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THE WATER.

AN opportunity has long been wanted of informing those old Westminsters and others who take an interest in our affairs, and yet can no longer keep up a personal connexion with the school, of the condition in which the revived Water now stands, and what are its prospects in the future. There is hardly any need to remind those who must themselves remember it so well, that in the old days we could get off an eight in almost less time than it took to start a game of cricket up fields, or of football in green. Under these circumstances, whenever anyone had an hour to spare, he could spend it on the river; and in prospect of a race, a boat could have an hour in the morning, and two or three in the evening, for practice, without any difficulty. Consequently all were more or less at home on the water, and a definite style could be kept up in the boats, while the new boys soon got into the way of rowing when they had so many opportunities for practice. Instead of this, the time now at our disposal amounts really to very little more than an hour every evening, and perhaps two or three on half-holidays. In this short space it is obvious that nothing can be done except by the utmost exertion while we

are in the boats: and it is in reality quite as difficult to keep the eight up to its old standard, as it would be to produce a good cricket or football eleven with no nearer ground than Blackheath. Again, there is nothing that takes more time to get into shape than rowing, and it is really almost absurd to suppose that a school after three years rowing can possibly have so good a style as one where it has been established for centuries. Besides which, we must take into consideration that, during the years when there was no Water at Westminster, scarcely any one joined the boats at Oxford and Cambridge, so that even now we are almost entirely unrepresented at both Universities. This prevents us from getting the amount of coaching necessary to enable the eight to attain to any perfection, though our best thanks are due to those young old Westminsters who have come down to coach us, often with considerable inconvenience, and owing to whom our eight has succeeded as well as it has. In a few years, however, when we begin to show ourselves in the rowing clubs of Oxford and Cambridge, all this will be altered, and we can but hope that the many of the future will prove as energetic as the few who have helped us hitherto. Perhaps some old Westminsters do not fully understand this necessity

for coaching, which really proceeds from the much lighter boats now in use; for in proportion as the boats are more delicate, the rowing must be so too: and as any club or school which we may race, is sure to have had a great deal of coaching, we need not be despised for requiring what our ancestors had no need of. Another consideration is scarcely less important. However little we may do here, Westminster has still a reputation which may be regained at the Universities, and if we send up fair oars from here, we may hope to have ourselves again well represented in the University crews, or at least in the College eights.

The objection has often been made that the re-introduction of rowing at Westminster tends to diminish our strength at cricket, and that whilst our numbers are so small, we cannot afford to keep up both. Whether there has been any real falling off in our cricket elevens since rowing was resumed, may perhaps be doubted: but anyhow it is not difficult to bring forward advantages which quite counterbalance this. At a school like Westminster, where there is compulsory "station" for boys between school-hours, it is above all things necessary to see that the games in which they are obliged to join are suited to their tastes. It cannot be said that cricket really satisfied this condition in all cases: in fact, a great number of those who have joined the Water had long before given up any real interest in cricket, whilst there are now scarcely any boys who do not care for one or the other. When it is considered how healthy and strengthening an exercise rowing is, this cannot but be reckoned as a strong argument in favour of its continuance. But what we must all remember is, that rowing more than anything else takes time to develop, and that there is every reason to believe that we shall continue to improve as we undoubtedly have done for the last three years, until we are again able to occupy the position which Westminster has always held hitherto.

The subjects for the Phillimore Translation Prize this year were:—Greek Prose; Plato, *Republica* x., pp. 612, 613; Latin Verse; Ovid, *Tristium* i., *Elegia* iii. The competing translations for the prose were given in on July 9th, for the verse on July 18th. The prize has not yet been awarded.

The subject for the Ireland Verse Competition this year is Ephesus, which has been chosen presumably with reference to Mr. Newton's Lectures on that subject lately. The minimum number of verses to be written for the Sixth Prizes is 120; for the Shell Prize 100.

School Notes.

A truly melancholy incident occurred the other day up fields. Sufficiently tragic and unmerited in its immediate consequences, it assumes even a more horrifying aspect when viewed as an example of the manners and customs now in vogue at Westminster. A youth of a scientific turn of mind, seeing some of us engaged within the railings in studying the theory of projectiles, offered to join the sport, and proceeded to give an example of his skill and willingness to learn by operating with the stones, of which he found an ample supply in the adjacent road. He next proceeded to follow up these overtures by placing himself within the railings, and advancing with cordial expressions of interest and goodwill. Now the tragedy opens: for instead of a small boy being sent to administer what greeting he might think most proper, the hapless youth was collared by an official, taken into custody, prosecuted, and sentenced to seven days or five shillings. The spirit of the age is indeed litigious, in which a Westminster boy cannot settle with a sci without appealing to the terrors of a court of Justice.

