School Mission on S. Matthias' Day amounted to £3 9s. 11d.

The Ireland Prizes for Latin and Greek Verse, and the Waterfield Prize for Greek Prose have been awarded to J. G. Barrington-Ward.

Oration will be held Up School on March 22.

There have been two lectures this term so far. Miss Everett Green of the Navy League lectured Up School on the 'Navy,' while A. H. M. Lunn, Esq., narrated his own and others' experiences in Swiss Mountaineering.

The O.T.C. held a successful but muddy Field Day in Richmond Park on Thursday, February 29.

The School is not entering a pair this year for the Public Schools' Racquets Championship.

K. Hill and R. E. D. Cargill were given their Pinks after the Charterhouse match.

Confirmation will be held in Henry VII.'s Chapel on March 16 by the Dean of Westminster.

Will all holders of Challenge Cups kindly return them to D. F. Jerrold, Ashburnham House, before March 19.

The following is the Football Card, filled in to date :—

Played at Vincent Square

		1911.	
Sat.	Oct. 7	v.	R.M.C., Sandhurst. Lost 1-5.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.W.W. (A.) Won 1-0.
	Oct. 14	v.	Casuals. Lost 1-2.
	Oct. 21	v.	Old Bradfield Boys. Won 5-0.
Wed.	Oct. 25	v.	Outcasts. Drawn 3-3.
Sat.	Oct. 28	v.	O.W.W. Won 2-1.
Wed.	Nov. 1	v.	Guy's Hospital. Scratched.
Sat.	Nov. 4	v.	Old Wykehamists. Drawn 1-1.
	2nd XI.	v.	King's College (A.) Won 5-0.
	Nov. 18	v.	Old Berkhamstedians. Lost 0-2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Foresters 2nd XI. Won 4-0.
	Nov. 25	v.	Beckenham. Lost 0-3.
Wed.	Nov. 29	v.	Woolwich. Lost 0-2.
Sat.	Dec. 2	v.	Old Foresters. Lost 1-2.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Cranleighans 2nd XI. D. 2-2.
	Dec. 9	v.	Old Aldenhamians. Lost 1-2.
	Dec. 16	v.	Emeriti. Scratched.
	2nd XI.	v.	O.W.W. (A.) Lost 1-2.

		1912.	
Sat.	Jan. 20	v. Clapham Rovers.	Lost 3—4.
	2nd XI.	v. The School Mission.	Lost 0—2.
Wed.	„ 24	v. Mr. S. S. Harris's XI.	Scratched.
Sat.	„ 27	v. Old Brightonians.	Drawn 3—3.
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A.)	Lost 1—5.
„	Feb. 3	v. Lancing Old Boys.	Scratched.
Wed.	„ 7	v. Mr. L. A. M. Fevez's XI.	Scratched.
Sat.	„ 10	v. Casuals.	Lost 0—4.
	2nd XI.	v. Old Cranleighans 2nd XI.	Won 3—1.
Sat.,	Feb. 17	v. Old Felstedians.	Won 3—0.
	2nd XI.	v. King's College (A).	Drawn 1—1.
„	Feb. 24	v. Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).	Drawn 1—1.
„	„ 28	v. Eton.	Lost 0—4.
„	Mar. 2	v. Old Malvernians A.	Drawn 1—1
Tues.	„ 5	v. Winchester (at Winchester).	
Sat.	„ 9	v. Old Etonians.	
	2nd XI.	v. O.WW. (A.)	
Wed.	Mar. 13	v. Seniors.	
Sat.	„ 16	v. O.WW.	
Wed.	„ 20	v. Seniors.	
Sat.	„ 23	K.SS. v. T.BB.	

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CHARTERHOUSE, FEBRUARY 24.

(Drawn, 1—1.)

FIVE minutes before the advertised time Westminster kicked off facing the Hospital end. Charterhouse immediately attacked and a corner was forced on the left. This was cleared, and a good run by McCulloch transferred play to the other end, and soon afterwards another good run by the outside right from a neat pass by Rudd resulted in a corner for Westminster. McCulloch placed the ball skilfully into the mouth of goal and the forwards managed to hustle it into the net, Westminster thus taking the lead after five minutes' play. It was not till ten minutes before the interval that Charterhouse scored the equalising goal, which was the result of a fine piece of opportunism by Fosdick at centre-half. Trapping the ball from a miskick by a Westminster forward, he ran forward a few yards and drove it hard and low into the left-hand corner of the net, well out of the goalkeeper's reach. The whole of the first half was strenuously contested, Charterhouse having slightly the better of the game; but though their forwards were very quick and dashing and slung the ball about in enterprising fashion, they failed in the all-important art of goal-getting. The Westminster forwards, though having a fair share of the ball, never came very near scoring: some of their movements were neatly executed, but they were over-weighted and outpaced by the defence.

