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THE PAST YEAR.

THE past year has been a singularly eventful one in the history of Westminster. The departure of one Head Master and the succession of another to the chair of Busby has turned the eyes of the world upon the School, and caused all who take any interest in her, whether friends or foes, to look forward with considerable anxiety to the results of so great a change. It is too soon as yet to criticise these in any detail; but the well-known reverence of our new Head Master for all ancient and honourable customs, his firm resolve to maintain the dignity of the illustrious School over which he has been called to preside, should convince all Westminsters that the historical institutions and venerable traditions of St. Peter's College are safe in his hands. They may confidently look forward to a great future for Westminster under the rule of Mr. Rutherford, which we hope will be no less long and successful than that of his predecessor in the Head Mastership.

Turning to the lesser events of the year, we

may mention the demolition of the picturesque but ruinous house formerly inhabited by the late organist, Mr. Turle. A new building is rising on its site, under the direction of Mr. Pearson, which will be, when completed, in connection with Ashburnham House on the one side, and with the great schoolroom on the other. Though the quaint old house, with its irregular and whimsical architecture, was a feature of Little Dean's Yard which we cannot but regret, yet not only was it necessary for the purposes of the School that it should be destroyed, but the unsafe condition of the structure itself made its disappearance in a short time inevitable under any circumstances. For its successor, the name of the distinguished architect whose services have been obtained by the Governing Body, is sufficient guarantee; and a generation will soon spring up who will not miss a building which they never saw.

A regular movement has been set on foot towards founding a new library as a memorial to the late Head Master. The small room, lately used for the singing-classes, which opens out of the great drawing-room of Ashburnham

House, has been prepared and fitted with book-cases under Mr. Bodley's directions. Several donations of books have been already given by O.W.W., especially by the late Bishop Short and Canon Bull. The founding of the new Library has given an impetus to the study of the contents of the old, and some of the results of researches among the latter have been recorded in recent numbers of the *Elizabethan*.

Turning to athletics, we noticed at the time the establishment of a Committee consisting of two Masters, the Captain, the Head Town Boy, the Head of Water and the Captains of Cricket and Football, for the regulation of the expenses of the School games. It is too soon as yet to judge the working of this scheme, but it was undoubtedly time that a stricter supervision was exercised in the matter. We were unfortunately defeated by Charterhouse both at cricket and football; while as to the contests between Q.S.S. and T.B.B., the former were victorious at water, the latter at cricket; the football match being a draw. Four O.W.W. have been playing at Oxford at football throughout the year; one of whom, however, has now gone down. The O. W. F. C. Cup team has been most successful, and is still in for the Association Cup.

At the same time with Dr. Scott, Mr. W. E. Bovill, for nearly fifteen years Master in the School, left us. We could ill afford to be deprived of the indefatigable zeal which he displayed in all departments of School life, especially in the performance of his duties as Bursar. With the year Mr. Upcott left us, in whom water and athletics generally sustain a great loss. He was the first treasurer of the new Games Committee. We also miss M. Massé, who has been for so long a time French master.

Nor must we forget Mantle, who for so many years held the post of Constable of Vincent Square and cricket professional to the School. He has gone out with the old year, but has not entirely disappeared, having set up a shop for bats, &c., in Regency Place, on the way up Fields.

It is only right that we should complete a review of the past year by a hope for the one that is begun.

A new arrangement of hours has been instituted, which, as was to be expected, is at first unpopular from its very novelty; but we hope that it will approve itself to the generations that succeed us here. After all, what is 7.15 school to the *régime* which prevailed at Westminster two hundred and fifty years ago, when 'about a q' of an hour after 5 in the morning we were

called up by one of the Monitors of the chamber (with a *surgite*), and after Lat. prayers we went into the cloyst^{rs} to wash, and thence in order two by two to the Schoole, where we were to be by six of the clock at the latest?' No, early hours are no new thing at Westminster.

