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'COPY.'

IT is surely one of the happiest ironies of etymology, that most ironical of pastimes, that this word should be derived, as the great English Dictionary now publishing tells us that it is, from the Latin *copia*. Nothing can well be less suggestive of 'abundance.' There is, indeed, on the table of the editor, an ever-growing accumulation of MSS. ; but a very brief apprenticeship to the trade serves to convince him that not all, by a very long way, that is pressed upon his notice, is usable 'copy.' In a School Magazine more than anywhere it is essential that what is printed should, as far as possible, be readable, and not only readable, but read. To the average subscriber, for whose

tastes we seek so lovingly to cater, the monthly publication seems as much a matter of course as the phases of the moon or the development of a photograph. How little, how infinitesimally little, he knows of the agonies which precede the birth of his favourite periodical! What plain sailing it all seems to his unprofessional eye! How sarcastic he is, should it fail to appear with mechanical regularity on the accustomed day, and yet how seldom it strikes him to assign the blame to the right quarter! Nine times out of ten he fatuously attributes the delay to editorial slackness. He is wrong, egregiously wrong. Let him ascribe it henceforward to the true cause, to wit, dearth of suitable 'copy.'

An editor may be as able and active as *Pulex domesticus*, and yet have to sit the live-

long day, crying like the two daughters of the horse-leech, 'Give, give.' What avails his ability or activity, if he have nothing on which to wreak them? You would not have him descend to the deliberate manufacture of news, as though he were conducting a London evening paper, only to be convicted on the morrow of more or less splendid mendacities. He can turn out his tale of bricks regularly and quickly enough, if you provide him with reasonable material; nay, if you give him plenty of clay he will cheerfully engage not to quarrel about the straw, but, if necessary, to furnish it from his own private store. But from a blank nothing, pray what would you have him, being a plain man and no juggler, evolve? *Ex nihilo nihil fit*: even mathematicians know that. In the life of the most conscientious of editors there is apt, fatally apt, to arrive, as periodically as his own magazine, a day when he is driven into a corner of querulous despair. How on earth shall he make up the Number? 'School Notes' and 'House Notes' have already been extended to their very utmost capacity; mediocre, even downright poor, speeches at the Debating Society have been reported with generous voluminousness; not a word more can be squeezed in about football, fives, or cricket—and still there is room. Now and then at the eleventh hour some belated incident or correspondence turns up, just in time to save his reputation. More often than not he has to be content with a horribly, almost indecently, skimmed issue, barely enough to swear by, though much more than enough to swear at.

Now, we are persuaded that, as has been already said, the average reader is ignorant of all these preliminary agonies, and thinks that news, and readable 'copy' generally, grow spontaneously like mushrooms, and can be had for the asking, or even without it. Possibly he pictures in his mind's eye a row of editorial taps, each of which is set running in turn to supply the needs of the several departments of the magazine. We fancy, however, that if it were generally known, as we have honestly confessed, that we are occasionally liable to be 'gravelled for lack of matter,' contributors

would be eager for the common weal to come forward and help. We appeal to all such literary aspirants in the School. Many O.W.W., too, both at home and abroad, regularly receive THE ELIZABETHAN, and, we hope, are profited by the perusal of it, though some of them are but 'absent-minded beggars' as regards the annual subscription. Will not they from time to time favour us with at least a letter? From some of those at the Universities we may surely claim this measure of support, which for many years past has been accorded in a very niggardly fashion. THE ELIZABETHAN finds its way overseas to distant lands, and cheers the loneliness of many an exile. We should gladly welcome any such remote correspondents, were they inclined to confide to our hands some record of 'moving accidents by flood and field,' or of even less tragic experiences. Everything should be made easy to them. We would not, for instance, should the question arise, limit them to the dreary monotony of plain prose, our hospitable columns being open to both that—and worse. An occasional lyric would assuredly meet with the reception it deserved. It is in truth hardly conceivable that the School which nurtured a Jonson, a Dryden, a Cowper, and which, in even these degenerate days, is still equal to the production of an annual 'Gumbleton,' should so very, very seldom make bold, in its own periodical, to 'drop into poetry.' Awake, then, ye slumbering bards, and assail, nothing fearing, the lenient editorial ear. In a recent issue of our young contemporary, the *Speaker*, some stanzas appeared from the pen of an eminent O.W., stanzas steeped in genius and mysticism. Why were they not offered to us?

