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The Editor begs all subscribers to accept his sincere apologies for the long delay, for which he alone is entirely responsible, in the production of this number of THE ELIZABETHAN.

THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON.

LAST season we were able to renew our old pre-war fixtures. Our school matches were the same as those of Season 1918-19. Lancing was played away for the first time and we were beaten after quite a good game. We again played two Charterhouse matches, but it was their turn to come up to us for the real fixture in the Lent Term. In the Play Term Bradfield won by two goals up at Vincent Square. The XI gradually improved throughout the season. The forwards, as a whole, were quite ineffective during the Play Term. Cazeaux, at inside right, was extremely slow when he had the ball and never ran straight ahead. Rattenbury made some good runs on the right wing, but invariably failed to centre well. The left wing was only filled up permanently in the Lent Term. The halves were the best feature of

the team early in the season. Munt always played well in goal.

In the Lent term, Cazeaux left and Hame was brought up to fill this vacancy. Taylor was changed to right half towards the end of the season, and R. F. L. Moonan finally took his place at centre.

During the last four weeks the inside forwards got together very much better and at last began to learn to pass forward and not to waste time.

The defeat at Harrow may be chiefly put down to the inability of the backs to get hold of the ball and clear it under rather trying conditions.

In spite of the score, the XI played together well in the Charterhouse match. We must remember that they had an unusually strong side and were very much heavier than Westminster.

Appended is a criticism of individual players.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

H. F. GORMAN (*inside left*).

A hard-working and persevering player. Shows good dribbling powers and controls the ball well. Towards the end of the season he displayed a

distinct swerve, and executed many fine individual runs.

Has always shown a splendid example of keenness to his side.

E. M. CAZEAUX (*inside right*).

A fair player; has some idea of the principles of passing, but is handicapped by lack of control of the ball when dribbling. Shows pace at times, but generally fails to run straight for goal.

K. C. HAME (*right half and inside right*).

A sound half-back with fair tackling powers. Showed distinct powers of combination and knowledge of the short passing game in his new position of inside forward. Plays correct football, but very deficient in pace.

L. R. LAST (*left back*).

Has got through a tremendous amount of hard work. Shows great pace and is a resolute tackler. His kicking is somewhat wild and too lofty, but he has got his side out of many a tight corner. Might use his weight more. Plays always in excellent style, and a pretty player to watch.

H. R. MUNT (*goal-keeper*).

Has kept goal consistently well, and brought off many a brilliant save. He makes full use of his weight and reach. Should get rid of the ball very much quicker and avoid bouncing it to the extent he does. Has a very strong and powerful punch, and has the right temperament for a goalkeeper—a cool head.

P. E. MELLOR (*left-half*).

A splendid tackler, who never knows when he is beaten. Feeds his forwards well, but apt to give his passes too much in the air. Marks his wing man very closely, but might with advantage converge more into the centre when play is near his own goal.

G. B. KEILY (*right back*).

A sturdy back. Tackles resolutely, but does not recover quickly enough if the tackle is missed. Very clever with his head, and with a little more experience in being in the right position should become a class player.

F. D. BERRYMAN (*centre forward*).

Shows pace and is a rare hustler. Has a good idea of feeding his wing forwards, but is clumsy in his footwork in the short passing game. A splendid shot at goal, who would be still better with a little extra steadiness. Should try and run straight and not in a circle.

R. M. RATTENBURY (*outside right*).

Shows a tremendous pace and fair control of the ball when under way. Very slow off the mark, and poor at smothering the ball. Should take more care to keep himself unmarked from the

opposing half in readiness for a pass. Never gives up, and a great trier.

J. R. PEACOCK (*outside left*).

Centres well, but much too slow with the ball, and should get quicker off the mark. Lacks resolution and alertness. A good corner kicker.

C. H. TAYLOR (*right half*).

A brainy player, with a good style, and knows the game thoroughly. Handicapped by lack of physique, but makes up for this by his cleverness in passing and his happy knack of always being in the right position. Should show more pace in recovering a missed tackle.

R. F. L. MOONAN (*centre half*).

A great worker and a persevering player. Must confine more attention to the opposing centre forwards, and should also feed his forwards with greater accuracy. A stubborn defender and plays a losing game well.

