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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, PAST AND PRESENT.

WE are glad to learn that a want which has long been felt is at last to be supplied. Of all the great public schools Westminster is perhaps the one whose history is the most interesting, not merely to her own sons, but to the outside world; and yet that history has not hitherto been written. Independently of the scores of misty traditions such as hover round all old schools, there exists abundant material ready to hand for the work; material that is authenticated in its details and wide and varied in its scope. The only wonder is that no one has been found before the present time to collect and sift it and place it in a convenient shape before the world as a real history of the School. Accounts of life in the School, in themselves accurate enough, have found their way into the pages of at least one novelist of late years, though in a less popular form than that which has immortalised Tom Brown or Verdant Green; but nothing more has been done, and while Eton and Winchester

have for many years possessed their biographies, the glories of Westminster have remained 'unhonoured and unsung'—*caerent quia vate sacro*.

The reason is hard to guess. Dean Stanley, in his work on the history of the Abbey, has forbore to enter at any length on the history of the School; to have done so, indeed, would have been inconsistent with the design of his book, and to have done so at all adequately would have doubled the size of the volume. But throughout it there are scattered notices of the School, its customs and its *alumni*, full of interest, and yet only as it were the key to a tenth part of what might be written on the subject. Another and an infinitely greater fund of materials is to be found in Mr. Charles B. Phillimore's edition of 'Alumni Westmonasterienses,' a work not as well known in the School as it deserves to be. More information again is to be found in the notes of the editors of 'Lusus alteri Westmonasterienses,' though they, in several instances, merely travel over the same ground as Mr. Phillimore. Both of these last-mentioned works may be regarded as possessed of peculiar authority, having been

published by those who were in immediate connection with the School. Two interesting Papers, dealing with the School history, appeared in *Blackwood's Magazine* for July and September, 1866; they were written by the author of 'Etoniana,' and have since been republished, with other essays, in a work entitled 'The Public Schools of England,' the author's preface expressing his obligations to the late James Mure, Esq., and the late Rev. T. W. Weare, for their assistance in that part of the work which related to Westminster. In Cassell's 'Old and New London' there are two chapters devoted to an account of the School, based mainly on the authorities before mentioned, but containing information of a somewhat later date. Yet no work has at present appeared which can properly be called a history of the School.

We believe that more interest is taken in this subject at the present time by present members of the School than a few years ago was the case. Those columns of *The Elizabethan* which are given up to correspondents and to 'Notes and Queries' of themselves prove that the history and traditions of the School are matters which possess attraction for many of its members. Still it cannot be doubted that a large majority of Westminsters, both past and present, know very little of either one or the other. To take present members of the School alone, how many of them know that the Play is not merely a unique survival of an ancient custom, but that its annual representation was confirmed and enjoined by a statute of Queen Elizabeth—'*quo juvenus majori cum fructu tempus Natalis Christi terat et tum actioni tum pronunciationi decenti melius se assuescat*'? How many of them could tell the names of half-a-dozen of the Old Westminsters who lie buried in the Abbey? How many of them know why Vincent Square is so called? or why the Queen's Scholars wear surplices in the Abbey? or that the lower rooms in college did not exist forty years ago? or that till 1828 the juniors in college used to make the rods? How many know that on a Saint's Day they are *not* entitled to a 'half-holiday,' but to a 'late-play'?

No excuse will now be left for those who plead lack of instruction as a ground of their ignorance. The last number of *The Elizabethan* contained a notice of a book which will be published towards the close of the present year, and the title of which heads this article. The author, Mr. F. H. Forshall, is an Old Westminister, having been admitted into college in

1844, and elected to Cambridge in 1848. He therefore comes midway between the oldest and the youngest of the present generation of Old Westminsters, and as such should be eminently fitted for the task which he has undertaken. It is much to be wished that this work should be as complete and accurate as possible, to the end that it may be able to take its place as a book of reference as to all that is connected with the past history of the School. With this object in view, we trust that we may be allowed a few words on the subject of the advertised table of contents. We find Water and Cricket mentioned, but no mention of Football or Racquets—the former an important omission. A few pages surely ought to be devoted to the history and work of the Elizabethan Club, which has done so much for the School; and a very interesting chapter might be written on the past literature of the School, a subject which has been lately touched upon in our own columns. A description and history of the School buildings is promised us; and we trust that the opportunity will not be lost of placing upon record a fair and dispassionate account of the proceedings relating to the late 'rectification of frontier.' Finally, to the account which is promised of the Cricket and Water Ledgers might be added many interesting extracts from other ledgers in possession of the School.

It is peculiarly fitting that such a work as this should be published at the present time. The School has recently acquired new property, and a new Head-Master sits in the chair of Busby and Vincent; we may safely assume that in some ways we have arrived at a new starting-point in the School history. We may, to conclude, express our hope in the words of the first of the many brilliant and scholarly prologues penned by Dr. Scott:

Ut iisdem auguriis jam novo sub auspice
Antiua semper eadem floreat Domus.

OUR FOUNDRRESS, QUEEN ELIZABETH.

UNDER this title we have received the following contribution, which we insert as containing some historical facts which may be interesting to some of our readers, reserving our criticism on them to the last:

'OUR FOUNDRRESS, QUEEN ELIZABETH.'

