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OLD WESTMINSTERS AT CAMBRIDGE.

II.

IN our last number we ventured to call attention to the present position of Old Westminsters at Cambridge with particular reference to their scholastic achievements. We propose now to refer to two other sides of University life, and to see what figure our representatives have made in the past, and are likely to make in the future, with respect to them. These are Athletics and, Society, and, though so far inferior in importance to that which last engaged our attention, we cannot but think them worthy of a little consideration.

Taking Athletics then in its widest sense as including all physical exercises, we naturally look to Rowing as being the first of University sports, and one on which all Westminsters have some right to speak. What do we find then at Cambridge? What but a club at Trinity with a great position on the river, composed exclusively of Eton and Westminster men, formed, as the rules tell us, "for the promotion of rowing and good fellowship," and also no doubt as a memo-

rial of those contests between the two Schools to which Westminsters look back with such pride. The O. W. members of the club too have in past times done much to give it its present position, and many a familiar name appears on the boards of the boat-house in memory of former victories. But now, although the Water has been going here again for some years, there was only one O. W. rowing in each of the Third Trinity Eights in the last May races,—two among sixteen. Surely this is hardly a proper proportion, and might be improved by increased zeal and perseverance. There is a considerable number of Westminster freshmen, we believe, rowing this term; will not they have the energy to avail themselves of the advantages offered them, and endeavour to win back for us some of the old Westminster prestige, and justify their presence in a club to which we have of late years added so little strength?

We fear our space prevents us exploring any other province of the athletic world, and we must at once pass on to consider the relations in which O. W.'s stand to one another in the ordinary intercourse of Cambridge life. Here, too, we regret to be told of an unsatisfactory

state of things. Leaving out of sight the happily rare instances in which a man cuts himself off entirely from, and refuses to have anything to do with, his old schoolfellows (for such conduct is too contemptible to be worth notice), we still find that O. W.'s do not stick together as much as we could wish, and thus lose a great deal of the influence that is justly theirs. Of course it would be absurd to insist that our old schoolfellows should associate with one another and no one else; that would be reserving to themselves an exclusiveness both useless and ridiculous, since one object at least of a University life is the attainment of enlarged views of life, and an enlarged sphere of usefulness. What we do wish to see, however, is more coherence and more loyalty to their School. We believe it to be a fact that for some time past there has been no such thing as a Westminster set at Trinity, unless three men can be called a set. Consequently O. W.'s as a body are unknown and uninfluential. It is unnecessary to indicate the many ways in which a body of men of at least fair character and fair antecedents can make its influence for good felt, they will at once suggest themselves, but we think it is necessary to state our conviction that our friends are in this respect acting somewhat unfairly to themselves and to us.

To sum up, then, on the three points on which we have somewhat presumptuously perhaps ventured to criticize our Cambridge friends; they can on one show us a brilliant past, on all a promising present. May the future amply realize the promise!

School Notes.

It is with extreme regret that we have to inform our readers of the contemplated resignation of C. H. H. Cheyne, Esq., the second mathematical master, who, owing to continued ill-health, has been ordered by his doctors to reside in a milder climate. We believe that Mr. Cheyne is going to leave us at Christmas, and we are sure that there is no one in the School who will not be sincerely grieved as much at the cause of his leaving as at his leaving itself. Mr. Cheyne was educated at Merchant Taylors', became a scholar of St. John's, Cambridge, and graduated 18th Wrangler in 1861. He is the author of a "Treatise on the Planetary Theory," and a work on "The Earth's Motion of Rotation," and has filled the position of Mathematical Master here for upwards of thirteen years and a half. When some years ago a little music—the chanting of the Canticles and two hymns—was introduced into our Morning Saints' Days' Services, Mr. Cheyne not only took a leading part in the preparation for these services, but also undertook the playing of the organ. This he kindly continued until

obliged to give it up some short time ago, but he has still continued to take the greatest interest in the Voluntary Choir. He has always had much to do with our Annual Concert, and in fact on him from year to year has devolved most of the labour involved in arranging for it. In concluding this short notice we offer Mr. Cheyne our sincere good wishes for the future, and hope that in a less severe climate he may gain renewed health, and be able again to pay us an occasional visit, feeling as we all do that he has the true interests of the School at heart, and will always be anxious to hear of its well-being though he cannot be present to forward it.

ON the walls of the cloisters are several inscriptions recording the death of Westminster boys, and none is more worthy of note than the following, affording as it does a sad example of a death the result of disobedience, and a useful warning to those who think themselves wiser than their elders, and indulge in forbidden pleasures. We give the epitaph as it stands, the meaning being so simple that a translation is unnecessary even for our youngest readers. It runs thus:—

Infra sepultus erat
 Veras inter condiscipulorum lacrimas
 Albanus Carolus Wallis
 Amantissimi patris unica spes.
 Qui vetitis Thamesis fluvii Illecebris
 Heu nimium captus!
 Indomitâ ejusdem vi
 Abreptus periit
 20. Die. Martis. A.D. 1776
 Ætate 13.

Siste juvenis, Hujusque finem
 Contemplere.

"GREEN" has at last returned to its usual condition, the grass is making its annual disappearance, and football consequently flourishes. It seems to us that the farming operations which take place every summer (this year more unlucky than usual) are not productive of much good; the only creatures deriving any benefit from the crop of so-called grass being dogs, cats, and sparrows, who pass their time there unmolested, save by each other, or an occasional stone from a passing *sci*. "Green" when it has grass in it does not look natural to us, accustomed as we are to see it bare, and the thickness of the crop when we began playing in it this season rendered dribbling almost impossible. Such, however, is not now the case, and we are glad to see the games so well attended, for there is no doubt that "Green" is, as it has been truly called, the nursery of football at Westminster.

IN spite of the numerous suggestions which were showered upon us in so lavish a manner for the improvement of the athletics the programme appeared without any alteration. One of the most absurd of these proposals was made by a correspondent signing

himself "Agility." His great idea seemed to be "amusement," which he imagined would be obtained by instituting a steeple-chase with one or two wet ditches. Still more ridiculous was the letter signed H. P. R. He also seems to be in favour of a steeple-chase, or if this should not find favour, "why not," he says, "have a sack-race or a cricketer's race, the competitors to run in pads and with a bat in their hands." H. P. R. is no doubt one of those interesting individuals who fondly imagine they are some distance ahead of the times, but we are afraid he has mistaken his vocation. The only person who has handled the matter at all well is C. H. H. C. The question as to the time of year is of course one that requires no answering, but with regard to the ground we can hardly see that any benefit is to be gained by going to Lillie Bridge. That more accommodation is wanted there can be no doubt, and we were sorry that the tent was not put up at the late meeting. We feel sure that with a certain class handicaps would be welcomed with delight, but then arises the question who is to take the onerous post of handicapper? Who is to know how new fellows can run? We are told on very good authority that they do not answer in a school, and that they are always attended with some unpleasantness. The Committee (as a body) are the only persons as far as we can see who could act as handicappers, but if any of that "august body" happened to be qualified for the race fixed for a handicap he would have to throw his chance away for fear of incurring popular odium. Nothing could be worse than this year's pole-jumping, both in the under 15 and in the open competition. Why not introduce a half-mile handicap instead of one of these? It may be fairly urged that no opportunities for practice are offered during the year; nothing would give us more pleasure than to see the pole-jumping reinstated in "Green." The high-jump has improved year by year till at last we find ourselves credited with 5 ft. 1 in., not that this is much to boast of by the way. The same may be said of the throwing the cricket ball. It was generally considered that any one who could throw over 65 yards would get the under 15, and that 95 yards would take the open. This year for the under 15, 81 yards 2 ft. was thrown, which we consider very fair indeed, as there was no wind "slightly in favour of the competitors." We are sure that if those who are so ready to complain would, instead of ventilating such nonsensical ideas (which we fear are the result of shirking station, &c.), show themselves up fields more often than is their wont, and try to improve their power of speed and endurance during the football season, that the finishes of most of the races would be much more exciting, not only to themselves but to the spectators.