SCHOOL COLOURS.

Pinks.—*H. F. Gorman, *E. M. Cazeaux, *K. C. Hame, *L. R. Last, H. R. Munt, P. E. Mellor, G. B. Keily, F. D. Berryman, *R. M. Rattenbury, J. R. Peacock, C. H. Taylor, R. F. L. Moonan.

Pink and Whites.—S. F. Jacomb Hood, *C. E. L. Bruges, W. J. H. M. Beattie, W. E. Newall, *C. D. Brown, G. T. Swann, G. O. George.

Thirds.—J. D. Percival, C. H. Weinberger, W. L. Hartley, *H. Clare, P. G. R. Burford, J. C. Cobbold, F. M. M. Eyton Jones, C. F. McFarlane, R. G. H. Lowe, J. H. Blair, *D. John, A. H. J. Chisholm.

Colts Cap.—D. L. Moonan, E. B. H. Baker, D. B. Murphy, W. N. McBride, R. S. Randolph, H. Massingham, C. Harvey, W. B. Enever, E. H. Horton, C. G. Wilson.

*All marked thus have left or will have left by next season.

HISTORICAL NOTE.

IN the recently published *Recollections of Lady Georgiana Peel* there is the following reference to the Westminster schooldays of her father, Lord John Russell (afterwards John, 1st Earl Russell, Prime Minister), who was a boarder up Grant's, 1803-04:—

'All round Belgrave Square and Sloane Square were absolute swamps, belonging to Lord Westminster and Lord Cadogan. In my father's youth, when he was at school at Westminster, he

remembered the great treat, on a half-holiday, was to go with the Grosvenor boys, who were also at the school, to shoot their father's snipe, which abounded in the marshes, where is now Belgrave Square. He remembered getting up to his waist in bog' (p. 110).

School Notes.

C. G. Willoughby has been elected to a Classical Postmastership at Merton College, Oxford.

G. E. A. Dix has been awarded an Exhibition in History at Merton College, Oxford.

G. Morris has been awarded an Exhibition in History at Downing College, Cambridge.

There are twenty-five new boys this term.

The Ireland Greek Verse Prize has been awarded to R. M. Rattenbury.

The Senior Vincent Prize is divided by K. McGregor and P. Simpson. The Junior Prize is not awarded.

The theses for School Epigrams are (i) Πλέον ἤμισιν παντός (ii) *Occupet extremum scabies*.

The Madrigal and Orchestral Societies will give a Concert towards the end of the term.

On Tuesday, May 17, His Majesty the King and the Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath were present at the Installation of Knights in the Chapel of King Henry VII. On this occasion, the Senior King's Scholars acted as stewards in various parts of the Abbey, and the remainder of the King's Scholars were present in the Nave, while a Guard of Honour from the O.T.C. lined the Cloisters.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sports were held up Fields on March 24, 26 and 27. Though the weather was by no means favourable, the ground was fairly good till late on Saturday, when a downpour of rain drenched the large crowd of visitors, and caused the Mile to be run in a sea of mud.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Costley-White for very kindly giving away the prizes, and to Messrs. L. A. M. Fevez and A. T. Willett for their inval-

uable services. The Band of 'A' Division, Metropolitan Police, played on Saturday afternoon.

Of the individual performers, Mellor, Cobbold, and Last all distinguished themselves, while among the Juniors, Young should do great things in coming years.

The results are given below.

1. HALF-MILE HANDICAP (Open).—1, Mellor, C. (H.B.B.); 2, Last (K.S.S.). Both from scratch. Time 2 min. 13 secs. A good race from scratch.

2. 300 YARDS' HANDICAP (Over 16).—1, Last (K.S.S.); 2, Cobbold (R.R.). Time, 36 secs. A very fast and close race.

3. THROWING THE HAMMER (Open).—1, Stevens (G.G.); 2, Philcox (R.R.). Distance, 87 ft. 9 ins. A better throw than the average.

4. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Under 15).—1, Harvey (H.B.B.); 2, Murphy (G.G.). Distance, 56 yds., 8 ins.

