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A REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

ANOTHER football season has come and gone, and we are bound to say it has been by no means a successful one. When we look at the result of the matches, the first thought that we might have would be, what a very poor team we have had ; but in reality, though to a certain extent true, this is not exactly the case. True, though our colours were more than once lowered, at any rate they were honourably so ; we have not had a single weak team against us, and we can look with pride on our last match with the Wanderers,—who, as every one knows, won the cup this year,—for with a very strong team, containing five or six of the eleven who played in the last cup tie, they were only able to beat us by one goal to none. But we are not doing what we intended, namely, to go through all the matches that we have played, and give a short and concise account of the result. We opened the season with a match against a team brought down by H. S. Otter, on the Wednesday before Athletics. We have never advocated the practice of playing any foreign matches before

Athletics, and it certainly seems as if we were right, for we never win them, but then perhaps we lose them because they are the first of the season ; anyhow, the match this year ended as we might have expected, in a defeat for us by three goals to none. Considering that eight of the eleven were new players, only three being “pinks,” the result was not so bad after all. The Old Wykehamists were our next opponents, who, from the good play of our eleven, could only make it a draw. Upton Park were more successful, and chiefly owing to Sparkes, who possesses a very fine run of speed, we were defeated by two goals to none. Nor were we any more fortunate in our match against the Wanderers, but then they brought a very hot team against us, and had it not been for our goal-keeper, we should have been beaten by more than two goals to none. The Hertfordshire Rangers, whom we played for the first time this season, brought up a strong team, but could not beat us, the result being a draw, though they did get a disallowed goal. South Norwood we must confess we hoped to beat, and beat decisively, but owing to Fox and White, the latter of whom, though not a very striking player, is wonderfully obstinate, and would insist on a

goal obviously offside; not being so, we could only make it a draw, each side getting a goal. Civil Service fared with less success, and we were enabled by the general good play of Aston, Cuppage, and Benbow, to score a victory by two goals to none. Owing to our never having an umpire or referee, several of our goals were disputed during the season. This was the case in the next match against Old Harrovians, who could only tie us; but we certainly thought we should not hear the last of it, as even after the match they disputed one of the goals which was allowed on the ground. Clapham Rovers, who have been very strong this year, made havoc of us, and we were defeated by four goals to none. Gitanos were unable to play us, and we finished the first half of the season with a match played in torrents of rain, against Old Wykehamists, who, perhaps owing to the deluge of rain and flooded state of the ground, fell an easy prey to our prowess, not being able to score a single goal against our five. H. S. Otter offered to get up a team of Old Westminster's to play us, in lieu of the old match which always takes place on the morning after third Play, and this, though it can scarcely be called a match, as we had to give them four substitutes, we won in the most hollow fashion by six goals to none. On returning this term, we soon set to work again by playing the Clapham Rovers on the first Saturday of the term, before we had even had one game, and got what we deserved, or at least expected, a severe thrashing, seven goals to none. Nor were we much better off in our second match, the Uptonians defeating us easily by four goals to none. The next team that came against us was the Civil Service, who, vowing vengeance against us for beating their last team, collected a strong "amalgamation" team, from all quarters and clubs, very few of whom were we fancy Civil Servants, and beat us five goals to one. Then came the match of the season *par excellence*, of which a long and accurate account has appeared in No. 24; we were defeated, and no doubt, had not our goal-keeper Ryde been on the alert, we might have suffered a greater defeat than two goals to none. The match was, as it always has been, and we trust will ever be, a very enjoyable one, the Carthusians being *most* kind and hospitable. Wanderers eclipsed the team they brought against us last term, but were unable to beat us as decisively, and there is no doubt our eleven played up far better in this match than they did in any other throughout the season, hence the result, a defeat for us by only one goal to none. Hertfordshire Rangers wiped out their last term's disgrace by beating us in the return match by three goals to nothing, and the Gitanos after a

very spirited game just defeated us by three goals to two. We may perhaps owe that defeat to our having played twelve a side, as their twelfth man was of course much better than any we could procure on the ground. Old Harrovians could only beat us one goal to nothing in the return match, Hadow proving very useful to them by being as near off-side as he could be, without really breaking the rules. South Norwood were not strong enough for us, and though White again played for them, he could not turn the tide of affairs for his side, as all three of our goals were too evident for even *him* to dispute them. This was the last foreign match of the season, and with the Town Boy and Queen's Scholar match, which fell to the latter by two goals to none, our Football season ended. The result, as we said before, has not been satisfactory; the total number of matches played is twenty (not including the two Eleven and Twenty-two matches, both of which the former won by one goal and two goals to none), and perhaps it is partly in the large number of the matches played that we must look for the cause of our numerous defeats. We can find no season before this in which so many as a score have actually come off; the play of our Eleven all through, especially towards the end of the season, seemed to lack spirit, and we feel sure it is impossible for any team to play one match a week, and sometimes two, without beginning to feel careless after a time as to the results.