RUSKINISM has taken root among us! For a short time, not long ago, while a steam roller was wending its slow and solemn way round "Green," many deserted the glorious but certainly somewhat useless game of football, and applied themselves heart and hand to practical engineering. It was a sight which would have gladdened the heart of Mr. Ruskin himself had he been present, but alas! how shortlived are

our pleasures! After three short days the monster deserted us for fresh roads and pavements new, and "Green" has once more resumed its place in our fickle hearts.

THE other day we were surprised to see in the *Land and Water* that another *Elizabethan* has just been started in a school at Barnet called "Queen Elizabeth's School." No doubt they have as good a right to the title as we, but still as the paper in question was only published for the first time this month, it was a pity that the Editor did not discover the existence of our *Elizabethan* before the engraving of the block had been completed. We had only to fear that this unfortunate coincidence would create some confusion, but this will be in a measure obviated through the courtesy of the *Barnet Elizabethan* Editor, who has kindly offered to style their magazine the *Barnet Elizabethan* should it be necessary to mention it in any public print, such as the *Land and Water*.

VOLUNTARY Singing has recommenced. Even the freezing temperature of Hall has had no effect on the ardour with which these glorious martyrs rallied round Mr. Dale, who has most kindly given his assistance. On their next *r union* may they meet with a *warmer reception*.

CANON FARRAR has been elected a governor of the School in place of the late Canon Conway. He has also consented to act as Treasurer.

THE SIXTH extras for this term are—

Demosthenes. Private Orations.

Paley and Sandys, Vol. I.

Euripides. Medea.

Tacitus. Ann. III.

History, &c.

Guizot's English Revolution.

Sewell and Yonge's Historical Selections, I.

Max M ller's Lectures on Language, I.

Political Economy. Fawcett.

On Thursday, Nov. 9th, we had a late play in honour of E. M. Mee, who obtained a first class in the Final Classical Schools at Oxford.

GEORGE GREY ASTON and Henry Sidney Jones have been elected Queen's Scholars by open competition.

Obituary.

REV. RICHARD BRICKDALE, Rector of Felthorpe, and Vicar of Ringland, Norfolk, aged 75.

Mr. Brickdale appears to have been educated as a Town Boy, and to have proceeded to Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1823, and M.A. in 1829. He was ordained Deacon in 1823 by the Bishop of Exeter, and Priest in 1824 by the Bishop of Gloucester, and was presented to the Rectory of Felthorpe, and Vicarage of Ringland, by the Bishop of Norwich in 1833.

WESTMINSTER HEROES.

III.

"Mens æqua in arduis."

IN chronicling the history of a great man's life, although mention is always made of his public services and his private virtues, the historian is very often unduly silent when the time comes to discuss what are considered to be moral stains upon the character of the subject of his work. These may either be of grave importance, and such as being published would mar his character in the eyes of the reader, or they may be only faults of judgment arising from accidental circumstances. Still the historian is not acting in fairness towards the reader if he does not paint both sides of a man's character, and not merely that which appears the more attractive. We shall, we trust, fall into no such error in the present article, although we feel we have before us a somewhat difficult task. It falls to us to describe the life and character of a man who by his personal merit raised himself to one of the most exalted and most difficult positions of his day; who was virtually the sovereign of millions of subjects, and who so conducted himself by his wonderful tact and varied powers of intellect as justly to merit the applause of his fellow-countrymen. Still, as we have hinted above, his life is overshadowed by many a cloud to which some writers have given a darker colouring than is just, while others have attempted to explain them away altogether by countless excuses. We would wish to act with all justice both to our readers and to the subject of this memoir, and after placing before them the main facts of an "eventful life," whether they inspire our admiration or disgust, to leave it to them to say whether Warren Hastings lived and died the stern-hearted disciplinarian, nay rather, the cruel, heartless wretch which some have depicted him, or whether his errors (and certainly he did commit many errors) may not be rather regarded as the creatures of compulsion, brought to bear upon him by grasping employers.

Warren Hastings was a Cadet of an ancient family in Warwickshire, which after many generations of high dignity had become impoverished by the extravagance of some of its members. This state of things at last entailed the sale of the family estate of Daylesford, and the early youth of our hero was passed in comparative indigence. He was sent at the age of ten to Westminster School, where he distinguished himself alike for his scholarship and athletic powers. He was elected upon the foundation as Captain, and gave great promise of future literary distinction. This, however, was denied to him by his guardian, who sent him at the age of eighteen to India as one of the Honourable East India Company's servants. Of the few succeeding years of his life little is known, but that little is good. Instead of pursuing the course adopted by most in his position, instead of gathering together a speedy fortune by extortion, he abstained himself although he was powerless to prevent the surrounding evil. In truth he was neither sordid nor rapacious, but was contented with the moderate wealth of which legally he became possessed.

In 1765 he returned home for four years, at the expiration of which time he returned as Member of the Council. In his new position he became an instrument in the hands of his employers, the East India Company. Their injunctions to him were somewhat as follows:—

"Get money, fairly if possible: if not—get money."

A supply had to be periodically transmitted, they shut their eyes to the mode adopted in procuring it. In obedience to their mandates, it is true, Hastings employed means morally unjustifiable. We may mention the affair of the Rohilla war, when he let out British troops for hire to a native prince, as being the only soldiers who had it their power to subdue the brave and hardy mountaineers. Such grave charges as these we do not attempt to palliate, but we may mention in Hastings' behalf that his financial policy did him the utmost credit, and stamped him as a man of genius and resource. In 1773 the Regulating Act was passed by Lord North's Ministry, whereby the Residency of Bengal was made over to the Company. A Governor-General was placed at the head of affairs, assisted by a Council and a supreme Court of Judicature, consisting of a Chief Justice and three other Judges, who were to sit at Calcutta independent of the Governor-General of the Council. In the first Chief Justice we recognize an old school-fellow of Hastings at Westminster, by name Elijah Impey, who does not strike us as either an honourable man or an agreeable friend. Hastings was the first Governor-General, but he disliked the new state of things, and was at personal enmity with the other members of the Council. A period of restless animosity at the Board followed. The Directors of the Company in England heard of Hastings' proceedings, the disputes in the Council and the state of affairs generally in Bengal, and sent out a letter to India with strong reflections on the Governor's conduct. Further he was discussed by them at home at a special meeting of Directors and Shareholders convened for the purpose, but the debate ended in his favour. Still his friends in England, to whom Hastings had entrusted leave to act according to their discretion, thought it better to tender his resignation, which was accepted, and Wheeler was sent out in charge of affairs. But when he arrived in India he found a great change in the state of things. Hastings, by the death of one of his colleagues, was at the head of affairs, and thus Wheeler only found a seat at the Council board. Hastings agreed to submit the matter of his resignation to the Supreme Court of Judicature at Calcutta, by which it was declared invalid. In fact public interests were in such fearful danger at that time that the Company and Ministry were only too willing to keep the talents of Hastings in their service. England was then going through a formidable crisis. War was raging with America. The war with France was impending. Truly it was a subject of congratulation that Hastings with his unequalled talents was at the head of affairs in India. Very shortly after the events mentioned above India was invaded by Hyder Ali, and in three weeks the British Empire in Southern

India was brought to the verge of ruin. But Hastings' presence of mind averted the danger. Sir Eyre Coote was sent, and by him Hyder Ali was defeated.