The gathering of the whole School together, boarders and day-boarders alike, at the Morning Service in Abbey, is expected to accomplish a great work in drawing the School together, and arousing enthusiasm for the body in all its members. The unfortunate arrangement, however, by which the Service is held in the south transept, deprives it of outward dignity, and by obscuring our ancient connection with the Collegiate body, to whom the Choir specially belongs, takes from it the historical interest which attached to its predecessor, new institution as that was. Tradition is a great factor in the religion of a Westminster scholar, and violence is thus done to tradition.

But Westminster has lived through many changes, and many changes have in time justified themselves to Westminster. The true interest of the School is our only aim. And by the true interest of the School we chiefly mean this, that she may ever adapt ancient traditions to new wants; that in every century she may live worthy of her great history, and of that age in which she was born; that age in which the new and old met together, the romance of the Middle Ages with the enterprise of the modern times that were dawning, reverence with liberty, religion with science, in the minds of England's greatest writers, and under the auspices of our illustrious foundress. Finally, that she may, in the noble words of the vow imposed by Queen Elizabeth on the Dean and Prebendaries of this Collegiate Church, '*Vera consuetis, scripta non scriptis, semper antehabitorum.*'

School Notes.

WE regret to have to chronicle the departure of Mr. Upcott. His loss, we fear, will be felt severely during the coming water season. Mr. Blackburn is taking the Under Fourth in his place, and Mr. Tatham the Third Form.

M. Massé also has left us, and the higher French classes are now taken by M. Eugène Fasnacht, who also instructs the Modern School in German.

On Thursday, January 3rd, the Head Master was married, in the Abbey, to Miss Constance Renton,

daughter of John Renton, Esq. The Dean performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, Vicar of Shalford, and the Precentor. The Master of the Q.SS. and twelve of the Queen's Scholars were present in surplices. We beg to welcome Mrs. Rutherford most heartily to Westminster, and offer our sincerest congratulations to the Head Master. A revolving bookcase has been presented to Mr. Rutherford as a wedding present by members of the School. Upon it is a plate bearing the following inscription :

GULIELMO GUNION RUTHERFORD, A.M.,
Coll. S. Petri Westmon.
Archididascalo,
D.D.
Alumni et Regii et Oppidani.
MDCCCLXXXIV.

Great changes in the hours of work, etc., have taken place this term. For the Q.SS. and boarders there is early preparation from 7.15 to 8; breakfast at 8. Abbey for the whole school in the south transept, at 9; and school from 9.15 to 12 or 12.30, with a break from 10.45 to 11; Midday Hall is at 1; afternoon school is from 3.30 to 5.30, as before.

At a meeting of the Debating Society, held on Monday, January 28th, the following were elected officers of the Society: President, H. C. Peck; Vice-President, A. M. T. Jackson; Secretary, G. C. Ince; Treasurer, F. H. Coller.

The officers of the Bell-Ringing Society for this term are as follows:—President, F. H. Coller; Secretary, E. F. Peck; Treasurer, J. W. Aris. A. S. Waterfield has been elected a member of the Society.

Our readers may observe in the balance-sheet of the *Elizabethan*, which appears in this number, that, thanks to liberal donations from O.WW. and others, the debt has been paid off, and we are enabled to make a fair start again.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

NOTES.

CHAIRING THE CAPTAIN OF ELECTION (vol. iv. pp. 43, 55, 70, 78).—E. V. A. is quite correct in his assertion that H. S. Otter was chaired in 1870. I remember the occasion well, for it was the first and last time that I ever took part in a 'Greeze' of this sort.—W. S. TROLLOPE.

ANOTHER OBSOLETE CUSTOM.—The following is taken from *Brand's Popular Antiquities*, vol. i. p. 433, footnote :

'It was formerly the custom on the foundation of Westminster School for the Senior Boys, on the admission of a new junior election, to address the last of them at supper-time, accompanying the first three words of the formula with their appropriate

actions: "Salsandus, calcandus, exspuendus; denique non credendus; abi junior." This custom has for many years been obsolete.—HP!

THE following rhymes on the Masters at Westminster in 1819 may be amusing to some of the readers of the *Elizabethan* :

'Just recovered from his brandy
Jimmy Dodds comes into school,
Mr. Longlands is a dandy,
Smedley makes himself a fool,
Page is nothing but a bear,
Ellis gives the boys hard slaps,
Knox is mad as a March hare,
Campbell's gaiters have no straps.'