5. HURDLE RACE (Under 15).—1, Lane (A.H.H.); 2, Young (R.R.). Time, 21 2/5th secs. A very good race.

6. INTER-HOUSE RELAY RACE.—Winners, K.S.S. (Last, Moonan R., Eyton-Jones, Hame). Time, 2 min. 5 2/5th secs. The new race seemed popular and was keenly contested to the last lap, when Last easily carried off the final quarter-mile for K.S.S.

7. LONG JUMP (Under 15).—1, Young (R.R.); 2, Harvey (H.B.B.). Distance, 15 ft. 2 1/2 ins. A good distance for a junior jump.

8. HALF-MILE, WITH HURDLES (Open).—1, Mellor (H.B.B.); 2, Bennett (K.S.S.); 3, Service (H.B.B.). Time, 2 min. 27 2/5th secs. An easy win for Mellor in 10 secs. less than his time last year.

9. QUARTER-MILE (Under 15).—1, Young (R.R.); 2, Nathan (G.G.). Time, 64 secs.

10. 100 YARDS (Under 16).—1, Young (R.R.); 2, Murphy (G.G.). Time, 12 secs. An easy win for Young.

11. THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, Lowe (H.B.B.); 2, Hame (K.S.S.). Distance, 80 yds. Lowe should come near the record in future years.

12. HURDLE RACE (Open).—1, Cobbold (R.R.); 2, Gorman (K.S.S.). Time, 19 2/5th secs. A close race in average time.

13. HIGH JUMP (Under 15).—1, Henry (R.R.); 2, Harvey (H.B.B.). Height, 4 ft. 6 ins.

14. 100 YARDS (Open).—1, Cobbold (R.R.); 2, Last (K.S.S.). Time 12 secs. Poor time, but a close race.

15. QUARTER-MILE (Under 16).—1, Young (R.R.); 2, Murphy (G.G.). Time, 62 4/5th secs.

16. HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, Beattie (A.H.H.); 2, Clare (H.B.B.). Height, 5 ft. Below the average jump.

17. 150 YARDS (Under 14).—1, Lane (A.H.H.); 2, Chapman (A.H.H.). Time, 20 secs.

18. QUARTER-MILE (Open).—1, Last (K.S.S.); 2, Cobbold (R.R.); 3, Mellor (H.B.B.). Time, 57 1/5th secs. A good finish in good time.

19. 100 YARDS (Under 15).—1, Young (R.R.); 2, London (A.H.H.). Time, 12 2/5th secs. A good time.

20. LONG JUMP (Open).—1, Burford (R.R.); 2, Brown (R.R.). The exact distance has been lost, but it was below the average.

21. ONE MILE (Open).—1, Mellor (H.B.B.); 2, Service (H.B.B.); 3, Bennett (K.S.S.). Time, 5 mins. 14 secs. An easy win for Mellor, who, on better ground, would have improved the time.

22. CONSOLATION RACE.—1, Moonan (K.S.S.); 2, Swann (G.G.).

23. O.W.W. RACE.—1, H. Brodie; 2, A. L. Leighton.

The Inter-House Tug-of-War was won by Ashburnham (2-0), who easily defeated Home Boarders and Grants. The best tug was in the first round between Grants and Rigauds, Rigauds once getting the rope in all but a foot, and Grants then pulling them over. Town Boys easily pulled over King's Scholars (2-0).

The House Cup went to Rigauds, and there was little doubt as to its destination all Saturday. Young will bring them many points again next year.

Points.—1. Rigaud's, 45; 2. Home Boarders, 30; 3. King's Scholars, 18; 4. Ashburnham, 13; 5. Grant's, 9.



WESTMINSTER SCHOOL CONCERT.

A MOST successful concert was given by the School Madrigal and Orchestral Societies on March 24, and showed that these institutions have already done very good work in the first term of their new life. The Madrigal Society took part in four works, starting the programme with Schumann's 'Gipsy Life,' which was given a highly dramatic rendering. Later in the programme they sang two difficult part songs by Stanford and Debussy, and did themselves great credit in the way they conquered the many pitfalls for the unwary, particularly in the second of the two, for the archaic French does not make it any easier for singers. They also finished the concert with Parry's splendid Jerusalem tune, in which K. C. Hame gave a good account of the solo verse. It is becoming now the custom to sing the second verse of this fine song twice, in order that the whole audience may join in at its final repetition. This would no doubt have had the sanction of the composer, and if the song is repeated at another Westminster concert, it would be good to hear the whole school joining in at the end.

