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THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

THE football season of 1896-97 has been remarkable in more ways than one. Never, we should imagine, has Westminster been represented by an eleven that showed more in-and-out form. In one match the combination was all that could be desired; in another, each member of the team would play for himself alone. In one match the strong point of the forwards would be their shooting; in another, it seemed as though none of them knew that there was such a thing at all as a goal net. Yet a good fight against Charterhouse covers a multitude of sins, and from this match, with one or two others, we are able to say with perfect truth that this year's eleven on its day was worthy of upholding the best traditions of Westminster football. The season began with

a match *v.* Clapham Rovers. Of the new men then tried six eventually got their Pinks, but during the whole of play-term many changes were tried, especially among the forwards. Jones kept his place at back throughout the season, while Johnston and Young played in almost every match. A continued run of bad luck went on till the middle of play-term, which culminated in a terrible defeat by Old Foresters of 2-9. Rarely has the team given a feebler display. The fault can be laid on no one in particular, as after half-time, when the score was only 0-2, all seemed to lose heart entirely. A thorough reorganisation took place after this, and on the following Wednesday a draw was played with Selwyn College after a capital game. Lonsdale made his first appearance at half in this match. The next week the first win was registered against a fairly good team

brought by A. L. Fevez, including R. R. Sandilands and J. A. Lambie. Then came another collapse against Casuals. Gwyer, who played in goal, after being heavily charged over twice in the first ten minutes, seemed quite unable to cope with the shots of the visitors, who scored no less than eight times, though the School had hard luck in not getting more goals, owing to W. Campbell's fine defence. The Old Etonian match saw Rayner (who had previously played forward) between the posts, a position which he filled with credit for the rest of the season. This ended play-term. At the beginning of Lent term we had the misfortune to lose Van der Gucht, and this again caused a re-arrangement of the forwards, Stevens eventually going inside left and Corfield in the right wing. A win of 5-0 over Old Etonians, and a draw with a good team of Cambridge O.W.W. preceded Charterhouse, which was played at Godalming on March 27. The match is already history, and we need only say that the manner in which the Westminsters rose to the occasion redeemed all their past failures, and exceeded the expectations of their most sanguine supporters. It was certainly a disappointment to see a possible victory snatched from our grasp in the last seven or eight minutes, but we look forward with confidence to next year's encounter. A poor match *v.* Old Brightonians ended in a defeat, mainly owing to poor shooting, while a 6-0 victory over Old Harrovians covered the last match of the season with glory. To turn to individual players.

C. VAN DER GUCHT (1893-94, '94-95, '95-96, '96-97)—Hardly came up to expectations, but was worried by the responsibility of captaining a team that could not win its matches. A fine outside-left in his day and centred well. Lately took to the inside with success. Had hard luck in leaving when the team were beginning to improve.

R. E. MORE (1894-95, '95-96, '96-97).—A safe and often brilliant back. A fine kick, and tackled well. Only wants more pace to be quite first-class. Captained the team well during the latter part of the season.

R. N. R. BLAKER (1895-96, '96-97).—One

of the best men in the centre we have had for years. Very fast and tricky; he kept his wings grandly together, his long passes out being one of the best features of his play. At times a fine shot, but not always to be depended on.

P. T. JONES.—Fast but erratic back. A magnificent kick, but needs to be safer in tackling. At his best against Charterhouse.

S. M. ANDERSON.—A good hard-working inside-right. Fed his wing very well. There is a want of variety in his shots.

F. YOUNG.—At left half has done a great deal of work. Tackles well and passes with great judgment, always along the ground, but wants more dash and pace. Has his off days.

W. F. CORFIELD.—Fast outside-right, with a wonderful knack of getting round his opponents. Played finely at Godalming, but wants more experience.

W. V. RAYNER.—A capital goal-keeper, and fields the ball excellently. Should be of great service next year.

W. H. M. LONSDALE.—A hard-working centre half and tackled well. Must learn how to pass.

C. E. L. JOHNSTON.—A very keen and hard-working half, without much control over the ball. Passed well at times.

A. C. ROBINSON.—Fast outside left and centres well, but wants more strength and pluck.

W. C. STEVENS.—An energetic but clumsy inside-left. Fast, and should do well next year.

The football element during the season has not by any means been confined *par excellence* to those who eventually got their pinks. This has been distinctly noticeable in the house matches, in which the smaller fellows, who represent their houses, have certainly played an exceedingly good and plucky game in the Leagues, and last but not least, in 'Green.' This that one sees in smaller fellows is perhaps the best and truest prospect of a good XI. in the future; and this article would certainly be incomplete without a few remarks about individual members of the School, who though they have not actually obtained their Pinks, have, however, shown in School matches, on more occasions