O. K.

QUERIES.

BOOKS PRINTED AT WESTMINSTER.—By the Act of Parliament, 15 Geo. III. c. 53, it was enacted that the Universities of England and Scotland and the Colleges of Eton, Westminster, and Winchester respectively 'shall, at their respective presses, have for ever the sole liberty of printing and reprinting all such books as shall at any time heretofore have been or (having not been heretofore published or assigned) shall at any time hereafter be bequeathed or otherwise given by the Author or Authors of the same respectively, or the representatives of such Author or Authors to or in trust for the said Colleges of Eton, Westminster, and Winchester, or any of them, for the purposes aforesaid, unless the same shall have been bequeathed or given, or shall hereafter be bequeathed or given, for any term of years or other limited time; any law or usage to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.'

This Act came into force from and after the 24th of June, 1775. In your last number, in your article on the College Library, you stated that many books were found in College which 'were published for the use of the School—the earlier ones by Elizabeth Redmayne, in the Strand; the later ones by B. Barker, at the College Arms in College Street.'

I shall be glad to know the names of the books that have been printed for the School, with the dates of their publication, &c., and also by whom they were bequeathed. When did B. Barker succeed Elizabeth Redmayne as the School printer, and with what building in College Street can the 'College Arms' now be identified? Any particulars relating to the School printing-press and its publications will be gratefully received by ALPHA.

SANATORIUM IN THE DEAN'S CLOSE.—The following passage is taken from John Dart's history of Westminster Abbey, published in 1723. Can anyone give any further information as to the sick-house in the Dean's Close?

'The Queen likewise instituted a College or School after the manner of those at Eton and Winchester of 40 Scholars govern'd by an upper Master, and Usher or second Master; these were term'd the Queen's Scholars. And whereas when it was a Deanery in Henry VIII.'s time the Scholars had 3s. 6d. allowed them, and boarded anywhere; coming

only daily to school for learning. These were collected into one Body, and a Part of the old Abbey Offices set apart for a Dorter or Dormitory, which was then called a great chamber, provided for them by Dr. Bill and the Prebendaries; they had likewise their Commons in the Dean's Hall and two yards of Broad-cloth for a Gown; there was likewise a House provided for them in the Dean's Close in case of Sickness and another at Cheswick.—P. M. F.

REPLIES.

BOOKS PRINTED AT WESTMINSTER.—The following is a list of the books published for the use of the School, which were found in the cupboards in College, made shortly after the conclusion of our researches. To this I have appended a list of the books published for the use of the School by the Redmaynes, extracted from a catalogue of their publications, which is at the end of a Greek Grammar, dated 1693; also the names of the books published for, or dedicated to, the School, which are in the library up School.—P. M. F.

SECTION A.—GREEK GRAMMARS.

1. Grant's Spicilegium. Ex officina Henrici Bineman pro Francisco Coldock, London, 1575. The School Arms do not appear on the title-page of this book.
2. Institutio Græcæ Grammaticæ Compendiaria, Londini. Excudebat Edm. Bollifant pro Simone Waterson, 1595. Presented by Rev. E. Smedley, Usher of Westminster, 1816.
3. The same. Accessit breve Lexicon Primitivarum Græcæ linguae dictionum. Excusum Londini, per R. R. Impensis Simonis Waterson. A. D. 1597. Presented by Rev. Lord Aston, 1816. The arms do not appear on the title-page of these books either, but the publisher's sign. This book is Camden's abridgement of Grant's Spicilegium.
4. The same. Londini, Excudebat Bonhamus Norton Typographus Regius, 1626. This book has on its title-page the Royal Arms, and seven pictures of the various sciences. This title-page was copied for an edition of this book published in 18th century, and was not nearly so well engraved as that in the older edition.
5. Græcæ Grammaticæ Rudimenta. Londini, ex officina Eliz. Redmayne, 1693. This is probably Busby's Grammar, and bears the arms of Westminster, without any motto. Two copies of this have been found.
6. Græcæ Linguae Dialecti, opera ac studio Mich. Maittaire, Ed. Xti apud Oxonienses alumni. Londini, Typis Edm. Powel. Impensis Eliz. Bennett ad insigne lunæ falcatae in Cœmeterio D. Pauli, 1706. This book has the arms on its title-page, printed in the same manner as in the Busby Grammar mentioned above. There are two copies of this book.