The lion's share of the work of the concert fell on the orchestra, and their work reflects the greatest credit, both on themselves and on Mr. Heward, for they had evidently rehearsed very hard indeed, and the result of this hard work was very apparent in a series of excellent performances. The subtleties of phrasing and colour in Grieg's two Elegiac Melodies were admirably brought out, as also the strong rhythms in Grainger's Mock Morris and the fine sweep of his Londonderry tune. The three dances from Bach's Flute suite were given with admirable spirit with W. H. Troutbeck as solo flute, and F. D. Hame at the Continuo. J. S. Somers-Cocks played the Debussy dances for piano and string orchestra (originally written to encourage the invention of

a chromatic harp, which was made by a friend of the composer) with complete command, and here again a by no means easy orchestral accompaniment was excellently given. The soloists all rendered this very creditably. The difficulties of the two Brahms Trio movements, played by D. and R. F. L. Moonan with Mr. Heward, were successfully surmounted, and L. D. Harris gave a fine account of the two songs by Grieg on the tunes from which he had constructed the two short pieces played by the orchestra earlier in the programme. The Headmaster, who had already done yeoman service amongst the tenors of the Madrigal Society, sang delightfully two charming examples of modern English song-writing, and was kind enough to accede to an irresistible demand for an encore.

The concert was a great success from every point of view, except that of some half-dozen members of the audience, who seemed to think that the School orchestra and choir were to be treated like the musicians who are provided by misguided restaurant managers to stimulate the conversation of their patrons. It is perfectly easy to walk out of any concert at which you are feeling bored, and it might be well to suggest that those members of the School who object to Westminster taking the splendid opportunity given it by its geographical position to become, at any rate, as musical as any of the public schools that are buried in the heart of the country, and have, in spite of this, large and flourishing musical societies, should disappear quietly to their houses, instead of disturbing those who can appreciate the really remarkable achievement of their more energetic schoolfellows.

A. C. B.



PUBLIC SCHOOL RACQUETS COMPETITION, 1920.

It is some time since we sent up representatives for this competition. This year J. D. Percival and F. D. Berryman, our pair, rather severely handicapped themselves by illness, which prevented them taking full advantage of the practices allotted to them at Queen's Club. Berryman was, unfortunately, far from well on the day of the match against Harrow, and failed to do himself justice. Percival was also suffering from his recent attack of influenza, though he made a gallant effort in the fourth and final game of the match, with a run of 12 aces, but failed to pull the match out of the fire. No doubt we ought to have done better. Percival was not hitting the

ball as hard as we have seen him do. Berryman was rather apt to hit the ball on the wood instead of the centre of the racquet, and his foot work is very slow and faulty. It was certainly disappointing that we were beaten by a young, though promising pair, four games to love.

GAMES COMMITTEE, 1919.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance ... ..	...	216	12	9
Sports and Swimming Entries	...	30	0	0
Masters' Prizes ... ..	...	6	16	6
Elizabethan Club ... ..	...	10	0	0
Masters' Fund ... ..	...	20	0	0
Levies ... ..	...	520	2	3
Shop (profit) ... ..	...	20	0	0
		£823	11	6

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Wages ... ..	...	361	13	6
Expenses of ground ... ..	...	23	19	5
Railway fares ... ..	...	46	16	0
Secretaries' Expenses ... ..	...	3	18	7
Cricket Goods ... ..	...	74	19	6
Footballs ... ..	...	33	15	0
Repairs ... ..	...	19	1	5
Marl ... ..	...	4	10	0
Horse Hire ... ..	...	25	0	0
Printing ... ..	...	19	13	0
Gas Accounts ... ..	...	12	8	3
Sports and Swimming Prizes	...	46	6	0
Racquets ... ..	...	29	9	10
Water ... ..	...	49	4	6
Matting ... ..	...	25	0	0
Balance ... ..	...	47	16	6
		£823	11	6

House Notes.