How often are these words repeated in Abbey without rousing any interest in those who hear them! I suppose those who wrote the prayer, in which

the above words occur, really believed 'Good Queen Bess' to be the foundress of the School.

Was she? I think not. Westminster School, though indebted to her for many benefits, was not founded by her.

Let us go back some centuries.

In the 'good old times,' under the wing and countenance of monasteries and abbeys, there grew up numberless schools for the education of the young. Westminster was no exception to the rule.

Tanner, in his 'Notitia,' states that the Abbey and the School were founded at one and the same time.

It is an acknowledged fact that there was a school attached to it in the reign of Edward the Confessor, for Ingulph, the abbot and historian of Croyland Abbey, relates that he received his education there. Sometimes returning from school, he would meet Edgittia, the queen, who would ask him about his lessons, and—to quote the historian's own language—'falling from grammar to the brighter studies of logic, wherein she had much skill and knowledge, she would subtly catch him in the threads of argument, and afterwards send him home with cakes and money, which was counted out to him by her handmaidens.' I think I hear some one wishing that such things happened nowadays.

Fitz-Stephen, in his life of Thomas à Becket, confirms the fact of there being a school adjoining the Abbey, and a salary was paid by the almoner of the Abbey to a schoolmaster for teaching boys grammar, and this salary was paid till the dissolution of the monasteries.

When Henry VIII. remodelled the Abbey, and made it into a bishop's see, he appointed two masters to teach forty boys grammar, these forty now being Q.SS.

In the reign of Mary we hear little or nothing of the School; then comes the time of its glory, the reign of 'Good Queen Bess.'

In the books of the time the School is thus described:

'A Publique school for Grammar, Rhetorick, Poetrie, and for the Latin and Greek Languages.'

It was intended that there should not be more than 120 scholars, including the Q.SS., who, by the way, were to be chosen in preference from among the choristers or from the sons of the Chapter tenants.

Widmore writes thus:

'Queen Elizabeth did *on'y* continue her father's appointment: that princess made indeed a statute ordering the manner in which the scholars were to be elected upon the foundation in this School, and from thence to a college in each of the two Universities, as likewise the number so to be removed every year. Against this part of the order, both the Deans of Christ Church and the Masters of Trinity College struggled for a long time, but without good reason.' In fact, as usual, the Virgin Queen had her own way.

Thus, though much indebted to Queen Elizabeth, we cannot acknowledge her as our foundress, but only as our benefactress.

On this we would remark that our correspondent does not appear to be aware that the well-worn story of Ingulphus and Queen Edith is now acknowledged to be a forgery of the fourteenth century. However, it shows that a school was attached to the convent at that date, though it is no authority for the times of the Confessor. The early history of the Abbey School is summed up thus by Dean Stanley: 'In the Western Cloister—the one still most familiar to Westminster scholars—sate the Master of the Novices with his disciples. This was the first beginning of Westminster School. Traces of it have been found in the literary challenges of the London schoolboys, described by Fitzstephen.' This record the Dean quotes in a note: 'Pueri diversarum scholarum versibus inter se conrixantur' ('Memorials of Westminster,' p. 362). The School does appear under Queen Mary, though in rather an unpleasant light, for among the murderers who were carried through the precinct of St. Peter in the train of Abbot I'eckenham, to show that the full rights of sanctuary were restored to the Abbey, was the small Westminster boy who had slain the big boy who hawked books and papers in Westminster Hall, by a stone which hit him under the ear.

But 'J. Penn' has been urged to his somewhat ungracious task of proving 'Elizabetha Regina, Fundatrix nostra,' to be nothing of the kind, by a misconception of what is meant by being the foundress of an institution like St. Peter's College. No one of any reading ever imagined that there was no school here before Queen Elizabeth. But when we call her our foundress, we mean that the present constitution of Westminster is her work; that our *status*, so to speak, is founded upon her statutes. And, in fact, before her the College did not exist. Henry VIII. had substituted for the Convent a Cathedral, Mary had restored the Convent, and Elizabeth substituted for the latter a Collegiate Church. An article by the late Head-Master, printed two or three months ago in this Magazine, described the Public Schools Act of 1868 as 'a new foundation.' And this is because that Act, by the creation of a new Governing Body, with the power of changing the Elizabethan statutes, gave the School a corporate existence under the name of St. Peter's College, apart from the Collegiate Church; and the new Governing Body, by the repeal of all the statutes of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, as far as they related to the School, with one exception, completed the work which Parliament had begun. But the continuity of the School was

not broken. The Act was carried out by the old Governing Body of St. Peter's College, namely, the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, the Dean of Christ Church, and the Master of Trinity, who, by a 'statute for determining and establishing the constitution of the Governing Body,' made 'in execution of the power given to us by the Public Schools Act, 1868,' handed over their powers to a Governing Body constituted in a new way. This method of procedure strongly contrasts with the way in which the Foundation of Queen Elizabeth was carried out. 'J. Penn' has reminded us of the high-handed fashion in which she forced it on the Dean of Christ Church and Master of Trinity of that day. The School still regards Queen Elizabeth as its foundress, since no break has occurred in its existence from her time onwards; the powers of the present Governing Body were given them, not directly by Parliament, but by those authorities under whom Queen Elizabeth originally placed us.