SECTION B.—LATIN GRAMMARS.

1. Rudimentum Grammaticæ Latinae Metricum. In usum Nobilium puerulorum in Schola Regia Westmonasterii. Londini, ex officina Eliz. Redmayne, 1688. This book has the arms on the title-page, without any motto.
2. A short Institution of Grammar for the use of Westminster School. Printed by Roger Daniel, printer to the University of Cambridge, 1647. This book is by Francis Gregory, who also adapted the Etymologicon of Sylburgius for Westminster and for Woodstock, where he was head master. It is dedicated to Osbaldeston and Busby. On

the title-page is merely the old Cambridge mark; and on the other side of it the Royal Arms, with C. R. over them.

3. A short introduction to Grammar. The title-page to this book is missing. On the fly-leaf has been written in pencil, Westminster Lat. Grammar, 1702, or earlier. With it is bound up a copy of the Metrical Latin Grammar, exactly similar to the one mentioned above, dated 1702.
4. A short introduction to Grammar, for the use of the lower forms in the King's School at Westminster, with which is bound up the Construction of the Latin Verse Grammar, for the use of the lower forms in Westminster School. Both of these books bear the arms on the title-pages, with the motto 'In patriam populumque.' They are printed for B. Barker, at the College Arms, in College Street, near the King's School at Westminster. The first is dated 1759, the other 1751.

SECTION C.—ANTHOLOGIES, EDITIONS OF THE CLASSICS, &c.

1. ΑΝΘΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ sive Græcorum Epigrammatum Florilegium Novum. Cum aliis veterum poematis. In usum scholarum. Londini, ex officina J. Redmayne, 1673. This book bears the arms as they were always printed by the Redmaynes, without any motto. There are four copies of this book.
2. The same, a later edition, Ex officina E. Redmayne, similar in all respects. Date, 1702.
3. ΑΝΘΟΛΟΓΙΑ sive Epigrammatum Græcorum ex 'Ανθολογίᾳ edita MS. Bodleiana alicuique auctoribus delectus in usum Scholæ Westmonasteriensis. Oxoniæ, etypographeo Clarendoniano, 1724. Arms on title-page, very much like those in books published by Barker, with motto 'In patriam populumque.'
4. ΑΙΣΩΠΟΤ ΜΥΘΟΙ σὺν τοῖς ΕΠΙΓΡΑΜΜΑΣΙΝ ἐκ τῆς 'Ανθολογίας ἐκλεκτοῖς. In usum Scholæ Regiæ Westmonast. Londini, ex officina Rogeri Danielis, 1667. On the title-page the arms, well engraved and surrounded with elaborate ornamentation, but no motto.
5. M. Val. Martialis Epigrammata. In usum Scholæ Westmonasteriensis. Editio tertia, auctor et emendator. Londini, typis Jacobi Betterham. Sumptibus B. Barker, ad Insignia Collegii Westmonasteriensis juxta Scholam Regiam, 1755. On the title-page the arms, as usually printed by Barker, with an open book on top of them, and female figures, bearing branches and watering flowers, seated on each side like supporters. The motto 'In patriam populumque.'
6. Herodoti Historiarum Book I.; Thucydidis de Bello Pelop. Lib. I. Lib. II. c. 1-7; Xenophontis Hist. Græc. Lib. V.; Demosthenis Orat. Philip. I.; Olynthiaca I. (iii); Philippica ii. In usum Scholæ Regiæ Westmonasteriensis. Londini, excudebat J. F. Dove, Piccadilly, opposite Burlington House, 1830. On the title-page a ludicrously bad copy of Barker's representation of the arms as described above.

SECTION D.—VARIOUS.