As a rule the eleven and twenty-two games are very hollow, the eleven usually winning with ease; this year, however, they have both been very well fought, and the reason of this is to be found, we think, not in the weakness of the eleven, but in the strength of the twenty-two. The fact of the eleven not being filled up till unusually late also seems to indicate that there are several promising men coming on, who will be able next year to fill the places of those "pinks" whom we are going to lose, and who may, we hope, again raise the School to the high position among association clubs which she appears, though only for a short time, to have relinquished.

School Notes.

WITHIN the past year one of the comic papers produced a series of phases on the "British workman," describing how both time and piece work was done in the quickest and worst way possible. When, about three weeks ago, two of Poole's labourers came with scaffolding and mortar, and set to work to plaister the College Court wall, we fully expected, though they began on Monday, to have the workmen on the court for a week or ten days. But it seemed as if the lie direct was to be given to our expectations, as by

Friday evening all but a very little had been done, and the workmen themselves declared everything would be completed by the next day at noon. Saturday morning came, the work was unfinished; the evening came, and the wall was almost in the same state. It then oozed out that the contractor thought that the cornice at the top of the wall did not quite suit him, and we were given to understand that Monday evening would see it finished. We were doomed to disappointment again, and on Tuesday at noon the British workmen were still at work; they did, however, remove everything—scaffolding, mortar, trowels, and themselves before dusk came on. It is almost needless to say that the job was not time work, else might College Court still be ornamented with ladders and scaffolding; and when we add that one of the labourers was the image of the "Immortal Bard," and the other stone deaf, we have said nearly all that can be said for or against these two admirable specimens of the genus "British workman." The work has been done well, so we grudge not the time; the labourers were civil and jolly, at least we can answer for "Shakspeare," and when the other heard, or chose to hear us when we spoke to him, he appeared to be equally civil.

GREEN has been undergoing the yearly process of ploughing, or rather digging this year, for two labourers have at last accomplished the truly wonderful feat of digging up the whole of it in something under three weeks. Is it cheaper than ploughing, or for what reason has it been decided to dig it this year? Perhaps it has been done better, but it certainly has not been finished sooner than the plough would have done it; let us hope, however, that the grass will grow better than it did last year. Occasionally the farmer would come into the yard in a four-wheeler, and be driven round Green, by the railings; he seemed to us to be pleased with his labourers' work; we never saw him out of the cab, but perhaps his large dimensions would not permit of his using his legs.

THE "Evening Echo" the other night was kind enough to inform us that the Lower House of Convocation sat in "Westminster School"!! We really were not aware of the fact before. The fact is, that the Jerusalem Chamber, having of late years become too small for the above-mentioned august body, its exciting debates are now carried on in College Hall, and the Q.S.S. have their meals in the first-named historic apartment. Some of our readers who have not seen this celebrated room may be interested in a short enumeration of some of its most striking beauties. Its dimensions are about 38 feet long by 19 broad, and about 22 high. There is an exquisitely carved panneling of cedar wood reaching to within about four feet of the ceiling, and some of the space between the top of this and the edges of the rafters is occupied with frescoes. There is one over the fireplace—the cedar wood carving over which, by the way, is of very great age—which represents Henry IV. dying in the centre of the chamber, and underneath is written the quotation from Shakspeare, "In

that Jerusalem shall Harry die" The cedar panneling is used as a framework for some extremely fine old tapestries all round the room, which are of very curious subjects; one represents Rebekah and Abraham's servant at the well. On the south wall there are two oak brackets with busts of Henry IV. and V.; under the former is written, "Hic mortem obiit," and under the latter, "Hinc sese prodit." The door is of solid cedar wood, and has a beautifully worked brass lock. The fireplace is very fine, and round it are written, "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem," "Jerusalem which is above is free," "Build thou the walls of Jerusalem." The roof is exquisitely painted, and there are some fine bits of old painted glass in the north window.

We did not come off quite free in that wretched *fiasco*, the De Morgan demonstration, as Dean's Yard had been selected by the authorities as being a splendid place for a body of police to assemble. Accordingly on Tuesday, at a quarter to six, a body of police 300 strong filed in and took up their station, two deep, by the railings of the Green. On rain coming on at ten minutes to seven they all filed in to Cloisters, where, on our return from Hall at half-past seven, we found them, and regaled them with songs of various kinds. They seemed to enjoy it thoroughly; and, as it amused them, and did certainly not hurt us, all parties concerned were satisfied. Their services were not required, even though they waited in Cloister for nearly two hours after we left them.

THE result of the examinations for Exhibitions at Easter is as follows:—

J. B. Hodge	Bp. Thomas.
W. L. Benbow	Bp. Smallwell.
R. H. Cope	Bp. Williams.
H. T. Clarke	Ld. Burleigh.
T. W. Bain	W. Titley.
S. A. Bird	T. W. Sharpe.

THE Phillimore Essay has been awarded to J. A. Romer. - Proxime accessit, A. R. Smith.