However, our thanks are due to 'J. Penn' for reminding us of the predecessors of the present School, especially of the one founded by Henry VIII., which Queen Elizabeth developed into that which she attached to St. Peter's Collegiate Church. Of that School Lord Burleigh is said to have been a scholar; certainly he afterwards, when High Steward of the City of Westminster and Elizabeth's Minister, took a part in the work of foundation, and his benefactions to the new College are recorded in our last number. In that School Udall, the father of English comedy, was probably an usher; and Nowell, author of the Shorter Catechism, was Head-Master. Such names may well make us proud of the 'Publique School' of King Henry VIII.

School Notes.

We omitted to mention in our last number that B. M. H. Rogers, of Exeter College, Oxford, obtained a second class in Natural Science.

Mr. Rutherford, our new Head-Master, whom we most heartily welcome to Westminster, was installed up School by the Dean of Westminster, before 10 o'clock School, on Thursday, September 27. He was ordained Deacon on the previous Sunday, at the Parish Church of Croydon, by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On September 5 the *Times* contained a long article on Westminster School, which was a pleasant contrast in tone to most of the notices with which the public Press has favoured us for some time past. It

was neither malevolent nor impatient to effect a radical reform of our whole constitution. The article is too long to insert in full, as a correspondent of this magazine has suggested; many of the stories and facts related are familiar to most of our readers, and we may point out a considerable number of inaccurate statements. For example, though the dates of Busby's appointment to the Head-Mastership and of his death are correctly given, the period of his holding office is said to have been 47 years, when it should be 57 or (counting the year or so in which, through Laud's influence, he was provisionally appointed Master in Laurence Osbaldiston's room) 58 years. Again, the numbers of the School were not over 500 during Dr. Williamson's Head-Mastership. On Lady-day, 1720, the School numbered 430 boys, and there is no authoritative record of there ever having been more boys at Westminster than then. 'In 1823,' we quote from the *Elizabethan*, vol. iv., p. 13, 'there were 284; while, in 1835, the numbers of the School sank to 100, since which time it has never been so full as at present.' This fall (which certainly was not from over 500) was contemporary with the establishment of King's College, London. It is a small point, but to speak of 'the venerable College of Thorney' is somewhat disturbing to one's historical ideas. One amusing story of Busby is given in the article, which we have not met elsewhere, and therefore give for the benefit of those of our readers who may not have read the *Times* article:

'One hot afternoon, as he (Busby) was correcting themes in the school-room, there was a great noise of juniors playing in Little Dean's Yard. Busby twice sent down a monitor to stop the riot, but as this had no effect, he despatched several big boys with orders to bring up the chief culprits. A lean Frenchman happened to be standing in Dean's Yard, enjoying the view of the Abbey, and smiling at the games of the boys. Him Busby's emissaries seized and dragged, frantically resisting, up the school-room steps. "Horse him," said Busby, quietly, when the young rogues declared that "this was the man who had made all the noise," and, to the unspeakable delight of the whole school, the Frenchman was well whipped and then hustled out. Boiling with rage, he hastened to the nearest coffee-house, and there wrote a challenge, which he sent to Busby by a street porter. The Doctor had no sooner read the paper than he said, "Fetch me a rod and horse this man," and the porter was forthwith served like his principal. He returned to the coffee-house with starting eyes to tell what had happened to him, and this time the Frenchman, fairly vanquished, could only exclaim, "C'est le diable."

Of this article Dr. Scott writes, in a letter to a Master: 'The decline in Dr. Williamson's time was not truly represented; his numbers were not 500, but 300, when he began in 1829. In 1831 King's College opened, and the entries fell off at once from 50 to 20; one year 13, another 9. He passed on 65 to Dr. Liddell, and Dr. Liddell 116 to me, I 221, I believe, to my successor. This is allowing for departures. Also they (the *Times* writers) did

not notice the fact that all the past years have been preparation for the future—that we have never, till quite recently, had at all the same advantages to offer as rival schools from our confined space, and therefore could not be expected to attract large numbers. I wish this had been noticed, as it would have made a more favourable impression of the probable future.'

The Athletic Sports are fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, the 10th and 11th October. The Athletic Committee is filled up as follows :

MEMBERS OF THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

- C. C. J. Webb, Q.S., Captain.
A. M. T. Jackson (Secretary), Head Town Boy.
A. E. R. Bedford (Treasurer), Captain of Football.
S. H. Clarke, Q.S., Head of Water.
C. B. Tritton, Captain of Cricket.

ELECTED.

- R. Vavasseur, Q.S.
R. A. Ingram.

The following gifts have been added to the new Library :

By Canon Bull :

MS. Edition of 'Alumni Westmonasteriensis.'