than one, what abilities they possess. H. McKenna has had very bad luck, being unable to play the whole latter half of the season, owing to a bad knee. He plays a good game at half-back, passing well, and should prove very useful next year, if he can only develop the pace on the field which he can show on the track. M. L. Gwyer has proved an efficient goal-keeper throughout the season; he uses his reach well, and has developed good kicking power. The form which he has showed on several occasions was more than realised in the Town Boy and Queen's Scholar match, when it was chiefly owing to his defence that the score was kept as even as it was. L. Y. Barnby ought to make a capital forward; he also showed great form in the T.B.B. match; has good pace, and uses his weight well. E. Æ. Cotterill has a thorough knowledge of the game, and fully justified his trial in several School matches, but his play is not robust, and lacks dash. E. M. Eustace, H. R. Lonsdale, and L. E. Deacon are all very reliable backs, the latter using his head with great judgment. Lonsdale is a capital kick, and is dangerous with long shots. B. H. Willett and R. J. Murray have proved very good on their day at forward. Willett has carried his League team through with an unbroken record, and Murray has on several occasions assisted the School forwards. Most of the above will be available for next year, and Blaker should have no difficulty in turning out a fast, efficient, and heavy team. The third XI.'s are mostly forwards; their chief fault is a tendency to selfishness and want of dash, but they are faults which can be cured. Wynter is a most promising back.

The Shield was very keenly contested in the final by Home-boarders and Rigauds. The latter had beaten Grants by 22-0, and only beat Home-boarders by 4-2, after two extra periods of twenty minutes each. The score was 2-2 till the last twenty minutes, when Rigauds put on two goals, thus winning a very hard-fought game. The T.B.B. v. Q.S.S. match has not been such an even game for several years, and the Q.S.S., with all the odds against them, made a very creditable fight for the final score

3-1, every member of the team receiving School colours.

With this match and the final of the Shield matches ended a season, which, taking the difficulties into consideration, no one can call bad or even unsuccessful. After the breaking up of such a team as that of 1895-96, a fall must come. The rise has, however, become more and more marked as the season has progressed, and with the good material with which next year will be started, we may hope for a successful season, and join in wishing those who will partake in it good luck and

FLOREAT.

The following is the Football Card filled in for the whole season:—

		1896	
Sat.	Oct. 3	.	Clapham Rovers. (Lost 1-3.)
"	" 10	.	Old Reptonians. (Lost 1-3.)
"	" 17	.	F. Bickley's XI. (Lost 2-6.)
"	" 24	.	Old Westminsters. (Lost 1-5.)
"	" 31	.	Old Carthusians. (Lost 3-6.)
Wed.	Nov. 11	.	Christ Church, Oxon. (Lost 2-8.)
Sat.	" 14	.	Old Foresters. (Lost 1-9.)
Wed.	" 18	.	Selwyn Coll., Camb. (Drawn 1-1.)
Sat.	" 21	.	Trinity Coll., Oxon. (Lost 3-4.)
Wed.	" 25	.	L. A. Fevez's XI. (Won 2-1.)
Sat.	" 28	.	Casuals. (Lost 2-6.)
"	" 28	.	2nd XI. v. Old Harrovians. (Drawn 0-0.)
"	Dec. 5	.	Old Etonians. (Drawn 0-0.)
"	" 5	.	2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Drawn 1-1.)
		1897	
Sat.	Jan. 23	.	Old Felstedians. (Scratched.)
"	" 23	.	2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers 2nd XI. (Scratched.)
"	" 30	.	Casuals. (Scratched.)
"	Feb. 6	.	Clapham Rovers. (Lost 4-6.)
Wed.	" 10	.	Old Etonians. (Won 5-0.)
Sat.	" 13	.	Keble Coll., Oxon. (Lost 2-6.)
"	" 20	.	Old Westminsters. (Won 4-3.)
Wed.	" 24	.	Cambridge O.W.W. (Drawn 1-1.)
Sat.	" 27	.	Charterhouse (at Godalming). (Lost 1-3.)
"	Mar. 6	.	Old Brightonians. (Lost 1-2.)
"	" 6	.	Clapham Rovers (2nd XI.) (Won 4-2.)
Wed.	" 10	.	Old Malvernians. (Lost 1-3.)
Sat.	" 13	.	Old Wykehamists. (Scratched.)
"	" 20	.	Old Harrovians. (Won 6-0.)
Wed.	" 24	.	Q.S.S. v. T.B.B. (T.B.B., 3; Q.S.S., 1.)

School Notes.

THIS year there is a new departure in the form of an Inter-House Athletic Challenge Cup, provided by voluntary subscriptions throughout the School. Points will be given for places in each event, and the cup will be held for the year by the House that obtains the highest aggregate of points.

It is hoped that certain improvements in the sports this year will be met with approval, and notably the new hurdles, the string courses for the Hundred, and the various House colour trimmings worn.

We regret that this number will be in print too soon to admit of an account of the sports being issued this term.

On Tuesday, March 30, Sir George M. O'Brien, K.C.M.G. (O.W.), came down to ask for a late play in recognition of his appointment as Governor of the Fiji Islands and Chief Commissioner for the Western Pacific. It may be added that General Goodenough (O.W.), who was lately appointed to the command of the troops in South Africa, was the first man to plant the British Flag on the Fiji Islands.

Sir Penrose Fitzgerald, Bart., M.P. (O.W.), took the chair at the dinner of the combined 'Varsity crews after the Boat-race. Sir Penrose Fitzgerald, we may note, rowed in the Cambridge boat in 1861 and 1862, and we may venture to say is one who would welcome the revival of 'water' at Westminster.