On Thursday, the 9th of July, a large number of the boys and nearly all the masters mustered at the British Museum to see the remains of the Temple of Diana, lately discovered by Mr. Wood at Ephesus. Mr. Newton conducted us through the Elgin rooms, and enlarged upon the greater part of the Parthenon marbles besides those from Ephesus, of which latter the specimens, though very interesting and perfect as far as they go, are comparatively few in number. On the discovery itself Mr. Newton had lectured at Westminster the week before, and the best thanks of the school are due to him for his kindness and trouble in this matter. We complain very much of the brutal manner in which the Christians and Turks have destroyed these monuments of antiquity, but these could certainly plead on the one hand religious zeal, and on the other utility, whereas we cultivated and enlightened citizens of the nineteenth century are at the present moment allowing the most interesting, if not a unique monument of its kind to be destroyed to no purpose, and without a finger being raised to save it. If the above strictures are couched in too general terms, and anyone is at a loss to know what we allude to, let him get leave up town and pass Trafalgar Square, when he will see, perhaps for the last time, the building thus doomed to destruction.

With reference to the general destruction of ancient monuments, can any old Westminster inform us as to the time and manner of the disappearance of two Westminster antiquities, about which we frequently hear questions asked, to which no one seems to know the answer? We refer to the old oak stairs which used to lead to the Dormitory of College, and at the top of which was the Election Door: in place of this we have now two staircases, one of stone, the other of wood: but when and why the change was made seems to be

unknown. Secondly, we refer to the old charcoal fire in Hall, which gave place to a modern stove with two fronts, which again has been supplanted by the latest patent with a single front. By this gradual diminution we suppose that the Queen's Scholars are to be prepared by slow steps to going without a fire at all. As we think that the answers to these questions would be interesting to many of our readers, we shall gladly insert them, provided that not more than five contradictory stories are sent us.

On Wednesday, the 15th, the eight from the cricket eleven accompanied the first two eights up to Richmond and back. The cricket eight started first, then the second eight, and finally, after some delay, *the* eight, who rowed up easily in 55 minutes. We regret to state that (owing of course to the delay mentioned) the eight did not pick up the other boats in the hand-over-hand manner it has the reputation of being able to do if it likes, for it did not come in till some minutes after the cricketers had arrived. The second eight, however, maintained the honour of the water, catching up the cricketers at Kew, and arriving first by some way. Meanwhile Richmond had done its best to give a reception worthy of its guests. The sides of the river were lined with (perhaps Venetian) masts, stuck skilfully into the barges; the streets, the very pavements, were adorned with flags, and it was observed that scarcely a coat appeared without a buttonhole; while at the King's Head a sumptuous banquet was served, during which the table groaned with roast beef and beer, at no higher than the usual charges. After a little private rowing in canoes and pairs, we returned as before. Ill luck determined to humble the eight, which, after waiting twenty minutes beating up recruits, started to come in last again at Wandsworth, to the intense satisfaction of the cricketers, who did not seem much the worse for "wear."

The subjects for the Dean's Greek Testament Prize are St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, and the sections of Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ* on the Romans, Corinthians, and Galatians.

On Thursday, July 9th, a late Play was given us for G. Milner, who gained a Theological Scholarship at Oxford last Lent Term.

The Cricket Match between the Queen's Scholars and Town Boys will be played at Vincent Square on Monday, August 3rd.

The School will reassemble after the holidays on the evening of Wednesday, September 23rd.

July 31st.

On Monday, the 27th, the match First Seven *v.* Next Eleven was finished, the Seven beating easily. Yesterday afternoon (July 30) the match The Eleven with Broomsticks *v.* The Second Eleven with Bats was finished, resulting in an easy victory for the Eleven. At the same time the School Pairs were rowed off on the Water, the winning boat being F. Crowdy (bow), J. H. Williams (stroke). Three boats started, though the number of entries was much larger. Full accounts of these events will be given in our next number.

THE CHARTERHOUSE MATCH.