Almost from the start Charterhouse were pressing in the second half, and considering the number of times they reached the Westminster goal-line, it is much to the credit of the School defence that they managed to keep their goal intact. It is a curious fact that in spite of the continuous pressure Hill, while frequently in difficulties through being hustled at close quarters, had only one really difficult shot to save, and this fact is no less due to the quickness and sturdy tackling of Cargill, Potter and Pink, than to the want of steadiness on the part of the Charterhouse forwards. When the Westminster forwards got to the other end they were usually dangerous: twice in the last ten minutes they very nearly managed to score, Rudd once shooting into the goalkeeper when he had a very fair chance of shooting past him at close quarters; and on another occasion Burdon just managed to scrape the ball out at full length after a fine run by Pick, and these narrow escapes in the last few minutes went some way towards balancing the advantage that Charterhouse enjoyed territorially.

Individually the Charterhouse team were bigger, stronger and faster. Burdon was safe whenever called upon and kicked strongly. Lampard and Morrison proved a fine pair of backs, and the halves were all sound, with Letten perhaps the best. All kicked and tackled strongly, and it is doubtful if better heading has ever been seen in a school match. The forwards were quick and fast, but not very steady either in shooting or in making openings for each other. (There was a flurried air indeed about the whole game, as so often happens in a school match.) Chambers ran very well and often looked dangerous, but did not show much intelligence in centring the ball. Boswell was very neat, and at times clever: probably we did not see the best of him or of Vernon, who was good at times but shot wildly. Ford was not much in evidence, and Pink took good care of Johns. On the Westminster side too much praise cannot be given to Hill, Cargill and Potter for their fine work in defence. Hill had many awkward moments owing to the quickness and dash of the opposing forwards, but showed great coolness as well as skill. The backs tackled very surely, and practically never failed to rob their man when they had a chance, but did not kick or head quite so well as the Charterhouse pair. At half-back, Cardew and Smith played very steadily and gave nothing away. Pink seemed affected by the general excitement and was often wild, but he did a tremendous amount of work in the second half, and his quickness and resource saved his side on many occasions. It must be frankly confessed that the forwards were a trifle disappointing. The Rudd-McCulloch combination never got working, but this is to be accounted for by a damaged eye received by McCulloch in the first few minutes of the game. He was never quite himself afterwards nor able to do himself justice, though always play-

ing pluckily. Rudd did more work than usual, but was wild and flurried in his passing. Pick played very well, and made several good individual runs and some fine openings. Kann, as usual, was rather slow, but gave a satisfactory exhibition; while Hurst-Brown was too much of an invalid to be of very much use. It was a fine bustling game all through. Charterhouse played fine football and were unlucky not to win. Westminster deserve great credit for the magnificent defence that enabled them to draw.

The teams were as under :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. F. Potter and R. E. D. Cargill; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, C. G. Cardew; J. W. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and C. Hurst-Brown.

CHARTERHOUSE.

N. E. Burdon; R. G. Morrison and P. S. Lampard; F. S. Letten, J. H. Fosdick, and E. D. Cox; A. B. Johns, H. D. Vernon, A. L. Ford, D. St. G. K. Boswell, H. S. Chambers.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* ETON,
FEBRUARY 27.

(*Lost*, 0-4.)

THIS match, played at Eton, resulted in a comparatively easy win for the home side, but the School had many disabilities. Both the outsides were reserves, though Troutbeck played quite creditably; while both the backs were injured within the first half-hour of the game, and were unable to tackle or kick with their usual certainty. The forwards were too light and too slow on the heavy and uneven ground to combine as they do on Vincent Square, and the heavy Eton backs had no difficulty in robbing them. Still, it would be invidious not to congratulate our opponents on a success, which they have not gained for some time past, though they have several times come very near doing so.

Westminster kicked off and went down with a rush to the Etonian lines, but their backs cleared well, and their forwards looked very dangerous until Troutbeck and Rudd made a good passing run, which resulted in a good save by their goalkeeper from the latter. Play was confined to the middle of the field for some time until just before half-time, when Eton set up a strong attack and rushed the ball past Hill.