We congratulate R. K. Gaye on obtaining a Major Scholarship in his first year at Trinity, Cambridge.

Sir F. Seager Hunt, M.P. (O.W.), has very kindly promised to replace the flagstaff that was blown down 'Up Fields.'

The team at the head of the League was B. H. Willett's, which has not been beaten throughout the whole competition. The team was:—

B. H. Willett, E. F. Goodhart, J. Blaxland, H. G. H. Barnes, C. F. Armstrong, A. S. Gaye, G. H. Corbett, G. H. Bernays, J. Heard, C. Bompas, E. Herne.

The football elevens have been filled up as follows:—

<i>Pinks</i>	<i>Pinks and Whites</i>	<i>Third XI's.</i>
R. E. More	H. McKenna	H. W. Beveridge
R. N. R. Blaker	M. L. Gwyer	A. C. Barnby
P. T. Jones	L. Y. Barnby	D. H. W. Young
S. M. Anderson	E. Æ. Cotterill	R. Truslove
F. Young	H. R. Lonsdale	F. A. S. Gwatkin
W. F. Corfield	B. H. Willett	R. Wynter
W. V. Rayner	E. M. Eustace	J. W. Lord
W. H. M. Lonsdale	R. J. Murray	S. S. Harris
C. E. L. Johnston	L. E. Deacon	J. B. Wells
A. C. Robinson		G. H. Bernays
W. C. Stevens		O. H. M. Williams
		W. R. Jacob

We congratulate E. O. Kirlaw on tying for first place in the high jump at the Inter-'Varsity Sports.

We have received from Messrs. Beynon & Co., of Cheltenham, a set of nine etchings of Westminster,

executed by Mr. E. J. Burrow. We can highly recommend them to all O.W.W. who desire a remembrance of the School. The subjects are: Up School, the School Gateway, the Ashburnham Staircase, Poets' Corner, Abbey from Green, West Front and Monument, East Cloister, Vincent Square, and College Hall. They are beautifully printed, and are by far the best set of etchings we have ever seen of Westminster. That of College Hall we consider the best, but is run close by that of Up School and Abbey from Green. Everyone connected with Westminster should make a point of seeing them, and we feel sure few who have seen them will not wish to possess a set of their own. They are published in two series, one, of which only one hundred copies have been printed on special paper signed by the artist, at 45s., the other 35s.

W. T. Stead has won the fencing competition; J. Aston the senior gymnastic competition, and H. Roose the junior. A fuller account will appear in our next issue.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER *v.* CAMBRIDGE OLD MALVERNIANs.

This match was played on Wednesday, March 10, and resulted in the defeat of the School by three goals to one. There was some rain shortly before the game, and the ground was still slippery when the game began at twenty minutes to three. The visitors were a very fast lot, and had almost all the play for the first half. At the beginning the School forwards took the ball down, and Anderson forced Moss to use his hands. A little later Blaker got possession of the ball and passed to Anderson, who failed to shoot straight. The visitors then had a turn, and the shooting of Lindsay and Graeme was noticeable, while Simpson was proving too much for the forwards. More's defence was very noticeable for us, while Rayner had plenty to do in goal. Corfield relieved matters somewhat with a good run and centre, but Simpson cleared. The Malvernian forwards came away with a rush, and Graeme hit the bar with a very hot shot. Lindsay got the ball in front of goal, but Jones prevented him shooting. A run of Blaker's was stopped by Phillips, and Burnup sprinted down the wing. He centred to Lindsay, who shot over. Phillips tried a shot, and forced Rayner to give a corner. Stevens got away, but was stopped by Simpson, who passed to Macaulay, whose shot was well saved by Rayner. Blaker made a very fine run down, but lost the ball at the critical moment. Burnup and Lindsay were again conspicuous, and the result was 'hands' against the School in front of goal. Blaker and Anderson got away, but Moss tipped the latter's shot over the bar. From the corner Young shot behind. The visitors resumed the pressure, and after a good centre by

Burnup, Macaulay shot behind. More neatly tackled Lindsay when the latter seemed dangerous. 'Hands' to them followed in front of our goal, the ball was passed out to Simpson, who sent in a very fast shot, which found its way through the crowd into the net (0-1). From the kick off Robinson centred well, but Simpson cleared. Graeme got away and shot splendidly, but Rayner tipped it over the bar. The corner was fruitless. Lonsdale's tackling was conspicuous about this time. Robinson ran down and centred, and the goal-keeper was forced to use his hands. Simpson tried his hand at a long shot, which was followed by 'hands' in front of goal. Graeme shot behind. After the kick off, Macaulay got possession, and enabled Graeme to score their second goal. After the kick off we pressed for a time, gaining several corners. Simpson cleared at last, and Phillips putting the ball in the mouth of goal, it was rushed through by Graeme (0-3). Burnup ran down and centred, but More cleared. The whistle then blew for half-time. In the second half the play of our forwards improved, while the defence maintained its former excellence, with the result that we had much more of the play. Blaker and Stevens forced a corner, but it resulted in nothing, and Burnup running down caused Rayner some trouble. Alternate runs by Corfield and Burnup followed. Blaker and Corfield carried the ball down and Moss had to save. After Jones had stopped Burnup, a run by the right wing forced a corner, which was well put. Anderson put the ball through with his hand, but no one appealed (1-3). For the rest of the game Burnup's centres were the most prominent feature.