By the Rt. Rev. Dr. Short, late Bishop of Adelaide :

1. Fasti Hellenici, 4 vols.
2. Herodotus, Ed. Gaisford, 4 vols.
3. Xenophon, 6 vols.
4. Thucydides, Ed. Arnold, 4 vols.
5. Bentley's Epistle of Phalaris.
6. Æschylus, Ed. Scholefield, and Prometheus Vincetus, Ed. Griffith.
7. Sophocles and Scholia.
8. Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, with Hesychii Scholia.
9. Aristotelis Opera, 7 vols.
10. Polybius, 5 vols.
11. Cramer's Passage of Hannibal.
12. Hebrew Analytical Dictionary.
13. Antiquités de Nismes.
14. Burton's Rome.
15. Sabrinae Corolla.
16. Smith's Wealth of Nations.

Also, for the Museum: A Picture of St. Peter's College, Adelaide, an institution founded by Bishop Short and others on the model of St. Peter's College, Westminster.

By Dr. Scott :

- History and Antiquities of Westminster Abbey, Neale. 1 vol.
Matthæi Parisiensis Chronica Majora. Edited by H. R. Luard, M.A. 6 vols.
Lives of Edward the Confessor. Edited by H. R. Luard, M.A. 1 vol.
Universal Geography, with Illustrations and Maps. Reclus. 15 vols.
Le Grant Therence. Paris, 1539. 1 vol.
Sallustius et Florus, 1773. (Dr. Vincent's leaving present to W. Carey.) 1 vol.
De l'enseignement secondaire en Angleterre et Ecosse, 1868. 1 vol.
Calendar of State Papers, Carew, 1575-1588. 1 vol.
Oxford University Commission, Report of H.R.H.'s Commissioners, 1852. 1 vol.
Appendix to First Report of the Cathedral Commissioners, 1854. 1 vol.
Report of H.R.H.'s Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Revenue and Management of certain Colleges and Schools, and the studies and instruction given in them, 1864. 4 vols.

Schools Inquiry Commission, Report of the Commissioners, 1868. 1 vol.

Returns from the Deans and Chapters of the several Cathedral and Collegiate Churches in England and Wales. 1 vol.

Also a Cingalese book written on palm leaves, an old Exchequer Tally, and Relics of the Lake Dwellings of Switzerland.

The Debating Society met on October 1 to elect officers for the ensuing term. The result was :

Vice-President : H. C. Peck.
Secretary : A. M. T. Jackson.
Treasurer : M. T. Pigott.

The Bell-ringing Society recommenced its practices in the tower of St. Margaret's on Tuesday, October 2. A meeting has been held to elect officers for the ensuing term. The result was as follows :

President : C. J. Shebbeare.
Secretary : E. F. Peck.
Treasurer : H. N. Crouch.

M. R. Bethune, C. F. Rogers, and D. S. Long were elected members of the Society.

A new Master has been added to the staff in the person of E. L. Fox, Esq., B.A., of Balliol College, Oxford, who is taking the Under Remove. Mr. Sloman is taking the Upper Remove, and Mr. Freeman Sixth Form work.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

AUTHOR OF EPITAPH WANTED.—Who wrote the following epitaph on

THE MARQUIS OF ANGLESEY'S LEG.

Here lies—and let no saucy knave
Presume to sneer or laugh,
To find that, mould'ring in this cave,
Is laid—a British calf.

For he who writes these lines is sure
That those who read the whole
Would find that laugh was premature ;
For here, too, lies a *sole*.

And here five little ones repose,
Twin-born with the other five,
Unheeded by their brother toes,
Who now are all alive.

A leg and foot, to speak more plain,
Rest here of one commanding,
Who, tho' his wits he may retain,
Lost half his *understanding* ;

Who, when the guns with thunder fraught
Poured bullets thick as hail,
Could only in this way be brought
To give the foe *leg-bail*,

And now in England, just as gay
As in the battle brave,
Goes to the rout, review, or play,
With one foot in the grave.

Fortune, indeed, has shown her spite,
For he will still be found,
Should England's toes engage in fight,
Resolved to stand his ground ;

And but indulged in harmless whim :
Since he could walk with one,
She saw two legs were lost on him,
Who never deigned to run.

What does 'cave' refer to? or is it only a poetical license to rhyme with 'knave'?—ALPHA.

NOTES.

CHAIRING THE CAPTAIN OF ELECTION (vol. iv. pp. 43, 55).—The practice of chairing was continued one year later than mentioned in your last number, H. S. Otter being chaired in 1870. In the next year the time of election of the minor candidates was altered, and the chairing, as well as the 'Queen's Scholar and Town Boy Greeze,' fell through.—E. V. A.

THE RACQUET COURT GHOST (vol. iv. p. 33).—Mr. E. Walford, in his 'Old and New London,' tells us that there is in one of the 'British Essayists' a very excellent ghost story connected with the School, which he omits for want of space. This may be a clue to the racquet-court ghost about which your correspondent 'Splash' seeks information. I do not possess the 'British Essayists,' but perhaps some of your readers may have it in their possession, or, at any rate, may be able to refer to it elsewhere, and if so, I hope they will kindly do so, and let us know the story in full, even if it does not turn out to be the one inquired after. Perchance in bygone days Westminster was infested by several ghosts. The 'British Essayists,' I may mention, were collected by Alexander Chalmers, and published in 1803, and include *The Tattler, Spectator, Guardian, Rambler, Adventurer, World, Connoisseur, Idler, Mirror, Lounger, Observer, Olla Podrida, and The Microcosm.*—ALPHA.