Half-time, 0-1.

In the following play, the School were kept to their own half even more than in the first stages of the game, and none of the forwards ever got within shooting distance. The defence, however, resisted stubbornly until five minutes from the end, when Eton scored three goals in quick succession. Result, 0-4.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. F. Potter and R. E. D. Cargill; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew; J. M. Troutbeck, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and O. Derry.

ETON.

C. A. Keele; J. O. Farrer and E. Thornton; D. R. Heaton, E. C. Benthall, and Hon. I. Leslie-Melville; E. R. Hoare, D. G. Wigan, L. C. Leggatt, H. D. Tupper Cory, and Le G. Horton.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD FELSTEDIANS, FEBRUARY 17.

(*Won*, 3-0.)

THE visitors kicked off from the Hospital end, and pressed for the first few minutes, but our defence tackled well, and their forwards did not trouble Hill much. After a short time, Hurst-Brown beat the back and centred well, but Rudd was given offside. The School continued to have the best of matters, and McCulloch shot a beautiful goal from a good pass by Rudd. The School put much more life into their play and the insides combined much better than in previous matches. Before the interval Rudd scored another goal with a shot which might have been saved. Half-time, 2-0.

On resuming the School attacked again, and Rudd hit the post with a good shot. The School had much the best of matters, and the visitors had to fight hard to keep the forwards out. From a mêlée in front of goal Hansen rushed the ball through. The School might easily have scored several times more but for the visitors' good luck.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. E. D. Cargill and R. F. Potter; F. W. Pink, B. Smith, and C. G. Cardew; J. W. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, J. C. Hansen, and C. Hurst-Brown.

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD, FEBRUARY 20.

(*Won*, 1-0.)

THE visitors won the toss, and elected to play down the hill. For the first quarter of an hour the School looked a beaten side, and Hill was called upon to save several times. Gradually, however, the forwards got back and helped the defence, and soon Pick was able to organise an attack, which culminated in a very fine goal by Rudd. Both sides played better after this, but on the whole the School were the superior side, the forwards in particular showing tremendous improvement. Covington, however, was well able to deal with all the shots which came his way, and throughout the game he played brilliantly. Christ Church attacked vigorously at times, but were weak in front of goal. Half-time, 1-0.

After half-time the School began to tire, and Christ Church looked very dangerous for a time, Gow sending a very hard shot which Hill did well to save. Our defence, however, were very steady, and the visiting forwards were generally held in check. Towards the close Pick got clean through the defence, but Covington saved finely. Result, 1-0.

Seeing that Christ Church had on their side three Blues and two others who had received trials for the University, and had also proved successful in the College Cup, the School's performance was a very creditable one.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; R. F. Potter and R. E. D. Cargill; C. G. Cardew, B. Smith, and F. W. Pink; J. W. McCulloch, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and C. Hurst-Brown.

CHRIST CHURCH.

C. K. Covington; G. D. Pidgeon and E. Foljambe; J. Borough, J. C. Gow, and R. J. Wyatt; R. T. Stangforth, C. B. Johnson, T. Chamberlayne, G. R. Colman, and C. K. Charlesworth.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD MALVERNIANs, MARCH 2.

(Drawn, 1-1.)

This match resulted in a very unsatisfactory draw. The School kicked off and took up the attack, Pick finally shooting over. Throughout the game the visitors were kept on the defensive, but the School forwards put no life into their play, Pick and Kann never attempting to get a pass that did not go straight to them. After about a quarter of an hour Pick got through the defence and scored a good goal, and immediately from the kick-off the School rushed down again, but Miles put behind. Shortly after Rudd put in a shot, which looked very much as though it was a goal, but the Referee did not give it. Half-time, 1-0.

On resuming the School set up a strong attack, and the visiting goalkeeper was called upon to save several times. The Old Malvernians then rushed down and looked very dangerous, the centre forward putting in a very good shot. However, it was not till about a quarter of an hour before the end that they did draw level, when the centre forward evaded Smith and scored an easy goal from a nice centre. Result, 1-1.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

K. Hill; F. W. Pink and A. Mansel-Howe; C. G. Cardew, B. Smith and K. T. D. Wilcox; A. C. V. Miles, G. B. F. Rudd, G. P. Pick, P. W. G. Kann, and W. F. Lang.

The visitors did not leave their names.