Hastings again found himself in financial embarrassment, and again had recourse to dishonourable tactics. He extorted money from Cheyte Sing, a native grandee, and from the Princesses of Oude, whom he starved and ill treated. These blots (and very serious blots they were) may be regarded more as the results of a radically bad system of representative government than as the result of the badness of nature in Hastings himself, still they spoil an attractive picture of an otherwise wonderfully spotless life. He sailed for England in 1785, leaving peace in India. His conduct during the sixteen years of his administration in India was made the subject of an Impeachment before the House of Lords. His opponents were headed by Burke, and after a trial of seven years' duration he was finally acquitted. It would be absurd in us to attempt to describe this wonderful trial, and we would advise our readers to refer to the account of it as given in Macaulay's *Life of Warren Hastings*, as it is in itself, apart from its connexion with our present subject, perhaps the most brilliant specimen of English writing that ever appeared to the world. It may fairly be said to be the masterpiece of the master mind of its author. After his acquittal Hastings lived for many years in the retirement of Daylesford, the old estate of his family, which he repurchased, in wealth and comfort. He was by nature of a literary turn of mind and of æsthetic tastes, which gave him relief in his old age after his life of wearing exertion.

Our own opinion upon his merits may be gleaned from what we have said in parts of the foregoing article. That his public services outnumber his crimes is evident, and that these crimes were rather caused by undue pressure from home is also evident. England had passed through a frightful crisis, and in all parts she had suffered but in India where Hastings ruled her interests. From anarchy he had educed perfect order; he had framed and superintended the organization by which justice was dispensed and peace maintained. He himself had not had a statesman's education, and it reflects upon him the highest credit to have done what he did, and to have done it with the efficiency which is apparent through it all. Further he was throughout acting with "fearful odds" against him, he was shackled by a grasping and tyrannous clique of employers in England, to whom their own interests were paramount. Surely we may accord to him the tribute placed under the portrait of the Council Chamber in Calcutta, and say of Warren Hastings, that he ever possessed perhaps more than any one in modern times, that ingredient of success, "*Mens æqua in arduis.*"

(To be continued.)

Athletic Sports.

THE days fixed for the Annual Athletics were Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 11th and 12th. The Committee were W. C. Aston, E. R. Frere, Hon. Treas. A. F. M. Gamble, G. S. Maxwell, Hon. Sec. C. B. Ryde, J. A. Turner and T. F. F. Williams.

The weather as usual was very much against us, as it rained the whole of Tuesday, which rendered the course very slippery to say the least; nor were matters much better on Wednesday, and it was at last wisely determined to end the first day's programme at the pole jump under 15, and make an early start on the next day. We were much indebted to the Old Westminsters, who kindly helped us; namely, H. Curteis, who officiated as starter, W. S. Rawson and C. W. Stephenson, who kindly acted as judges, and W. E. Bovill, Esq. who took the times of the races.

The following is an account of the various events:—

1. *Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Under 15.*

This was the first event, and contrary to expectation resulted in a victory for R. S. Owen, who threw in very good form. Great improvement on last year's throwing was manifested all round by the competitors. R. S. Owen 1, 81 yards 4 inches; J. Robson 2, 67 yards 2 feet; Benbow 3, Boyd 0, Burrige 0, O. Bury 0, Hill 0, Ritchie 0, P. G. Robinson 0, F. C. Ryde 0, Sampson 0, C. Sandwith 0.

2. *Flat Race One mile Open to all.—Challenge Cup.*

This year the entries for this race reached the unprecedented number of 136. Only 26, however, came to the starting post. Immediately the flag was lowered Ryde dashed to the front, closely followed by Black, Eddis, and Lutyens, the last of whom passed him at the second lap, Hamilton, Mead and Beverly keeping together some distance in the rear. This order was maintained for about 300 yards, when Black came up and succeeded in wresting the lead from Lutyens, but he could only hold it for a short distance as he was quite done up. In the meanwhile, Beverly and Hamilton had shaken off Mead, and were gradually lessening the distance between the leader and themselves. At the third quarter Hamilton was about eight yards ahead of Beverly, Eddis, who had fallen to third, being about fifty yards ahead of Jones; at the beginning of the last furlong, Beverly put on a slight spurt, and drew level with Hamilton; on entering the straight they were running neck and neck, and it was only in the last three yards that Beverly was able to put any daylight between them. Eddis was third, Jones fourth, and G. Lynch fifth. H. Abernethy 0, Benbow 0, Black 0 Bury 0, Campbell 0, F. R. Clarke 0, Cobby 0, Egerton 0, German 0, Hoskins 0, Lutyens 0, Peck 0, Pole 0, Rumball 0, C. B. Ryde 0, T. Secretan 0, Sikes 0, Pepper 0, Williams 0.

3. *Throwing the Cricket Ball—Open to all.*

This was won easily by Gamble, who had nothing to fear from any of his competitors. The throwing was much better all round than usual, in fact it is some time since 100 yards was chronicled. Fox was second with 88 yards 2 feet. We rather expected to have seen Owen competing in this after his good throwing in the under 15 if only for the off-chance. C. B. Ryde 0, T. Secretan 0.

4. *Flat Race—100 yards—Under 15.*

Fourteen came out to run for this, which could hardly be called exciting, as Ritchie who got much the best start took the lead and won as he liked by about 4 yards, Rumball being second, while Boyd and Bury tied for third place, which on running off was won by the latter. Boyd 0, Burrige 0, Hill 0, Hoskins 0, Jeffcock 0, Lewin 0, Radcliffe 0, P. G. Robinson 0, F. C. Ryde 0, C. Sandwith 0, E. P. Sandwith 0, Stephenson 0.

5. *Long Jump.—Open to all.—Challenge Cup.*

Only seven out of the seventy-four entries appeared for this, which proved but a very poor display. Gamble, who jumped in much the best form, failed to do more than 16ft. gin., while Frere and Beverly tied for second and third.

6. *Flat Race.—440 yards.—Under 16.*

Fox, who carried off the prize for this last year, had no difficulty in beating Stuart Edwards, who had held the lead for about 300 yards, while Stephenson, who ran very well for his size, was third. Blumberg 0, Cobby 0, Eddis 0, Egerton 0, German 0, Lewin 0, P. G. Robinson 0, Rumball 0, Sandwith 0, C. Secretan 0, Spearman 0.

7. *100 yards.—Over eight flights of Hurdles.—Challenge Cup.*

This was run in heats, which resulted as follows:—

1st heat—1 Black	2 Aston	3 Hamilton.
2nd heat—1 Secretan	2 Fox	3 Caiger.
3rd heat—1 De Sausmarez	2 Pole	3 Gamble.

8. Pole Jump—Under 15.

Cotton and Burridge jumped well for their size, but the others failed to clear any good height.

1 Cotton 5ft 11in. 2 Burridge 5ft. 0 Bury 0. Hoskins 0. Sandwith 0.

At this point, an adjournment was made on account of the rain, till 10.30 next day, when we began with

1. Flat Race—300 yards.—Under 14.

Bovill made the running for the first lap, closely followed by Frere and Bury, but at the second he fell off and James came to the front, and held the lead for about eighty yards, when Boyd, who had been keeping himself in the rear, came up with a rush, and on entering the straight held the lead, which he gradually increased, finally winning by about ten yards. James was second and C. Sandwith third. Bovill 0. W. Bury 0. Cross 0. Forrest 0. E. C. Frere 0. Hill 0. Hoskins 0. Phillimore 0. Preston 0. F. C. Ryde 0. E. P. Sandwith 0. Sharpley 0. Stephenson 0. Jeffery 0. Jones 0. Burridge 0. Time 42 secs.