Cambridge Old Malvernians... 3 goals.
Westminster ... 1 goal.

Cotterill played for Johnston, who was ill. The back division was very safe in the second half, and Rayner was in great form. The visitors, who included three blues, played a dashing game, the forwards and Simpson being the most noticeable.

Teams:—

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal); R. E. More and P. T. Jones (backs); F. Young, W. H. M. Lonsdale, and E. Æ. Cotterill (half-backs); W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, W. C. Stevens, and A. C. Robinson (forwards).

CAMBRIDGE OLD MALVERNIANS.

H. K. Moss (goal); H. L. Harkness and G. H. Simpson (backs); M. G. Apthorp, T. Phillips, and G. H. de Montmorency (half-backs); C. J. Burnup, P. S. Graeme, F. Lindsay, C. C. Macaulay, and A. N. Other (forwards).

WESTMINSTER v. OLD HARROVIANS.

This match was played Up Fields on Saturday, March 20. Johnston took his usual place at half. The team wound up the season in satisfactory manner by an easy victory. From the kick-off the School pressed, and Stevens and Anderson both tried shots. Corfield was also prominent. After a spell of even

play, interrupted several times by 'hands,' the School pressed, and after a fruitless corner Corfield centred and Blaker scored the opening goal (1-0). The Harrovians pressed after this for a short time, but our backs were quite equal to the task. After Jones had cleared well, Blaker and Anderson ran down together, and the former scored with a fast shot in the corner (2-0). Blaker was in great form, and after a little got another from a pass by Anderson (3-0). More headed away a good centre from the outside-left. 'Hands' for them followed when we were pressing. Shortly after half-time was called. The second half was a repetition of the first. After Blaker and Robinson had each had a try, Anderson put on the fourth with a grand shot. Shortly after Blaker hit the post with a shot from the side, and Robinson drove it through (5-0). Blaker obtained the last from a pass by Anderson. The result was:—

Westminster 6 goals.
Old Harrovians Nil.

The teams were:—

WESTMINSTER.

W. V. Rayner (goal); R. E. More and P. T. Jones (backs); C. E. L. Johnston, W. H. Lonsdale, and F. Young (half-backs); W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, W. C. Stevens and A. C. Robinson (forwards).

OLD HARROVIANS.

H. L. Anderson (goal) R. R. Evans and Hon. D. C. Marjoribanks (backs); C. B. Tritton, W. L. Allcroft, D. L. Roujemont (half-backs); A. Cripps, J. G. Ballatyne, H. T. Wylde, A. H. Symes-Thompson, and A. N. Other (forwards).

THE HOUSE SHIELD MATCHES.

H.BB. v. ASHBURNHAM.

This match was played Up Fields on Wednesday, March 17, in miserable weather. Ashburnham won the toss, and H.BB. kicked off from the Pavilion end. For some time play ruled even, each side pressing in turn. H.BB. then began to assert themselves, and kept up a continual attack, though their shooting was far from good. Half an hour from the start Robinson scored with a good shot after Young had saved from Corfield. Nothing further happened before half-time, the score then standing (1-0) in favour of Home Boarders. On restarting H.BB. at once pressed, and after some combined play Murray had no difficulty in scoring (2-0). Home Boarders still kept up the attack, and before the whistle blew had added two more goals, T. Rayner being the scorer on each occasion. Home Boarders thus won by four goals to *nil*.

For the winners, Jones and Deacon were very safe at back. The forwards scarcely showed their true form, Rayner being the only one to do himself justice. Ashburnham played up pluckily, Young in

goal effecting one or two fine saves. The halves on both sides worked untiringly. The teams were:—

H.B.B.

W. V. Rayner (goal); P. T. Jones and L. E. Deacon (backs); J. Blaxland, R. Truslove, and H. Plaskitt (halves); W. F. Corfield, W. Rutherford, R. J. Murray, T. Rayner, and A. C. Robinson (forwards).

ASHBURNHAM.

D. H. W. Young (goal); H. W. Beveridge and R. Scarisbrick (backs); A. R. Astbury, R. Wynter, and H. B. Day (half-backs); E. du P. Herne, S. S. Harris, E. F. Colville, J. E. Bastone, and E. Featherstone (forwards).

RIGAUDS (Holders) v. GRANTS.