In a word, we seek to raise, not the standard, for that, we flatter ourselves, would be no easy task, but the volume, of our cherished miscellany, and to extend, in some moderate degree, its scope. We on the spot are, of course, responsible for the due chronicle of mere news, but we think we may fairly look to others, who have passed out into the great world, but whose hearts, we know, are still sheltering under the Abbey, to send us an

occasional token of their interest and vitality—
a song, a sentiment, a reminiscence, an expe-
rience, nay, even, at due intervals, a good-
humoured criticism.—*Diximus.*

NUMERICULUS.

TRES nautae portu ex Ostiensi
solverunt naviculam in maré :

sed bubulam prius panemque nauticum
salsamque suillam imposueré

comedo Marcus et Kaeso bibulus
tuque, o parvule Numericulé.

Ad meridiem Borea vectis
scissum unum est pisum quo nutriant se.

Kaesoni Marcus bibulo comedo,
'Crucior,' inquit, 'quanta famé.'

'Nihil iam restat,' ille respondit ;
'nobis nos esse est necessé.'

Bibulo comedo, 'Inter nos,' inquit,
'nobis nos simus dyspepsiaé :

quam tener ille est, nos quam duri :
duris tener sit epulaé.'

'Stat, Numericule, caesum te esse,
at vinclum relaxa tu túnicaé.'

Hoc Numericulus obnuntiatio
guttas absterget a luminé.

'Precibus prius sinite precer,
mater olim quas docuit me.'

'At festina,' Bibulus inquit :
totus est Marcus in pugioné.

Numericulus summo in carchesio
genibus flexis posuit se.

'Oho, bombax,' vixdum inierat
cum clamans exsiluit 'Ecce terraé !

Hierosolyma et Taprobane
et haec et illa Hesperiaé !

et Romanam in ancoris classem
ducemque Duilium aspicité.'

Cum in proconsulis navem scandissent,
hic reste dat poenas, hic verberé :

sed Numericulus alia patitur
quippe praepositus navi longae.

School Notes.

WE deeply regret to announce the death of Maria Copley, Lady Vincent, who always took the greatest interest in Westminster, where the name of course is very familiar. She founded the Vincent Prize for English.

Commemoration was held this year on November 17. At the Latin Service in the Abbey the singing was on the whole very good, thanks to the untiring energy of Mr. Ranalow. A reception was held afterwards 'Up School,' where several old manuscripts relating to Westminster were shown ; some of them were exceedingly quaint. The attendance, if anything, was even larger than in former years.

R. E. More and W. F. Fox have both played recently for Oxford University, the latter in a new position—forward.

F. Young continued to play for Cambridge till the end of term, by all accounts, with success.

We congratulate A. S. Gaye on his election to an Open Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

In a book lately published on Association Football, by N. L. Jackson, a chapter is devoted to football at Westminster. It is very ably written by T. S. Oldham (O.W.), whose name is well known in football circles.

E. C. Stevens and R. Wynter received their Pinks after the Christ Church match.

The following is the football card filled in up to date :—

1899.