2. High Jump.—Open to all.

A great improvement was manifested this year both in this as well as in the under 15 High Jump. Beverly and Fox have both improved since last year, and we may say the same of De Sausmarez, who jumped very creditably for his age. 1 Beverly 5ft. 1in. 2 Fox 4 ft. 11in. 3 De Sausmarez 4ft. 9in. Black 0. Gamble 0. T. Secretan 0.

3. Open Hurdle Race.—Final Heat.

Black led by about 2 yards up to the last hurdle where he fell badly, thus leaving the race between Pole and Aston, the former of whom managed to win by about half a yard, a poor third.

1 Pole. 2 Aston. 3 Fox. Black 0. Caiger 0. Gamble 0. Hamilton 0. De Sausmarez 0. Secretan 0. Time 17 secs.

4. Flat Race.—100 yards.—Under 16.

Very little doubt was entertained as to the issue of this race as Fox, who won last year, again came to the scratch, and won as he liked by about four yards from Stuart Edwards, who could never get more than a yard ahead of De Sausmarez. 1 Fox. 2 Stuart Edwards. 3 De Sausmarez. Blumberg 0. Caiger 0. Cobby 0. Eddis 0. Egerton 0. J. C. Frere 0. Sandwith 0. C. Secretan 0. W. Stephenson 0.

5. Throwing the Hammer.—Open to all.
(Challenge Hammer.)

It will be remembered that Aston last year was only a foot behind Waddington, who won it. It was of course an easy win for him; Gamble was second. 1 Aston 74ft. 4in. 2 Gamble 67ft. 3in. 3 Turner 57ft. 8in.

6. Throwing the Hammer—Under 16. (14lbs.)

Fox, who threw in far the best form, won easily, Secretan did not seem to have learnt quite the right "knack." 1 Fox 85ft. 6in. 2 Secretan 72ft. 3 De Sausmarez 0, Stephenson 0, Wilks 0.

7. Half-mile with Hurdles at the end—Open to all.
(Challenge Cup.)

This was the most open event of the whole sports, as there was no one running who distinguished himself particularly last year. As in the mile Ryde made the running followed by Wordsworth, Lutyens and Turner, who all did the first quarter in very good time and style. Black at one time looked like winning, owing to the general falling off at the end of the 600 yards, but the superior stride of Beverly and Hamilton put them a short distance ahead of him at the commencement of the hurdles, from which point a fine race ensued, Beverly finally winning by about three yards. Black third six yards behind Hamilton. Time, 2 min. 32½ secs.

1 Beverly. 2 Hamilton. 3 Black. H. Abernethy 0. Acton 0. Clarke 0. Cuppage 0. De Sausmarez 0. Eddis 0. Edwards 0. Egerton 0. Fox 0. Hemsley 0. Jones 0. Lutyens 0. Pole 0. Ryde 0. Smith 0. Turner 0. Williams 0. Wordsworth.

8. Long Jump.—Under 15.

Rumball and Ritchie jumped in good style, and no doubt would have cleared more but for the slippery state of the ground.

We were surprised this year to see so many enter for the races under 15 who could certainly have qualified for the under 13, and what was more surprising was the persistence with which they kept on trying when they must have seen that they had no chance whatever.

1 Rumball. 2 Ritchie. 3 Bury.
Distance, 14 feet 7 inches.

9. Flat Race.—150 yards.—Under 13.

It is always difficult to spot the winner of this race as it is the youngest on the card, and one scarcely sees anything of the doings of the competitors beforehand. The winner ran very well, and we shall no doubt see him a few years hence doing well in the open events.

1 Jeffcock. 2 Horne. 3 Burridge. Blackett 0. Brewer 0. Carden 0. Cowell 0. Hume 0. Phillimore Radcliffe 0. Sandwith E. P. 0. Sharpley 0. Vavasour 0.

10. High Jump.—Under 15.

In this event eighteen competed, but beyond Bury and Ritchie the attempts were poor. Both these having stopped at the same height the prize was tossed for, Bury winning it. Height 4ft. 4in.

11. 100 yards Flat Race.—Open to all.—Challenge Cup.

Frere, who won this race last year, was again the favourite, but he could not hold the lead for more than half way, when Fox passed him and won by about a yard, Black being the same distance behind Frere. Time, 11¼ secs. 1 Fox. 2 Frere. 3 Black. Beverly 0. Cuppage 0. J. C. Frere 0. Gamble 0. Hamilton 0. Jones 0. Lutyens 0. Petrocochino 0. Ryde 0. Smith 0. Turner 0. Williams 0. Wordsworth 0.

12. 440 yards.—Under 15.—Challenge Cup.

A field of sixteen came to the scratch for this event, which proved a good one. Frere and Bury led off, but at the second lap the former retired and Rumball putting on a slight spurt, took the lead, which he held to the finish in spite of Bury's attempts to reach him. Boyd was about three yards behind Bury. Time 65 secs. 1 Rumball. 2 Bury. 3 Boyd. Benbow 0. Burridge 0. F. G. Clarke 0. E. C. Frere 0. German 0. Ingram 0. Janson 0. Lewin 0. Newman 0. Patrick 0. Robinson 0. Robson 0. Wilson 0.

13. Pole Jump.—Open to all.

This, like the Under 15 competition, was very slow and uninteresting. Ryde, who looked as though he could have jumped better if he had practised, was first, Williams being second. Height 7ft. 2in.

Ryde 1, Williams 2, Caiger 0, Secretan 0, Gamble 0.

14. 100 Yards.—Over 8 flights of hurdles.—Under 15.

The winners of the trial heats were:—

1st heat—Ritchie 1, Ingram 2.

2nd heat—Rumball 1, Hill 2.

3rd heat—Bury 1, German 2.

In the final, Rumball came away slightly ahead of Ritchie and Bury, but at the third hurdle the latter took the lead, which he could only hold to the last hurdle, when Ritchie, who was the quickest on the flat, won a good race by about half a yard. Two yards separated second and third. Time 19 secs.

Ritchie 1, Bury 2, Rumball 3.

15. Old Westminster Race.—100 yards.

This was the race of the day. On account of the number of starters, which was much greater than on previous occasions, it was an absolute impossibility for many to get away. As far as we could count there appeared to be 35. Of the best known, were H. S. Otter, the winner of the Mile and Hammer in '73; J. Green, who distinguished himself in '70, in the Under 15 competition; N. C. Bailey, an ex-half-back; R. S. Murphy, who was one of the most efficient goal-keepers Westminster has ever seen; E. Horne, who will be remembered as running so prominently in the open events the year before last, and a host of others which space does not permit us to notice. Suffice it to say that after a most exciting race, C. W. Stephenson (who carried off the Open Hurdles and Open 100 two years running) won by about three yards from G. A. Bolton, who beat N. C. Bailey by a yard.

16. Flat Race.—440 yards.—Open to all.—Challenge Cup.

It has seldom been our lot to see a worse field for this race. Besides Black and Petrocochino and Ryde, the last-named depending on his forward running in the mile and half-mile with hurdles, there was no one who was any good whatever. Hemsley was the favourite, but strange to say he reserved himself for the Consolation. The moment the word was given, Ryde, Turner and Wordsworth rushed off, followed closely by Petrocochino, Stephenson and Black. At the end of the first furlong Turner and Wordsworth were done up, and ten yards farther did for Ryde. At the beginning of the straight, Black, who had been gradually creeping along, put on a splendid spurt, and won as he liked by more than ten yards from Petrocochino, who was the same distance ahead of Stephenson. Time, 61 secs.