Rigauds were drawn against Grants in the first round of the House matches, and the game was a mere farce from beginning to end, Rigauds winning by 22 goals to 0—this being, we believe, a record score in these matches. Grants were considerably handicapped in their defence by the absence of Lonsdale. Rain fell heavily throughout the first half. Rigauds kicked off soon after half-past two, and Blaker scored in the first half-minute. The pressure was maintained, and Grants only obtained short relief from a free kick for 'hands.' Blaker and Willett each had unsuccessful shots, before L. Barnby got possession and scored, after running down the whole length of the ground. This was immediately followed by another from the foot of S. Anderson, Daniel making but a feeble attempt to save. A slight attempt on Grants' left wing was pulled up by A. Barnby, who cleared wildly, the ball breaking a window in a neighbouring house. After a delay of some minutes another ball was brought, and the game was resumed. Blaker at once got to work, and scored two more goals in quick succession. S. Anderson got another, and after a few minutes again found the net. In the next ten minutes which remained before half-time, Grants were completely panned, and goals were scored for Rigauds by Willett (2), Anderson (3), and Blaker, bringing the total to 13-0 by the interval.

The second half was a repetition of the first; there is nothing to record except the goals scored by Rigauds, which numbered nine, and nothing but weak shooting prevented a far higher score. The ball scarcely ever came into the Rigauds' half, and when the Grants' forwards ever got it they found More and A. Barnby absolutely impassable. Blaker, Willett, and S. Anderson were quite too much for the Grants' backs, and did very much as they liked. Blaker got four more goals, Willett three, and Anderson two. Rigauds thus won by 22-0. For the winners all the front line were good, while the backs and half-backs did well all they had to do. Goodhart in goal never had to save. For Grants W. Stevens, who played back, worked hard, but received little support from the rest of the team.

The teams were:—

RIGAUDS.

E. F. Goodhart (goal); R. E. More (capt.), A. C. Barnby (backs); W. Myers, J. W. Lord, H. Roose (half-backs); L. Y.

Barnby, B. H. Willett (left-wing), R. N. R. Blaker (centre), S. M. Anderson, K. B. Anderson (right-wing).

GRANTS.

A. M. Daniel (goal); W. C. Stevens, H. G. Barnes (backs); M. G. Bailey, G. H. Corbett, R. Roche (half-backs); E. C. Stevens, J. Heard, C. Bompas, A. Whitmore, G. H. Newton (forwards).

RIGAUDS v. HOME BOARDERS.

This year there was more than usual interest in the Final of the House Matches, Rigauds and Home Boarders being very evenly matched, and an excellent game resulted between the two—Rigauds winning a hard-fought battle by 4-2, after extra time had twice been played, thus obtaining the shield for the eighth year in succession. The opening was sensational, as Blaker scored for Rigauds in the first minute from 'hands,' near the H.B.B. goal. After this early success the holders continued to attack for some minutes, Rayner being called upon to save shots from the two Andersons and Willett. However, H.B.B. now began to settle down, and aided by a strong wind kept the ball in their opponents' quarters for some time. After an ineffectual corner Rutherford had hard luck in shooting just outside the post from a difficult position. But the equalising goal soon came; Jones tried a long shot, which Goodhart fumbled, and the ball was rushed through, 1-1. Murray shortly afterwards had a grand chance from a centre by Corfield, but failed to take advantage. Jones was doing an immense amount of work for his side, and Blaker was too closely marked to do much. A neat combined run by the two Andersons was saved by Rayner, who kicked well away. Rutherford got the ball and ran down, but fell; however, recovering himself, he scored a good goal with a high shot in the corner, and put Home Boarders one to the good. The remainder of the first half was hotly contested, Rigauds trying hard to get on terms, and their opponents endeavouring to increase their lead, while they had the advantage of the wind. But, though both goals had narrow escapes, nothing more was scored before half-time.

At first Rigauds certainly had the best of the exchanges, but the wind made the shooting erratic. But a free kick for H.B.B. brought relief, and soon after another for a foul by A. C. Barnby looked bad for Rigauds, but Murray again missed badly in the mouth of goal. Another foul against Barnby was turned to no account; and Blaker looked like equalising, but after an excellent run down he shot wide. However, soon afterwards, when it seemed that Rigauds were to be deprived of the shield, S. Anderson beat Rayner with a cross-shot. They kept up the pressure, and Rayner was busy with shots from Blaker and Anderson. But they found the defence too good, and time was called with the score still 2-2.

After a few minutes the game was continued, it being decided to play ten minutes more each way. The play was somewhat uninteresting, owing to the number of free kicks for both sides. Rigauds had

slightly the best of matters, but could not score, owing to the excellent defence of Rayner and the two backs. No goal being obtained, a further 20 minutes was played, and at last Rigauds gained the advantage by a good shot from K. Anderson, which just went under the bar. After this H.B.B. seemed to lose heart, and but for Rayner in goal the score would have been materially increased. As it was, S. Anderson headed another goal just before time, and Rigauds were left victorious by 4 goals to 2.

The teams were :—

RIGAUDS.

E. Goodhart (goal); R. E. More (capt.), A. C. Barnby (backs); R. C. Jewesbury, J. W. Lord, G. Roose (half-backs); K. B. Anderson, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, B. H. Willett and L. Y. Barnby (forwards).

H.B.B.

W. V. Rayner (goal); P. T. Jones (capt.), L. E. Deacon (backs); J. A. Blaxland, R. Truslove, H. Plaskitt (half-backs); W. F. Corfield, W. Rutherford, R. J. Murray, T. Rayner and A. C. Robinson (forwards).