Sat.	Sept.	30	.	Clapham Rovers.	(Lost 0-3.)
"	Oct.	7	.	E. H. Winslow's XI.	(Won 3-0.)
"	"	14	.	H. O. C. Beasley's XI.	(Lost 3-7.)
"	"	21	.	Old Westminsters.	(Won 2-1.)
"	"	28	.	Old Carthusians.	(Drawn 0-0.)
				2nd XI. v. Clapham Rovers	2nd XI. (Lost 2-7.)
Wed.	Nov.	1	.	Old Etonians.	(Won 1-0.)
Sat.	"	4	.	Old Foresters.	(Lost 0-4.)
"	"	11	.	R. E. More's XI.	(Scratched.)
"	"	18	.	Casuals.	(Drawn 1-1.)
				2nd XI. v. Old Westminsters	2nd XI. (Lost 1-13.)
Wed.	Nov.	22	.	Emeriti.	(Lost 1-2.)
Sat.	"	25	.	Old Harrovians.	(Drawn 2-2.)
"	Dec.	2	.	Christ Church.	(Lost 0-2.)
				2nd XI. v. London Hospital	2nd XI. (Won 4-2.)
Wed.	Dec.	6	.	University College.	(Lost 0-3.)
Sat.	"	9	.	Old Felstedians.	(Won 3-0.)
				2nd XI. v. A. B. Challis's XI.	(Lost 1-2.)

1900.

Sat.	Jan.	20	.	Clapham Rovers.
	2nd XI.	v.	London Hospital	2nd XI.
"	Jan.	27	.	Selwyn College, Camb.
	2nd XI.	v.	Clapham Rovers	2nd XI.
Wed.	Jan.	31	.	Old Etonians.
Sat.	Feb.	3	.	Old Westminsters.
	2nd XI.	v.	Old Westminsters	2nd XI.
Wed.	Feb.	7	.	Emeriti.
Sat.	"	17	.	Casuals.
"	"	24	.	Charterhouse (at Vincent Square).
"	Mar.	3	.	Old Brightonians.
	2nd XI.	v.	E. H. Winslow's XI.	
Wed.	Mar.	7	.	L. A. M. Fevez's XI.
Sat.	"	10	.	F. Wormold's Eton XI.
"	"	17	.	T.B.B. v. Q.SS.

THE FIELDS.

WESTMINSTER v. OLD CARTHUSIANS.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on October 28. The O.CC brought a very hot team against the School, who did well to draw with them. After winning the toss, the School elected to play towards the Hospital end. From the kick-off Pashley got possession and put in a shot which went behind. Buzzard then ran down, but failed to score. Westminster then got a corner which was fruitless. Wace made several good runs, but had to leave the field, Stevens kicking the ball into his face. This weakened their attack considerably. Harris made a nice run and passed to Bompas, who shot behind. Half-time was then called, neither side having scored. On starting again the School were hard pressed for the first five minutes, but eventually Anderson cleared and our forwards got possession and ran down; but the shooting was weak, so no goal resulted. O. E. Wreford Brown at centre-half played a splendid game, and it was chiefly owing to his exertions that Westminster failed to score. Time was called without either side having scored.

For the School all the forwards played well, though the shooting was poor. Foster played a good game, while Wynter and Lewis both did useful work. Stevens showed greatly improved form, tackling well and kicking strongly; Anderson was good. For Old Carthusians, O. E. Wreford Brown and E. H. Bray were best.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); R. Wynter, A. L. Foster, and E. A. Lewis (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

OLD CARTHUSIANS.

Reid (goal); R. B. Timmis and E. H. Brag (backs); H. C. Wild, O. E. Wreford Brown, and W. A. Austen (half-backs); A. N. Other, G. W. Ryder, A. D. Buzzard, R. H. Laird, and L. K. Wace (fo.w.rds).

WESTMINSTER v. L. J. MOON'S XI.

Played 'Up Fields' on Friday, November 17. School won the toss and played towards the South end. Almost immediately after the start Beasley scored with a good shot (0-1), Taylor soon afterwards adding a second (0-2). Jacob got away, but shot behind. From the kick-off Fox got possession and scored after a nice run (0-3). The School forwards then warmed to their work and scored three times, through Harris (2) and Pashley. On restarting Beasley put the scratch team ahead with a fine shot. Zeiffi and G. P. Wilson then scored in quick succession. Half-time came with the visitors leading by 6-3. In the second half we managed to score three times, by Pashley (2) and Bompas, while the visitors' score remained the same, in spite of some good runs by Beasley on the right.