W. HEATH has gained a 3rd year Foundation Scholarship at Trinity, Cambridge.

A. P. HILL also got a 3rd class in the Classical Tripos.

By a mistake in our last number, the Civil Service match was stated to have been played on the 15th of March. It should have been on the 15th of February.

A HUNDRED GUINEAS have been forwarded to the authorities for the foundation of a yearly prize in memory of the late C. H. H. Cheyne, Esq., second Mathematical Master. It has been resolved to devote this sum to founding two prizes, to be given every election to whoever shall have obtained most marks in the Arithmetic Examinations of the past year; one to be confined to boys under sixteen years of age.

The Concert.

Our Annual Concert was held on Wednesday Evening, April 18.

The Programme was as follows :—

PART I.

1. DUET, PIANOFORTE { Overture to 'Alfonso
und Estrella' } *Schubert.*
A. L. RYDE, Rev. R. F. DALE.
2. FOUR-PART SONG 'For the New Year' . . . *Mendelssohn.*
3. SONG . . . 'The lark now leaves' . . . *Hatton.*
H. S. HOLT.
4. SOLO, VIOLIN 'Andante' (Op. 137, 1) . . . *Schubert.*
E. W. POLE.
5. SONG . . . 'May Dew' . . . *W. S. Bennett.*
W. STEPNEY RAWSON.
6. GLEE . . . 'The Wreath' . . . *Mazzinghi.*
Solos by H. GERMAN, A. E. BLACK, and C. B. RYDE.
7. SONG (by desire) . . . 'Serenata' . . . *Braga.*
G. GUMBLETON.
(Violoncello obbligato, W. STEPNEY RAWSON.)
8. SONG . . . 'The Mermaid's Song' . . . *Haydn.*
A. S. BLACKETT.
9. CHORUS . . . 'Arnold of Winkelried' . . . *Klein.*

PART II.

1. DUET, PIANOFORTE Overture to 'Abu Hassan' *Weber.*
Rev. R. F. DALE, A. L. RYDE.
2. SONG . . . 'Nancy Lee' . . . *Adams.*
W. COMPTON-SMITH.
3. MADRIGAL . . . 'Since first I saw your face' . . . *Ford.*
4. SOLO, VIOLIN . . . { 'Romance' . . . *Ries.*
'Barcarolle' . . . *Fesca.*
J. TROUTBECK.
5. SONG . . . 'I arise from dreams of thee' . . . *Salaman.*
G. GUMBLETON.
6. SOLO, PIANOFORTE 'Valses' (Op. 64, 1, 2) . . . *Chopin.*
A. L. RYDE.
7. CHORUS . . . 'O who will o'er the downs' . . . *Pearsall.*
8. SONG . . . 'The Star's Message' . . . *Tours.*
E. BRAY.
9. CHORUS . . . 'Gaudeamus igitur' . . . *Pearsall.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Solos by T. F. F. WILLIAMS, W. A. CUPPAGE, and
F. E. COBBY.

As usual we were started with a pianoforte duet, played this time by A. L. Ryde and Mr. Dale, of course excellently played. Mendelssohn's pretty four-part song, "For the New Year," came next, but was perhaps not so effectively rendered as it might have been with a whole year's practice. Holt sang "The Lark now leaves" very fairly and obtained an encore. Then Pole, a violinist we have not heard here before, played the slow movement from one of Schubert's sonatas. We have not yet forgotten the sound of A. C. Haden's violin, which he has unfortunately been obliged to renounce, and only hope that our younger representatives in that line will be as good some day. W. S. Rawson obtained an encore in Sterndale Bennett's lovely song, "May Dew." In the everlasting "Wreath," those who took the solo parts acquitted themselves creditably; the chorus was fair. We may remark that there is plenty of good musical material in the school if it was only properly extracted and utilized. The "Serenata," which we remember from last year when Troutbeck played the *obbligato* part on the violin, seemed to be more effective than

ever with Rawson's beautiful long-drawn notes on the 'cello; it was deservedly encored. Blackett, who was so successful last year in the "Pilgrim of Love," this year also "brought down the house" in Haydn's "Mermaid's Song," and was, of course, vociferously encored. "Arnold of Winkelried" finished the first part, and was sung with much spirit.

After about a quarter of an hour's rest and refreshment for the zealous vocalists, Mr. Dale and A. L. Ryde, this time in reverse order, opened the second part with the overture to "Abu Hassan." The popular ballad "Nancy Lee," sung by W. Compton-Smith, was received with shouts of applause and "encore" from the school-seats behind, no doubt as much through the popularity of the singer as of the song. Then the madrigal "Since first I saw" was sung well and with more finish than any other chorus of the evening. Troutbeck, who made his *début* here last year, played two tuneful little pieces and well deserved his encore for the second. Our never-failing friend, Mr. Gumbleton, then sang the very elegant song, "I arise from dreams of thee," and in return for a most enthusiastic encore, perhaps the best merited of the evening, gave Schubert's "Who is Sylvia?" Two of the best known of Chopin's difficult vales received excellent treatment at the hands of A. L. Ryde, the second of which was even better played than the first. In the much hackneyed, "O who will o'er the downs" which followed, there seemed considerable preponderance of the basses; and then, as our excellent tenor, E. Bray, was unavoidably prevented from getting here in time, Rawson sang another of Sterndale Bennett's songs, "Dawn, Gentle Flower," the accompaniment to which was kindly played by Mr. Dale. The last chorus, the Latin of which, by the way, would not stand much criticism, was sung very spiritedly, as was also the National Anthem, the whole audience standing and joining in; the soloists in this last sang with great gusto and emphasis.