On Saturday, July 11th, the eleven went down to Godalming to play Charterhouse. The enjoyment of the day, owing to the kindness and hospitality of the Carthusians towards everybody connected with Westminster, would have been complete, had it not been for the weather, which caused the match to be drawn. Westminster won the toss and sent in Ryde and Fox, soon after half-past ten, to the bowling of Parry (slow) and Dobbie (fast). Runs at first came slowly, but when Ryde, having been bowled by Dobbie, made room for Alington, the pace increased considerably. Fox, after having been missed when he had made about three runs, defied steadily the attacks of all the bowlers. Alington made 15 and was then caught; and, as misfortunes never come singly, Waddington and McKeand were bowled soon after by Parry, without having troubled the scorers much. Bailey then came in and stopped the downfall of wickets by some hard-hitting, making 26 in a very short time. Rawson followed, and when the dinner bell rang, had made 17. Meanwhile Fox had not been idle, and had advanced his score to 62 without losing his wicket. Before play could be resumed after dinner, a thunderstorm, which had been threatening all the morning, broke over the hill on which the school stands, with such violence that all attempts to continue the game were rendered useless for about two hours. At last, after the water which covered the ground in places, had subsided, Rawson and Fox returned to the wickets, the former added 7 to his score and was then bowled by Parry. Fox was at last bowled by Corrie, but not till he had made 87; his hitting was very clean, and all the bowling was treated alike. Westminster, however, had not done yet, as Titcomb played well and Horne and Mead hit hard. The latter was rather severely hit by a sharp throw at the wicket, and had to retire for a short time. Jackson played a slashing innings of 4, but unfortunately his career was brought to a sudden close. It is very gratifying to see that five out of the six new choices for the eleven, got into double figures, and that one of them headed the score. The bowling of the Carthusians was weak, and we doubt very much whether it was advisable to keep the two slow bowlers—Corrie and Parry—on together, although they were successful in obtaining wickets. So far Westminster had fared well, and Charterhouse was now set the impossible task of making 220 runs in 90 minutes. However, they went to work with a will, and when time was called, had made 121, with the loss of three wickets. The stumps (and the game) were then drawn. Abdy played a fine innings of 44 and Corrie ran up 20 quickly, whilst Verelst played carefully for his 15 runs, Parry and Drew being left not out with 28 and 1 respectively. The finish would probably have been very exciting if time had permitted. Westminster may fairly claim superiority in fielding, and probably in batting, over its opponents, but our bowling was not what it should have been. McKeand and Waddington fielded splendidly at long-leg and cover-point, McKeand's throwing being especially admired.

WESTMINSTER.

W. C. Ryde, b Dobbie	7
C. Fox, b Corrie	87
E. H. Alington, c Atherton b Corrie	15
E. Waddington, b Parry	0
R. P. McKeand, b Parry	1
N. C. Bailey, c Verelst b Dobbie	26
F. Rawson, b Parry	24
W. Titcomb, not out	17
E. Horne, c Bishop b Corrie	13
R. W. Mead, b Dobbie	16
A. A. Jackson, c and b Corrie	4
Wides 2, Byes 6, Leg Byes 2	10
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CHARTERHOUSE.

H. D. Verelst, b Mead	15
A. W. Corrie, c Fox b Horne	20
N. J. Abdy, b Mead	44
E. H. Parry, not out	28
W. W. Drew, not out	1
Wides 6, Byes 1, Leg Byes 3, No Balls 3	13
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H. G. Jeaffreson, T. J. Atherton, H. H. Dobbie, C. L. N. Bishop, A. W. F. Wilson, C. H. Spooner, did not go in.

The following list of the matches already played shows that Westminster has won seven, Charterhouse three, and one has been drawn:—

1850. Westminster won on the first innings by 20 runs.
1851. Westminster won by 8 wickets.
1865. Westminster won on the first innings by 4 runs.
1866. Charterhouse won on the first innings by 22 runs.
1867. Westminster won on the first innings by 50 runs.
1868. Westminster won by an innings and 17 runs.
1869. Charterhouse won by 10 wickets.
1870. Charterhouse won by 7 wickets.
1871. Westminster won on the first innings by 22 runs.
1873. Westminster won by an innings and 17 runs.
1874. Drawn.

THE FIELDS.