THE PUMP IN DEAN'S YARD (vol. iv. p. 85).—The pump became dry about 1865, the cause being supposed to be the works of the underground railway. The following allusion was made to it in the prologue to the 'Trinummus,' which was the Play for that year :

Illa Hippocrene nostra, fons ille optimus
Lymphis Decani qui rigabat aream,
Qui vestram ac proavum toties sedavit sitim,
Jam siccus, eheu ! deficiente aqua jacet.
Istorum culpa est, credo, qui subter solum
Cuniculis stravere ferratas vias.

P.

THE SCOTT MEMORIAL.

ON Tuesday, July 31, a meeting of O.W.W. and others was held up School to present Dr. Scott with a personal gift, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the meeting of O.W.W. in College Hall, recorded in a recent number of this magazine. Dr. Scott was supported by the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, the Right Hon. Lord Richard

Grosvenor, M.P., the Right Rev. Dr. Short, late Bishop of Adelaide, and the Right Hon. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P. There were also present Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., who was chosen to present the gift, the Right Rev. Dr. Titcomb, late Bishop of Rangoon, Vice-Admiral Phillimore, H. B. Ince, Esq., Q.C., M.P., the Rev. Dr. Barry, the Rev. Dr. Duckworth, the Rev. Canon Bull, Dr. Waddilove, and many others. After the resolutions passed at the College Hall meeting had been read, at Sir Watkin W. Wynn's request, by the Secretary, Mr. R. J. Mure, and letters read from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev. H. L. Thompson, the Rev. H. M. Ingram, and others, regretting their absence from the meeting, Sir Watkin W. Wynn rose, and after a speech in which he spoke of Dr. Scott's claim to a personal testimonial, and alluded to the many generations of Old Westminsters represented at the meeting, from those who had just left the School to Canon Bull, who was a Master before most of those present were born, unveiled the presents, which consisted of a silver cup and two silver candlesticks. On the cup was the inscription :

Viro Reverendo
CAROLO BRODRICK SCOTT, S.T.P.
per annos xxviii. Scholæ Regiæ Westmonasteriensis Archidia-
dascalo,
constantissimo disciplinæ Christianæ præceptori,
subtili sollertique ingenio, infinitâ literarum copiâ
mentes discipulorum informare, augere, expolire—lito,
Terentiana stili venustate quidquid placuit auditoribus inter-
pretari callido,
sui profuso ut Scholæ in posterum consuleret,
quæ ipsius auspicio creverat,
Bibliothecæ
in honorem tam egregii meriti Viri instauratæ
Monumentum
D.D.
Veteres alumni Westmonasteriensis amici fautores
MDCCCLXXXIII.

The Captain of the School then in a few words, in which he regretted the unavoidable absence through illness of Mrs. Scott from the ceremony, presented Dr. Scott with the present from the School—a silver bowl and salver. On the bowl was engraved Dr. Scott's crest, and on the stand was fixed a silver plate, thus inscribed :

Reverendo doctissimoque Viro
CAROLO BRODRICK SCOTT, S.T.P.
Coll. Sti Petri Westmon.
per xxviii. annos Archididascalo dilectissimo
Hoc Argentum
D.D.
Scholæ Regiæ Westmonasteriensis Alumni et Regii et Oppidani
Prid. Kal. Aug. MDCCCLXXXIII.

On the salver were the Westminster arms, from which an unfortunate mistake of the silversmith had omitted the fifth martlet below the cross.

Dr. Scott then returned thanks for the presents in a long and interesting speech. We are sorry that, by a misapprehension, no report was taken of it at the time, as an accurate account would, we are sure, be of the highest interest to most past and present Westminsters. He thanked the Old Westminsters and the School for their gifts, and recalled the great services which the Old Westminsters had rendered

to the School, especially in the acquisition of new houses which could provide accommodation for the increased numbers of the School. He mentioned the separation between the Chapter and the School, and expressed a hope that all disputes between the two were now at an end, and that there would be nothing to prevent our honouring the Chapter, as we should wish, without any sense that our interests and theirs were different. He mentioned the proposed scheme of making Ashburnham House a house for the Head-Master, and dwelt upon the greater advantages of the house in which the Head-Master had so long lived as a dwelling, as well as the superior convenience of Ashburnham House for housing a Library and Museum, and containing class-rooms and home-boarders' rooms, as had been arranged. He said that the best testimonial to a Master is the success of his pupils, and that he hoped that the School would yield a rich crop in that harvest which is the end of the world.

Speeches were then made by Canon Bull and Lord Richard Grosvenor, the latter of whom particularly spoke of Mrs. Scott's absence, through illness, from the meeting. Cheers for Dr. Scott were then proposed by the Head Town Boy, and heartily given by all present, and others were added for Mrs. Scott on the motion of Lord Richard Grosvenor. The meeting then broke up. It was attended by several ladies, by the whole School, and a large gathering of O.W.W.

The Testimonial from the School was bought of and engraved by Messrs. Lambert, of Coventry Street, W. The cost was £36. 12s. 6d., and the surplus (£13. 12s. 6d.) from the sum collected has been given to the General Fund for the Scott Memorial Library.

WATER.

THE trial heats for scratch fours were rowed on July 9, the following boats entering :

FIRST HEAT.