K.SS.—First, we must congratulate Willoughby and Dix on the distinctions they have gained at Merton. It is indeed fame to have a Postmaster among us! Secondly, the College team is to be congratulated on carrying off the Cup for the Relay Race for the first time; may it prove a happy omen. Taylor and Moonan D. have earned our thanks by keeping a firm hold on that good old College tradition, the Fives Cup. We are in high hopes that our success against the Town

Boys last term may be repeated this term, both up Fields and on the Water, as at present five King's Scholars play for the School regularly, and we have three members of the first two fours. Finally, we extend the hand of friendship to Baker, who comes to us this term to swell the numbers of the smallest election on record.

GG.—There left us last term H. M. Dulley, J. R. Rea, A. S. Clements, R. S. MacFarlane, F. A. Loder, W. J. Valentin, and C. P. Willoughby. The following new boys have come up Grants, A. N. Chart (from Ashburnham), D. E. Lashmore, F. E. N. MacQuisten and E. Whitley (boarders); and D. Peacock (half-boarder). Also J. R. Peacock has become a boarder again this term. We must congratulate G. T. Swann on becoming a monitor, and C. K. N. Ballantyne and C. H. Weinberger on coming into Chiswicks.

In the Sports last term we were not so successful as we had hoped to be; in the finals of the tug we succumbed to Ashburnham, a much heavier team.

Congratulations are due to J. R. Peacock on winning his football Pinks; G. T. Swann on his Pink and Whites; and W. L. H. Hartley and C. H. Weinberger on their Thirds. Hartley also won his Town Boy Cap.

A.HH.—Bassett has left. Chart and Lees have gone to other Houses, but there are seven new boys, and we now number 91. Bedford has come into the Upper. Otherwise there is little news of this term; H. R. Munt plays for the team, and Racquets Ties are being re-started with great enthusiasm. Fives Ties are already well on; last term's were won by Keily and Cobbold.

But for to tellen of last term's victories! We lost the Sports Cup, though we were not last, and hope for great things some three years hence. In Fives we got into the Finals. The Tug Cup we carried off as usual, thanks to superior digging-power and Lord's brilliant coaching; and in Chess, both the Tournament and the House Competition are ours.

Turning to brains, we congratulate Bentwich, Gordon and Lord on passing Little-go; and McGregor on winning half the Vincent. In Football, too, we are very proud: Newall and Beattie were given Pink and Whites at the end of the term, Chisholm his Thirds, and Horton his Colts; Neal, too, won his House colours in Juniors. Last, but not least, the Modern Side, after a memorable battle, defeated the Classics by 2 goals to 1.

H.BB.—This term we have several new members of the Upper, namely C. Mellor, R. G. Lowe,

C. F. McFarlane and P. E. Mellor, who barely make up for the loss of C. E. L. Bruges, and the various other Members of the House who left last term. Our performance in the Sports did not come up to expectations, though individual performers, especially C. F. K. Mellor, Lowe, H. Clare, and G. H. Harvey distinguished themselves. In the Tug we were as usual unfortunate in losing to Ashburnham. We apologise to G. Morris for failing in our last Notes to congratulate him on the History Exhibition at Downing College, Cambridge. We congratulate the following on Football colours:—Clare, Macfarlane and Lowe on Thirds, and Harvey and Wilson on Colts Caps, and P. Simpson on winning half the Vincent.

RR.—We must begin this term by congratulating Little on being made a monitor, and Hame and Baliol Scott on coming into Under. Pantin, Etherton and John have left us, and our new boys are Lees, Hemmant, Bramall and Hale, boarders, and Drake-Brockman, half-boarder. Percival has now returned, and our chances for more than one Cup seem quite bright. If it is not too late, we should like to congratulate Young, Cobbold, Burford, Brown, Henry and Philcox on their efforts in the Sports, in which Rigauds won the Cup with great ease.

Finally, we wish to congratulate Mrs. Fox very heartily on her well-deserved artistic success.

Old Westminsters.

Mr. Henry Perry Robinson, War Correspondent of 'The Times,' has been created a K.B.E.