On Saturday, July 18, we played the Incogniti, and were defeated without much difficulty on the first innings, owing to the excellent batting of C. Awdry and T. Parkin, who made 86 and 78 respectively. The Incogniti went in first, and our hopes of a victory were very high, when the telegraph announced that four wickets were down for 15 runs. A firm stand was then made, and runs came apace, as 133 more were added before the fall of the next wicket. Parkin was the first to leave, after having made 78; Awdry followed not long after, after having bothered the field for a long time by batting left-handed. The rest, with the exception of A. Hill, S. Maherib and G. Young, failed to get into double figures, and the 11th wicket fell with the total at 254. Fox was our most successful bowler, getting five wickets, at a cost of 68 runs. It is remarkable that three men were thrown out. We then commenced our uphill task, sending Fox and Ryde first to the wickets, and began badly, the first wicket falling for 9; Alington then joined Ryde, and the score advanced to 22, when Ryde was caught and bowled: Bailey made 4 in one hit, and then followed his example. McKeand came in and the ball travelled

rapidly for some time, till he was stumped, after having made 39, which included two 6's, a 5, a 4, three 3's, &c. R. W. Mead was the only one of the rest who helped us much; he made 11 in three hits. Young got 5 and Bass 4 wickets. Score,—

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

C. Fox, c Forman b Young	3
W. C. Ryde, c and b Bass	10
E. H. Alington, c Maherib b young	15
N. C. Bailey, c and b Bass	4
R. P. McKeand, st Maherib b Bass	39
E. Waddington, b Young	6
F. Rawson, b Young	1
W. Titcomb, b Hill	1
R. W. Mead, b Young	11
W. C. Aston, c Gurney b Bass	3
C. S. Davson, b Forman	0
J. H. Watson, not out	2
Byes 11, Leg Byes 4, Wides 3	18
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INCIGNITI.

J. D. Cochrane, c Rawson b Fox	6
M. H. Gurney, c Titcomb b Fox	6
R. H. W. Leach, c Davson b Fox	0
H. W. Berwick, b Fox	1
C. Awdry, thrown out by Waddington	86
T. Parkin, thrown out by Alington	78
A. E. Forman, c Davson b Mead	6
H. Henderson, thrown out by Waddington	0
S. Maherib, b Mead	17
H. Bass, c Watson b Titcomb	3
A. Hill, c Bailey b Fox	23
G. Young, not out	16
Byes 2, Leg Byes 3, Wides 6, No Balls 1	12
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On Wednesday, July 22, our annual match *v.* M.C.C. and Ground took place, and resulted in favour of the strangers by 42 runs on the first innings, though perhaps we might have won, had time permitted. We lost the toss and took the field. We began well, as several wickets fell in quick succession. W. D. Bovill played well for his 28, and Capt. Young hit hard. The Ground also did good service, as Price and Davey made 21 and 19 not out respectively. We began batting, as usual, with Ryde and Fox, Price and Wood being the bowlers. Fox was soon disposed of, but Alington, who followed, played very steadily, the bowling being too good to take any liberties with. Davey's wicket-keeping was very good, and the catch which disposed of Alington called forth much applause. Bailey hit hard, as usual, and ran up 27 quickly. McKeand, contrary to his usual custom, made his runs very slowly, carrying out his bat for a well-played innings of 23. Mead made 13 in three hits, and was then well caught by Price. With the exception of Waddington, none of the rest reached double figures.

In the second innings of the M.C.C., we were more successful, as when the stumps were drawn the telegraph showed that 74 runs had been obtained with the loss of 6 wickets: this time Bovill made 16, R. M. Curteis 19, and Capt. Young 17. Mead took six wickets for 84 runs, and Fox six for 80 runs, and Rumball got two wickets for 20 runs; while for the M.C.C., Wood got six wickets at a cost of 44 runs, and Price four wickets at a cost of 62 runs.

M. C. C. AND GROUND.

A. S. Duncan, b Mead .. 1	c and b Fox 4
W. D. Bovill, b Fox .. 28	b Fox 16
R. M. Curteis, c Aston	
b Fox 3	retired 19
C. A. Alberga, c Mead	
b Fox 2	
G. H. Wood, c Ryde b Mead	
5	
G. Ruxton, c McKeand b	
Mead 27	b Rumball 0
Capt. Young, c Ryde b Mead	b Rumball 17
24	c Waddington b Fox .. 1
H. Curteis, b Mead .. 11	
H. M. Curteis, thrown out	
by Bailey 2	
Price, c Fox b Mead .. 21	not out 9
Davey, not out 11	not out 2
Wides 4, Byes 4, Leg Byes 3	Wides 3, Byes 2, Leg Bye 1
11	6
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WESTMINSTER.