A. E. Black 1, Petrocochino 2, Stephenson 3, H. Abernethy 4, Blumberg 5, De Sausmarez 6, Edwards 7, Lutyens 8, Ryde 9, T. Secretan 10, Turner 11, Wordsworth 12.

17. Consolation.—300 yards.—(Winners excluded.)

Hemsley 1, Lutyens 2, Smith 3. 36 started.

Mrs. Scott afterwards gave away the prizes to the various winners in front of the Bat room. We have again to thank the masters for their large contributions to the prize-list. Three cheers for Mrs. Scott were proposed by the Captain, and were very heartily given by every one present. Dr. Scott, regretting that Mrs. Scott could not return thanks herself, felt it his duty to thank all present for the cheers they had given her. He alluded to the various projects started in the *Elizabethan* for the reform of the sports, such as Steeple-chasing, Sack-racing, &c. The impracticability of such was "patent to the meanest capacity." He concluded by calling for cheers for the number of Old Westminsters who had attended the sports, notwithstanding the bad weather, especially for those who had lent us their assistance.

H. Curteis shifted the burden of returning thanks on to the more youthful shoulders of C. W. Stephenson, who remarked how great a pleasure it was to all Old Westminsters to meet on such an occasion. He ended by proposing three cheers for the ladies, which were heartily responded to.

Thus terminated the Athletics of 1876, which, in spite of the bad weather, showed in many instances a marked improvement on former years.

Football.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. OLD WYKEHAMISTS.

THIS match was played at Vincent Square Oct. 14th, and resulted in a draw, each side obtaining a goal. We won the toss, and elected to play with the wind from the Hospital goal. For some time the game was slightly in our favour, and shortly before half-time Gamble muddled the ball to Jones, who put in through the posts. The goal, however, was disallowed, as he was off-side at the time. Ends were then changed, and though we played up hard, Aston making several good but ineffectual shots, the first goal was obtained by M. C. Turner for the Old Wykehamists after a brilliant run. Shortly afterwards Jones kicked a goal for us, thus equalizing matters. To the end of the game the ball was kept in close proximity to the Old Wykehamists' goal, but nothing of importance occurred. For us, Jones, Cuppage and Aston, played best, while for our adversaries, Lindsay, Gray and Tatham, were most useful, the first-named playing in brilliant style. The sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, T. B. Jones, J. A. Turner, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), H. Abernethy (half-back), J. Abernethy, E. R. Frere (goals), J. Fox (back), and H. P. Robinson.

Old Wykehamists.—W. Lindsay (capt. and half-back), C. Awdrey (goals), A. Bradley, L. Heygate, P. Hewitt (half-back), A. E. Huggins, S. Tatham, (back), M. C. Turner, R. O. Warren, E. J. M. Teesdale, and H. B. Gray.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. UPTON PARK.

THIS match was played at Vincent Square, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. We lost the toss and the aid of a stiff breeze. Play commenced at 3.15, and notwithstanding the disadvantage of having the wind dead against us we managed to keep the ball well in the centre of the ground. Eventually, by a well-combined attack, which ended in a neat kick by Sparkes, our goal fell. Nothing of further importance occurred before half-time; shortly afterwards, however, a claim of hands was allowed, and a free kick fell to us from which a goal resulted, the ball being put through by Jones. Soon after Sparkes got away from our back, and secured a second goal. Play was then carried on very energetically, Aston, Gamble and Jones, frequently eliciting, (as one of our contemporaries remarks) rounds of cheering from the *οἱ πολλοὶ* outside the rails, who always assemble in large numbers and lend us their unwashed support. No other goal was kicked through; it was only the vigilance of their goal-keeper which two or three times prevented the downfall of their goal. For us Aston, Gamble, Jones, and Cuppage played best, and for Upton Park, Sparkes, and Bouch and Wilton in goals. The sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), J. A. Turner, H. P. Robinson, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), E. R. Frere, J. Fox (back), J. Abernethy.

Upton Park.—T. Micklem (capt. and half-back), W. Bond and W. C. Whilan (half-backs), T. C. Curven, W. H. Robarts, S. R. Bastard, F. Woolley, W. Berry, M. Giles, F. J. Sparkes, F. Wilton (goals).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL v. WANDERERS.

THIS match, played on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, resulted in our defeat, by two goals to none. Our opponents brought down a very strong team, and had the game pretty well their own way the whole time. We were unfortunately deprived of the services of Aston, who had hurt his leg badly the previous day, and possibly this to a great extent accounts for the want of energy which we showed throughout. For the first half of the time, though our goal was seriously threatened several times, no goal was obtained, but almost immediately ends were changed, C. E. Smith got hold of the ball, and after a neat dribble landed it safely between our posts. Shortly after this Kinnaird maintained that he had put the ball through, but this our goal-keeper refused to assent to, and the goal was disallowed. Even if the ball had gone through, Kinnaird was off-side at the time. Shortly after this Betts added a goal to our opponents' score, and though after this we played up with somewhat more vigour nothing material occurred, and the game thus ended. For the Wanderers Haygarth's back play was magnificent, and Kinnaird, and Smith

distinguished themselves no less. For us Jones and Cuppage played best, and Secretan's goal-keeping was very good. The sides were:—

Westminster.—A. F. M. Gamble (capt.), T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), J. A. Turner, H. Robinson, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), J. Abernethy, J. Fox (back), E. R. Frere, T. Secretan (goals).

Wanderers.—J. Kirkpatrick (capt.), C. E. Smith, A. F. Kinnaird, W. D. Greig (goals), F. Maddison (half-back), W. F. Richmond, A. J. Stanley, M. P. Betts, R. C. Welch, F. T. Green, E. B. Haygarth (back).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* HEREFORD RANGERS.

THIS match, played on Saturday, 28th, resulted in a draw. The Rangers won the toss and took the Hospital goal, the wind blowing pretty fairly for each side. A goal gained by our opponents was disallowed, as one of their side "handed" the ball in putting it between the posts. The game, especially towards the end, was a fast one, though nothing of much interest occurred. Aston, in spite of his crippled condition, was always on the ball, and together with Jones and Cuppage did most work forward, while Mead, who has much improved, distinguished himself by his play as half-back, and got his pink after the match, as did also Cuppage. Sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, J. R. Fox (back), J. Abernethy, E. R. Frere, H. P. Robinson, H. C. Benbow.

Hertford Rangers.—R. Barker (capt.), H. Ellis, L. Evans, (back), Edgar Field (back) W. D. Greig (goals), S. I. Holland, W. J. Jervis, C. S. St. John, R. Smith, F. J. Sparkes, T. Walker (half-back), and F. W. Watkin.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* SOUTH NORWOOD.

THIS match was played on Wednesday, Nov. 1st, and resulted in another draw—1 all. They won the toss, and chose to play from the Hospital goal. For some time the ball was kept down by their goals till at length C. J. Fox got away with the ball and ran it down the side, finally middling it to Ram, who put it through. This goal we disputed, as Ram was clearly off-side when the ball was middled to him, but of course White refused to listen to reason, and as there was no umpire we were obliged to give in. Shortly after this Robinson put the ball through their posts, thus equalizing matters. After ends were changed Aston and Gamble made some very fine runs, but neither side succeeded in any further scoring. For them Lindsay's back play was magnificent, and Gray worked hard. For us Aston, Gamble, and Cuppage as usual played best. We were deprived of the services of T. B. Jones, who is laid up with rheumatism.

The sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, W. A. Cuppage, H. Abernethy (half-back), R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, A. E. Black, H. P. Robinson, H. C. Benbow, J. R. Fox (back) C. Secretan (goals).

South Norwood.—W. H. White (capt.), C. E. Leeds (back), W. Lindsay (half-back), H. B. Gray, E. A.

Ram, C. J. Broadhurst, C. J. Fox, A. Stevens, O. Borrodaile (goals), D. Rennoldson, H. W. Wilson.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* CIVIL SERVICE.

PLAYED on Wednesday, Nov. 8th. We won the toss and chose the Hospital goals, with a rather strong wind against us. Lindsay kicked off at half-past three, and for the first few minutes the game was carried on at our end, until Black got the ball, and by some nice dribbling ran it down and middled it to Gamble, who scored the first goal for us after a lapse of eight minutes. Nothing happened after this till half-time, although the game was slightly in our favour. On changing ends we got the wind at our backs, and kept the ball tolerably near their goal, but by an united rush they got it away, and from a scrimmage before our posts scored a goal at 4.20. Several very good runs were then made, in which Aston, Gamble, Cuppage and Benbow were prominent, and at length Turner middled the ball to Cuppage, who scored a second goal for us. In spite of repeated efforts on their part the ball remained at their end till time was called, leaving us the winners by two goals to one. Sides:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), J. R. D. Fox (back), H. Abernethy, R. Mead (half-backs), C. Secretan (goals), T. B. Jones, H. C. Benbow, J. A. Turner, W. A. Cuppage, A. E. Black, J. Abernethy, A. F. Gamble.

Civil Service.—L. Heygate (capt.), C. E. Leeds (back), C. J. Fox, W. Lindsay (half-backs), J. H. Giffard (goal), W. H. White, H. C. Houndle, H. B. Gray, J. Kirkpatrick, T. G. Thompson, W. S. Knight, W. M. Maynard.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* OLD HARROVIANS.

THIS match was played up fields on Saturday, Nov. 11th, and terminated in another draw, 1—1. We won the toss, and elected to play first against the wind, which was blowing pretty fresh. At first we were rather pressed, and at last a rather fluky shot by Macan resulted in a goal for them. After this the game was tolerably even, the monotony only interrupted by good runs of Gamble, Aston, and Jones on our side, and Macan and Longman for them. After half-time the O. H.'s claimed a goal which our goal-keeper had not even attempted to stop, as he and every one else supposed it had been handed. Ultimately our demand for hands was complied with, and they relinquished their claim. Shortly after this T. B. Jones kicked a goal for us, thus making the match a tie. For us Cuppage and Aston played best up, while all the backs were good. For them Macan, Longman, and Welch (half-backs) were most effective. The sides were:—

Westminster.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-backs), W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead (half-backs), J. Fox (back), J. A. Turner, J. Abernethy, A. E. Black, H. C. Benbow, C. Secretan (goals).

Old Harrovians.—R. De C. Welch (capt. and half-back), C. Colbeck, G. Macan, H. C. Surtees (back), C. C. Bowlby, C. J. Longman, W. P. Paton, A. A.

Hadow, M. Brown, W. T. Langford (goals), E. S. Gibney, E. T. Price.

ELEVEN *v.* TWENTY-TWO.

This match was played on Thursday the 9th. The Eleven were deprived of the valuable services of Aston and Cuppage, but even with this loss were able to gain a victory, by one goal to none. The game was a fast one throughout, as indeed was necessary, on account of the keen east wind blowing all the afternoon. The Twenty-two won the toss, and elected to play against the wind: at the commencement of the game, the Twenty-two backs were frequently pressed owing chiefly to the fine play of Gamble and Black, and also the strong wind behind their backs; but, though Gamble made one or two splendid runs, Hemsley and Ryde proved equal to the occasion, and frustrated all his efforts: the Twenty-two had now got settled, and, more by force of numbers than by individual good play, managed to press the Eleven back, but found Mead and Fox too much for them; in these combined runs, Vyvyan, Westmorland, Ritchie, and Whitehead were most useful, especially the former, who played well throughout the game. Up to half-time the game was very even, each side making good runs, but nothing was scored, the Eleven having perhaps the best of it; when ends were changed the Twenty-two, with the wind in their favour, played up better, and made one or two very good but unsuccessful runs. The Eleven now played up hard, Turner, Benbow, Gamble and Jones all dribbling well, and after one or two attempts Gamble got the ball, and taking it down the edge, scored by a very neat kick, the first and only goal of the match, for the Eleven. No other goal was got, though the Twenty-two tried hard to make it a tie, and thus the match ended in a victory for the Eleven by 1—0. For the Eleven, Gamble, Jones, Turner, and Benbow, forward, played very well, the backs performing also in good style. For the Twenty-two it was hard to see who were the best, but Westmorland, Whitehead, and Rumball as forwards, and Ryde and Tayloe as backs, were most useful to their side. Sides were:—

Eleven.—A. F. Gamble (capt.), T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, A. E. Black, H. P. Robinson, H. C. Benbow, J. Abernethy, J. Fox (back), C. Secretan (goals).

Twenty-two.—C. B. Vyvyan (capt.), C. B. Ryde (half-back), T. F. Williams (back), G. Dale, E. W. Pole, E. U. Eddis, R. Egerton, W. De Sausmarez, R. S. Owen, W. Sandwith, T. D. Rumball, A. A. Sikes, A. Whitehead, W. N. Tayloe (half-back), B. M. Rogers, A. M. Hemsley (back), H. Westmorland, T. Secretan (goals), D. Patrick, W. Shadwell, R. Ritchie, W. Stephenson.

THE FIRST NINE *v.* NEXT FIFTEEN, WITH H. B. GRAY, ESQ.

This game was played on the 18th Oct., and was won by the Fifteen by three goals to none. Up to half-time the Nine played with only one back, and in consequence lost two goals, kicked by Gray and Smith, and a third from a scrimmage in front of the

posts. After this, however, when the Nine saw their mistake the game became more even, and no more goals were obtained, though Jones, Gamble, Turner, and Cuppage worked hard for the Nine, and J. Abernethy, Benbow, and Hemsley for the Fifteen, who, as will be seen, possessed the assistance of H. B. Gray, Esq. H. Abernethy played brilliantly both in goals and as half-back, and received his colours after the match. The sides were:—

Nine.—W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. M. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy (half-back), R. Mead (half-back), J. A. Turner, H. P. Robinson, W. A. Cuppage, E. R. Frere.

Fifteen.—A. E. Black (capt.), H. B. Gray, Esq., R. D. Brinton (O. W.), A. R. Smith, C. B. Ryde, T. F. F. Williams, E. W. Eddis, E. P. Guest, R. Egerton, H. Westmorland, A. M. Hemsley, H. C. Benbow, T. and C. Secretan, J. Abernethy, and W. N. Tayloe.

Only two more foreign matches remain to be played this half.

v. Clapham Rovers, Nov. 18th.

v. Gitanos, Dec. 13th.

The *Eleven* at present consists of—

W. C. Aston (capt.), A. F. Gamble, T. B. Jones, H. Abernethy, W. A. Cuppage, R. Mead.

Twenty-two.—J. A. Turner, C. B. Vyvyan, A. E. Black, A. R. Smith, C. B. Ryde, H. P. Robinson, T. Williams, G. Dale, E. W. Eddis, E. P. Guest, R. Egerton, H. C. Benbow, E. R. Frere, J. Fox, W. N. Tayloe, W. Shadwell, T. and C. Secretan, J. Abernethy, B. W. Rogers, H. Westmorland, D. Patrick, A. M. Hemsley.