T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

The annual match between T.B.B. and Q.SS. took place on March 24. Both sides were thoroughly representative. There was a high wind, which rather spoilt accurate play, but otherwise the weather was perfect; the ground, too, was in grand condition. T.B.B. had the services of nine Pinks, but Q.SS. made an exceedingly good fight against their powerful opponents; and though T.B.B. scored three times in the first half, they were unable to add another point in the second, while Q.SS. put on a goal—an interesting match, contested throughout in the best spirit, thus ending in a victory for T.B.B. by 3 goals to 1.

Young won the toss, and chose to attack the goal at the hospital end. From the kick-off T.B.B. began to press, but Q.SS. defended well, though Corfield, Anderson, and Blaker each put in a shot. Soon a corner was conceded T.B.B., but their opponents broke away, on the right wing, though Williams' centre was spoilt by the wind. T.B.B. again assumed the offensive, but Gwyer fisted out two shots by Anderson, from the latter of which, however, L. Barnby managed to score (1-0).

T.B.B. continued to press, and Jones shot behind. 'Hands' for Q.SS. brought them a little relief, and they nearly scored, but Lonsdale cleared. A run down by Blaker was well stopped by H. Lonsdale, and directly afterwards Q.SS. made a determined attack, but Jones cleared well. Shots from Wells and Jacob followed without result, and then from a corner Blaker broke away, and scored with a good shot (2-0).

On starting again T.B.B. were awarded a free kick, but Wells cleared. After a few moments of play in mid-field, however, Eustace missed his kick in front of goal, and Blaker scored with a shot Gwyer had no chance of saving (3-0).

On resuming, Blaker unfortunately met with a slight accident, which, however, did not prevent him from going on playing; then, after a short spell of

even play, Jones shot behind, and immediately afterwards the whistle sounded for half-time, the score still being 3-0.

After the kick-off Q.SS. pressed, and forced a corner, then Blaker, who had gone goal in Rayner's place for the time, was called upon to use his hands, but Cotterill returned the ball, and it went into the net off More (3-1).

A run down by Anderson followed, and then for some time Q.SS. kept up a smart attack, but though Bernays sent in more than one good centre, More and Jones repeatedly cleared. Gradually the ball was carried down into the mid-field, and then after 'hands' had been given in favour of T.B.B., Q.SS. again attacked and forced a corner, which, however, had no result. Corfield then ran down and centred, and T.B.B. nearly scored several times, but good play by Cotterill at half and Gwyer in goal prevented their adding another point to their scores. Q.SS. then pressed for a short time, but T.B.B. soon brought the ball down the field again, and Gwyer effected a save off Barnby that was nothing short of marvellous. Each side were pressed in turn, but neither could score, and time was called with the score still at 3-1.

For T.B.B. the backs and Blaker, Anderson and Corfield were the best. For Q.SS. all worked hard, all the back division being good, and Gwyer in goal was excellent.

Teams :—

T.B.B.

W. V. Rayner (goal), P. T. Jones and R. E. More (backs), A. C. Barnby, W. H. M. Lonsdale, and W. C. Stevens (half-backs), W. F. Corfield, S. M. Anderson, R. N. R. Blaker, L. Y. Barnby, A. C. Robinson (forwards).

Q.SS.

M. L. Gwyer (goal), E. M. Eustace and H. R. Lonsdale (backs), E. E. Cotterill, C. E. L. Johnston and F. Young (half-backs), O. H. M. Williams, W. R. Jacob, F. A. S. Gwatkin, J. B. Wells and G. H. Bernays (forwards).

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On Tuesday and Thursday, April 6 and 8, Q.SS. had an Athletic Match with Rigauds, which resulted as follows :—

100 YARDS.—R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 1; C. E. L. Johnston (Q.S.), 2. Time, 11½ sec.

QUARTER-MILE.—C. E. L. Johnston (Q.S.), 1; R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 2. Time, 58½ sec.

HALF-MILE.—C. E. L. Johnston (Q.S.), 1; R. E. More (Rig.), 2. Time, 2 min. 17 sec.

THROWING THE HAMMER.—W. H. C. Clay (Q.S.), 1; M. L. Gwyer (Q.S.), 2; R. E. More (Rig.), 3. Distance, 56 ft. 8 in.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 1; R. E. More (Rig.), 2; C. E. L. Johnston (Q.S.), 3. Distance, 97 yds. 1 ft. 6 in.

LONG JUMP.—E. E. Cotterill (Q.S.), 1; R. N. R. Blaker (Rig.), 2. Distance, 17 ft. 3 in.;

HIGH JUMP.—L. Y. Barnby (Rig.), and E. E. Cotterill (Q.S.), æq.

Q.SS. thus won by 4½ to 2½.

THE MISSION.

THE Mission House will be closed from Friday, April 16, to Wednesday, April 21, inclusive. After the 21st, it will be open every week-day evening, except Saturdays, from 8 to 10 P.M. It is closed on Saturdays in summer because of the cricket matches and country rambles. It is hoped that members of the School will visit it during the holidays.