SURREY.		MIDDLESEX.	
<i>Bow.</i> V. H. James.		<i>Bow.</i> H. W. Smyth.	
2. P. M. Francke.		2. Croft.	
3. J. Watt.		3. H. N. Crouch.	
<i>Str.</i> G. Berens.		<i>Str.</i> O. Scoones.	
<i>Cox.</i> H. Withers.		<i>Cox.</i> G. G. Phillimore.	

Berens went off with the lead, and, in spite of repeated spurts on the part of his opponents, won very much as he liked by three-quarters of a length.

SECOND HEAT.

SURREY.		MIDDLESEX.	
<i>Bow.</i> Benn.		<i>Bow.</i> Roos.	
2. D. S. Long.		2. A. I. Pryce.	
3. H. M. Mansel-Jones.		3. C. F. Rogers.	
<i>Str.</i> A. E. Crews.		<i>Str.</i> S. H. Clarke.	
<i>Cox.</i> A. Armitage.		<i>Cox.</i> Stevenson.	

Crews rushed away at the start, and, keeping well ahead of Clarke's boat, won by a length.

The following boat drew a bye :

<i>Bow.</i> Jackson.
2. Batten.
3. Davis.
<i>Str.</i> R. Armitage.
<i>Cox.</i> N. M. Smyth.

The next heat was rowed July 11, the stations and boats being :

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Berens.	Armitage.

Berens, notwithstanding his bad station, drew to the front from the beginning, and won by a length and a half.

The final heat was rowed on July 31, the stations being :

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Crews.	Berens.

Crews started with a fast stroke and maintained the lead to the end of the concrete wall, where Berens drew up level. A neck-and-neck struggle ensued to the finish, Berens eventually winning a splendid race by one foot only.

SCHOOL PAIRS.

There were only three entries to this race, which took place July 13. The following were the boats and stations :

SURREY.	CENTRE.	MIDDLESEX.
<i>Bow.</i> C. F. Rogers.	<i>Bow.</i> W. S. Davis.	<i>Bow.</i> J. Watt.
<i>Str.</i> S. H. Clarke.	<i>Str.</i> R. Armitage.	<i>Str.</i> O. Scoones.
<i>Cox.</i> G. G. Phillimore.	<i>Cox.</i> N. M. Smyth.	<i>Cox.</i> H. Withers.

The boats went off evenly, but Armitage soon drew to the front, and Clarke almost directly fell into second place, Scoones' boat easing as it was passed. Armitage kept his lead to the end, increasing it to two lengths or more, notwithstanding some desperate spurring on Clarke's part.

The course in this race, as well as in Scratch Fours and Junior Sculls, was from Walden's Wharf to East's boathouse.

SENIOR SCULLS.

Senior Sculls came off on July 12. There were eventually only three entries, Clarke scratching just before the race, owing to an unfortunate upset. The following were the heats :

FIRST HEAT.

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
A. E. Crews.	R. Armitage.

Armitage led all the way and won as he liked ; Crews eased some distance off the finish.

In the final heat Armitage rowed O. Scoones, last year's winner ; it took place on August 2. The stations were :

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Armitage.	Scoones.

Armitage, who was steering much straighter than Scoones, kept him well in hand all the way, and won by two or three lengths.

An interesting fact with regard to the Senior Sculls has come to light. It was accidentally ascertained a few days ago that Sir Patrick Colquhoun was wont

to give a medal to the winner of Senior Sculls, but as no winner has applied for it since the year 1847 it has not been given.

JUNIOR SCULLS.

There were eleven entries for this race, which was decided in four heats, the winners of the three trial heats being—1st, Benn; 2nd, Mansel-Jones; 3rd, Watt.

The final heat was rowed July 12, the stations being—

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
Watt.	Benn.

A very hollow victory for Watt, who paddled along as he liked, and, leaving his struggling opponent far in the rear, won by five or six lengths.

N.B.—Mansel-Jones was ill and could not row.

TOWN BOY RUDDER.

The Town Boy Rudder was rowed July 13. Only two boats entered.

SURREY.	MIDDLESEX.
J. Salwey.	W. S. Davis.
R. Armitage.	O. Scoones.
A. Ellershaw.	N. M. Smyth.

Scoones' boat was the favourite, but it did not win so easily as was expected. Armitage was headed slightly through the main part of the course, but within a hundred yards of the finish drew up level; he looked like winning for a few moments, but gave up within a few yards of the finish. Scoones accordingly won by half a length.

THE SWIMMING RACE.

This race, which seems to be gathering popularity, was held at Charing Cross Baths July 6. There were twelve entries, and two trial heats, which resulted as follows:

1st Heat.	1. R. Armitage.	2. A. E. Crews.
2nd Heat.	1. O. Scoones.	2. D. S. Long.

FINAL HEAT.

1. O. Scoones.	2. R. Armitage.
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After a close race Scoones won by a few yards.

T.BB. v. Q.SS.