Mr. D. C. Morrison has been appointed to a Judgeship in the Sudan.

The King has approved of the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society to Mr. H. St. J. B. Philby, C.I.E., for his two journeys in South-Central Arabia in 1917 and 1918.

Mr. C. C. J. Webb has been appointed Oriel Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion at Oxford.

Mr. R. R. Rawson won the light weights in the Amateur Boxing Championship of Great Britain.

The Order of the British Empire has been awarded to the following Old Westminsters for War Services:—C.B.E.—Mr. K. J. Milne, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Pensions; Mr. W. H. Moresley, O.B.E., Legal Advisor to the War Office. O.B.E.—Mr. O. C. Chapman, Secretary

Freight and Transport Section, Foreign Office; Mr. O. J. R. Howarth, Naval Intelligence Division, Admiralty. M.B.E.—Mr. W. D. Drakeford, War Office.

At Cambridge Dr. Adrian has been appointed University Lecturer in Physiology. The Tripos lists give us four first classes, Mr. L. H. Chidson and Mr. G. Turberville in Classics, Mr. L. H. H. Lowe in Mathematics, and Mr. A. G. Pite in History.

At Oxford Mr. C. W. Baty is in the First Class in Classical Moderations.

At Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. L. H. Chidson has been elected to a Senior Scholarship for Classics, and Mr. R. J. V. Pulvertaft, Mr. J. C. W. Horne, and Mr. G. Turberville to Exhibitions for Natural Science, Modern Languages, and Classics, respectively.

Births.

On December 13, the wife of the Hon. Frank Hopwood, of a daughter.

On March 7, the wife of Cecil Buckley Unwin, of a daughter.

On March 24, the wife of Bernard Hastings Willett, of a son.

On March 26, the wife of Thomas Olaf Willson, C.B.E., of a son.

On March 27, the wife of R. Davies Colley, C.M.G., M.Ch., of a son.

On April 25, the wife of H. St. J. B. Philby, C.I.E., I.C.S., of a daughter.

Marriages.

VEY—WINGATE.—On March 4, Surgeon-Lieutenant Frank Hamilton Vey to Emily, third daughter of the late Capt. G. M. Wingate.

THORESBY—BATTLE.—On March 4, Mervyn Thoresby (formerly Jones) to Violet Edmée Vulliamy, younger daughter of W. H. Battle, F.R.C.S., of 49, Harley Street.

MACKLIN—KENT.—On April 14, Albert Sortain Romer Macklin to Marjorie Vivian, younger daughter of the late G. Harold Kent, of 92, Lexham Gardens.

TURNER—JOHNSON.—On April 14, Frederick Gordon Turner, O.B.E., M.C., to Mary Olivia Saffery, only daughter of Gordon Johnson, of 28, Philbeach Gardens.

NOTT-BOWER—MCLEOD.—On April 24, Reginald Ernest Nott-Bower to Mary Dorothy, elder daughter of Herbert McLeod, LL.D., F.R.S., of Richmond.

Obituary.

THE death of Colonel HENRY FLUDYER, C.V.O., removes the last member but one of a very old Westminster family. His great grandfather, afterwards Sir Samuel and Lord Mayor of London, was admitted to the School in the reign of George I., his grandfather in 1771, his father, Sir John Henry, in the year of Waterloo, and he himself in 1860. He left in 1866, and was gazetted to the Scottish Fusilier Guards, of which regiment he became Lieutenant-Colonel of a battalion in 1877. He served in the Egyptian War in 1882, and in the Sudan in 1885, and became a Colonel in 1887. He commanded a regimental district from 1898 to 1903, and again from 1914 to 1916, while on the outbreak of the War he had been reappointed to the command in his regiment. He was also for many years Gentleman Usher in Ordinary to the King. He died on April 8.

ARCHIBALD MACLAGAN ANDREWS, who died at Victoria, B.C., on April 17, was the third son of the late Rev. J. M. Andrews, Vicar of Highgate, and was at the School as a Q.S. from 1888 to 1892. He settled in British Columbia.