1. 'Ονομαστικὴν βραχύ. Sive Nomenclatura Brevis Reformata. Adjecto cum Syllabo Verborum atque Adjectivorum una cum Duplici Centenario Proverbiorum Anglo-Latino-Græcorum ac Aliis nonnullis. In usum Scholæ Regiæ Westmonasteriensis. Londini, ex officina Elizabethæ Redmayne, 1664. On title-page the arms, as usually printed by the Redmaynes, without any motto.
2. A Treatise on English Particles, with a Praxis upon the same, by William Walker. London, printed for T. Gerthwaite, at the King's Head, in St. Paul's Churchyard, 1663. Dedicated to Dr. Busby. This book bears the arms on its title-page, engraved exactly like those in the Æsop described above, but there is no mention of it being intended for the use of the School.

APPENDIX.

List of the books published by Eliz. Redmayne for the use of the School, copied from the end of the Greek Grammar of 1693 :

1. An Introduction to the Latin tongue.
2. Rudimentum Gram. Lat. Metricum.
3. Rudimentum Gram. Græc.-Lat. Metricum.
4. Nomenclatura Brevis reformata, &c.
5. Greek Epigrams.
6. Apollodorus.
7. Martialis Epigrammata.
8. Iuvenalis et Persius.
9. Tullii Selectæ Epistolæ.

List of books published for the use of the School which are in the Library up School :

Anthologia Epigrammatum Græcorum, Oxford, 1724.

Apollodorus Bibliothecæ, London, 1686.

Vetus Testamentum Græce, London, 1653.

There are two copies of this book, which is dedicated 'Inclytæ Scholæ Regiæ Westmonasteriensis.

Etymologicon Parvum by Francis Gregory from the larger work of Sylburgius. London, 1654.

Grammatices Græcæ Institutio. Three copies, 1676, 1720, and 1769.

Grammatica Busbeiana. Excudebat G. W. Ginger, ad insignia Collegii Westmonasteriensis, juxta Scholam Regiam.

This seems to show that the College Arms, where Barker published his books, was the same house which Ginger occupied, and where the School bookshop remains to the present day. Barker seems to have succeeded Redmayne about the beginning of the last century.

Grant, Græcæ Linguae Spicilegium. Two copies, London, 1573.

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

THIS match was played at Vincent Square, on Friday, December 21st, and resulted in our being defeated by four goals to two. The game began at eleven o'clock, and for the first few minutes matters went very evenly, till Sandwith, after a good run, succeeded in obtaining a goal for the Old Westminsters (0-1). Thorne, however, soon brought the game on a par, and thus the score remained till just before the call of half-time, when Sandwith managed to obtain a second goal (1-2). After changing ends, our opponents continued to have the best of the game, and Bain obtained two more goals for them in a very short time. Our forwards now began to realise the state of the game, and played up very much better, but in spite of their efforts we were only able, through the instrumentality of Peck, to add one more goal to our score. The sides were :

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. B. Tritton (goal) ; A. E. Bedford (capt.) ; A. Fevez (backs) ; R. Vavasseur, G. Berens (half-backs) ; H. C. Peck, C. Ritchie (right) ; F. G. Thorne, J. E. Paul (centre) ; A. E. Crews, C. Page (left).

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

H. W. DeSaumarez (goal) ; C. W. R. Tepper, R. T. Squire (back) ; H. C. Benbow, C. Crews (half-backs) ; E. H. Alington, W. F. G. Sandwith (right) ; C. F. Ingram, W. G. Hewitt (centre) ; F. W. Bain, H. W. Waterfield (left).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD FORESTERS.

This was a game played at the request of the 'Old Foresters,' who wished to practise for their London Cup Tie. The play was at first very even, though the good passing of the School was conspicuous, by means of which Crews was presently enabled to make a long shot, which was, however, well stopped by the goal-keeper, but Hurst shortly afterwards put the ball through. Westminsters were now rather pressed, but Crews and Page got away up the side, and, crossing to Peck, the latter scored again. With the exception of a corner to us nothing else of importance occurred before half-time. The game now waxed slow, the Foresters seeming all abroad in the deep mud. Hands were given against them in front of their goal, from which Page got a third point for us (3-0). The visitors gained a corner, but the ball was got away, and from then till the finish the Foresters were penned, but no other point was scored. For the School, Hurst and Peck (forwards), and Fevez (back), were best.