The School team played much better, Pashley showing excellent form. Of the defence, Wynter and Foster were best.

Teams :—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); R. Wynter, A. L. Foster, and P. F. Lock (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

L. J. MOON'S XI.

F. C. Hepburn (goal); L. J. Moon and R. E. More (backs); H. G. Dunkley, R. O. Barnett, and F. A. S. Gwatkin (half-backs); H. O. C. Beasley, S. S. Taylor, G. P. Wilson, W. F. Fox, and A. S. Zeiffi (forwards).

WESTMINSTER v. EMERITI.

This match was played 'Up Fields' on Wednesday, November 22. Emeriti won the toss, and the School kicked off from the Church end. Westminster pressed at the start, but it was not long before Emeriti got away and scored. Even play followed for a time, but at length from some loose play in front of goal they scored again. Westminster then got right down on the left, but Jacob shot behind. Pashley should have scored soon after, but sent over. Emeriti then became dangerous; but Wynter cleared and passed to Jacob, who, in turn, sent across to the right wing, where Kennedy shot behind. From the kick-off Harris got possession and sent in a hot shot which hit the post, and from the rebound Pashley scored. They attacked, but Barnby cleared in time; their outside left then had a good opportunity, but shot over. Half-time was then called.

On restarting Emeriti pressed, but Stevens cleared well. Bompas and Harris took the ball right down, but the latter shot badly. Play was chiefly confined to their half now, but the centre-half repeatedly broke up the combination. They got right away once and seemed certain to score, but the whistle went for off-side. The Westminster right wing ran

up, and from a pass by Harris, Kennedy shot behind. Harris, a little later, had a splendid chance of scoring, but passed instead to Bompas, who was immediately tackled. Foster stopped a dangerous rush and passed to Bompas, but the goal-keeper was equal to his shot. A foul was given against them close in, but nothing came of it. A good shot by Pashley was finely saved at the expense of a corner; Lock took it and sent it right into the goal, but no one had previously touched it. Jacob and Pashley both put in good shots, but without effect. From now until the end Westminster continually pressed, but the forwards very rarely shot; and so when time was called the score was still 2-1 in their favour.

All the School team seemed out of form, the halves alone doing themselves justice. The forwards were especially weak, and failed repeatedly in front of goal. We can never hope to win matches while the shooting remains so hopelessly bad.

Team :—

WESTMINSTER.

K. B. Anderson (goal); A. C. Barnby and E. C. Stevens (backs); P. F. Lock, A. L. Foster, and R. Wynter (half-backs); S. D. Kennedy, S. S. Harris, H. S. Bompas, R. Pashley, and W. R. Jacob (forwards).

The visitors did not leave their names.

WESTMINSTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WE believe that the following Westminsters are now at the front in South Africa :—

Lieut.-Colonel H. E. RAWSON, R.E.
 Major C. B. VYVYAN, The Buffs.
 Captain F. L. PROTHERO, Welsh Regiment.
 C. L. MACNAB, Lieutenant, Border Regiment.
 R. W. R. BARNES, Lieutenant, 4th Hussars.
 L. K. D'ARCY and J. B. WELLS, Second Lieutenants,
 Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
 S. H. F. MURIEL, Second Lieutenant, Border Regiment.
 D. CLAPHAM, Second Lieutenant, R.A.
 J. G. SEWELL, Second Lieutenant, Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 The Rev. W. C. HAINES, Chaplain to the Forces.
 J. F. BADHAM, 1st Royal Dragoons.

The following are on their way to the front :—

Captain A. A. MCHARDY, R.A.
 F. C. D. DAVIDSON, Lieutenant, King's Own Royal
 Lancaster Regiment.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the House on October 26, the following motion was discussed: 'That the want of an adequate University in London is much felt.'

The balance of opinion was very evenly divided on this motion, and in consequence an excellent debate took place. Some strong arguments were

brought forward on either side, and the speeches were on the whole distinctly above the average.