This race, the last of the season, took place on Saturday, August 4. The Q.SS. won the choice of boats, and the T.BB. therefore had that of stations, selecting the Surrey, which proved favourable to Q.S. interests last year. The crews entered their respective boats at Putney, and paddled by easy stages up to Hammersmith, where they were started from moored boats just underneath the bridge. Owing to the wash of the tide against the oars when the boats were stationary, a bad start was effected. The T.BB., however, rowing a faster stroke than their opponents, drew ahead immediately, and at the Soap Works were three-quarters of a length to the good. At this point, however, they began to slacken down, and the Q.SS., who had been rowing a slower stroke, and whose

superior weight already told, drew slowly level. A fierce struggle ensued to the concrete wall, where the Q.SS., whose cox steered remarkably well, notwithstanding the plucky rowing of their antagonists, were leading by a good length. A few strokes later, there was daylight between the boats, and at the beginning of the boat houses the T.B. boat was a length and a half in the rear. The Q.SS. kept their lead to the end, and so won a good race by a length and a half. The boats were as follows:

T.BB.		Q.SS.	
<i>Bow.</i>	H. W. Smyth.	<i>Bow.</i>	P. M. Francke.
2.	V. H. James.	2.	J. A. R. Brookes.
3.	G. E. Jackson.	3.	H. N. Crouch.
4.	J. Salwey.	4.	C. A. Sherring.
5.	W. S. Davis.	5.	J. Watt.
6.	G. Berens.	6.	C. F. Rogers.
7.	R. Armitage.	7.	D. S. Long.
<i>Str.</i>	A. E. Crews.	<i>Str.</i>	S. H. Clarke.
<i>Cox.</i>	N. M. Smyth.	<i>Cox.</i>	G. G. Phillimore.

CRICKET.

HOME-BOARDERS v. GRANTS.

This match was played on Monday, July 30.

HOME-BOARDERS.

<i>First Innings.</i>	<i>Second Innings.</i>
C. B. Tritton, c. Scoones, b. Armitage	17 c. McCance, b. Armitage ..
F. G. Thorne, b. Armitage ..	30 not out
H. Thompson, b. Armitage ..	1 not out
A. Winstanley, b. Gibson ..	0
A. Fevez, b. Ruston	1 c. Moon, b. Gibson
Paul, b. Aston	8 b. Armitage
Canning, b. Armitage	1 b. Armitage
H. B. Tritton, b. Ruston ..	6
Page, c. Aston, b. Ruston ..	0
Drakeford, run out	1
Small, not out	0 b. Gibson
Extras	6 Extras
Total	71 Total

GRANTS.

<i>First Innings.</i>	<i>Second Innings.</i>
McCance, b. Thompson ...	1 st. Thorne, b. C. B. Tritton
Leake, b. Tritton	1 run out
Armitage ct. (<i>sub.</i>), b. Tritton	0 b. Fevez
Gibson, b. Thompson	0 ct. H. Tritton, b. C. B. Tritton
Ruston, b. Thompson	0 b. Tritton
Scoones, run out	28 b. Fevez
Moon, b. Thompson	3 b. Thompson
Barwell, c. Thorne, b. Fevez ..	7 c. and b. Fevez
Aston, run out	0 not out
Pigott, st. Thorne, b. Fevez ..	1 run out
Kaye, not out	0 b. Thompson
Extras	11 Extras
Total	52 Total

HOME-BOARDERS *v.* RIGANDS,

This match was played on Wednesday and Thursday, August 1 and 2.

RIGANDS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
F. T. Higgins, st. C. Tritton, b. Thorne	42	b. Thorne	9
A. E. Bedford, st. C. Tritton, b. Thorne	40	c. Wodehouse, b. Tritton	1
A. H. Harrison, run out ...	0	b. Tritton	3
A. R. Hurst, run out	23	c. Tritton, b. Thorne ...	33
R. Sandilands, b. Thorne...	0	b. Tritton	3
R. A. Ingram, not out	18	ct. H. Tritton, b. C. Tritton	27
H. Berens, b. Thompson ...	2	b. Tritton	1
E. Jervis, b. Thompson ...	1	ct. H. Tritton, b. C. Tritton	22
P. C. Probyn, b. Thorne ...	2	b. Thompson	1
W. C. Nicholas, b. Thompson	0	b. Thompson	0
J. H. Sutherland, b. Thompson	0	not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	5
Total	138	Total	105

HOME-BOARDERS.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
F. G. Thorne, b. Hurst ...	17	c. Probyn, b. Hurst	6
Wodehouse, c. and b. Hurst	0	b. Hurst	3
Paul, b. Higgins ...	2	b. Hurst	0
C. B. Tritton, b. Hurst ...	18	b. Hurst	0
Fevez, b. Bedford ...	12	b. Hurst	23
Page, b. Hurst	5	b. Higgins	2
H. B. Tritton, c. Berens, b. Bedford	1	b. Hurst	2
H. Thompson, b. Bedford :	9	c. Ingram, b. Hurst	3
Cannings, not out	13	b. Hurst	0
Small, b. Bedford	0	c. Ingram, b. Hurst	0
Drakeford, b. Sandilands...	0	not out	3
Extras	14	Extras	2
Total	91	Total	44

FOOTBALL.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *v.* C. W. R.
TEPPER'S XI.

THIS match, the first of the season, was played at Vincent Square on Wednesday, October 8th.