WESTMINSTER.

W. R. Moon (goal) ; R. A. Ingram (capt.) ; and A. Fevez (backs) ; R. Vavasseur, H. Harrison, and G. Berens (half-backs) ; C. Ritchie and H. C. Peck (right) ; J. E. Paul and A. R. Hurst (centre) ; C. Page and A. E. Crews (left forwards).

OLD FORESTERS.

The visitors omitted to give their names.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. CLAPHAM ROVERS.

This match was played on Wednesday, January 30th, at Vincent Square, on a wet and slippery ground. At 2.45 the ball was started for the Rovers by Patrick, and immediately an assault was commenced on the Westminister goal. A call of hands was followed by a shot from Leete, but without result. After this the game became more equal, and several corners fell to the home team, but without any score being obtained. Soon after Peck ran the ball down the side, but failed to score, the ball striking the post. After half-time Bambridge, who till then had played half-back, went forward.

At the call of time the play was of a most give-and-take character, and nothing particularly worthy of notice occurred, the game thus ending in a draw. For the Rovers, who, we may add, played one man short, all played well, perhaps Weakly, Bambridge, Holden-White, and Leete being most conspicuous ; while, for the School, Ingram, Vavasseur, Crews, Peck, Fevez, and Harrison distinguished themselves. The teams were as follows :

CLAPHAM ROVERS.

H. Francis (goal); O. Karr, A. J. Weakly (backs); H. Nicholls, E. C. Bambridge (half-backs); C. Holden-White (capt.); E. A. Ram, D. Patrick, M. Leete, and R. Bathurst.

WESTMINSTER.

W. R. Moon (goal); R. Ingram (capt.); A. Fevez (backs); R. Vavasseur, G. Berens, and H. Harrison (half-backs); C. Ritchie, H. C. Peck, A. Paul, M. H. M. T. Pigott, A. E. Crews (forwards).

Obituary.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. Greville Phillimore, which took place suddenly at Ewelme, of which place he had lately been appointed Rector.

He, like his father and his five brothers, was educated at Westminster, though his stay here was but short, for receiving a nomination to the Charterhouse, he migrated thither and afterwards proceeded to Christ Church, Oxford, where he was admitted a canoneer student 1838; graduated B.A. 1841, M.A. 1845. He was ordained deacon and priest 1845 by the Bishop of Oxford, was Vicar of Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, 1851-67, and of Henley-on-Thames 1867-1883. About six months ago he was appointed by the Queen to the living of Ewelme, where he died on January 20, 1884. He had published *Parochial Sermons*, *Uncle Z.*, and other works.

Our Contemporaries.

RECEIVED: *The Cambridge Review* (2), *The Aldenhamian*, *The Alleynian*, *The Birkenhead School Magazine*, *The Blundellian*, *The Bradfield School Chronicle*, *The Carthusian*, *The Durham University Journal*, *The Felstedian*, *The Lily* (2), *The Marlburian*, *The Meteor* (2), *The Newtonian*, *The Pauline*, *The Philologist*, *The Radleian*, *The Rossallian*, *Ulula*, *The Wellingtonians*.

The Aldenhamian gives a verse translation of *Œdipus*, Col. 846-68; another poem, 'The Small Boy's Lament,' is the work of a poet with eccentric notions of scansion. The remainder of the number is chiefly made up of School news, especially football accounts.

The Alleynian publishes a good poem: the 'Song of the River.' The number also contains an account of Speech Day, and other School news.

The Birkenhead S. M. has an amusing article on Cram.

The Bradford S. C. publishes a ghost story, and the conclusion of a serial; as does *The Philologist*. We think it is a mistake to insert serials in a School magazine.

We extract the following from the *Durham U. J.*: 'In replying recently (in the Oxford Union) to a very rhetorical speech, an hon. member remarked that his opponent's speech reminded him of Euclid's definition of a line—that which has length without breadth and lies evenly between its extreme points.'