W. C. Ryde, b Price 12
C. Fox, c Ruxton b Wood 5
E. H. Alington, c Davey b Wood 8
N. C. Bailey, b Price 27
R. P. McKeand, not out 23
E. Waddington, c Young b Price 10
F. L. Rawson, b Price 1
W. Titcomb, b Wood 0
R. W. Mead, c Price b Wood 13
W. C. Aston, c Price, b Wood 1
H. M. Rumball, b Wood 6
Byes 6 6
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On Saturday, July 25th, we played a team of Old Westminsters, but owing to the large number of runs obtained on both sides, we had not time to finish the match, but we should have had a very good chance of victory had time allowed, the score when the stumps were drawn being as follows: Old Westminsters, 227, Westminster, 164, with 7 wickets down. The Old Westminsters won the toss, and sent in C. Noyes and Trollope to face the bowling of Horne and Fox. Trollope was caught when the score stood at 10; Rawson then joined Noyes, and the score rose rapidly till the former was run out, and Jackson, after having obtained 40 by some good hitting, shared the same fate. Noyes was well stumped by F. Rawson, after having made 64 by some fine play. Boyd played very steadily for 19, being well backed up by E. H. Ryde with the same number. F. Noyes was the only other who helped to raise the score much, making 24 by some hard hitting.

Ryde and Fox were then deputed to defend the stumps against the bowling of W. S. Rawson and Trollope, but after a few overs, Ryde was run out, Alington then joined Fox, and after scoring 5, fell a victim to an insidious slow, being caught at long-off. Bailey, who followed, made 14 in a few hits, and was then well caught at point. McKeand joined Fox, and some good play was the result. Fox was very well caught by Stephenson at long-leg. Waddington then came in and soon knocked up 19; the 5th, 6th and 7th wickets fell in quick succession. However, Titcomb played well, and with McKeand kept the wickets intact, till time was called. Score,—

OLD WESTMINSTERS.

C. Noyes, st Rawson b Ryde 64
W. S. Trollope, c Bailey b Horne 0
W. S. Rawson, run out 44
H. S. Jackson, run out 40
R. J. Boyd, b Fox 19
C. W. Stephenson, c Jackson b Mead 1
T. Wakley, b Mead 0
E. H. Ryde, b Mead 19
F. Noyes, c Horne b Titcomb 24
H. Leggatt, b Titcomb 1
W. C. Aston, not out 3
Byes 6, Wides 3, Leg Byes 2, No Ball 1
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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

W. C. Ryde, run out 7
C. Fox, c Stephenson b F. Noyes 46
E. H. Alington, c F. Noyes b Rawson 5
N. C. Bailey, c Wakley b Rawson 14
R. P. McKeand, not out 46
E. Waddington, c and b Trollope 19
F. L. Rawson, c and b Wakley 0
E. A. Horne, c Leggatt b Wakley 1
W. Titcomb, not out 17
A. A. Jackson } did not go in
R. W. Mead }
Wides 5, Leg Byes 4 9
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LAMPROBATICS.

This match between under elections and town boys below the Shell was begun on Thursday, July 9th. The two Elevens were by no means evenly matched, the town boys having no less than five members of the Eleven, while the under elections had none. The town boys having won the toss proceeded to go in. Fox and Borradaile were the first pair of batsmen, and when six runs were scored, the latter was caught at slip, and Jackson came in. When the score was at 30 Jackson left, and at 73 Fox was caught and bowled for a fine innings of 41, including one 6 and five 4's. At the same figure Rawson was given out leg before. Rumball and Titcomb brought up the score to 97, when Rumball was clean bowled, and with the fall of this wicket play ceased for the day.

On the following Monday play was resumed. Titcomb being ill, Tayloe and Gamble went in. They both hit freely, until the latter returned a ball to the bowler. Directly afterwards, Hyde Clarke was clean bowled. As Dury was absent, Rawson went in for him, and when the score had reached 171, was run out, Tayloe carrying out his bat for a free innings of 41, including three 4's and five 3's.

The under elections began their innings with Ryde and Robinson, but they failed to make an impression. Aston and E. Parker made a stand, Parker being the first to leave for a well-played innings of 13. At this period Fox's bowling was very destructive, and the wickets collapsed rapidly. Aston was bowled by an awful break-back, and Rogers followed his example. Black was soon after stumped, and Vyvyan's wicket was demolished. W. Parker however came to the rescue, and with Olliffe raised the score, the bowling at this period being very loose. Upon Olliffe's retirement for a well-played innings of 21, Williams came

in, but he failed to do much. Godfrey hit very hard, as two 5's in 17 will show, and Parker carried out his bat for a well hit innings of 21, comprising two 4's, the innings terminating for 98. The under elections therefore followed on, and the second innings was commenced the next day by W. Parker and Courtenay (playing for Godfrey). Parker was caught when 3 runs were scored, and Courtenay shortly after. Ryde left at 14, and Robinson at 21. Aston's innings, as before, was short and merry. He made two 6's. Parker was caught at 27, and Olliffe bowled at 48, and Rogers soon after. Vyvan and Williams raised the score to 62, when the latter was bowled and Haines got his leg in the way. The full score is appended, from which it will be seen that the town boys won in one innings by 11 runs :—

TOWN BOYS.