FROM OUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 2.

WESTMINSTER has done its duty by Cambridge this year, having sent us up far more freshmen than usual, distributed over the whole University. Most other schools have done the same, so that it has been a great difficulty for the town to accommodate the large numbers who have determined to make it their residence for parts of the next three or four years, and lodgings have been assigned to some unfortunate individuals in the most distant parts of the town—an arrangement which may possibly be good for the health of those who are not given to taking over-much exercise, but is certainly trying to their tempers, and in a less degree to those of their friends.

No events of any very great importance have yet disturbed the even tenour of University life. The Wednesday popular concerts, the success of which I prophesied some time ago, have begun again this term, and have more than sustained their well-deserved reputation. Yesterday Commander Cameron, that "most gallant member of a most gallant service," as the Master of Magdalene described him, gave us an account of his travels in Africa. The Guildhall was crowded, and the traveller was received with hearty applause by a most appreciative audience. Then the senior members of the University have an excitement after their own heart in the

poll for the election of the Public Orator; here too I noticed Westminster represented by one of its masters, whom I believe I may congratulate on the election of the candidate for whom he voted.

On the river the Fours are now being rowed off, and Jesus and Third Trinity have won their heats against Caius and Lady Margaret respectively. The Second Trinity Boat Club has collapsed, not having secured any adherents, I believe, among the freshmen: most of its members have joined first. To Third Trinity Eton has contributed a few first-rate oars, but Westminster is more conspicuous in numbers, and has some very good material in it, so that the restoration of the Water at Westminster has already sensibly raised our position on the river.

Any amount of Athletics await us in the immediate future, but these seldom excite any wide interest here. Bicycling is becoming more than ever the favourite recreation of Cambridge men, and the Club which has lately been formed to promote it is a great success. This Club has now purchased bicycles of different sizes, made expressly for beginners, and which members are free to use; so that the roads near Cambridge, which are perhaps unequalled for the purposes of the bicyclist, have obtained a most important auxiliary.

If I have not already wearied you with this long letter, I feel bound to take some notice of the "flouts and gibes and sneers," which you aim at us in your leader for October, which are perhaps necessary, but yet not altogether pleasant. But if we Westminster men at Cambridge are not everything that might be desired, at least we are very patient and docile, and shall not take any offence at the lecture you read us, but receive it "with all good will." First then about foundation scholarships and consequent fellowships at Trinity. To say that Westminster has lost them on account of the unfitness of those who were appointed to them, is utterly to mistake the case. There are no fellowships to be had without election in the whole University; such things are altogether of the past.

The only scholarships which are held by a public school are, I believe, the Eton scholarships at King's; these hold quite an exceptional position, and I think we may fairly put our studentships at Ch. Ch., Oxford, against them. But Westminster has not lost its scholarships; they are now called exhibitions, but their value remains the same. The occasion of the change of name was the raising the value of the open scholarships; and no one could expect the college to give Westminster a new endowment. So that here your case must be confessed to break down altogether. Then generally, as to the duties of Westminster Exhibitioners, it is certainly unfair to expect to see them, as a rule, high up in the tripos lists. But reading is not the sole object of University life; and if we learn in that time some lessons which shall stand us in good stead in our future life (which we shall endeavour to do), perhaps Westminster will not altogether grudge us the 40*l.* a year on which it has made us "passing rich" for our time up here.

FROM OUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD.

THE Michaelmas term has at present been unusually bright and eventful. On October 31st, Commander Cameron gave an interesting lecture on Africa in the Sheldonian Theatre, which was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. Great excitement was caused at the first Union debate of the term by the brilliant speech of A. Baumann of Balliol, who spoke in support of Lord Derby's policy. No less than eight boats have been practising for the Fours, W. Brinton in the Ch. Ch. boat alone representing Westminster. The river is now the scene of constant catastrophes, owing to works connected with drainage that cause a serious obstruction just below Saunders' Bridge. No football matches have yet been played, but a meeting of the Oxford Association Football Club has been held, at which W. S. Rawson resigned the Presidency, and H. S. Otter accepted the arduous post of Secretary. You will be glad to hear that R. W. S. Vidal has return to the football field, the scene of so many former triumphs. The Running Path, adjacent to the Ch. Ch. cricket ground on the Iffley Road, is now very nearly finished, and will soon be ready for the Athletic Sports of the various Colleges.

Lawn Tennis is in full swing of popularity, attracting a large number of men to Cowley, while the Skating Rink at Holywell lies almost entirely deserted. Besides the Ch. Ch. students several Westminster men have come up this term to Oxford. E. H. Alington has matriculated at Hertford, E. Waddington at Oriel, J. H. Wilson at Ch. Ch., and G. A. Hicks at Keble.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Carthusian*, *The Meteor* (Rugby), *The Wykehamist* (2), *The Glenalmond Chronicle*, *The Melburnian*, *The Ousel* (Bedford), *The Wellingtonian*.

The Carthusian for November contains little of general interest. Its contents are either exclusively on Carthusian topics or on subjects which are now becoming somewhat hackneyed, such as "The Loss of the Vanguard," which is lamented in some slightly prosaic lines. Indeed they seem rather unfortunate in their choice of matter; they might limit themselves to less comprehensive subjects than "Normandy" and "Peace: a Poem—to be continued!"

The Meteor is as usual excellent. It contains a good letter from "Cosmopolitan" on the subject of Bathing, and a very radical and reforming one from "Iota." They had only played one Football match as yet with Oxford University on Oct. 21st, in which they were beaten.

The Wykehamist contains a well-written article on the various changes which have recently taken place in the School. There is also a very amusing letter on "The Oxford and Cambridge Certificate Examination," some part of which we take the liberty of transcribing. The writer cites among instances of free translations,

"Purpurei tyranni," which reappears as "bloated aristocrats" (lit. Purple-faced tyrants). "Forma bonum fragile est" becomes, "Don't trust to good form," "Mavortius Hæmon" is translated "Marshall Hæmon." There are also some good derivations, the most audacious of which we reproduce. *συκοφάντης*. "This word is derived from *σῦκος*, a fig, and *φαίνω*, to show, and means literally a fig-shower. Liddell and Scott refuse to accept this derivation, but they were probably led to do so only from a praiseworthy desire to enliven the dulness of their work by an *outrageously* bad pun "the literal signification," they playfully observe, "is an informer against figs, but this is probably a mere figment." These are almost equalled by an instance which some time ago came under our own notice. The piece of translation was from Plato de Republicâ—'Αδαμαντίνως δὴ δέι ταύτην τὴν δόξαν ἔχοντα πρὸς Ἄιδου ἵεναι, which was thus elegantly rendered: "And a man who has this glory ought to go down to hell with a brazen face." But of this more anon.

The *Glenalmond Chronicle* seems to resort to various expedients to fill up its columns; for instance, a list of O. G.'s in "the army and navy," and their organ accounts printed in the largest of large type.

The *Melburnian* is still in its infancy, and we wish it every success. It contains a well-written article on "American Schools." Their instalment of "A Christmas Adventure" is perhaps sweet, but *very* short.

EDITORIAL.

No doubt many of our readers will be glad to see the extra sheet added to this number, a result for which we have chiefly to thank some old and indefatigable contributors, and also some new ones, who will we hope continue their good work, and if possible increase the size of the *Elizabethan* from eight pages to twelve or even sixteen. Of course it must be borne in mind that an additional expense in the printing will be thus entailed on our funds, but perhaps we may be allowed to hope that our list of contributors (none too large at present) may be swelled if by enlarging the *Elizabethan* we can also render it more interesting to all our readers, and thus be able to meet the extra expense. At the same time we beg to thank all those Old Westminsters and others who honour us with their subscriptions and contributions, and hope that they will consider favourably the proposition we have laid before them.