THE WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
A	—		W 2-1	W 4-1	W 3-1		W 4-1	W 4-1	= 10 points
B		—			D 3-3		L 0-8	W 1-0	= 3 points
C	L 1-2		—				D 1-1	L 1-4	= 1 points
D	L 1-4			—	W 2-0	W 7-0			= 4 points
E	L 1-3	D 3-3		L 0-2	—	W 2-0			= 3 points
F				L 0-7	L 0-2	—		W 4-3	= 2 points
G	L 1-4	W 8-0	D 1-1						= 3 points
H	L 1-4	L 0-1	W 4-1			L 3-4			= 2 points

Captains :—

A	J. G. Barrington-Ward.	E	W. M. Frankish.
B	R. S. Partridge.	F	H. Eyre.
C	C. A. Munro-Faure.	G	C. Chitty.
D	O. I. Burgess.	H	A. H. Bird.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

FOOTBALL :—

Ashburnham v. H.BB.
Grant's (Holders) v. Rigaud's.

To be played off on March 13th. The final will take place on March 20th.

FIVES :—

K.SS. (Holders) v. Rigaud's.
Grant's v. H.BB.

Ashburnham v. winner of { Grant's
H.BB.

RACQUETS :—

K.SS. (Holders) v. Rigaud's.
Grant's v. H.BB.

Ashburnham v. winner of { Grant's
H.BB.

FIVES.

THE result of the second round of School Ties is :—

J. G. Barrington-Ward	} beat	{ R. S. Partridge
G. H. Humphreys	} (2-0)	{ F. W. Pink
D. F. Jerrold	} beat	{ K. T. D. Wilcox
N. E. Barraclough	} (2-0)	{ J. W. McCulloch
G. B. F. Rudd	} beat	{ H. A. Carless
A. C. Feasey	} (2-0)	{ G. P. Pick
J. C. Hobson	} lost to	{ R. F. Potter
R. R. Sedgwick	} (0-2)	{ P. W. G. Kann

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday, February 15, when a discussion took place on a motion 'That this House views with apprehension the recent successes of Socialism in Germany.'

Mr. R. W. STANNARD (the Proposer), who was making his first public appearance as an orator, generalised at some length on the misfortunes of a country afflicted with Socialism. He asked the House to show sufficient breadth of mind to sympathise with our neighbours in their afflictions. He also expressed a fear that the successes of Socialism might force the Conservative Government into a European war.

Mr. Stannard was rather disconnected, but did quite well for a first appearance. He will improve with practice and experience.

The Opposer (the SECRETARY) explained how the Reichstag was elected, and gave a detailed account of its working and powers. Since Bismarck had ruled so autocratically, the Reichstag had degenerated into a Debating Society, and therefore we need not view Socialistic successes with apprehension. He contradicted the Proposer's unfavourable comments on Socialism in general, and said that those who allowed their hatred of Germany to get the better of all their other feelings ought to be pleased with the Socialistic successes, as it increased the tendency to cut short their Army and Navy.

The Seconder (Mr. A. C. V. MILES) said that Socialism was the theory of a child which would never grow up, an ideal unattainable which would eventually die out. It was the will-o'-the-wisp which induced men to plunge thoughtlessly into the bog of destruction.

The effect of Socialism on Germany he apparently left to the fertile imagination of the House.

Mr. J. A. G. CECIL, like the Opposer, objected to the Proposer's anti-Socialistic remarks. He said that Socialism had a very strong point in its favour in the fact that the anti-Socialist voters of 1906 had become Socialistic in 1911. He then sat down.

Mr. J. M. TROUTBECK and the Opposer then bandied words about the chances of an Austro-German war.

Mr. D. F. JERROLD now made a dramatic entry, and finding a discussion in progress, eagerly joined in, saying that the main points at issue were the immunity of the Montenegrin frontier and the significance of the Turco-Russian *entente*!

THE PRESIDENT said that the motion could reasonably be supported by anyone, whatever his political views, because the Socialist must welcome the success of his own propaganda, while the Imperialist must welcome the 'Little-Germany' tendency, and the Free-trader could not help viewing with satisfaction any tendency that helped on universal Free Trade, and so forth.

Mr. W. J. N. LITTLE wound up the debate by saying that voting against the motion was morally wrong, as it was voting against the peace of the country.

The motion was lost by acclamation.

THE Society next met on February 22 to discuss a motion 'That in the opinion of the House Patriotism is vulgar and out of date.'