First Innings.

C. J. Fox, c and b Aston	41
O. Borradaile, c Aston b Parker	4
A. A. N. Jackson, c Olliffe b Parker	13
W. Titcomb, retired ill	19
E. Horne, c Aston b Parker	7
F. Rawson, l b w b Parker	0
H. M. Rumball, b Aston	9
W. N. Tayloe, not out	41
A. F. M. Gamble, c and b Aston	11
R. Hyde Clarke, b Parker	0
A. Dury, run out	10
Byes 10, Widies 6	16

Total .. 171

UNDER ELECTIONS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
H. P. Robinson, b Fox .. 0	run out	10	
C. B. Ryde, b Fox .. 1	b Jackson	5	
E. Parker, b Horne .. 13	c Tayloe b Fox	7	
W. C. Aston, b Fox .. 8	c and b Jackson	15	
H. G. H. Olliffe, c Gamble .. 21	b Fox	6	
b Jackson	b Jackson	3	
H. R. K. Rogers, b Fox .. 8	(Haines) l b w b Fox	0	
A. E. Black, st Rawson .. 0	not out	3	
b Fox	c and b Fox	3	
C. B. Vyvan, b Fox .. 0	b Fox	8	
W. E. Parker, not out .. 21	(Courtenay) c Jackson b Fox .. 1		
T. F. F. Williams, c Gamble .. 4	Byes	1	
b Fox			
R. H. Godfrey, b Jackson .. 17			
Byes 13			
Total	Total	62	

THE WATER.

The first and second eights have been now filled up, and have rowed for some time every evening.

1st EIGHT.

ST. LBS.

Bow. F. D. Crowdy, Q.S.	8	10
2. W. H. A. Cowell, Q.S.	9	3
3. H. C. Frere	9	12
4. A. B. Cartwright	10	8
5. C. C. Macnamara, Q.S.	11	4
6. J. H. Barber	11	7
7. C. F. Brickdale, Q.S.	11	6
Stroke—J. A. Batley	8	8
Cox.—P. J. C. Randolph	4	6

2nd EIGHT.

Bow. A. P. Hill, Q.S.		
2. R. D. Brinton, Q.S.		
3. E. V. Arnold, Q.S.		
4. A. P. Longstaffe, Q.S.		
5. C. A. Jones, Q.S.		
6. R. H. U. Ellis		
7. J. Fischer		
Stroke—J. H. Williams, Q.S.		
Cox.—F. G. Hallett		

Most of the School races have been postponed in the hope of our having a foreign one, and the eight has been kept on every night so as to get it as perfect as possible. All attempts, however, at getting up crews to race us seem to have failed, and we must now turn our energies to rowing off the school races that remain.

On Monday, the 6th of July, the Town Boy Rudder was rowed for, in which race five boats started. The race was very uneventful, except that a foul occurred in the first ten yards between two boats that happened not to be much "on the cards," and who fortunately did not claim a new race. The course was from Wandsworth Bridge to Putney, slack tide. The winning boat was :—

Bow—Macnamara, H.
Stroke—Batley
Cox.—Hallett

The Under Election Gigs were rowed on the next night, three boats starting.

Middlesex Station.	Centre Station.	Surrey Station.
Godfrey	Courtenay	Rogers
Longstaffe	Black	Hill
Pole—Cox.	Olliffe—Cox.	Williams—Cox.

The boats started well, and at the beginning Longstaffe kept ahead, well in to the shore. About half-way Black picked up, and gained on Longstaffe till he passed him, finally winning by about eight lengths.

The Junior Sculls, a mere shadow, we fear, of what they used to be of old, were rowed on Thursday the 16th from Putney to Wandsworth New Bridge. The boats were :—

MIDDLESEX.	(2)	(3)	SURREY.
Fischer, J.	Kelly.	Ellis.	Macnamara, H.

After a very fair start Fischer drew on and led the whole way along the shore, Kelly followed, Macnamara keeping well in the middle. Just by Salter's, Ellis gave up, the race being eventually won by Fischer, twelve lengths; Macnamara, second; Kelly, third.