On the whole, the concert of 1877 was more of a success than we had expected it would be, but, always excepting the Old Westminsters' kind assistance in the way of solos, without which we should be terribly badly off, hardly up to what it ought to be. We have not yet found anything to replace the vocal quartets we were so fond of, when every one used to go mad over "The Three Chafers." Our choruses might certainly be sung better together, and with more finish; and there seems to be a limited stock of them which we have over and over again every few years. It certainly seems but a very short time since we had "The Wreath," "O who will o'er," and "Since first I saw." The audience was as numerous and kind as usual, giving more encores this year than ever. Mr. Troutbeck conducted with his usual skill, and Mr. Ranalow, our new second Singing Master in the place of Mr. Jekyll, who has been appointed Organist to the Chapel Royal, kindly presided at the pianoforte.

Let us take this opportunity to appeal for more boys to join the Singing Classes. Other schools, to whom we are not so very much inferior in numbers, have their choirs, with even orchestral accompaniments, performing oratorios, and all sorts of difficult things,

and creditably too. An energetic conductor and hearty spirit is all that is wanted to make a good choir, if only there be a sufficient number of voices.

Racquets.

THE WIRE, 1877.

THE entries for the Wire this year were considerably above the average; they have not been so large since 1866, when they were the same number, twelve. The first ties were drawn, and resulted as follows:—

First ties.

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| 1. C. B. Ryde, Q.S. 15, 15 | beat | G. Dale, Q.S. 9, 11. |
| 2. Burrige, T.B. 15, 15 | „ | Cotton, T.B. 11, 5. |
| 3. H. Westmoreland, T.B. 15, 15 | „ | J. A. Turner, Q.S. 8, 11. |
| 4. E. W. Pole, Q.S. 15, 15 | „ | D. Patrick, T.B. 13, 8. |
| 5. Batley, T.B. 15, 15 | „ | Forest, T.B. 9, 2. |
| 6. A. E. Black, Q.S. 15, 15 | „ | W. R. Beverly, T.B. 5, 10. |

FIVE Q.S.S. AND SEVEN T.B.B.

The first of these was not a very exciting affair, as both games were very runaway. In the first game Ryde went away with a long start of 8; Dale then played up, and just as he had picked up, Ryde went clean out. In the second game things looked better for Dale, who went away with the lead, but when the game was called 9—3, Ryde got the innings, and went out with hardly a check. The first game between Burrige and Cotton was well contested, but in the second Cotton fired off, and gave Burrige an easy win. The third was very uninteresting, as neither played well. The first game Westmoreland won easily, but in the second Turner played up, and brought it up to 11—all, when Westmoreland ran out. In the fourth tie the first game was very close; Patrick went away with the lead, but when 7—2 was called Pole got in and picked him up. The game from that point was very even, but at 13—all Pole just managed to get out. In the second Pole won easily. The fifth tie was a very easy win for Batley in both games, for he was much stronger than his opponent. In the last tie Beverly, who was evidently out of form, afforded an easy victory to Black, who played well. In the second he played up better, but Black ran out when he was 10.

Second ties.

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| Ryde 15, 15 | beat | Westmoreland 11, 11. |
| Black 15, 15 | „ | Batley 5, 3. |
| Pole 15, 15 | „ | Burrige 3, 5. |

The first of this tie was well contested, Westmoreland cutting well, but his return was not so good as Ryde's, who eventually won both games at 11. In the second Batley played well for his size, and will probably show well in future racquet ties. In the last tie Pole was too much for Burrige, but the latter considering his size did not play badly. Pole has a bad habit of holding his racquet short, which he will do well to get out of.

Third ties.

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| A. E. Black 15, 15 | beat | E. W. Pole, 5, 6. |
| | | Ryde a bye. |

Both the games in this tie were very similar. In the first Pole went away with the start, and after some

even play Black ran out. In the second Pole again led at starting, but at 3—0 Black went to 13 without Pole scoring. The latter then played up, but at 6 Black ran out.

Final tie.

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| A. E. Black 15 15 | beat | C. B. Ryde 5, 3. |
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The early part of the first game was well contested, Ryde having slightly the best of it, but at 4—5 Black got the innings and won without Ryde adding to his score. In the second Ryde again led off, but he fell off towards the end, and Black won at game 3.