The annual distribution of prizes and exhibition of the Mission work took place in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 31. It is much to be regretted that the weather on that night was so unfavourable, as there is no doubt that the rain kept away many O.W.W., who could otherwise have been present and satisfied themselves of the wonderful success of the Mission in spite of its many difficulties. Every part of the varied and most interesting programme afforded proof of the energy and talent of all connected with the work and management of the Mission, and especially of the trouble taken by the Superintendent and Mr. Sargeant in making the necessary arrangements.

The Gymnasium was opened at eight o'clock for the exhibition of the specimens of shorthand reporting, and woodwork, executed by members of the Institute. The woodwork was naturally more appreciated by the School, and the explanations of the instructor, Mr. T. Nichols, were listened to with interest.

At half-past eight the chair was taken by T. W. Wheeler, Esq., Q.C., and there were present besides:—The Dean of Westminster (President), H. F. Manisty, Esq., W. S. Rawson, Esq., and the Rev. W. Failes (Treasurer), the Head Master and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. Sargeant (Secretary). Mr. Oldham was unable to be present owing to the rain.

Mr. WHEELER, after thanking the Head Master for the use of the Gymnasium, announced the first item in the programme—the gymnastic display—given by the instructor, Mr. C. Jeuchner, and eight members of the Institute, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Jeuchner.

The display, as well as the 'Maze' which followed, reflected great credit on the instructor and the other performers. Next a bayonet drill was gone through by the volunteer members, six in number. We have not yet mentioned the band, conducted by Mr. Oakley, which deserves all praise for its excellent music. After its rendering of the overture 'Raymond,' Mrs. Rutherford distributed the prizes. We must congratulate Mr. C. Wheeler on his numerous prizes, testifying to his versatile genius, which he further showed by his violin solo from the 'Bohemian Girl.' After a fine display of Indian clubs by Mr. Jeuchner, came what was perhaps the most entertaining part of the programme—the life-saving drill, conducted by Mr. C. Wheeler and four others. We were almost persuaded to think it worth while, as Mr. Wheeler suggested, to fall into the Thames in order

to be saved in such a workmanlike manner. The band then concluded with a selection of familiar national airs.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Rutherford, said he was sure that he expressed the feeling of all present in speaking very highly of the performances just witnessed. He gave several instances of the successes won by members of the Mission, whether in bicycle records, or in shooting, or in other ways. To turn to the question of money, he was glad to be able to announce several donations, and he mentioned that the subscription list would remain open till the Jubilee celebrations began. The slowness of O.W.W. in subscribing might be explained by the idea once held that the Mission was to be supported by boys in the School.

The vote was seconded by the Dean, and carried unanimously.

The HEAD MASTER replied, reminding us that the Dean gave substantial assistance to the Mission by allowing an annual offertory in the Abbey.

Mr. SARGEANT proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, seconded by Mr. RAWSON, who, speaking of the successful progress of the Mission, told us that within a short time of its foundation it had become a parent.

The proceedings then terminated with 'God Save the Queen,' played by the band.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—The result of the T.BB. match was most encouraging, as we expected the score against us to be much larger. We congratulate Gwyer, Cotterill, Lonsdale, and Eustace on their well-deserved Pink and Whites; also Gwatkin, Bernays, Wells, Williams, and Jacob, on their 3rd Elevens. In future, boards with the names of the Q.SS. Elevens are to be put up in College. By the time this appears, the Sports will be over, and we hope to congratulate our representatives on some good results. We hope our match with Rigauds will become an annual event.

The College Chess Tournament has been won by G. H. Bernays. At five Seniors' Room, in the Room Ties, have beaten Second Election Room in the final by two games to *nil*. The Literary Society has read 'Macbeth' and 'Love's Labour's Lost.' J. Aston has won the senior gymnastic competition.

GRANTS.—We had two representatives in the T.BB. v. Q.SS. match, Lonsdale and Stevens, the latter making a very fair half-back, considering it was almost the first time he has played there. In the House matches we were badly beaten by Rigauds, though Lonsdale was unavoidably absent, which very likely made some difference. As to our prospects for the sports, we should manage to get a few prizes, especially if W. R. Stevens is able to run, though at

present it is rather doubtful if he will. We have not yet finished the yard ties, chiefly owing to fellows being out of School; there have been two very close ties, and probably the rest will be good. We are very glad to see that two or three fellows have entered for the School fives ties, and hope more will follow their example another time. In the winning league this season, we are pleased to see that there are five Grantites, which helps to show that there are several fellows who should be good next year.

RIGAUDS.—We had four representatives against Q.SS., who distinguished themselves by scoring all the goals that were scored for either side. In the first round of the Shield matches we defeated Grants, without Lonsdale, in wretched weather, by 22-0, thus eclipsing our previous record of 16-0 against H.B.B. last year. Blaker and Anderson with eight goals apiece, and Willett (5) and L. Y. Barnby did the scoring. The shooting in the first half of the game was excellent, and we scored thirteen times. When we met H.B.B. in the final, the weather was perfect, though the wind at times was troublesome, and we had an extremely fast and pleasant game, forty minutes extra time being needed before we arrived at a definite conclusion. The game at the end of an hour and a half was two all, but in the last twenty minutes we scored twice, our better condition standing us in good stead. Rayner in goal for H.B.B. could not have given a better display, and their defence was altogether sound, while Rigauds were the better team forward. We felt the absence of H. McKenna very much. To win the Shield in eight successive years is a record of which we may be justly proud. We must congratulate L. Y. Barnby and Willett on obtaining their Pink and Whites, A. C. Barnby and Lord on their 3rd XI.'s, and K. B. Anderson, Roose, and Jewesbury on their House Colours.