These are the only races that have been rowed in time for a full account to be inserted, which will appear in the first number of next half.

In the end of the last number we said that Junior House Fours were being started to increase the interest in the water. These went on fairly regularly till the time came to make them definitely up, and begin coaching them a little for the race. Suddenly, however, they seemed to dissolve into thin air, often there were not enough members from the same house to put on a four at all; under which circumstances, since it was obvious that the primary object of the race was defeated, we decided

not to have it at all. It is but fair, however, to state that to some boys such systematic impediments are thrown in the way of anything like regular rowing, as cannot fail in a short time to damage irretrievably whatever impetus the water may have gained lately by the enthusiasm and spirit of its votaries.

BOOTS.

An old Westminster, signing himself "LL.D.," sends us the following account, which we hope will prove interesting to our readers:—

"The Beadle of Dean's Yard has gone the way of all *scarabæi*, and another Bedellus will reign in his stead. *Diis manibus pax et vobiscum*. But if I may refer to the past, I may inform the present generation that a more remarkable man frequented Dean's Yard between 1826 and 1832. We boys never knew him under any other name than that of 'Boots,' said to have been derived from a question that arose between him and another person before the Rostrum of Queen's Square, respecting the rights of property in that article of dress, a *σκάνδαλον* about a *σανδάλιον*, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence for poor Boots. Now Boots stuttered and gasped, whenever he attempted utterance, as though he would die; his contortions were frightful to witness; yet he did not die of this, but of old age tempered by ardent spirits, a circumstance which will perhaps explain his inability to plead his rights before the Magistrate of Queen's Square, when Boots put his foot in it. Besides, Boots was an idiot (or feigned to be so), and was so taken and accepted. His station was between the pump and the Head-Master's door. He was also in a high degree mercenary, and would do anything for money: our juvenile minds were therefore often taxed to find what he would not do for a consideration. Therefore Boots, like a prudent man for an idiot, established a tariff. His price for eating a pot of mustard procured from mother Shotton's, was the modest sum of one shilling: he demanded half that sum to be pumped upon, and so on for the various torments to which he submitted himself for filthy lucre, and so got a respectable living."

REFLECTIONS OF AN OLD K.S.

ON SEEING THE FRONTISPIECE OF THE "ELIZABETHAN."

A big kitchen-clock, with a flag on
A tower, Thames breezes to kiss,
And St. George pitching into the dragon;
Why, Westminster can't be like this?

The Abbey still stands, but where's College
Recalling the days of Queen Bess?
The place has grown out of all knowledge
Of those who can sign as K.S.

The arms seem all right; but the motto
In my time "In patriam" ran,
"Populumque." Bad Latin? well, what do
I care? *We* could construe it, man!

But hold! to the picture returning
The rod I see still bearing rule;
With *that* natural science of learning
There still may be hope for the School.

FURTHER DITTO, OF DITTO, ON DITTO.

Oh! the temporis acti I've known,
Ere Boards or Commissioners knew;
Say, can Westminster still hold her own
In the teeth of the meddling crew?

We've the Army, the Navy, the Church,
And the School, and the Senate are here;
And the Bar is not left in the lurch,
Though her fasces may come in the rear.

Do we shrink from the infidel chain,
That a Radical clique would impose?
Can Religion unshaken remain
'Midst the savage attacks of her foes?

Psha! a truce to such needless alarms!
Should the School turn away from the Church,
We've our stalwart Old Westminster arms
To confront it at once with the birch!

We are glad to see that the Governing Body have circulated a protest against the proposed regulations of the Public Schools Commissioners.

TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

All contributions for the October number should be sent in by September 25, addressed to the Editor of the Elizabethan, St. Peter's College, Westminster.

The subscription to the Elizabethan up to Christmas next has been fixed at 3s. 6d., including postage, or 3s. for those who have already had No. 1.

All subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, St. Peter's College.

The Account of the Q. S. S. and T. B. B. Cricket Match is necessarily deferred to our next number.

C. H. E. BROOKFIELD. Your letter does not deal with the question from a *practical* point of view.

AN OLD WESTMINSTER. A new frontispiece is contemplated, but we cannot agree with you that the rod is out of place.

LL.D. We are much obliged for your contribution. The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ELIZABETHAN."