The Proposer (Mr. J. C. HOBSON) in rising to explain the wording of the motion, struck out what proved to be an original line by calling it paradoxical. In proceeding to illustrate that Patriotism was a myth founded on misrepresentations, he pointed out that the intermingling of interests fair and foul in a country would prevent a patriot, who presumably loved only the good, from the adoration of the *tout ensemble*. He thought it unlikely that a so-called patriot would really be willing and ready to die for his King, who was after all only a mass of insignificance. Taking each possible institution and cause, he exposed the absurdity of even a particle of devotion to it. Patriotism was merely the cloak for middle-aged selfishness and youthful sin. It gave young men without morals the chance of dying sainted martyrs, and old men an excuse for committing crimes of egotism. Above all it was founded on emotion, which is reason foreshortened, and a motion is intended for the display of reason in the right perspective. Having warned the Society against the characters of all who might speak against the motion, he concluded by saying that when Horace wrote '*Dulce et decorum est*' he was writing, as indeed he always did, with his tongue in his cheek.

The greater part of Mr. Hobson's speech was, unfortunately, lost owing to his inability to make his remarks audible to members who did not happen to be in his immediate vicinity.

The Opposer (Mr. LITTLE) begged the House to recognise the gravity of the issue, and expressed a hope that they would not be carried away by argument. Criticising the attitude of the last speaker towards the Monarchy, he said that all must have heard his remarks with disgust, a statement with which many members of the Society showed profound disagreement. He would not emulate the Proposer's epigrammatic cynicism, but he would show that patriotism was not vulgar; it was not the common herd or men like Mr. Lloyd George who were patriotic, but the upper classes, the backbone of the nation. As a proof that it was not out of date he recalled the overwhelming loyalty of the country during the South African War.

The speech was forcible and well delivered, but scarcely made the most of the motion, which was clearly intended to raise the wider issue of the value of Patriotism and patriotic sentiment as a factor in human refinement and human happiness.

The Seconder (Mr. B. H. LUNN) pointed out the inconsistency of the Opposer's arguments, who,

while he argued that patriotism was not vulgar because the lower orders were unpatriotic, had yet argued that it was not out of date because the majority of the nation was patriotic, whereas the so-called 'lower orders' constituted the majority of the nation. He very strongly condemned Mr. LITTLE'S views on the Birmingham episode, asserting on the contrary that the incident showed up patriotism at its worst as mere vulgar arrogance. The true benefactors of mankind were not those who fought for their country, but those who fought for oppressed minorities and outraged ideas, who attacked conventional and particularist traditions of self-satisfied nationalities.

Mr. W. B. W. DURRANT was intense. In an awesome whisper he poured scorn on the outrageous conventionality of the Proposer and Seconder, plainly hinting that it was merely a short cut to an originality which they despaired of reaching by legitimate means. They had abused patriotism, not because it was harmful, but because it was inconvenient; the anti-patriot was the real egotist, who assumed as an intellectual pose an attitude of supercilious and arrogant indifference, which was well exemplified by those who had spoken for the motion.

If Mr. Durrant has ever said any of this, he must have greatly increased his reputation both as an orator and a judge of character.

THE EX-PRESIDENT vigorously repudiated the suggestion that those who were not patriots adopted the attitude for convenience; on the contrary, patriotism itself was but one of those conventions which form such a convenient refuge for those who are perishing in the storm of controversy for want of an idea. To say that those who, during the South African War had sacrificed reputation, honour, wealth, and friends because of the pro-Boer principle, had done so for the sake of convenience, was both fatuous and mean. There was nothing so vulgar as patriotism, for vulgarity is the passion for the concrete, and patriotism is the crude worship of concrete achievements, achievements mostly unimportant, often grossly unjust, which the stupid man attributes not to the authors, but to a country, in the vain hope of thereby in part attributing them to himself. Patriotism was the desire to shine with a reflected glory. Schopenhauer said rightly that every scoundrel who had nothing else to be proud of was proud of his country.

Moreover patriotism was losing all *raison d'être* because, just as various causes had made first the family, then the clan, and then the tribe to be the unit of political society, so the progress of science and language had broken down national barriers, while international trade was rapidly making the national system as obsolete as the tribal system of 2,000 years ago.

After a few further remarks by Messrs. LITTLE, LOWRY, and A. D. CROW, the President put the

motion to the House, and it was lost by 13 votes to 9.

The speaking was very much improved, though neither the Opposer nor the fourth speaker paid much attention to the arguments of those who spoke before them. They should remember that the object of the Society is not to deliver set speeches, but to argue the debate. Further, we cannot help suggesting that members should vote on the motion in accordance with their own views, and refuse to take into account their personal relations, friendly or unfriendly, with the speakers against or for the motion respectively.