For the first ten minutes after the ball was started we were hard pressed, and one or two unsuccessful shots were made by their side. After this our forwards wired up, and several corners fell to the School, off one of which Page scored the first goal (1-0). Shortly after half-time, Squire from back managed to obtain a goal for them (1-1), which was quickly followed by another successful shot from Alington (2-1).

A slight change was then made in the arrangement of our side, and Thorne, who went forward instead of Ingram, made a clever shot at goals, which was disallowed on the score of offside. His next attempt, however, was more successful, and brought up the score to 2-2.

This success was followed up by a fine shot from Crews, which, with the kind aid of the goal keeper, placed another goal to our credit.

Shortly before time was called, Page ran the ball down and placed it between the posts (4-2), and thus, after a well-contested game, the School was victorious. For our adversaries, Evelyn, Tepper, and Alington did best service, whilst on our side Page and Ingram played well, and Tritton in goals did good service.

The sides were as follows :

TEPPER'S XI.

Stephenson (goals); Tepper (capt.) and Squire (backs); Eddis and Nickesson (half-backs); Scoones and Alington (right); Jenner, Evelyn (centre); Benbow, Bain (left).

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Tritton (goals); Bedford (capt.) and Fevez (backs); Thorne, Vavasseur (half backs); Crews, Ritchie (left); Page, Ingram (centre); Peek, Pigott, (right).

WESTMINSTER *v.* O. SCOONES' XI.

This match was played on October 6, and after a fast game, resulted in a draw, both sides obtaining three goals. Bedford won the toss, and with the wind at our backs we at once began to pen our opponents, and a shot being made which Bellairs dropped, Paul scored our first goal, to which Ritchie shortly added another, the ball hitting the post. They now broke away, and, from a loose scrimmage in front of our goals, Stephenson obtained one for them. Both sides now played well together, and Scoones making a good run down the right, muddled it to Nash, who thereupon equalised matters (2-2).

After half-time, Ritchie was again successful for us, the result of some good passing; the ball was now kept in close proximity to our goal, and Blackburne made an ineffectual shot, and some time afterwards Scoones made a few ineffectual attempts at shooting. But presently their efforts were rewarded by Blackburne obtaining their third point (3-3). The School now strove hard for victory, but their corners came to naught, and the match ended in a draw. Scoones, Foley, and Blackburne were best for them, while on our side Bedford, Thorne, and Ritchie deserve most praise. Peck had unfortunately sprained his back at the previous match, and so was unable to play for us.

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C. Ritchie, M. Pigott (right); C. Page, F. Thorne (centre); A. Crews, E. Paul (left); R. Vavasseur, R. Ingram (half-backs); A. Bedford (capt.), A. Fevez (backs); C. Tritton (goals).

O. SCOONES' XI.

O. Scoones (capt.), G. Stephenson (right); E. M. Blackburne, A. Upcott (centre); H. L. Keyser, Nash (left); Johnson, Man (half-backs); C. W. Foley, H. Nickisson (backs); Bellairs, subs. (goals).

Correspondence.

'ALUMNI WESTMONASTERIENSES.'

To the Editor of 'The Elizabethan.'

DEAR SIR,—I think that a great number of Old Westminsters owe many thanks to 'F. C.' for his letter on the 'Alumni Westmonasterienses,' and, as one of the number, I wish to publicly express mine here. My case is exactly on 'all-fours' with his; the reasons he puts forward as deterring him from purchasing the book have likewise hindered me. I certainly hope that the Editors will fall in with his suggestion by preparing a new edition, and if they are unable or unwilling to comply, I trust other editors, capable and willing to undertake it, will be forthcoming. That the task is a laborious one I will not deny, but then, it is a meritorious one.

I was very pleased to read the announcement of the publication during the present year of 'Westminster School, Past and Present,' in your last issue, but I learn from Mr. Forshall that he does not think he will be able to have it ready for publication before Christmas. The book will most decidedly fill a place which has long required filling, and I hope it will be supported alike by old and present Westminsters.

The two books in question have a concurrent interest, and will not interfere in the slightest degree with each other.

Hopefully awaiting another announcement in your columns of a new edition of the 'Alumni Westmonasterienses,'

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

LIBER.

Our Contemporaries.

RECEIVED *The Bathurstian*, *The Berkhamstedian*, *The Geelong Grammar School Quarterly*, *The Marlburian*.

The Bathurstian has a good article on Volunteer Armies, and an amusing poem, entitled 'A Northern Territory King.' We observe that this magazine keeps up the custom of racking the readers' brains with puzzles.

The Berkhamstedian consists entirely of school news.

The Geelong G. S. Q. has a short article on Keats, which, with other articles and school news, makes up an interesting number.

The Marlburian publishes two poems; one an Americanised version of part of *Odyssey IX.*; the other on the Plague of Athens, showing some vigour.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A VERY YOUNG O.W.—Goal posts with bars have been ordered, and will soon be in use up fields.

ERRATA.

Some misprints occurred in the Phillimore Verse Prize Translation as given in our last number.

Stanza 4, line 3, for 'Till' read 'Still.'

„ 7 „ 2 „ 'so' „ 'to.'

„ 11 „ 1 „ 'shine' „ 'thine.'

NOTICES.

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Floreat.