The Felstedian has a fair poem: 'The Good Fight'; and a good deal of School news. There are some mistranslations given, e.g., *viridem metam* = green fear; *lectos juvenes* = young beds.

The Lily (November) has an account of a visit to 'Brusa and Mt. Olympus'; also School news. The December number gives the first chapter of a 'Chorister's History of his own Times,' written in 1840.

The Meteor, as usual, consists of School news.

The Newtonian, among other things, has an account of a trip down the Thames from Oxford to Bray.

Besides a good deal of other literature, *The Pauline* contains some humorous 'Remarks on Cato.'

We notice that Terence's *Andria* was acted by the Radleians in November last.

The Rossallian has an interesting letter from an O. R. missionary on the Victoria Nyanza.

Ulula has a good parody on the Heathen Chinee, called 'The Examinee.' We quote (he is engaged on a Physics paper):

'From the case of his watch
Notes on Optics he brings;
Lists of colours that match,
And some similar things;
Whilst neatly inscribed on the dial
Were the laws of vibration of strings.

He walked homewards that night
As one bearing a load,
And his trousers seemed tight,
And his countenance glowed
With emotion—I saw him distinctly
From a 'bus on the Windleton road.'

POETRY.

SONG.

'*Ars longa, Vita brevis.*'

O, Life is short, and Art is long;
And Love, the sun of Life, is strong.
Our Life is but a winter's day,
And Love doth but a morning stay.

Perhaps, when this brief race is run,
The funeral o'er, the service done,
Youth from the dust shall lift his head,
And far and wide the love-light shed.

O, Life is short, and Art is long;
And Love, the sun of Life, is strong.
Our Life is but a winter's day,
And Love doth but a morning stay.

ANON.

A HOMERIC SIMILE.

Like the countless wingèd nations, long-necked swans,
or geese, or cranes,
By the streams of slow Cayster, on the marshy Asian
plains,
Flying hither, flying thither, all rejoicing in their wings,
Settling with a mighty clamour till the wide-spread
marsh-land rings,
So the many peoples hurry from the camp and from
the fleet,
Pouring o'er the plain Scamandrian, while the ground
beneath their feet

To their tread and to the tramping of their horses rings
again ;
And they muster their ten thousands in Scamander's
flow'ry plain.
Numerous as the leaves of forests, numerous as the
flowers in spring ;
As the dense fly-tribes in spring o'er the folds their
flights do wing,
When the milk fills all the milk-pails, so against the
sons of Troy
Rush the host of the Achæans, burning Ilion to destroy.

OYTIS.

TO HANDEL.

Great master of all song, high soul,
Mighty in thy strong control
Of all earth's best harmonies,
Of Love's sweetest melodies !

Soul like that immortal bird
That melodious Shelley heard,
Soul that hadst a joy supreme,
Pure beyond what we can dream :

Pure and noble, strong and bright,
Soaring to a vasty height,
And thy heart unburdening
At the feet of Heaven's King.

Every worthy song of earth,
Every thought of gentle birth
In thy music doth combine
To an anthem all divine.

Great the coming host may be
Of the sons of Harmony ;
Colour, verse, and music's strain
May unguessed heights attain ;

Yet no more this earthly sphere
Such a raptured soul may hear,
Such a voice of clearest fire
Kindled to the angel quire.

Tender are thy notes of love,
Sweetly through the heart they rove,
Tender with a tenderness
Purer than we may express.

Deep and passionate they seem,
Like a lover's sacred dream,
Yet what dreadful majesty
Higher themes could wake in thee !

Strong and simple, music's King,
Sure where blessed spirits sing,
For their festivals divine,
Music if they bring, 'tis thine.

INNOMINATO.

Correspondence.