D. J.
B. H. L.

LIST OF DEBATES.—LENT TERM, 1912.

Date.	Motion.	For.	Against.
Jan. 25	'That in the opinion of this House the Censorship is inimical to the Drama.'	A. D. Crow. W. J. N. Little.	R. G. Garvin. C. E. S. Noakes. Carried 15—7
Feb. 1	'That this House deplores the Foreign Policy of the present Government.'	D. F. Jerrold. B. H. Lunn.	R. R. Sedgwick. G. B. F. Rudd. Lost by Acclamation
" 8	'That this House considers that human happiness does not increase with civilisation.'	J. G. Barrington- Ward. F. W. Pink.	J. M. Troutbeck. A. Marchetti. Lost by Acclamation
" 15	'That this House views with apprehension the recent successes of Socialism in Germany.'	R. W. Stannard. A. C. V. Miles.	R. S. Partridge. J. A. G. Cecil. Lost by Acclamation
" 22	'That in the opinion of this House patriotism is vulgar and out of date.'	J. C. Hobson. B. H. Lunn.	W. J. N. Little. G. E. S. Fursdon. Lost 13—9
" 29	Impromptu Debates.		Postponed.
Mar. 7	'That this House deplores the Constitutional impotence of the Monarchy.'	J. G. Barrington- Ward. R. R. Sedgwick.	D. F. Jerrold. C. Chitty.
" 14	'That in the opinion of this House the size of the Navy is insufficient to meet the Country's needs.'	O. I. Burgess. C. A. M. Faure.	C. D. O'Sullivan. R. S. Partridge.
" 21	'That this House deplores the vast increase in Novels and Magazines.'	J. M. Troutbeck. G. C. Lowry.	A. Marchetti. R. E. D. Cargill.
" 28	'That in the opinion of this House School-days are not the happiest of our life.'	B. H. Lunn. H. A. Phillimore.	J. C. Hobson. W. B. W. Durrant.

W.S.N.H.S.

ON Saturday, November 29, H. A. G. Phillimore read a paper on 'Reptiles.' He began with the crocodiles and alligators, explaining the ways in which they catch their prey, and where they are to be found, as well as the way in which they are usually hunted, quoting Herodotus in the latter instance. From these he went on to deal with the various kinds of snakes, bringing out his points now and then with illustrations for which he was himself responsible. He gave many examples of the

dangers and disturbances caused by these dangerous brutes, of their manner of life, of the tricks they employ to kill various animals, and finally of the means usually made use of to get rid of them. Though his delivery at times was rather awkward, his paper was none the less received with appreciation.

[This account was previously omitted by an unfortunate oversight.—ED.]

J. C. Hobson lectured before the Society on February 17, taking as his text the inspiring subject of 'Worms.' Worms, he said, were of the utmost interest to mankind, especially as one day our frail bodies must provide provender for one or more of the worm tribe. He then gave a vivid account of their habits, food, and peculiarities, mentioning particularly their average length and circumference, and 'studding' his remarks with vermiological epigrams. Several kinds of worms he dealt with at some length.

B. H. Lunn proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried *nem. con.*; the motion for adjournment was then passed with enthusiasm.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

SHROVE Tuesday being a Play, the inaugural meeting of the Philatelic Society took place at 1.35 p.m.

The President gave an opening address on the aims of the Society, and read a paper later on the issues of Great Britain and Ireland during the last year. He spoke of the changes brought about in the Edwardian issues by the changing of the contract from Messrs. De la Rue to Messrs. Harrison and by the latter's introduction of a new gauge perforating-machine, thus rendering some values of their first printing extremely hard to obtain. He also spoke of the new King George values, and explained to the Society the difference between the various control marks.

At the second meeting of the Society on Tuesday, February 27, J. C. Ainsworth Davis was elected Treasurer and Librarian, and a terminal subscription of sixpence was decided upon.

N. C. Champness had volunteered to read a paper on 'Surcharges.' He did, in fact, give one example of the Surcharging of a new value on a stamp, but his paper was almost entirely confined to Overprints. He discussed Official Overprints largely, and gave some examples of their use on the occasion of a coronation and a Royal wedding.

After the paper, fifteen minutes were allowed for exchanging, and the meeting was brought to an end by the reading of a list of new issues. This meeting was far more successful than the first, owing to the entire absence of visitors.