E. G. S. RAVENSCROFT, who proposed the motion, considered that if a University could be instituted in London on the same lines as Oxford and Cambridge, but on a cheaper scale, a great many people would go to it; the time that is now required to obtain a degree at the Universities is too long, and it would be a great point in favour of a University such as he proposed were the time reduced to two years or so.

The OPPOSER (P. T. Browning) said that a resident University in London would be insane; no one would go there whilst he was able to go to Oxford or Cambridge. He then proceeded to give the House a 'short history of London University, with various proposals for its improvement,' none of which had been of practical use.

The SECONDER (W. A. Greene) did not think that at present nearly enough prominence was given to music and art.

The VICE-PRESIDENT took exception to this statement; there are splendid scholarships in music at the present time, and the University could not afford to give such good ones.

A discussion then arose as to the relative merits of London air and the air of Oxford or Cambridge, which ended in the Opposer making a mistake with regard to ozone, and being corrected by A. C. Barnby. After this the House divided on the motion, with the following result: Ayes, 9; Noes, 10. Majority against, 1.

The motion was therefore lost.

Mr. ETHERIDGE was present during the debate, but did not speak. We hope to have the pleasure of hearing him at some future meeting during the present session.

The House met again on Thursday, November 2, and after the usual preliminary business had been concluded, the President moved: 'That this House considers that the standard of the Novel has greatly deteriorated.'

A good many speeches were made on this motion, but most were capable of being construed either way; one member in especial seemed divided between admiration for the works of Sir Walter Scott and of Guy Boothby. Towards the end the debate degenerated into a discussion of the merits and demerits of the compositions of Rudyard Kipling.

The PROPOSER (A. S. Gaye) opened his speech with a short history of the novel since its earliest days; he then proceeded to enumerate a few of the masterpieces of the earlier school of novelists, and compared them with the modern novel. The fairest way, he thought, of comparing the modern novel and the earlier novel was by taking the average of each; that would leave very little doubt as to the superiority of the old school.

The OPPOSER (S. D. Kennedy) considered this system, on the other hand, exceedingly unfair; the modern average must, perforce, include all the trash

that is published now, whereas the trash of the last century has, by virtue of its nature, disappeared. The best way would be to take the best novels of each period and compare them. He did not think the novel of to-day would suffer by this comparison : it was bright, easy reading, and surely more agreeable than the dry languidness of most of the old authors.

P. F. LOCK, who seconded the motion, was very severe on the Opposer, and pitied him greatly for his inability to read Scott. He then went on to criticise the grammar of the modern novel, taking, apparently, as his standard the magazine-novel.

The VICE-PRESIDENT (A. C. Barnby) made an excellent speech, but, unfortunately, some previous speaker had mentioned Mr. Kipling disparagingly, and he (the Vice-President) devoted too much of his speech to a defence of that author's works. On the question being put, the motion was rejected by acclamation.

House Notes.

COLLEGE.—There is very little news to chronicle. Interest, naturally, centres chiefly round the Play. The stage and 'gods' are up, but the fixing of the electric light promises to be a longer business. Rehearsals are nearly over ; an important alteration has been made in the cast at the last moment ; we can only hope that everything will turn out successfully. We regret to see that Lock is again *hors de combat*. The Literary Society has finished reading 'Twelfth Night' ; this is the last meeting of the term.

ASHBURNHAM.—After drawing with Rigaud's once in the Junior House matches, we were finally beaten by 1-3. But in the Trials we had our revenge, winning by 2-0 after a good game. We congratulate Wynter on his 'Pinks' ; Mears and Parker have also received House colours ; the former played for the 2nd XI. *v.* London Hospital. The Fives Ties have progressed well, and now only the final remains to be played.