'O. W. F. C.' (*ante*, p. 92.)*To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'*

SIR,—As your paper has, I believe and trust, a wide circulation amongst Old Westminsters, you will perhaps spare me a corner to make known and call attention to what I consider requires consideration and alteration. It is that all members of

the Old Westminster's Football Club should be obliged to wear the club shirt and cap when playing matches. A good deal of confusion arises from the wearing of all sorts of shades and colours of shirts ; and it is not an uncommon thing to find members of the same eleven playing by mistake (owing to there being no distinctive mark) against each other. It was only the other day, while playing in a match. I heard one of our opponents remark, on the arrival of another player, rather late, 'Is he on our side, or is he on yours?' The late comer, I may add, was not wearing a club shirt, but a white one, with, I fancy, a blue cap. I have myself experienced, while playing, the disadvantage of the variety of colours. The uniformness of colour, &c., in knickerbockers is not of much importance, but I hold that the wearing of the proper club shirt and cap is essential. In a good many clubs (the Clapton Rovers, for instance) this, I believe, is almost a *sine quâ non*. A notice should be added at the end of the card of matches that all members must wear the regulation club colours.

While on the subject of the O. W. F. C., I should like to echo the sentiments expressed by W. O. Omaniack in your last issue (*ante*, p. 92). It is not, however, a new suggestion, as some time ago I myself wrote on the same subject (see *ante*, p. 8), *i.e.* in February last year. In response to that letter, I received an answer among the 'Answers to Correspondents,' that an account of the O. W. F. C. matches appeared in the preceding December number. In justice to myself, I may say that my letter was written before that account appeared in your paper, and probably before its insertion was thought of. Since that time no other accounts have appeared. Probably my previous letter has not been forgotten ; they undoubtedly ought to be inserted regularly month by month, and by so doing more interest will be taken in the doings of the club, and the club itself. Not half as much attention is likely to be paid to them when they are inserted some time after their taking place, and naturally. In the same way, no one would read the foreign news of Egypt, or any other place, with as much eagerness when such news were not printed until a long time after the occurrence of the events to which the reports refer. By agitating this question before your readers, your correspondent W. O. Omaniack and myself will, I hope, have the satisfaction of having the required reform effected. I beg in conclusion to move the second reading, which, I trust, will be carried unanimously. Want of space cannot be pleaded, as, alas ! in your last number there is a fearful blank page, which would look much better if filled.

CONSERVATIVE.

'OLD WESTMINSTERS AT THE UNIVERSITIES.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—I quite agree with your correspondent 'F. J.' that a list of the O.W.W. who go into residence at the Universities each term, together with the names of the colleges at which they matriculated, should be published, and this, as he rightly says, need not be dependent on your somewhat erratic 'Varsity' correspondents. O.W.W. could very easily and materially assist you, sir, in this and other ways if they would only take the trouble. I would also suggest that a list of the 'new boys' entering the school should likewise be printed. All these details, which to some may seem trivial, are in reality of lasting use. The lists would be better if printed in tabulated forms, like the elections to College, Oxford and Cambridge, and the list of Exhibitioners in 'School Notes.'

Yours, &c.,

CONSERVATIVE.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—As the dates of the 'Cricket Fixtures' are, I suppose, about to be filled up, it would not, I think, be out of place to make a proposal on the subject.

What I propose, sir, is that Westminster play a two-day match *v.* Charterhouse, and that that match be played, if possible, at Lord's.

A two-day match would be much more interesting, as it would not be likely to be decided on the first innings, as is often the case now.

Yours truly,
A CANTAB O. W.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ALPHA.—We have arranged the Notes and Queries as you recommended, and will continue to do so in future.

W. T. S.—A Westminster Vacation F. C. has already been started very much on the plan suggested in your letter, in consequence of which we thought it scarcely necessary to insert it.

CONSERVATIVE.—We have not inserted the anecdote of Dr. Busby which you sent us, because in the first place you left out the point, namely, 'that the boys govern their mothers,' and in the second place because it is not true of Busby, but of a Yorkshire schoolmaster who thus claimed to be the ruler of the village in which he taught.

NOTICES.

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ERRATUM.

Vol. iv., p. 92, for 'Mante' read 'Mantle.'

The subject for the Gumbleton English Verse prize is 'The Confessor's Abbey of Thorney.' Compositions must be sent in by Easter Tuesday.

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