As Black afterwards won the Wooden, and was unable to hold both, he elected to take the Wooden. The Silver Wire for 1877 therefore falls to C. B. Ryde.

THE WOODEN, 1877.

THE Wooden, which is usually played off before the Wire, was this year delayed in consequence of the cementing of the front wall which forms the corner of the court. This wall was rebuilt in the holidays, as it was found to be unsafe, and it could not then be cemented for fear of the frost; four of the first ties were played on the wall as it was, but it was found to cut up the balls so, that we asked the Head Master to have it cemented at once; this caused a delay of about a week. There were only two entries, which is hardly up to the number of former years, but on the whole, there was no falling off in the play. For some unaccountable reason some T.B.B. and also Q.S.S. who are known to play well did not enter.

The first ties were drawn as follows:—

First ties.

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| 1. H. P. Robinson, Q.S. 11, 11 | beat | B. Rogers, T. B. 1, 4. |
| 2. H. German, T.B. 11, 11 | „ | A. Boyd, T.B. 8, 8. |
| 3. T. F. F. Williams, Q.S. 11, 11 | „ | W. C. Aston, Q.S. 4, 7. |
| 4. A. E. Black, Q.S. 11, 11 | „ | H. N. Robson, T.B. 1, 5. |
| 5. P. V. Wilks, T.B. 11, 11 | „ | W. R. Beverly, T.B. 3, 6. |

The first tie was not very exciting. Rogers hit powerfully, but not accurately. Robinson, however, hit very straight, putting up some good full volleys in the course of the game; he was evidently in much better practice than his opponent. The second tie between German and Boyd, who played well for their size was a very even match. Boyd had the best of both games at starting, but German picked him up, and won at 8, which number seemed fatal to Boyd. Aston's hitting was very powerful, but decidedly erratic, which formed a marked contrast to Williams', who hit very straight and clean, showing now and then some very good pieces of play. It is a pity Aston had not practised more, as the winner was evidently in much better form; had not this been the case, we feel sure that the games would have been more even. The fourth was a very easy win for Black; Robson was not in good form, hitting hard but without accuracy; some good back-handers were put up by both sides during the match. The last was not such a good tie as was generally expected. Beverly, chiefly through nervousness, did not play up to his usual form; Wilks hit hard and straight, and kept well away in both games.

Second ties.

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| A. E. Black 11, 11 | beat | H. P. Robinson 3, 0. |
| P. V. Wilks, 11, 11 | „ | T. F. F. Williams 2, 7. |
| | | German a bye. |

The second tie promised to be a good match, as the first 3 points were very evenly contested, Robinson having slightly the best of it, but he tired off towards the end. The first game, as will be seen, was an easy win for Black.

Third ties.

P. V. Wilks 11 beat German o.
Black a bye.

This was a walk over, as German was completely overmatched.

Final tie.

A. E. Black, Q.S. 11, 11 beat P. V. Wilks, T.B. 9, 7.

This last tie was much more open than any of the others, and as one competitor was a Q.S. and the other a T.B. more than the usual amount of interest was excited.

Black got the innings, but was soon put out; Wilks then got in and ran the score up to 3—0 very quickly. Black then played up and brought the score even; but then Wilks, amidst tremendous cheering, took a long lead of 4, bringing the score up to 7—3. Black, answering to the call of the Q.S.S., then played up, and some fine rallies ensued, but in spite of his opponent's steady play, Black gradually crept up, and again got on equal terms with Wilks. The scoring then came very slowly; 8—all, 9—all, were called after long intervals. Eventually Black scored the required 2 in an innings. The second game was very evenly contested for the first 4 or 5 points; then Black went off with a lead of 2, but was soon picked up by Wilks, who in turn led by 2. Black then scored 1, and after several changes of the innings he got level. From 4 to 6 the scoring was very slow, some good rallies ensuing; but when Black was 6, Wilks, not hitting as accurately as he had been doing, let him reach 9 without adding to his own score. From that point Wilks played up and scored 3 aces very quickly, 7—9; but this was his last effort, and Black soon after scored the remaining 2.

Black therefore holds the cup for 1877.

The cup has been contested for 22 times since its institution in 1856, and has been won 16 times by Q.S.S. and 6 times by the T.B.B.

The Silver Racquet has been played for 28 times since its institution in 1850, and has been won 18 times by Q.S.S. and 9 times by T.B.B. In 1869, F. A. O'Brien, Q.S., and H. G. Rawson, Q.S., each held it for half-a-year.

THE WOODEN RACQUET HANDICAP.

After the racquets had been played off, it was determined to have a handicap for the Wooden; but as the idea was so well taken up, one was started for the Wire also. The entries were so large for both that it was agreed that there should be only one game in each tie, the Wooden being fixed at fifteen.