DEAR SIR,

It was with much surprise that I saw in your last number the letter of "Harmonicus," advising the separation of the Choir, and allowing them to sit among the other boys in the places which they ordinarily occupy. If this were done, the shyness which is already apparent among the boys who are not in the Choir, would certainly become general, as no one would like to begin if he did not feel sure that the boys around him would also join in. Besides, the difficulty which is already felt in accompanying the hymns, &c., owing to the smallness of the choir, would certainly be made greater if this proposal were carried out; for the sound, if there were any, would be so thin and spread over so large a space that it would not reach the organ loft. Trusting that my sentiments may meet with the approval of the singing authorities, I beg to subscribe myself

HARMONICUS ALTER.

P. S.—I cannot help thinking that one great cause of the poorness of the singing is, that it is almost impossible that the voice should have any power, when nothing has been eaten for the last twelve hours. Surely some slight refreshment might be prepared for the singers in addition to the milk, which is by itself of no use whatever.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ELIZABETHAN."

Sir,

I write to implore you to use your influence in behalf of the tree in front of Library Window, for I have heard a dreadful report that its existence is threatened. Some enemies of the giant vegetable have alleged that it obstructs the light, and renders the room too dark to be pleasant. Now, Sir, before they destroy in one half-hour the growth of years, let them consider what the tree does for us: first, in this hot weather, shade is all important: this the tree gives in abundance, preventing any unpleasant glare on the window; next, the tree to a great degree conceals the window itself, which is, to say the least of it, not a very successful architectural effort. Again, I may say that cutting down the tree would completely spoil the foreground of one of the best views of the Abbey, namely, that from the further corner of College Gardens. From this point the tree gives depth to the foliage, and hides some very ugly lead roofs, so that it would be contrary to the ends of both utility and beauty to cut it down. In winter, when the shade is not required, the tree is bare, and can be no obstruction to the passage of light. But allow me to suggest that the dirt on the window has grown nearly as long as the tree has, and really I think that a little soap and water, judiciously applied, would make all the difference. Hoping that you will be able to induce the "woodman" to "spare that tree,"

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
RUSTICUS IN URBE.

QUEEN'S SCHOLAR AND TOWN BOY RACE.

Rarely have the boats for this race appeared so evenly matched beforehand, and rarely have they so fully justified expectation. Each boat had four members of the eight, and although the Q.S.S. were stronger with second eight men, yet the T.B.B. boat seemed more evenly balanced, while both boats were pronounced by their occupants (the best judges after all in such a matter) to work more evenly than the eight itself. Under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that sufficient excitement prevailed to make a considerable muster of boats on the river and of spectators on the towing path in the neighbourhood of Putney Bridge on Wednesday afternoon last.

The crews were:—

QUEEN'S SCHOLARS.	TOWN BOYS.
Bow—F. D. Crowdy	Bow—A. L. Kelly
2. R. D. Brinton	2. J. Fischer
3. E. V. Arnold	3. R. H. U. Ellis
4. C. A. Jones	4. H. Macnamara
5. C. C. Macnamara	5. H. C. Frere
6. J. H. Williams	6. A. B. Cartwright
7. C. F. Brickdale	7. J. H. Barber
Stroke—W. H. A. Cowell	Stroke—J. A. Batley
Cox.—G. M. Hill	Cox.—P. J. C. Randolph

The Town Boys won for the choice of boats, the Queen's Scholars for station, and took Surrey. We rowed up to Hammersmith and were started from two boats attached to the bridge. Neither started well, but after a few strokes the Q.S.S. were about a quarter of-a-length ahead, both crews pulling hard. On

slackening the rate a little, the T.B.B. crept up, and by the Crabtree were almost half-a-length to the front. It was now getting time to look sharp, so the Q.S.S. put on a spurt and gradually gained until they were almost clear just opposite the London Boat House; both crews now felt that the race depended upon the next fifty yards, so, urged on by the cheers of their enthusiastic spectators, a tremendous spurt was kept up till the Aqueduct, in which the Town Boys made up so far as to be beaten by only half-a-length, after one of the hardest races on record. Unfortunately, no one took the time, the reason alleged being that before the moment of starting could be ascertained the race had been lost and won. The form of the two eights was pronounced as above expectation, and the swing and time were perfect up to the end, and this, considering that we were rowing about 38 all the way, and spurting up to 42 or 44, cannot but be considered as creditable for the third year of the revival. There was some discussion about a foul which the T.B.B. effected, thinking that their water was being invaded, just before the final spurt, and the want of an umpire was rather felt, because the point was certainly a fine one. The Judge, however, having given his opinion that the boats were in their own water, and that the foul did not affect the race, the Town Boys, much to their credit, consented to drop the discussion.

Floreat.