H.B.B.—In the House matches we were drawn against Ashburnham in the first round, and succeeded in beating them by 4-0, after a shocking display by our forwards. Against Rigauds in the final, we did better than was anticipated, for, though we were beaten, two sets of extra time had to be played. We congratulate Murray and Deacon on their Pink and Whites, Truslove on his 3rd XI., and Truslove, Plaskitt, and Blaxland on their House Colours. Judging from the energy of some of our number, we ought to show up a little in the Sports.

ASHBURNHAM.—We played H.B.B. in the Shield matches, and lost by 4-0. After the match Harris and Wynter received their House Colours, upon which we congratulate them. We also have to congratulate Young, Wynter, and Harris on their 3rd XI.'s, in the order named. R. T. Stead must also be congratulated on winning the fencing competition after a brilliant display. Crawshaw has again disappeared, we believe this time for good.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. DOUGLAS STUART, Vicar of Ipplepen, Devonshire. Mr. Stuart, who was the youngest son of the Hon. and Rev. Andrew Stuart, was admitted in 1868, became a Q.S. in 1870, and, leaving in 1873, matriculated from Lincoln College, Oxford, in the same year. He had been for the last ten years vicar of Ipplepen, and died there, on April 2, in his forty-third year.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. JOHN LOCKHART SYMS. Mr. Syms, who was at the School under Dr. Goodenough and Dr. Williamson, was in his eighty-second year.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

NOTE.—The following record of the founding of the School is from 'The Historie of the most high, mighty, and Ever-glorious Emperesse, Elizabeth, Invincible Queene of England'—(and several other things)—'translated out of the French, by Abraham Darcie, 1629.'

The passage is as follows:—

'And moreouer, cōuerted the Monastery of Westminster, a most famous place for the sacring of the Kings of England, and the place where the Armes and Royall Ensignes were alwaies kept, into a Colledgiall Church, or (as I may better terme it) into a Seminary of the Church: And there instituted one Deane, twelve Prebends, one Master, one Vsher, fortie Schollers, whom they call the King's Nurseries, out of which there be sixe every yeere, or more, chosen for the Academies of Ministers, and Singers; twelve poore, &c., to the glory of God, and the increase of true Religion, and good Learning; And, certainly, there comes out from thence, happily for Church and Cōmon-wealth, a number of Learned men.'

Some of the phrases, such as 'King's Nurseries,' and 'Academies of Singers,' are new to me, and I should be glad to hear them explained. The last words are gratifying. C18.

Correspondence.

'UP-SCHOOL.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I should be sorry, as a rule, to set my authority against that of Mr. Peck on a matter of Westminster usage, but with regard to the use of the phrase 'Up-School' as a substantive to denote the schoolroom, I may, perhaps, be allowed to point out that his example of the notice in the 'Cloister,' which, he says, should have been 'Up-School' and not 'To the Great School,' if it is relevant at all, bears out my contention that 'Up-School' means to or in the schoolroom, and not the schoolroom itself. If this were not so Mr. Peck's

ideal notice should have been 'to Up-School,' and to say that this would have been right would surely have taxed any one's audacity.

Mr. Peck does not allude to my analogy of 'Up-fields'; I should like to know his views on it.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
O. W.

THE JUBILEE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Do you not think that Westminster, as a royal school, should, in some way, commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee? Should it not remember that its chief benefactor was a queen?

I am, dear sir, your humble servant,
L. O. YAL.

THE SCHOOL MOTTO.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—Why was I rejected as the School motto?
Yours very loyally,

IN PATRIAM POPULUMQUE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PHILO-WESTMINSTER.—You are quite mistaken in supposing that Q.SS. are so greatly disappointed that Her Majesty is not to honour Westminster with her presence at her Diamond Jubilee. They recognise the claims of St. Paul's and the City to have an opportunity of expressing their loyalty also. We could not insert your letter, owing to the remark it contained about T.BB., who are the last people that Q.SS. would wish to deprive of a chance of viewing the royal procession. Such remarks as yours do not tend to harmony in a School, and are much better left unwritten.

WESTMONASTERIENSIS.—The tears in the match you speak of were thoroughly representative, and had the full sanction of the captain of T.BB. as well as of Q.SS. themselves. We would have inserted your letter but for its exceptionally objectionable tone. The match that was played this year is the same that it has ever been, and will continue to be, we hope, for many years to come. Q.SS. are very well able to stand up for themselves without unsolicited advice from outsiders. It is besides contrary to our rule to accept any matter not written on one side of the paper only. *Vide* 'Notices' at the end of the number.—ED.

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