There were thirty-four entries for the Wooden, and they were handicapped, and the first ties were drawn, and resulted as follows:—

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.	
1. Beverly	4	15	beat	Caiger	7	8
2. Mead, Q.S.	6	15	„	Hemsley	9	11
3. Ingram	8	15	„	German	8	10

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.	
4. Aston, Q.S.	5	15	„	Jones, Q.S.	10	11
5. Clarke, Q.S.	6	15	„	Godfrey, Q.S.	10	12
6. Gamble	6	15	„	Tepper, Q.S.	10	10
7. Whitehead, Q.S.	9	15	„	Rogers	6	12
8. Wilks	2	15	„	Dale II. Q.S.	10	10
9. Abernethy	6	15	„	Troutbeck	5	12
10. Williams, Q.S.	4	15	„	Robinson, Q.S.	5	8
11. Eddis, Q.S.	7	15	„	Boyd	8	8
12. Batley	8	15	„	Egerton, Q.S.	6	9
13. Black, Q.S.	scratch	15	„	Secretan	6	11
14. Robson	5	15	„	Cuppige, Q.S.	6	12
15. Guest, Q.S.	7	15	„	Goodair	9	11
16. Hoskyns	8	15	„	Learmouth	10	12
17. Turner, Q.S.	10	15	„	Dale I. Q.S.	10	13

The novelty of the thing attracted a good many spectators, but the majority of the games themselves were very uninteresting except to those immediately concerned in them. The game between Robinson and Williams was productive of some good play on both sides. In the tie between Black and Secretan the latter at first went ahead, but at 8—0 Black began to creep up, and soon equalized matters. He then went ahead, and won with the greatest ease. Whitehead in his tie played very well indeed at times, but was unsteady. The tie between Aston and Jones was amusing on account of the unequal size of the two; Jones did not give his opponent much trouble. Dale II. and Tepper did not score at all. These first ties were played off on April 14 and 16, with the exception of Nos. 9 and 17, which were unavoidably postponed until the next day. The handicapping gave general satisfaction.

Second ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.	
1. Aston, Q.S.	5	15	beat	Mead, Q.S.	6	11
2. Robson	5	15	„	Whitehead, Q.S.	9	9
3. Hoskyns	8	15	„	Guest, Q.S.	7	13
4. Abernethy	6	15	„	Batley	8	11
5. Williams, Q.S.	4	15	„	Black, Q.S.	scratch	11
6. Gamble	6	15	„	Ingram	8	11
7. Turner, Q.S.	10	scratch	to	Wilks	2	
8. Beverly	4	15	beat	Eddis, Q.S.	7	10
				Clarke, Q.S. a bye	6	

Williams proved too much for Black, although he played up well. In tie No. 3 Guest was only defeated because of his antagonist objecting to hit more than half a foot above the line; even then Guest, who played very fairly, ran him hard. Robson beat Whitehead with the greatest ease imaginable; the latter did not play as well as in the previous tie. Ingram played very well, although beaten. These ties were on the whole more interesting than the preceding ones. They were all played off on Tuesday, April 17, with the exception of No. 4.

Third ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.	
1. Gamble	6	15	beat	Beverly	4	4
2. Wilks	2	15	„	Aston, Q.S.	5	13
3. Williams, Q.S.	4	15	„	Abernethy	6	7
4. Hoskyns	8	15	„	Clarke, Q.S.	6	10
				Robson a bye	5	

Beverly was completely defeated in No. 1. He did not play up to his usual form, and did not even score. In No. 2, Aston went rapidly ahead, and brought the game to 13—7. His victory was then by all considered certain, but Wilks got the innings, caught him up, passed him, and won in fine style. Hoskyns' scabbing

and cornering again procured him the victory over an opponent far superior to himself. Clarke could make no stand at all against this play, and was defeated without much surprise on the part of the lookers on, especially those who had seen No. 3 of the preceding ties. Williams went ahead at once in his game, Abernethy never scoring at all till 14—6. He then made 1, and Williams immediately afterwards won the game with great ease, having played very well.

Fourth ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
1. Williams, Q.S.	4	15	beat	Hoskyns	8 10
2. Wilks	2	15	„	Robson	5 9
Gamble a bye, 6.					

Hoskyns' former policy did not prove of much use to him this time, and he was easily beaten. Wilks beat Robson without difficulty.

Fifth ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
Gamble	6	15	beat	Williams	4 12
Wilks a bye, 2.					

This was an excellent game, and though Williams lost he played exceedingly well.

Final tie.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
Gamble	6	15	beat	Wilks	2 12

Wilks at first looked like winning, but unfortunately he grew tired towards the end. There is no doubt that Gamble was given too much, but this was owing to his not having played in the Open Racquet, for some unaccountable reason. The final tie was played on Thursday April 25.

THE WIRE HANDICAP.