E. T. H.

House Notes.

K.SS.—As usual, we open our notes with congratulations, for has not R. E. D. Cargill gained his Pinks for his excellent play against Charterhouse? J. M. Troutbeck, too, is said to have made a successful *début* in the ranks of the XI. against the Old Felstedians, was 12th man against Charterhouse, and played with distinction in an unaccustomed place against Eton. We are also credibly informed that J. G. Barrington-Ward has secured various prizes, which are described more definitely elsewhere.

R. R. Turner has returned once more, but D. M. Morriss is still missing from our midst. Practice for the 'tug' has already begun, and with five of last year's VI. and the 7th man again available, victory should once more come our way. Chess-ties still pursue each other with relentless, but well-meaning, regularity; all else lies in the laps of the gods.

The Literary Society has finished 'The School for Scandal,' and has begun 'Richard II.'

ASHBURNHAM.—With infinite zest we take up our pen to trace a truly glorious record. For Ashburnhamites played in the Charterhouse match—four! four!!

'Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive,
But to be young was very Heaven,'
For 'Old' as we are, for lady's love unfit,
The glorious happening made us young again;

Nor was our artistic sense less pleased when we heard that the School, mainly, we need hardly say, owing to the efforts of our illustrious four, had succeeded in drawing the match.

With Seniors not far off we find it hard to write with steady hand; we are playing Home Boarders and the bitter rivalry associated with the historic game will surely not be absent.

As if these events were not enough to rouse our enthusiasm for our House, we are to have also a Drill Competition, a Fives Competition, a Racquets Competition. Competition—divine word! What energy, what skill does it not connote, when neither the one nor the other is contaminated by being made to fulfil any vain useful purpose?

Our heart is too full [and your brain too empty! Ed.] for us to continue. Our next House Notes will tell of these triumphs accomplished; let us now finish our present ones with the immortal words of Henry Newbolt, and echo once more 'Play up! Play up, and play the game!'

GRANT'S.—We must congratulate Smith on his Pink and Whites, which he most deservedly gained after the Charterhouse match. Yard ties (if there are any) are in full swing, and Fives ties have nearly completed themselves. We look forward with

confidence to Seniors, and with certainty to the Sports, and mention in conclusion that the literary society has achieved a very successful reading of 'Hamlet' and 'The Critic.'

H.B.B.—Seeing that we have no pretensions to so-called 'literary ability,' all we can do is to follow in the footsteps of those who have. Hansen has been made a monitor, and Garvin and O'Sullivan have come into the Upper. All other events lie in the remote past. We offer our heartfelt condolences to A. S. Forbes on contracting scarlet fever, and hope that he will soon be with us again; we shall miss him greatly in the Athletic Sports, and we cannot look forward with confidence to regaining the Cup, which has had so long a stay away from the House. In Seniors, too, our prospects are distinctly gloomy, and we look forward with no confidence at all.

RIGAUB'S.—The Editor, doubtless following some inscrutable design, has given us an ultimatum with regard to our Notes, so for once we have a fair excuse for brevity.

First of all our heartiest congratulations to Hill on Pinks, and to Hurst-Brown on Pink and Whites; they received their colours after the Charterhouse match. Derry also has gained his House Colours and played against Eton, taking the place of Hurst-Brown, who was prevented from playing by a sharp attack of rheumatism.

We hope to acquit ourselves well both in the Sports and in the Drill Competition, in the latter more particularly, as our representatives in the Corps are numerous, and probably enthusiastic—at least we hope so!

Old Westminster.

MR. A. K. CLARK-KENNEDY has been appointed to a First Division Clerkship in the Home Office. He has also succeeded Mr. A. C. Nesbitt as Secretary of the Elizabethan Club. His address is 6 West Eaton Place, S.W.

Captain S. M. ANDERSON, R.F.A., is to be appointed Instructor of Artillery to the Australian Forces.

Mr. A. G. OGILVIE has been appointed Junior Demonstrator in the School of Geography at Oxford.

Mr. E. D. ADRIAN has been chosen to represent Cambridge University in the Inter-Varsity Foils Competition.

Obituary.

WE record with deep regret the death of JOHN TROUTBECK, which occurred on February 28. The elder son of the late Precentor and a nephew of the late Sub-Dean, he was born in 1860 and at the School from 1870 to 1877. After graduating from Queen's College, Oxford, in 1880, he was admitted a solicitor, became Coroner for Westminster in 1888, and for the South-Western District in 1902, and Secretary to the Governing Body of the School in 1891. His elder son was elected to Christ Church in 1909 and the younger is now in College. We desire to express our sympathy with his family in their great sorrow.