GRANT'S.—We beat Rigaud's in the final of the Juniors by 2-0, after a good game. Shephard and Whitmore played well. In the first round of the Trials we were drawn against Home Boarders, and beat them by 5-4. We should have probably won more easily but that three of our team were out of school. Hearty congratulations to E. C. Stevens on receiving his 'Pinks.' We congratulate M. C. Smith on playing for the 2nd XI. *v.* Old Westminsters 2nd XI.

RIGAUD'S.—We have some unwelcome news to record in this number in the shape of two defeats. Having won our way into the final of the Juniors, we were eventually defeated by Junior Grant's, who scored two goals to our none. In the first round of Trial

House matches we were drawn against Ashburnham, who beat us after a very exciting game by two goals to nil. We offer our heartiest congratulations to L. H. Bennett on his first appearance for the School against Christ Church, in which match we had five representatives. B. H. Willett is also to be congratulated on receiving his House cap. We are very glad to see that R. Pashley has so soon recovered from two very bad knees.

H.BB.—We drew Grant's in the first round of the Trials, and were beaten by 5-4, after a very good game. We were without Powell at back, but Lühn forgot his weak heart and played with great success. Battle and Perry were best of the forwards, and Wilkins was useful at half. Our Fives Ties have not progressed very fast, but we hope to finish them during the Exams. Perry received his House colours after the match against Grant's, on which we congratulate him ; he has also been playing for the 2nd XI.

Marriages.

FORSTER—PALMER.—On November 18, Sir Charles Forster, Bart., of Lysways, Staffordshire, to Mary, daughter of A. Villiers Palmer, of Nasing Park, Essex.

DEWDNEY—MUNTZ.—On October 26, at St. Mark's, Surbiton, by the Rev. F. J. Woodhouse, Edward Lucius Day Dewdney, of Dunster, Somerset, younger son of William R. Dewdney, of Surbiton, to Kathleen Brenda, third daughter of the late P. Maurice Muntz, of Hook, Surrey, and of Mrs. Muntz, Simcoe, Surbiton.

Obituary.

WE record with much regret the death of Dr. SOUTHEY, which occurred on November 8. Reginald Southey was a nephew of the poet and son of Dr. Henry Herbert Southey, Physician to King William IV. He was born in 1835, and was at the School from 1848 to 1853, when he matriculated at Oxford from Christ Church. In 1857 he graduated with a first class in Natural Science, and was chosen Radcliffe Travelling Fellow in 1860. In 1870 he became Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and in 1883 was appointed a Commissioner in Lunacy. This place he held for about fifteen years, and was recognised as one of the chief authorities on insanity. Dr. Southey married a daughter of Mr. Watson Thornton, Rector of Llanwarne. His son was at the School some sixteen years ago.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—The writer of your 'School Notes' this month does not appear to know that Major Vyvyan (3rd Buffs), who is one of Colonel Baden-Powell's plucky party at Mafeking, Cape Colony, is the C. B. Vyvyan who got his election into College as a monitor in 1873.

Yours faithfully,
ONE OF HIS ELECTION.

[We beg to thank our correspondent for his information, and should be grateful to any subscribers who can further supplement the list of O.W.W. now on service in South Africa.—Ed. *Elizabethan*.]

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

SIR,—May I call attention to the state of the standing boards 'Up Fields'? They are at present in a very broken and rickety condition, and I feel sure that if this were remedied, and the number increased, the attendance at School matches would be much larger. Hoping my request will meet with approval,

I remain yours, &c.,
A SUFFERER.

Our Contemporaries.

WE acknowledge, with thanks, the following:—*Blandellian, Fettesian, Cheltonian, Melburnian, Bradfield College Chronicle, Carthusian, King's College School Magazine, Cliftonian, Tonbridgian, Oakham School, Wycombe Abbey Gazette, Wellingtonian, Pauline, Ulula, Cantuarian, Dovorian (2), Rossalian, Our Boys' Magazine, Haileyburian, Felstedian, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Wykehamist, Pena' Charter Magazine, The Blue, Working Men's College Journal, Newtonian, St. John's Magazine, Marlburian, Carthusian.*

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