The entries for the Wire were 26 in number, and when handicapped, the first ties were drawn, and resulted as follows:—

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
1. Black, Q.S.	scratch	15	beat	Westmoreland	7 14
2. Robinson, Q.S.	6	15	„	Burridge	8 11
3. Turner, Q.S.	9	15	„	Dale I, Q.S.	7 11
4. Batley	7	15	„	Bulkley, Q.S.	6 13
5. C. B. Ryde, Q.S.	5	15	„	Williams, Q.S.	3 10
6. Aston, Q.S.	7	15	„	Longstaffe, Q.S.	10 13
7. Patrick	7	15	„	Smith, Q.S.	9 11
8. Beverly	3	15	„	Clarke, Q.S.	6 10
9. Horne	9	15	„	Poland	9 11
10. Forrest	10	15	„	Egerton, Q.S.	6 13
11. Crawley	7	15	„	Pole, Q.S.	6 10
12. Newman	8	15	„	Bedford	10 13
13. Hoskyns	9	15	„	F. C. Ryde	9 14

The games for the Wire Handicap were also not very interesting for the most part, though more so than those for the Wooden. The tie between Black and Westmoreland, besides being the most exciting, was the best; it at one time appeared as though the latter would win, as he made a spurt after some bad play, which brought him close up to Black, who, however, eventually won in fine style. In the game between C. B. Ryde and Williams, the play of both was excellent throughout. Horne won his tie to the surprise of every one.

The second ties were thus drawn.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
1. Crawley	7	15	beat	Turner, Q.S.	9 9
2. Patrick	7	15	„	Forrest	10 10
3. Batley	7	15	„	Aston, Q.S.	7 12
4. C. B. Ryde	3	15	„	Horne	9 13
5. Hoskyns	9	15	„	Black, Q.S.	scratch 0
6. Robinson, Q.S.	6	15	„	Newman	8 11
Beverly a bye, 3.					

In tie No. 6, Newman at first went ahead, but after 11—7 had been called, Robinson steadily crept up and eventually won with great ease. Nothing worthy of notice occurred in the other games.

Third ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
1. Robinson, Q.S.	6	15	beat	Patrick	7 9
2. Batley	7	15	„	Hoskyns	9 12
3. Beverly	3	15	„	C. B. Ryde, Q.S.	3 13
Crawley a bye, 7.					

Robinson easily beat Patrick, who did not play up to his usual form. Beverly and Ryde both played excellently and their game was well contested throughout. It was rendered the more interesting from the fact that they started equal, both being handicapped 3.

Fourth ties.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
1. Robinson, Q.S.	6	15	beat	Crawley	7 13
2. Batley	7	15	„	Beverly	3 14

The second game was well contested. Beverly was expected to win, and after passing and being passed several times, reached 14 first. But Batley got in and won after one of the best games in the handicaps.

Final Tie.

	Hdcap.	Sc.		Hdcap.	Sc.
Robinson, Q.S.	6	15	beat	Batley	7 9

Batley was completely overmatched, and Robinson, who played very well, won the Wire Handicap easily.

Obituaries.

1. The Right Hon. Sir David Dundas, who was Solicitor-General in Earl Russell's first Administration in 1846-8, and afterwards Judge Advocate General, in the same ministry in 1849, died on Easter Eve at his residence, King's Bench Walk, Temple. He was born in 1799 and was elected a King's Scholar in 1812 (the Head of his Election being the late Mr. Justice Vaughan-Williams of the Court of Common Pleas), and gained a Christ Church Studentship in the election of 1816. Sir David was an occasional contributor of epigrams, and a warm supporter of the play, and took a leading part in the opposition to the removal of the School from London. He was also a Busby Trustee, and in 1873 gave a handsome present to the School Collection of Greek and Roman coins, which are kept at the Head Master's residence.

2. Wellesley Gore Hallett has died at his father's residence in Norfolk Square, London, after a lingering illness, aged 20 years.

3. Harry Lee Haden died at Brisbane, Queensland, January 18th, 1877, aged 22 years.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Meteor*, *The Wellingtonian*, *The Durham University Journal*, *The Bloxhamist*, *The Blue* (2), *The Glenalmond Chronicle*, *The Ousel*, *The Carthusian*, *The Newtonian* (2), *The Elizabethan* (Barnet School), *The Ulula* and *The Salopian*.

The Meteor contains a minute account of the Athletic Sports which were held at Rugby on the 22nd and 23rd of March; we congratulate them on the good time their mile was run in. There is a long letter by a "cosmopolitan" on a very black subject—Rooks; he is deeply moved by the fact of there being some thirty couple fewer than last year in the neighbourhood of the school. The programme of the School-House Concert is of a very high order.

The Wellingtonian has a good bit of poetry "The Romanute of William Browne," and also the first of a series of articles on "Our Public Schools"—this one is of course Wellington, the next one to appear is Charterhouse: we await with awe the time when Westminster will be the subject.

In *The Durham University Journal* there is a very clever leader on the article of Mr. Lowe's in *The Fortnightly*, about a New University; and a fine Sermon by the Rev. Canon Evans. We also see in it a very clever article on "Four Well-known Abbeys," to be concluded in their next number, which we look forward to reading.