Correspondence.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—I noticed in your last number a letter signed "A Reader," which expressed surprise at my not suggesting some way of overcoming the difficulty of finding a place where a Chess Club might meet, instead of simply mentioning it. Did it not occur to your correspondent, that it was of no use to make any such suggestion before it was known whether the proposal for a Chess Club would be favourably received or not? For, until this was ascertained, how could it be known what accommodation, if any, would be required?

The Library was, I believe, suggested as a good place for this sort of thing, when the Debating-society question was raised some time ago; the difficulty then brought forward was, that it was usually occupied by some drawing-class after the regular school-hours; but surely on Wednesday afternoons and similar occasions it would be vacant, and if the requisite permission could be obtained it might be placed at the disposal of the Club. Hoping that you will find space to insert this,

I remain, yours truly,
W. A. P.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—I was glad to see in the last number of *The Elizabethan* that some one proposed a Chess Club, and as I think Westminster has long been in want of Societies I follow suit by proposing a Natural History Society. This Society could well carry on its meetings and lectures in Mr. Dale's room, or in the Shell room, and I wonder that no ardent naturalist has ever proposed such a Society before. I, for one, shall be only too happy to contribute to it, when once the Society is fairly started. And now, for fear of usurping too much of your space,

I remain, yours truly,
D. T.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—The remarks contained in J. A. P.'s letter, to the effect that by creating new races, and by them attracting on to the water the members of the Cricket Club, who are unable to get into either of the Eights, and by so doing improving the Eights, appears to me to be, if I may be allowed to say so, at the very least, absurd. To begin with, there were quite enough races at Westminster when I left, in fact, so many, that what with training and practice for the Leander and the Old Westminsters' races, several of the least important of the School races were forced to be left unrowed, and since then, I am told, more races have already been instituted. If J. A. P. wanted more races, why were both of the above-mentioned foreign races not rowed this year? a thing in itself strange, as foreign races tend more than anything to bring up the name of a club. Again, as to making rowing more attractive to the present members of the club, that is easily accomplished. Supposing a little time, say a day a week, was devoted by those in the first eight to coaching their less fortunate fellow-members in the fours, would not the fact of having a little trouble taken with them not only enhance their pleasure in rowing, but also improve the form of those who are to form the Eights of the future? And further, others in the School would be induced to join water, seeing that pains were really being taken with those who had already done so. I feel sure that J. A. P. ought to know, if he is a rowing man, that to get numbers to join "for the sake of taking a part in the races," is not the way to improve the form of the first eight of a rowing club, nor are "pot-hunters" the kind of men the president of a club would like to see constituting its members, or even a portion of them. To devote a day to coaching ought to be easy now, since the number of those masters who have kindly consented to come down to water is increased to two, and it would be hardly fair were the members of the eight to be the only ones benefited by the valuable assistance so graciously given. With all due apologies for having trespassed so much on your valuable space,

I remain, yours truly,
J. A. B.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—One naturally feels averse to suggest any innovations or changes in the ordinary games of a school so proverbially conservative as Westminster, especially when one considers the

numerous changes that of late years have been effected in the School, which, true Conservative though we be, we must confess in many cases to have been much wanted. But the suggestion I have to make can hardly be called an innovation, since it would (if my proposal should be fortunate enough to be accepted) be only a revival of an old game, I mean Hockey, which used to be played in the piazza under dormitory, before Dean Buckland built the election rooms. Hockey has now taken its place among our great winter games. Several Hockey clubs have been established in London, and most of the big schools play it. The two great questions of course to be met are, where and when is it to be played, without interfering with football? The first, I think, can be easily answered. Of course Fields and Green would be totally impracticable, but I see no reason why we should not play in Little Dean's Yard, between the Racquet Court and the opposite wall. At my last school we used to play in a place very similar, and it succeeded very well, and as it is a game which involves no danger to windows, I think the House Masters could offer no objection. The second question is more formidable; I mean, when is it to be played? This term the time is necessarily and rightly so taken up with football that I am afraid little could be done, but next term when football is drawing to a close and getting rather stale, if I may be bold enough to use such an epithet in connexion with that splendid game, I do think that Hockey would not be a bad substitution, sometimes, even in Green, when the grass has by that time been well worn off, and the ground is pretty hard; besides, too, any warm game of that sort after breakfast between nine and ten, in Little Dean's Yard, when fellows have nothing to do but loiter about, would be a decided gain.

It is my very last wish that it should in any way be detrimental to the interests of football, and whatever objections can be brought against my proposal, I am sure that this one at least cannot be. The great feature of Hockey is dribbling, and although it is played with a stick, its principle of dribbling is precisely the same as in football, and I feel certain that instead of its in any way proving an obstacle, it would assist the younger fellows in learning to dribble and improve and quicken the style of the more advanced, since as the ball used in Hockey is of course smaller the movements consequently are quicker.

My letter is already too lengthy to suggest any means to facilitate its commencement, but I shall be glad, if my proposal is not completely nipped in the bud, to offer any suggestions which may perhaps prove useful, at any rate if it is, I cannot be ranked among such Radical innovators as "Rinkomania," "Spelling Bee," etc. Hoping that you may find room for this in your valuable columns,

I beg to subscribe myself,

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—While looking over the MS. of the present number of your paper, I noticed a letter signed W. A. P.

written to support a Chess Club, which was proposed in *The Elizabethan* some short time ago. Now, sir, to a chess club in its proper and subordinate place I have not the slightest objection. I have no doubt that to many the time between "lock hours" is a great trial, and that chess is then regarded by some as a great boon, but forsooth, W. A. P. proposes that "on Wednesday afternoons and similar occasions" Library should be used for his club. I only hope that W. A. P. will try his plan on some ensuing Wednesday afternoon, and I am certain that he will have the pleasure of holding the club entirely to himself.

If W. A. P. does not play football himself surely he has no right to try and draw others from it, as it is a game which, however high the claims of chess may be, must, especially in a school like Westminster, be always regarded as of paramount importance. I am afraid W. A. P. has come to the wrong place, and that a French Lycée would certainly suit him better than an English Public School.

I am, etc.
COMMITTEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—The latest suggestion for the improvement of our minds and manners was I think a Chess Club. I have another for your consideration, which I think practicable and most certainly useful. A short time ago a large tank was erected on the top of the Abbey, which was to contain a reserve supply of water in case of a fire breaking out in the Abbey. I do not know what the staff for working the fire brigade is, but I certainly think that it might be very strongly augmented by members of the School. Our numbers will not admit of the formation of a Rifle Corps, but there is no reason why a Fire Brigade should not be formed. I should be most happy to send you a few plans for its formation, if there is any chance of my suggestion being carried out.

Yours truly,
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE ELIZABETHAN.

DEAR SIR,—It will, I am sure, interest all Old Westminster rowing men, as well as Present Westminsters, to hear how excellently the School is represented on the river here.

Of the Third Trinity Eights down, this term, one has no less than seven thwarts occupied by Westminster men, to say nothing of men at other colleges.

Besides this, our "Head of the Water," in 1875, Batley, rowed in the Third Trinity first boat last May term, that boat being third in the first division.

These good results are in a great degree to be attributed to those Old Westminsters who have taken so much time and trouble to coach the boats, as well as to that love of rowing which has always characterized the School, and which, it is to be hoped, will develop still more fully hereafter.

CAMBRIDGE OLD WESTMINSTER.

Floreat.