The death has also recently taken place of HENRY HODSON BURT, who was at the School from September, 1886, to July, 1887. He was the elder son of the late H. W. Burt, and was for a time in the Merchant Navy.

GRANVILLE JAMES ALDWINCHLE, who died on March 26, of pneumonia, was the second son of T. W. Aldwinchle, F.R.I.B.A., and was admitted up Grant's in 1894.

Correspondence.

40, LEXHAM GARDENS,
KENSINGTON, W.8.
May 5, 1920.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—To-day I received a notice of the general meeting of the Old Westminster Football and Cricket Club to be held on Tuesday, 11th inst., 5.15 p.m.

At a previous meeting, I proposed that it would be better to hold this and all meetings at a later hour in the evening, and as far as I remember, this was generally agreed to.

It is impossible for nearly all young Old Westminsters and even old Old Westminsters, to get away from work about 4.30 p.m.

Continually, Old Westminsters say to me, "You are on the Football Committee, why don't you have your meetings at a respectable hour."

At all the meetings I have attended, one always sees the same few 'stalwart veterans.' They may be the backbone of the Club, but a backbone is of no use without anything else.

To attend a meeting at 5.15 p.m., one must be either (1) able to get away at what hour you choose; (2) wangle to get away; or (3) have no work to get away from: which is the most fortunate is not for me to say. I must say I come under No. 2. Anyway to be able to attend a meeting is to be a 'fortunate' of some kind. Now is it not time we did something for the 'unfortunate'.

I am sure there are many in the Old Westminsters' F.C. and C.C. who would do their utmost to attend if the time were altered to reasonable hours.

An Old Boy Club cannot live for ever on its past honours but must renew them. I think all will agree that this can only be done by keenness, spirit, and competition. Surely, new blood and a bigger attendance at Old Westminster meetings, etc., will bring these essentials about. The new blood is there if it is only given a chance.

How many people can 'down tools' at 4.30 p.m. to attend football or cricket club meetings? Is it not time we bucked up and showed our old friends and rivals that the Old Westminster Football Club is not merely a name but an actuality.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. RICE-OXLEY, O.W.W.

DUNSTABLE HOUSE,
SHEEN ROAD, RICHMOND,
April 23, 1920.

DEAR SIR,—In common I am sure with many other O.W.W., I have for some time been watching the records of Public School sport.

In many cases I cannot even find the name of Westminster mentioned, e.g. with reference to racquets, sports at Stamford Bridge, boxing at Aldershot, etc. In addition to this the great matches of the year are more often than not dismal failures. We may beat say a weak M.C.C. team, but Charterhouse hardly ever.

This has, with few exceptions, been the case for many years now, and surely there must be some remediable cause underlying the evil. I am not sure that conditions were not better in my day, for I can remember some good boxers and fencers, in addition to outstanding football and cricket talent—all judged by competition standard.

It seems conceivable that the following causes may contribute to this state of affairs. Firstly, Westminster may not get the right type of boy for athleticism, for I fail to see how life in London can, in conjunction with the influences of home as opposed to those of school, assist a boy in this direction. Secondly, in my day, games and the success of the School in matches were made a penance by means of 'Station.' This had no tendency to inspire the average boy with a genuine interest in them. If *esprit-de-corps* will not suffice, then it is better to let a boy go home. Again, is there any good reason why, as was done more often than not in my day, many more boys than the correct number should be crowded into a game because, owing to 'Station,' they must go 'Up Fields'?

Thirdly—again in my day—unless a boy arrived from a Preparatory School with a reputation for games, no attempt was made by those on whom surely the duty should have devolved—Pinks and all other Colours—to find out through coaching and supervision whether he had any latent talent. I remember an attempt to insti-

tute a better system. A Colour was put in charge of each game. For about two days this worked well and gave a interest to the game. Then by degrees the Colours found that they had something else to do more important than coaching, and the games drifted back into the old slipshod ways.

Some of these points may perhaps now not hold good owing to changes of system, but the fact remains that the standard of games generally is where it was fourteen years ago, indeed possibly not as high; and it is a humiliating thing for those of us who are proud of our School to see her beaten by, or not even 'placed' among others, who should not properly be in a position to compete with her.

I am, Sir,
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