J. W. F., in *The Bloxhamist*, gives us an interesting article on "Shakespeare"—hardly a new subject by the way; he dwells at some length on what has frequently been noticed, the few *really wicked women* to be found in all his plays. "Lady Macbeth," he says, "is the only really wicked woman," though Ophelia is "an instance of an 'imperfect one.'" Here we find some very amusing instances of "Unappreciated Genius in the Lower School"—Answers given by Boys—"Matrimony is generally Necessary to Salvation"—"The Pharisees were bad people who used to Wash"—"Pontius Pilate was one of the Arabian Nights"—"The Heptarchy was called the United States"—and others just as ludicrous.

The March number of *The Blue* is half filled up by a long account of the passage through the Suez Canal; it also contains a very fair parody on the "Ancient Mariner," "The Rhyme of the Ancient Blue." In the April number of the same paper there are some "Extracts from My Grandfather's Diary," by G., on the same subject—the Public Suppers—as the parody already mentioned, but looking at it from the opposite side; the one is the groaning of the unhappy Blue who has to bow to the chairman, with a bread-basket—we mean the literal article—on his back; the other, the mournings of the chairman at having to acknowledge 800 such bows—*utraque vis pariter metuenda!*

The Glenalmond Chronicle contains Paper III. on "Terrestrial Magnetism," and the same number of some papers on "Classical Literature," both of which we have noticed before. There are some verses—French—headed "Le printemps revient," by A.M. It also has an interesting (!) page of advertisements.

Judging from *The Ousel* the Members of the Literary Society at Bedford Grammar School do not seem very ready speakers, for we find this rule has been passed,—"that every member must speak at least twice in each term." We should imagine that the state of things that rendered this rule necessary must have made the debates somewhat interesting and productive of argument.

The Carthusian commences with these words—"Athletics are again drawing near;" we wish ours were—why *can't* the time of year for ours be altered? The "Carthusian Worthy" of this month is George Grote, the account is well worth reading. We also find in it an interesting article on the "Salt Mines of Berchtesgaden:" the whole number of the paper is good, better than the average perhaps.

In *The Newtonian* we read—"We should make the same use of a book that a bee does of a flower; she steals sweets from it, but does not injure it:"—we conclude this does not hold good with School Magazines, as we have been trying to squeeze some sweets out of the *Newtonian*, but they won't come. We feel inclined to quote somebody's words about somebody else's works—we forget who said it of whom—"What is good isn't original,

and what is original isn't good." The last part doesn't much apply, however, as there is not much original in it.

In *The Elizabethan* (Barnet School) there is a long article on "Sir Walter Scott as a Poet," it is well written, but somehow we don't see the close analogy between Sir Walter Scott and Macaulay. Their concert seems to have been a success, we are glad to hear it.

The Ulula opens with a clever article on the "Oracle at Delphi;" we are glad to see it is to be continued in the next number. In this paper again we find Sir Walter Scott discussed at some length in an article on "Romanticism in England," but more as a novelist than a poet. "Chemistry a hundred years ago" is interesting.

We are glad to see that that most diminutive of papers *The Salopian* is a success so far as it goes, for this is only the second number; there is very little of it, but that little contains at least no harm. We are glad to see that they have been so lucky with Football at Shrewsbury; out of nine matches played, they have won five, drawn three, lost one only. They are fortunate in getting so much correspondence at this early stage, the difficulty usually is to get any one to write a letter at all for the first few numbers, at least that was our humble experience.

The April number of the *Newtonian* has just come to hand, and is on the whole very fair. An "Italian Carnival," "Mustafa's Lecture," and "Proverbs" are all worth reading. The *Newtonian* seems amazingly fond of translating English poetry into French and German, and *vice versa*. A number or two back, they gave a translation of "All the World's a Stage" in French, now they give it in German. It may be very clever, or it may not be, we can't profess to say, but somehow we think we prefer the Immortal Bard in his own tongue. The accounts of the Steeple Chase and Sack Race are really well written and amusing. They seem to have had a very successful season in Football. We wish them success in Cricket.

Correspondence.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

F.—You will see the subject fully discussed in the back numbers of *The Elizabethan*.

J.N.—Consult Dr. Johnson.

G.S.M.—Your suggestion is good; but "bicycle" is usually spelt as we have written it.

As the subscription to *The Elizabethan* for 1877 is fixed at 4s., all subscriptions will kindly be sent in as soon as possible.

The back numbers of *The Elizabethan* may be had of the Editor for 6d. each, some having engravings, which do not alter the price.

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Contributions for the next number must be sent in before the end of May.

No contributions to be sent on any account to the printers.

The Editor begs to state he is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

We are sorry we could not issue the Index with the present number, but it will be prepared during the holidays, and will be published immediately we come back.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—With reference to your School note on Lawn Tennis in the last number of *The Elizabethan*, I have much pleasure in informing you that the arrangements of the Lawn Tennis Club are now complete, and that the season for 1877 will commence up Fields on the first Monday in next term.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.,
E. W. P.

Several letters have been omitted from want of space.

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