Correspondence.

OUR CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I must apologise for the delay in answering your request for a Cambridge Letter, and I cannot even plead Influenza as an excuse, though we have had something in the nature of an epidemic here, seriously disorganising several of the Crews for the Lent Races. At the beginning of term we had a week's skating and rumour said that if the frost had held for a few days longer we—or some of us—should have been skating to Ely. Now we are in the midst of the 'Lents,' and conversation is exclusively on the topic of who 'bumped' whom. C. O. WW. seem to be mainly confining their activities to the River. F. R. J. Tomlinson is rowing for Third Trinity, J. N. Hulbert for Caius I, W. D. Geare for Queen's I, P. S. Ham for Downing, C. H. Gow for Emmanuel III, and W. S. Gray is stroking Pembroke IV. M. Thoresby-Jones has been coaching Queen's.

H. Gardiner-Hill continues to be to the fore as our representative in University Golf. R. E. C. Gordon aspires to the Woolsack and explains to us 'the state of the law, in a soft undercurrent of sound.' L. E. Tanner presides over various Pembroke Societies.

M. D. Methven is Captain of the Caius Boat Club and J. N. Hulbert is the Secretary, indeed, they seem to run most of the Caius Clubs. Both R. E. C. Gordon and J. N. Hulbert are acting in the forthcoming production by the Marlowe Society of 'A New Way to Pay Old Debts.' We congratulate E. D. Adrian on winning the trials for Fencing which enables him to represent the University against Oxford on March 4. H. F. Rawson has been playing Hockey for Trinity, while C. B. Bonner is a noted 'Heretic.'

The C. O. WW. Dinner is on March 9, and Mr. Sargeant is to be the guest of the evening.

The Dean of Wells has been preaching the University Sermon and telling some of us of the beauties of Wells, which has evidently improved his health; the Dean of Westminster is also preaching on March 10.

In conclusion we wish you luck in the Eton Match.

I am, Sir, etc.,

CANTABRAGIENSIS.

THE REV. H. M. INGRAM.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—No mention has been made in your pages of the fact that Mr. Ingram was indirectly a considerable benefactor to the School. For many years before his death he gave up the pension to which he became entitled on his resignation of the Under Mastership, and the School Endowment Fund reaped no small advantage.

Many of us who were in College under Mr. Ingram will feel gratified to Mr. W. H. A. Cowell for his letter in your February number. I well remember the frequency with which the 87th Psalm used to recur at prayers. But, if I am not mistaken, Mr. Ingram almost invariably read it on Sunday evenings, when those who had been on leave up town had returned. And my impression is that it was chosen for its allusion to the preference of the gates of Sion over all the dwellings of Jacob. Mr. Ingram was always pleased when Queen's Scholars preferred (as they often did) to 'stay in' on Sunday, and so took their places in the Abbey, however much he might disapprove of the doctrines which they heard from the Canon in Residence. And I think he was glad when Sunday evening brought those who had gone up town back to his charge in the Sion over which he presided for so many years.

Yours truly,
W. A. PECK.

CONVEYANCES UP FIELDS.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The way Up Fields is, as you doubtless know, long and weary. The hard paving stones wear out our football boots and force the nails into our feet with unrelenting cruelty, and many of us are unable to go up in gymnasium shoes, as our rank is not sufficiently exalted to allow us the use of the Pavilion for keeping our football boots. May we then take up a few lines of valuable space, and suggest that motor-buses be chartered from the L.G.O.C. for our conveyance up and down Fields? One 'bus could be present at 1.50 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and could convey us back to the School at 3.0 p.m., while on Wednesdays and Plays when there are far more Up Fields than on ordinary days, three 'buses might be available at 2.20 p.m., and 4.5 p.m. to carry us to and from Vincent Square respectively. The cost would not, we think, be very heavy, and, at any rate, the boot-bills of the vast majority would be reduced, while the saving of time could not fail to be to the general advantage.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours etc.,
A. LEGGE PHAGGE
AND D. SAWE FOOTE.

THE SHOOTING VIII.

We have received further communications on the subject of the Shooting VIII, dealing with its *status*, but it is too late now to reopen a question which, rightly or wrongly, has been finally settled by the Games Committee, and we therefore do not feel justified in inserting the letters.—ED.

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